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Children are encouraged to stand, sit, and kneel with the congregation. If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad to have you worshiping with us today and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our congregation. Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or call the church during the week.

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As we gather, please note that some people prefer to reconnect with their church family and friends in the narthex (lobby area) prior to the service, while others prefer to meditate and pray in the sanctuary in preparation for worship. The ushers will try to keep the glass doors closed so that the joyful noise of church-family conversation in the narthex and the holy silence of preparation for worship in the sanctuary can coexist before the service begins. Suggested prayers to help you prepare for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal in the pews.

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Our services generally come out of the various settings in the Lutheran Service Book (the hymnal in the pews). Note that the liturgy setting, Scripture readings, and some of the hymns for next week are listed in the "yellow sheet" (announcements). We encourage people to have a hymnal for in-home use as well. Contact the office if you would like to order one.

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Most of our services include a corporate confession of sins and absolution (forgiveness) from God through the pastor. Occasionally we have Matins or other services which do not include this brief rite. We always offer individual confession and absolution by appointment and encourage our members to make use of this great gift of God.

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Holy Communion is celebrated at each of our regular weekend services and on other special days in the church year. In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply understand our communing together as also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray, particularly for visible unity in the Christian Church.

Out of respect for God's House and your fellow worshipers, please turn off or silence cell phones prior to this Worship Service. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Prelude

HYMN: "My Lord, What a Morning"- African-American spiritual



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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Behold a great multitude standing before the throne.

Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

(Rev. 7:9-10)

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(Matt. 5:3)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

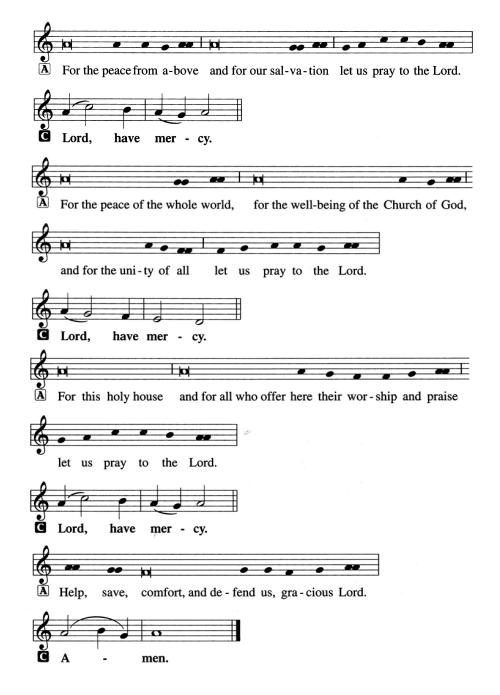
Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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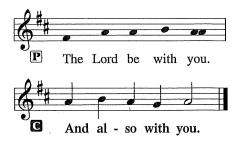
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HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast" Lutheran Service Book, setting 2, p. 171

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

Old Testament

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 1:4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. **Alleluia.** (Rev. 22:13)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter: Glory to You, O Lord

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God.

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sunday: Children's Message Alex Wright - Director of Christian Education

HYMN: "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending" - LSB # 336

THE MESSAGE: Pastor Joshua Errer

Gathering of the Offering

PRAYERS

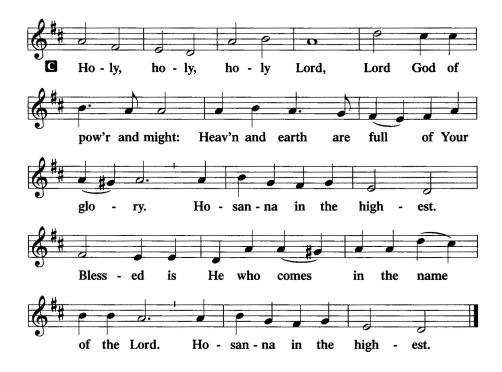
+ SACRAMENT + (adapted from Divine Service, Setting Two in *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 177)

PREFACE



PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI







Visitors, please see the inside front cover of the bulletin for an explanation of our communion practice. Also, non-alcoholic wine is available in the individual cups. It is the clear wine in the cups at the center of the tray. Note: If you prefer to receive from the chalice, simply do not take one of the individual cups. The pastor will follow with the chalice.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"



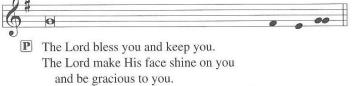
"Jerusalem the Golden" - LSB #672

"Rock of Ages" - LSB #761

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



"Crown Him With Many Crowns" LSB #525

1. Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

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- Crown Him the virgin's Son,
 The God incarnate born,
 Whose arm those crimson trophies won
 Which now His brow adorn:
 Fruit of the mystic rose,
 Yet of the rose the stem,
 The root whence mercy ever flows,
 The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3. Crown him the Lord of love.
 Behold His hands and side,
 Rich wounds, yet visible above,
 In beauty glorified.
 No angels in the sky
 Can fully bear that sight,
 But downward bends their wond'ring eyes
 At mysteries so bright.
- 4. Crown Him the Lord of life,
 Who triumphed o'er the grave
 And rose victorious in the strife
 For those He came to save.
 His glories now we sing,
 Who died and rose on high,
 Who died eternal life to bring
 And lives that death may die.
- 5. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
 Enthroned in worlds above,
 Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n
 The wondrous name of Love.
 Crown Him with many crowns
 As thrones before Him fall;
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
 For He is King of all.

Postlude

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2021 Advent & Christmas Season Schedule

THANKSGIVING SERVICE			
Wed.	Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Service	6:30 pm
ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES			
Wed.	Dec. 1	Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 pm
Wed.	Dec. 8	Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 pm
Wed.	Dec. 15	Sunday School Christmas Service	6:30 pm
Wed.	Dec. 22	Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 pm
CHRISTMAS SERVICES			
Fri.	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Readings	1:00 pm
		Christmas Eve Service with Children's Choirs	4:30 pm
(No Communion)			
		Christmas Eve Festival Service	7:00 pm
Pre-service music begins at 6:30 pm by Adult Choir & Handbells			
		Christmas Eve Vigil Service	10:00 pm
Sat.	Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service	10:00 am
PLEASE NOTE:			
Sun.	Dec. 26	\mathcal{I}	9:00 am
(There will only be one Sunday Worship Service this day)			
Mon.	Dec. 27	No Monday Worship	

