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 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.  
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

*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 co-exist 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). 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 the pastor 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.*

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**Green Bay, Wisconsin**

**Prelude**

**Order of Service**

(adapted form of Divine Service - 4, beginning on p. 203 of *Lutheran Service Book*)

**HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" - LSB #347**

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord who could stand?  
**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *(Psalm 130:3-4)*

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *(Luke 18:13)*

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

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.**

**ADVENT CANTICLE "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - LSB #357, stanza 5**

**5. O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path of misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to Thee, O Israel.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +**

**Old Testament Malachi 3:1-7**

"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

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

## GRADUAL

**(ALL) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.** (Zech. 9:9)

## Epistle

## Philippians 1:2-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

## GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia**

(Luke 3:4b, 6)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter:  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

## GOSPEL

## Luke 3:1-14

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

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 Lesson Alex Wright - Director of Christian Education

 SERMON HYMN: "Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" - LSB #345

 THE MESSAGE: Pastor Joshua Errer

## Gathering of Offerings

"Savior of the Nations, Come" - setting by Walter Pelz

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the offertory we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

(Lutheran Service Book, Setting Four, p. 208, adapted)

## PREFACE

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## LORD'S PRAYER

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

## PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

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.

## AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - *LSB* #621

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" - *LSB* #352

"The Advent of Our King" - *LSB* #331

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

**Amen.**

HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway" - LSB #343

Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The  
 God's peo - ple see Him com - ing; Your  
 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To  
 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It

King of kings is near!\_\_\_ Let ev - 'ry hill and  
 own e - ter - nal king!\_\_\_ Palm branch - es strew be -  
 greet your pro - mised king!\_\_\_ Your king, yet ev - 'ry  
 comes from heav'n a - bove.\_\_\_ His rule is peace and

val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!\_\_\_ Then  
 fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!\_\_\_ God's  
 na - tion Its tri - bute too should bring.\_\_\_ All  
 free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.\_\_\_ So

greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred  
 prom - ise will not fail you. No more shall doubt as -  
 lands bow down be - fore him! All na - tions, now\_\_\_ a -  
 let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so\_\_\_ a -

sto - ry: Ho - san - na to\_\_\_ the Lord,\_\_\_  
 asail\_\_\_ you. Ho - san - na to\_\_\_ the Lord,\_\_\_  
 dore\_\_\_ Him! Ho - san - na to\_\_\_ the Lord,\_\_\_  
 bound - ing: Ho - san - na to\_\_\_ the Lord,\_\_\_

For He ful - fills\_\_\_ God's Word!\_\_\_  
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 For He ful - fills\_\_\_ God's Word!\_\_\_

Postlude "Prepare the Royal Highway" - setting by Robert Buckley Farlee

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**2024 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE**

**Midweek Services (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm)**

*December 11 Advent Midweek Service*  
*December 18 Advent Midweek Service*

**Christmas Eve Services (Tuesday, Dec. 24)**

\*Holy Communion at all services\*  
 1:00 pm *Festival Service with Adult Choir*  
 4:30 pm *Service with Children's Choirs*  
 7:00 pm *Festival Service with Handbells*  
 10:00 pm *Vigil Service*

**Christmas Day Service (Wednesday, Dec. 25)**

\*Holy Communion\*  
 10:00 am *Christmas Day Service*

**New Year's Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 31)**

\*Holy Communion\*  
 6:30 pm *New Year's Eve Service*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Sun. 12/22 Sunday School Christmas Service*  
*(at the 10:30 am Sunday Service)*  
*(No communion at 10:30 am service)*