

**FIRST SUNDAY
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CHURCH**

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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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**“Then those who went
before and those who
followed cried out, saying:
“Hosanna!**

**‘Blessed is He who comes in
the name of the Lord!’”**

(Mark 11:9)

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - By Your own great power, O Lord, I pray that You come to me to protect me by Your might from all evil, and deliver and save me from my sins; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The Church Year begins by taking us to the scene of our Lord's final entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week. Yes, Christmas is at hand. Surely the preparations for the celebration of His incarnation, His earthly birth of the Virgin Mary, are already well under way. But wait a moment. We enter this new year already knowing why He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit for us and for our salvation, which is only by way of His passion, death, and resurrection. We begin by continuing to "wait for the revealing of our Lord

Jesus Christ” on the Last Day (1 Corinthians 1:7), sustained by Him now in the forgiveness of our sins, guiltless and ready. In readiness, we boldly pray that our Lord comes to rescue and save us.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

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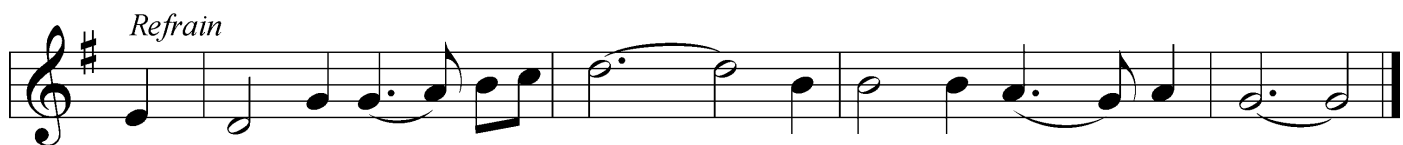
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P 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. (John 20:19-23)

C **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

P Let Your light scatter the darkness
C **and illumine Your Church.**

[Light one candle on the Advent wreath during the singing of the following stanza.]

HYMN *“We Light the Advent Candle”* **St. 1**

We light the Advent candle
And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise
That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior
Who wins for us God’s favor.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!

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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

P “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of
Jerusalem!

C **To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

P O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not
my enemies triumph over me.

C **Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let
those be ashamed who deal treacherously without
cause.**

P “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of
Jerusalem!

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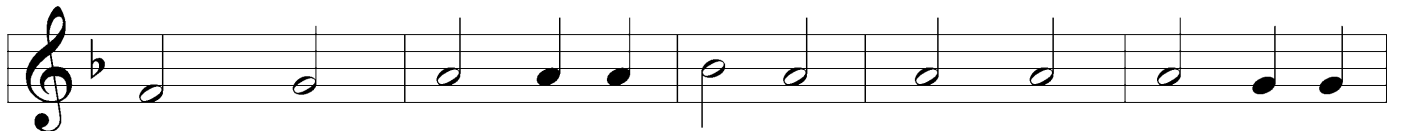


C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

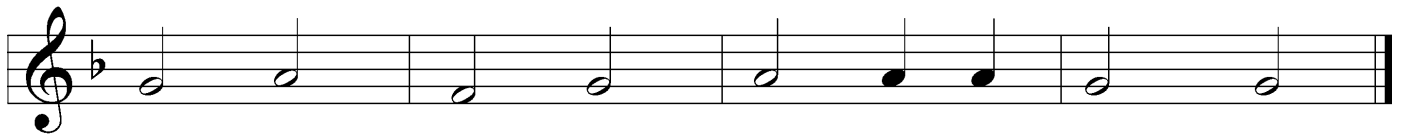


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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

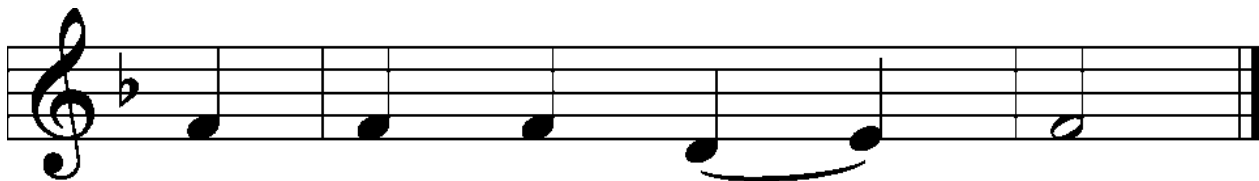


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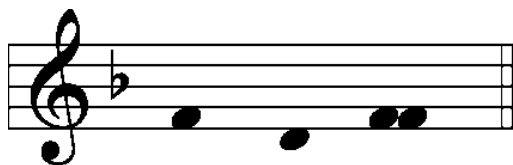
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P The Lord be with you.



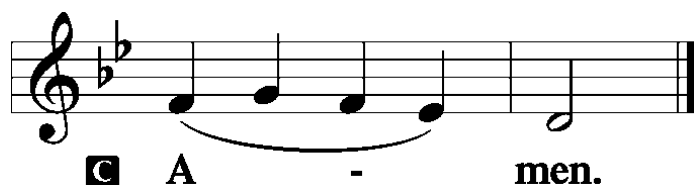
C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 64:1-9*

(Rend the heavens and come down)

1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence—2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil—to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, the mountains shook at Your presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—in these ways we continue; and we need to be saved. 6 But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and

our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. 7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our iniquities. 8 But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand. 9 Do not be furious, O Lord, nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7*

P Restore us, O God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

C Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

P Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up Your strength, and come and save us!

C Restore us, O God; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

P O Lord God of hosts, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people?

C You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in great measure.

P You have made us a strife to our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

P Restore us, O God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

(Thanksgiving)

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 11:1–10*

(The triumphal entry)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; 2 and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. 3 And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.” 4 So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the

street, and they loosed it. 5 But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" 6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna!

'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'

10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David

That comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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All: *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.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!

the sending of Your only-begotten Son as the Child of the Virgin Mary, the Lamb proclaimed by John the Baptist, the teacher of the holy apostles, the sacrifice for the sins of the world on the cross, and the risen Savior of all, who will come again in glory on the Last Day. Lord, keep us in this confession and faith, and bless its proclamation throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Supply Your whole Church on earth with faithful pastors and laborers who will continually feed and lead Your people, rightly proclaiming Your Word, administering Your Holy Sacraments, and caring for all in their charge. Guard and bless Your servant [name], our Synod President, and [name], our District President. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That we may live in peace and safety, we ask You to continually bless those in the authority of government, (USA) the President and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state/commonwealth, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. (British Commonwealth) His/Her Majesty the King/Queen, the governor general, the prime minister and the Parliament, the government of this province, and all who have authority over us. Grant that they rule according to Your good pleasure by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Comfort, O Lord, all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [especially . . .]. Grant healing, peace, and courage for all bearing their crosses to Your praise and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

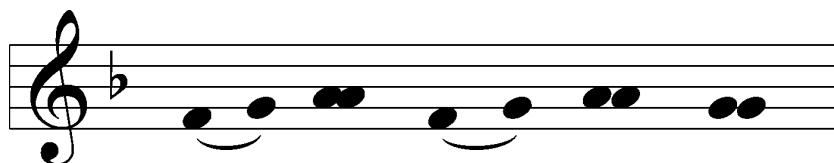
{Individual petitions may be added here.}

P As Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, came down to us at Christmas and now comes to us by Your Spirit in Your Word, we pray for His final coming to deliver us all in the great day of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

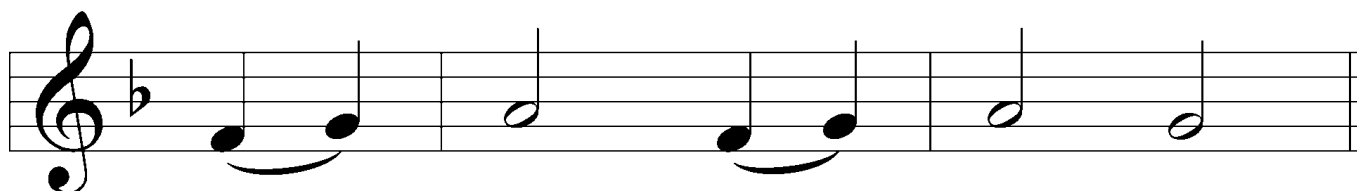
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

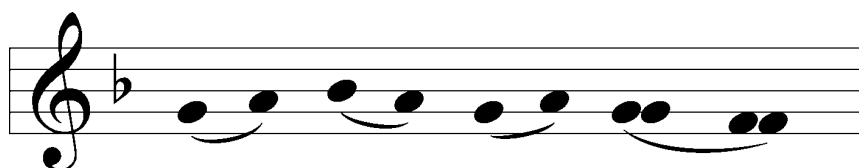
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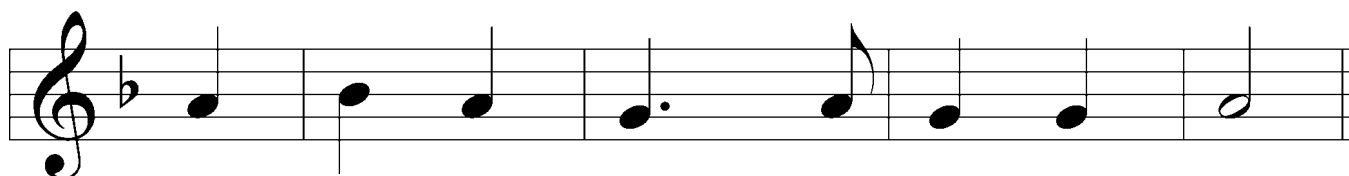
P The Lord be with you.



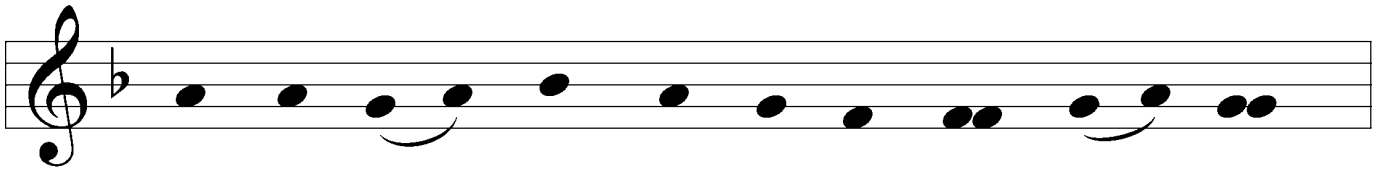
C And with thy spir - it.



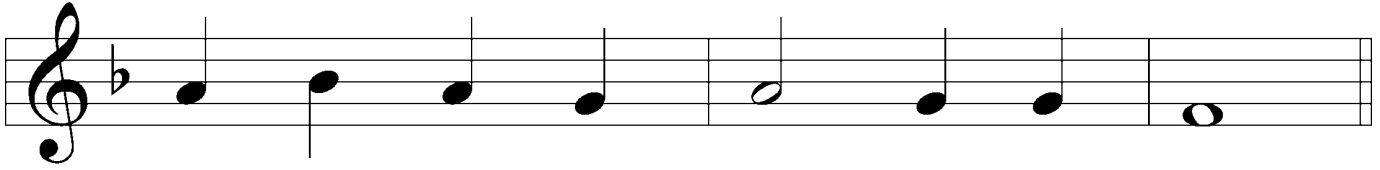
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



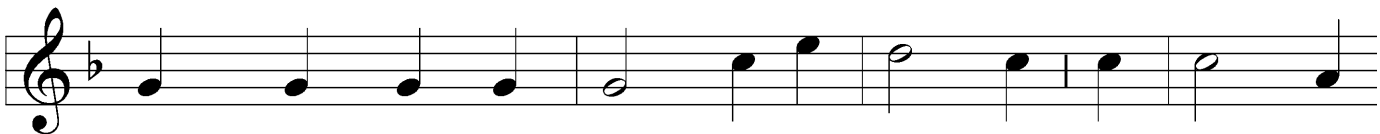
C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and for give us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

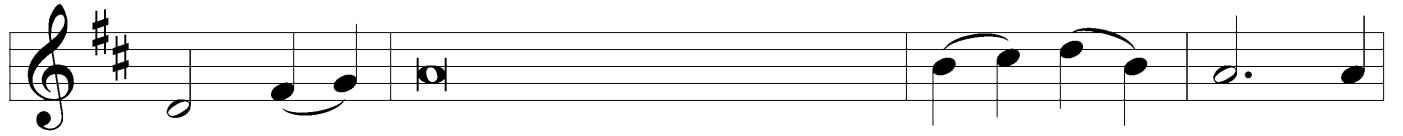
P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



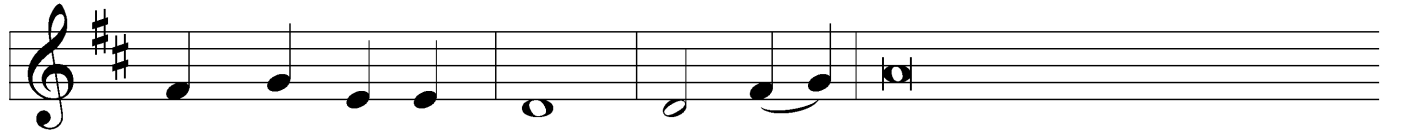
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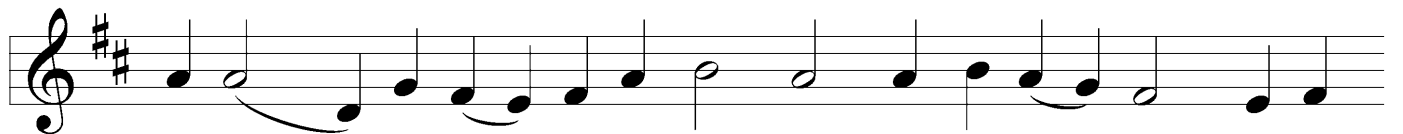
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



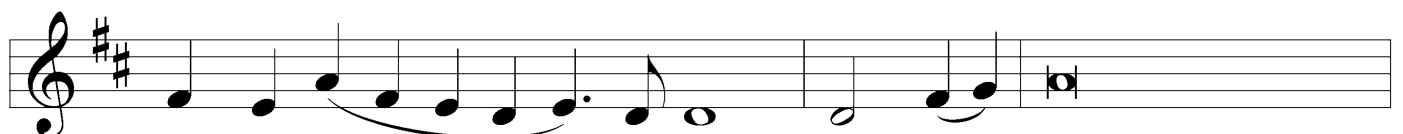
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



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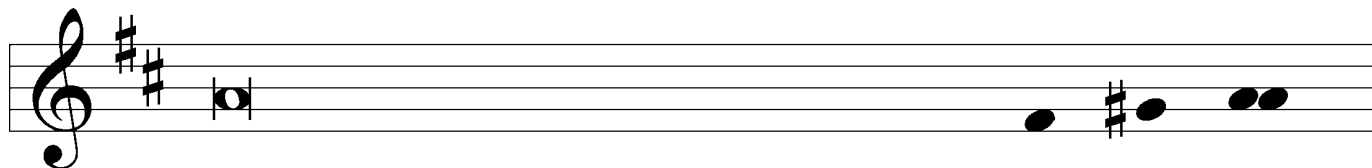


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

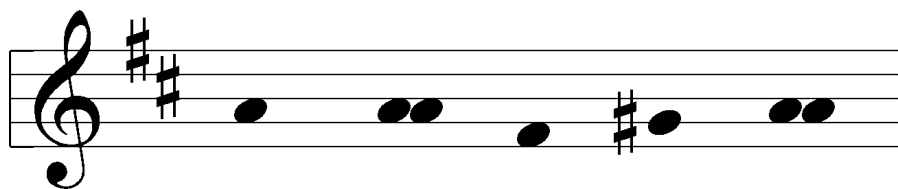


C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

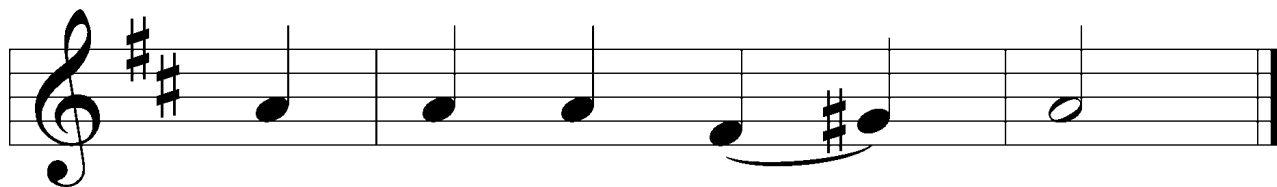
P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



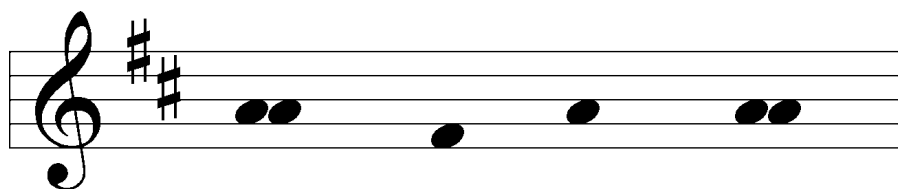
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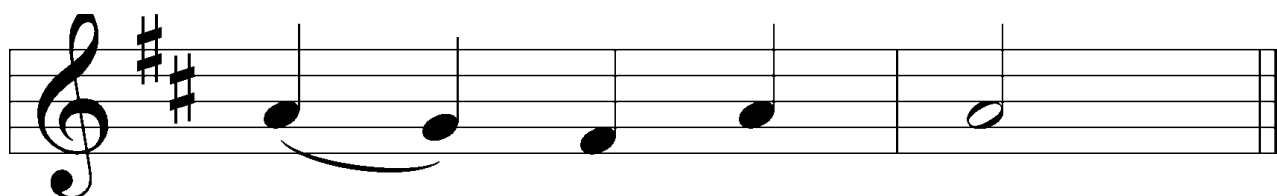
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



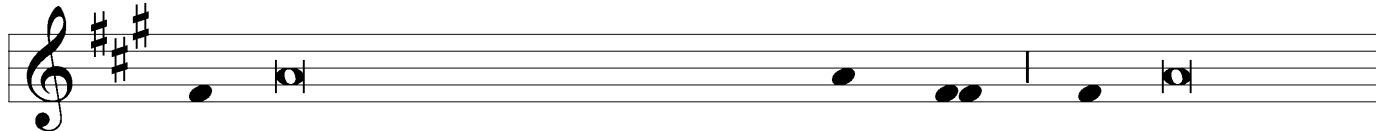
A Bless we the Lord.



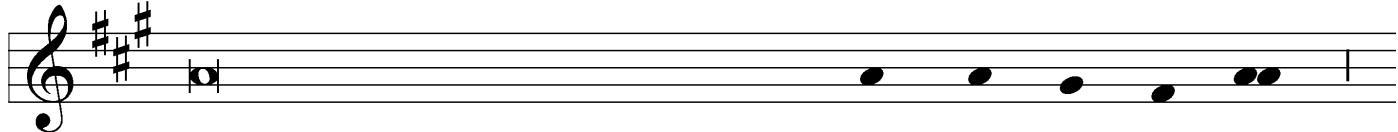
C Thanks be to God.



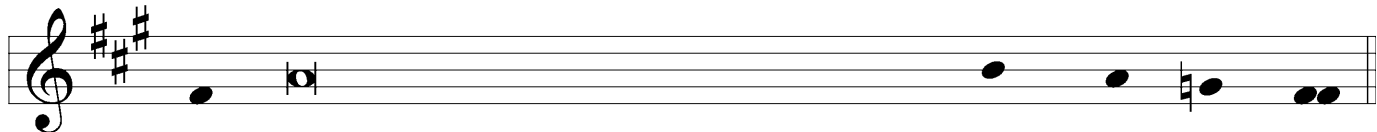
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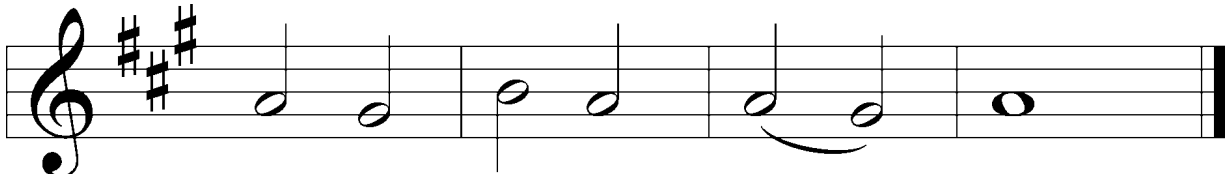
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



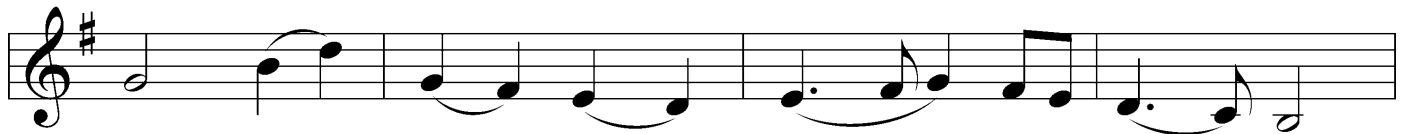
C A-men, a-men, a - men.



SENDING HYMN

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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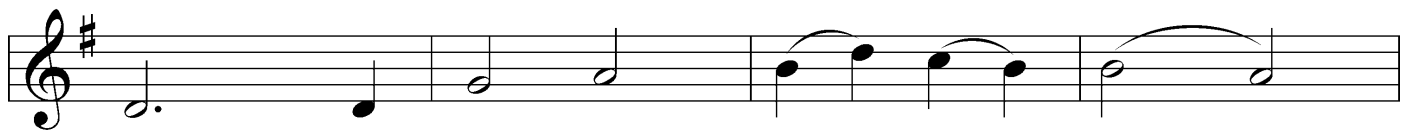
1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



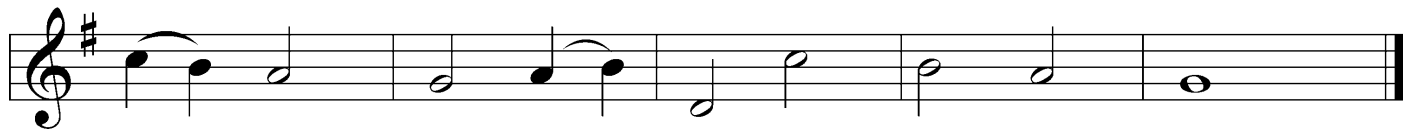
Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
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lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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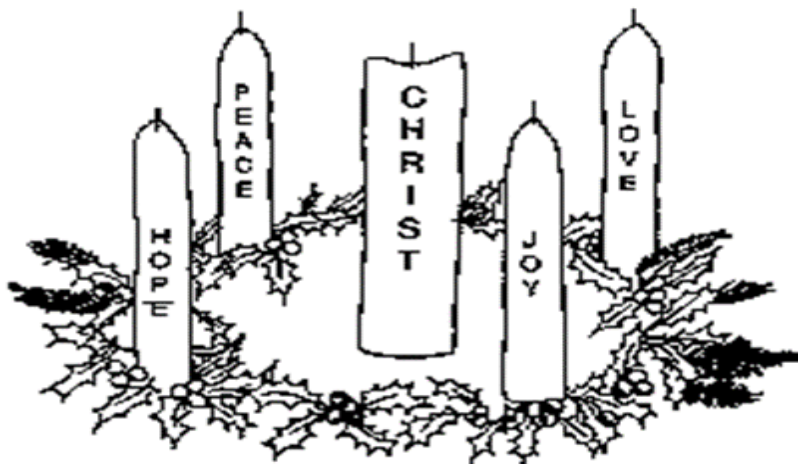
P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Advent, Christmas, & New Year Activities

Sunday	November 29th	1st Sunday in Advent Service	9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Wednesday	December 2nd	Midweek 1 Advent Service	Soup Supper 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.
Sunday	December 6th	2nd Sunday in Advent Service	9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Wednesday	December 9th	Midweek 2 Advent Service	Soup Supper 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.
Sunday	December 13th	3rd Sunday in Advent Service	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	December 16th	Midweek 3 Advent Service	Soup Supper 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.
Sunday	December 20th	4th Sunday in Advent Service	9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Thursday	December 24th	Christmas Eve Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 31st	New Year's Eve Service	6:00 p.m.





Portals of Prayer for January to March are available in the Narthrex.

Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word.

Rev. Weber is leading the Bible Study.

Immanuel Lutheran School will be on Thanksgiving break this week.

A warm welcome to our Winter Texans as they arrive weekly to the Rio Grande Valley. Stay safe!



Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

9:00 a.m.



A black and white photograph of a scroll with text, set against a dark background with floral decorations. The scroll is unrolled, and the text is centered on a white rectangular area. The floral decorations are in the top right and bottom left corners.

Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

This week's memory verse:
Jeremiah 23:5-6

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch. ... In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"



*I bring you good tidings of
great joy.*

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	November Sunday Servants:	December Servants:
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Ken Eilers
Altar Guild:	Loretta Eilers & Suzanne Wehling	Donna J. & Lorri M.
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	First Sunday in Advent	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Second Sunday in Advent	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am

The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us

Although we pray that God “would rend the heavens and come down” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “a long time, and shall we be saved?” (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,” and so He will “sustain you to the end” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “heaven and earth will pass away,” His words “will not pass away” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “send out the angels” to gather us and all of His elect “from the ends of the earth” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

11/22/2020		
Sunday Worship	33	
Plate:		\$ 110.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,183.00
Donations:		
	Total:	\$ 1,293.00
Bible Class:	15	\$ 12.00

Second Sunday in Advent Readings :

*Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8*