

**SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**JANUARY 5, 2025**

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**10:30 A.M.  
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**“And all who heard Him  
were astonished at His  
understanding and answers.  
So when they saw Him,  
they were amazed;  
and His mother said to Him,  
“Son, why have You done this  
to us? Look, Your father and  
I have sought You anxiously.”  
And He said to them,  
“Why did you seek Me?  
Did you not know that I must  
be about My Father’s  
business?” (Luke 2:47-49)**

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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10; 1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

**A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH -** Merciful God, as from His youthful beginning, Your Son attended to Your Word in Your holy temple, so is He Your Word come to seek and save the lost. Lord, keep me steadfast in Your Word; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER -** What were you looking for a few days ago when we joined the crowds gathered for the annual celebration of Christmas? If you knew what you were looking for, did you find it? Of course, Christmas is all about the arrival of the Savior of the world, our Savior from sin and death. In His human birth, Jesus took on our flesh to provide the only sufficient atoning sacrifice for sin. By His holiness, His sacrifice was sufficient for the whole world of sin of all time, including your own. Did you find this forgiveness for all your sins and answers to all your troubles when you sang the Christmas songs? Or are you still searching? That's okay, because for one more of the twelve days, it is still Christmas. It is not too late. In Joseph and Mary's anxiety over their three-day search for their missing child, they couldn't find Him in the crowds or among their relatives and friends. It was only as they returned to the temple, the place of God the Father's promised earthly presence, that their worry was solved. You have come to the right place, the place of God's promised presence for you—here,

where His Word is faithfully preached, His Sacraments rightly administered, and His grace, love, and forgiveness are given and applied to you. So do not be anxious about your life. You are seeking the answers in the right place, in the kingdom of God and in His righteousness given to you this day in His mighty, saving Word.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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**PRELUDE** (A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

LSB 400



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

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

**C Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** *Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14*

P And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**C** Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.

P Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

**C The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy.**

P Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**C And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

## GLORIA PATRI



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



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## KYRIE



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



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

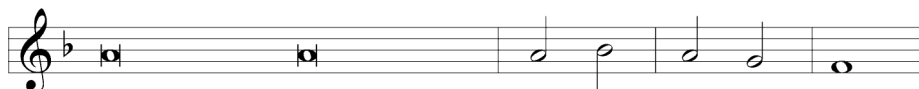
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



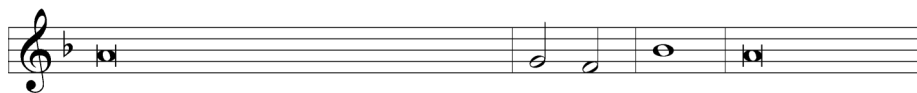
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



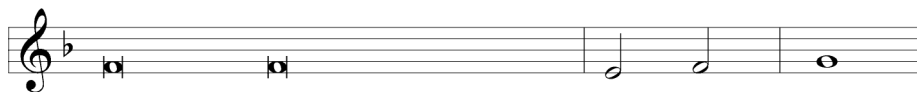
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir-it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
6 forever.



*Please sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Kings 3:4–15*

(King Solomon's prayer for wisdom)

4 Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. 13 And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. 14 So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

15 Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## PSALM

*Psalm 119:97–104; antiphon: v. 99*

P I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.

**C Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.**

P You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me.

**C I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

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P I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts.

**C I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word.**

P I have not departed from Your judgments, for You Yourself have taught me.

**C How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

P Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

**C I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

**EPISTLE**      *Ephesians 1:3-14*

*(Spiritual blessings in Christ)*

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:40-52*

*(The boy Jesus at Passover in the Jerusalem temple)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke , the second chapter.



8 ☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem.

And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

**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.**

*Please sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Within the Father's House*

**LSB 410**



1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,  
2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child  
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might-y truth to know,  
4 The se-cret of the Lord Es-capes each hu-man eye,



And to His tem-ple sud-den-ly The Lord of life has come.  
And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un-de-filed.  
To lift the earth-ly veil that hides In-car-nate God be-low.  
And faith-ful pon-d'ring hearts a-wait The full e-eph-a-ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls  
And teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself  
With loving awe to trace

△6 Till we behold Thy face  
And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Coequal Three in One.

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## SERMON

*"Why?"*

Luke 2:48-50

## OFFERING

*Please stand*

## OFFERTORY

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

**LSB 397 vs. 1-3**



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.  
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.  
 All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.

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## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*"Peace be with you"*

*[through use of American Sign Language]*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, we give You thanks for hearing our prayers and praises during this blessed Christmas season, and especially for Your Holy Word and Sacraments that we may have confidence in Your mercy and gracious will, enlightening us with the wisdom of Your salvation in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to always remain steadfast in Your Word, spirit, and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Guide and bless Your whole church, making Your people perfect in love and in all good works. Grant Your wisdom to all pastors and servants in Your church, that many may come to the knowledge of Your saving truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Guide our nation in the ways of justice, honor, and peace. Grant that all in public service lead their people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** By Your Word and Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Defend all who suffer persecution for the faith, and have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** As we remember those who have loved and served You in this life, who now rest from their labors, keep us in that larger fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

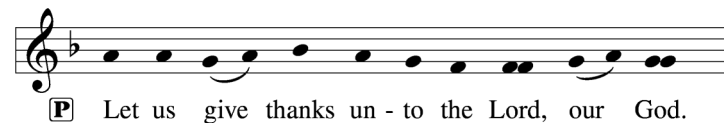
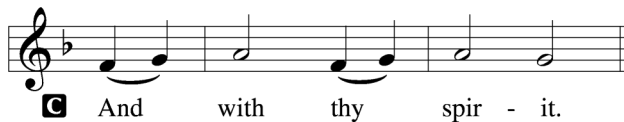
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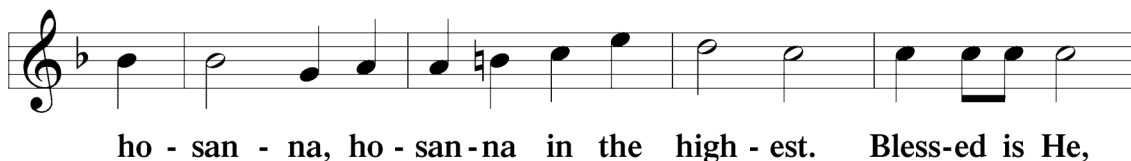
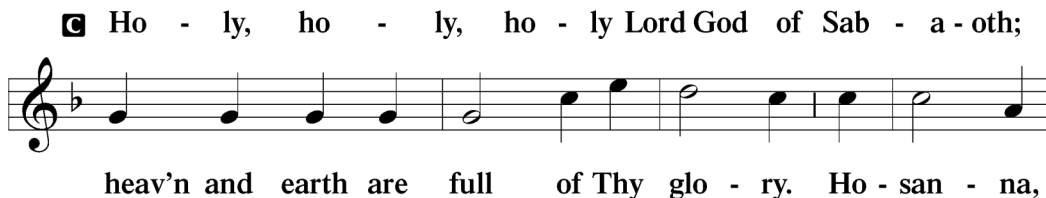
**P** The Lord be with you.

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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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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





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.

### 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 forgive 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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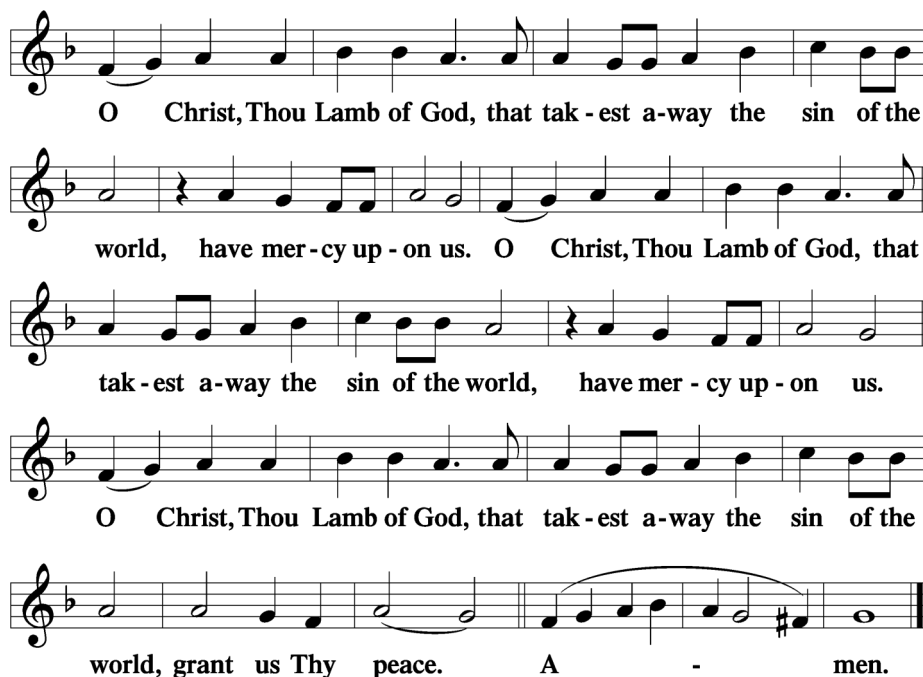


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please sit*

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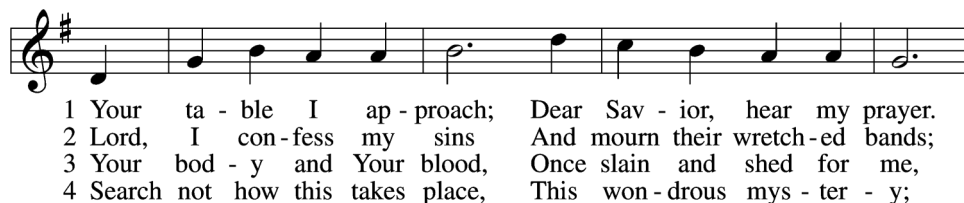
### SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession.  
Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the  
forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and  
assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink  
of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Your Table I Approach*

**LSB 628**



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



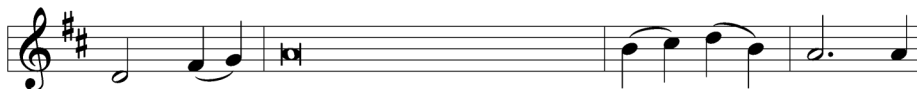
Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
 That earth and hell combined  
 May not about this sacrament  
 Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
 To thank You day and night  
 For Your true body and true blood,  
 O God, my peace and light.

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## NUNC DIMITTIS



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



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



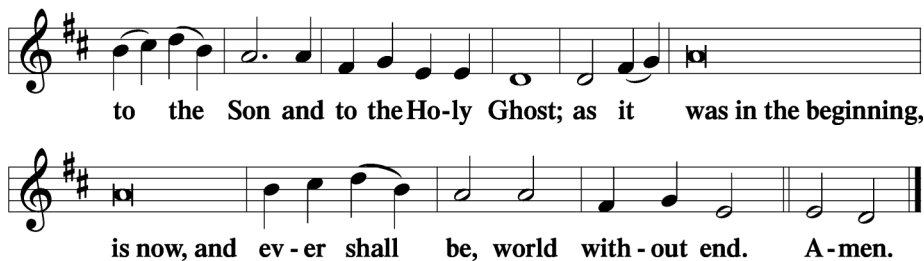
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



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

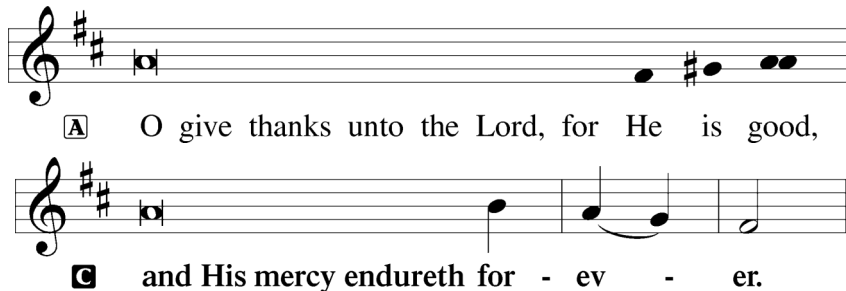


peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING



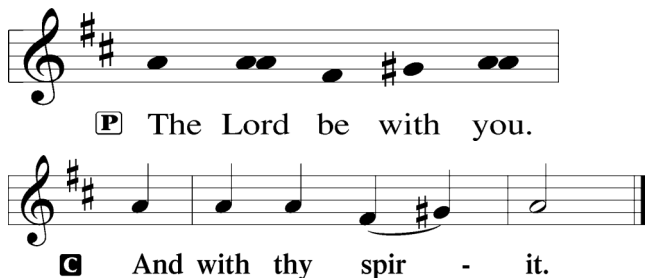
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## BENEDICAMUS



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



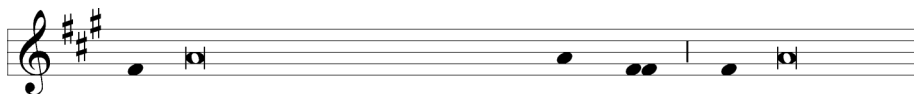


**A** Bless we the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION



*Please sit*

## SENDING HYMN

*The People That in Darkness Sat*

LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

- 5 His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

- △ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

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## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Portals of Prayer* for October to December 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for *Sunday School and Bible Study* at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Weber is leading the class.

### January Activities

*Family Confirmation Class*, Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

*German Polka Fest*, Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Sign up sheet posted on the church door.)

### *January 2025 Women's Retreat* *Chosen: A Study of Esther*

Friday, January 24th - 6-9 p.m. and

Saturday, January 25th - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

@ St. Paul Lutheran Church, 602 Morgan Blvd., Harlingen, TX

**Registration is \$50.00** Includes: Retreat materials, snacks, coffee and tea, & Friday night - catered dinner; Saturday - breakfast crumpets and catered lunch. For more info go to: [splch.breezechms.com/form/2025retreat](http://splch.breezechms.com/form/2025retreat)



**Welcome back! You have been missed!**

***Memory Verse Challenge:***

This week's

MEMORY VERSE

**And it shall come to pass that  
everyone who calls on the name  
of the Lord shall be saved. For in  
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
there shall be those who escape,  
as the Lord has said, and among  
the survivors shall be those  
whom the Lord calls.**

JOEL 2:32



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How **SWEET**  
are your  
**WORDS**  
to my taste,  
SWEETER THAN HONEY TO MY MOUTH!

PSALM 119:103

LOGOS



## ***Sermon Notes***

Behold  
I make  
all things  
new

*Revelation 21:5*

May God bless you  
this New Year!



**12/24/2024**

**Christmas Eve Service 95**

Plate: \$ .00

Envelopes: \$ .00

Memorial:

**Total: \$ .00**



**12/25/2024**

**Christmas Day Service 35**

Plate: \$ .00

Envelopes: \$ .00

Memorial:

**Total: \$ .00**



**12/31/2024**

**New Year's Eve Service ??**

Plate: \$ .00

Envelopes: \$ .00

Memorial:

**Total: \$ .00**

## The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

<b>12/29/2024</b>		<b><i>THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</i></b>  Isaiah 43:1–7 Psalm 29 Romans 6:1–11 Luke 3:15–22
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>??</b>	
Plate:	\$ .00	
Envelopes:	\$ .00	
Envelopes-Other:		
Donation:		
<b>Total:</b>	\$ .00	
Bible Class: ??	\$ .00	

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
<b>January Sunday Servants:</b>	
Elder:	Don Vogel
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus/Maggie Weber
Music:	Doris Pickering
<b>This Week</b>	Second Sunday after Christmas
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	The Baptism of Our Lord
Usher:	Ken Eilers
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am