

**THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 14, 2025  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
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Worship Service**

**10:30 A.M.  
Adult Bible Class/  
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**INDEED  
WE COUNT  
THEM BLESSED  
WHO ENDURE.**

**YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF JOB AND SEEN  
THE END INTENDED BY THE LORD—THAT THE LORD IS  
VERY COMPASSIONATE AND MERCIFUL. // JAMES 5:11**



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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** - O blessed Lord, grant me a watchful heart to behold the mystery of Christ's coming without doubt or fear as I await the fullness of all that He promised, lest my heart be deprived of joy and my anxieties steal away the peace He has planted in me; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and to the end of the ages. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - It is certainly easy to complain. We all do it. We look around and see all those things that are not what we think they should be. We look in the mirror and we see what we lack. When John sent his disciples to Jesus, Jesus called them to rejoice in what is already present. Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, had come. He brings healing and salvation to all who will receive Him. Quite literally, these miracles are still happening all around us. Those wounded by affliction and despair find healing in Christ. The dead in trespasses and sins are raised up to life. The weak are made strong, the poor are made rich, and those with only a past are given an eternal future. What do you see and hear? Look at the world, and you will find only complaint and fear; but look to Jesus, and you will find peace that surpasses all understanding and joy without end.

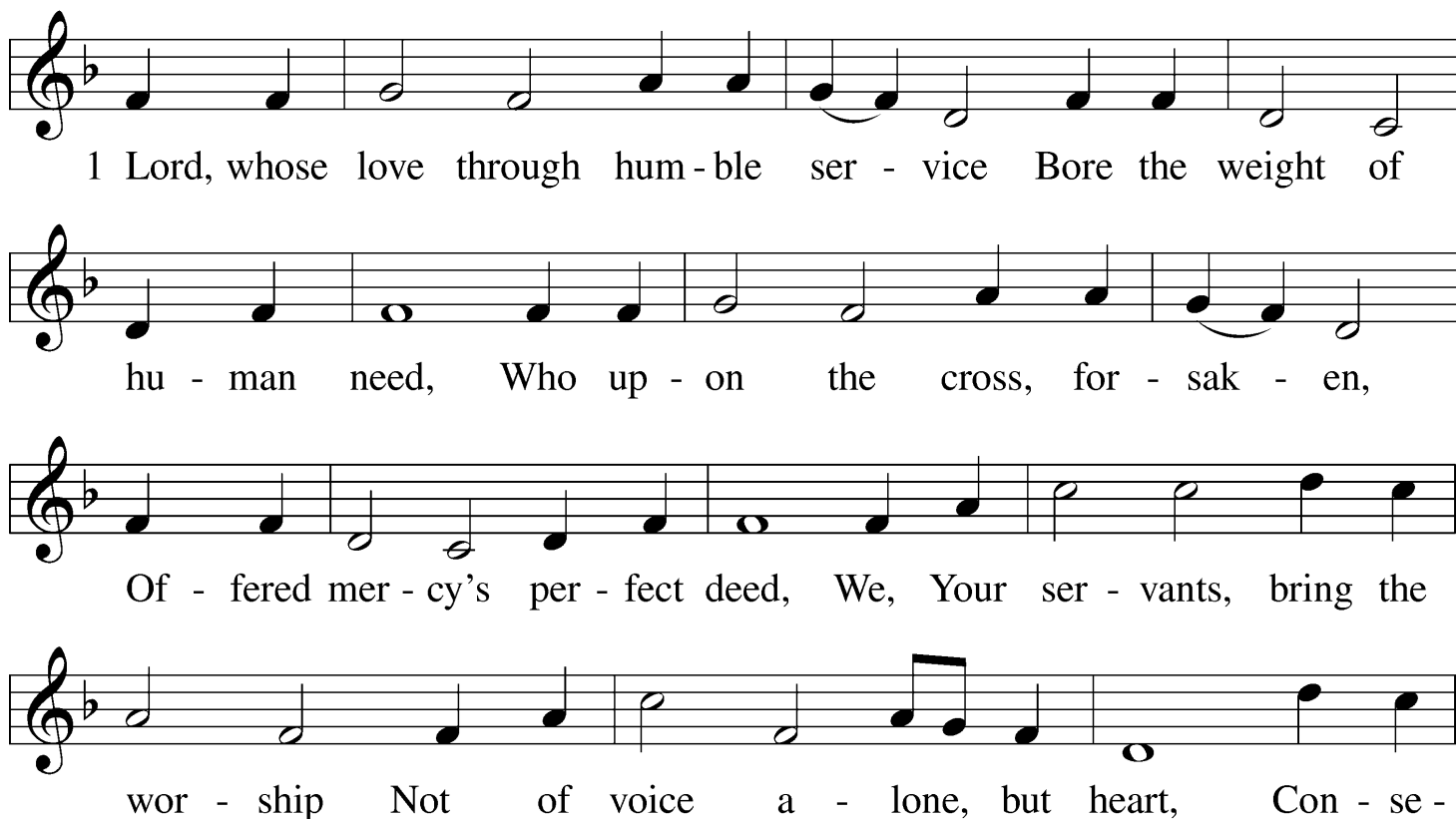
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**PRELUDE** *(a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)*

## **WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service* **LSB 848**



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-

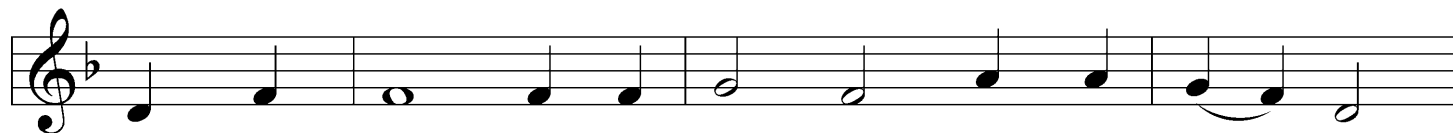
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crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.



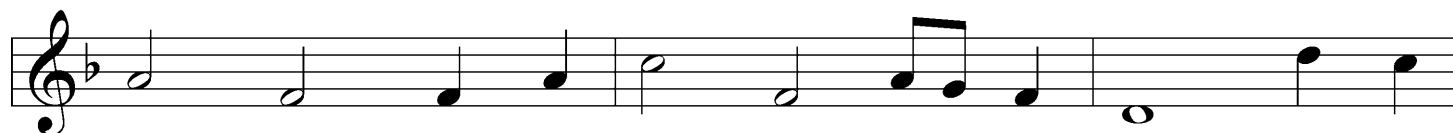
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home-less; Still the hun - gry  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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## 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. 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 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

P Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

**C But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more.**

P My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits.

**C I will go in the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.**

P O God, You have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works.

**C Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, do not forsake**

me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.

P Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

## GLORIA PATRI



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

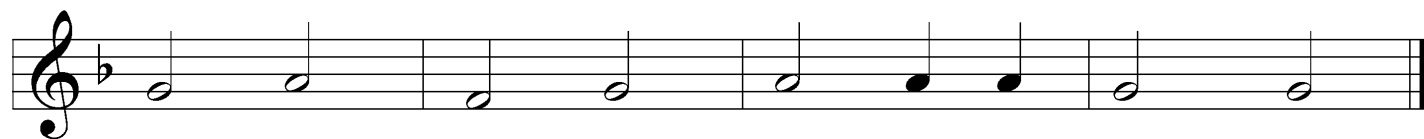


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## KYRIE

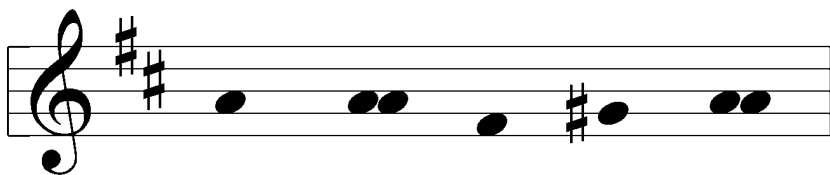


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.

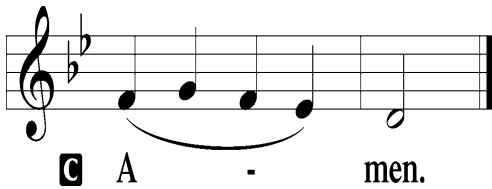


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Isaiah 35:1–10*

(“Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.”)

1 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;

2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you.”

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

7 The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

8 A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray.

9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; it shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there,

10 and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with

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singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**      *Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 5*

P Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

C **Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

P While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C **Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.**

P His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.

C **Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God,**

P Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever,

C **Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners.**

P The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord raises those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

C **The Lord watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down.**

P The Lord shall reign forever—Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

C **Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God,**

**EPISTLE**      *James 5:1–11*

    ("Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord.")

1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will



be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. 4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. 5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

9 Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! 10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. 11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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## ALLELUIA

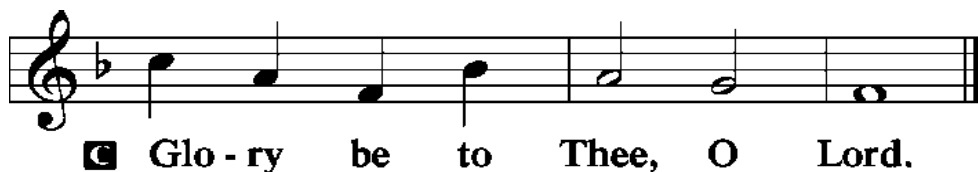


## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:2-15*

("He who has ears to hear, let him hear.")

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



2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we

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look for another?"

4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

7 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. 10 For this is he of whom it is written:

'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.'

11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.***

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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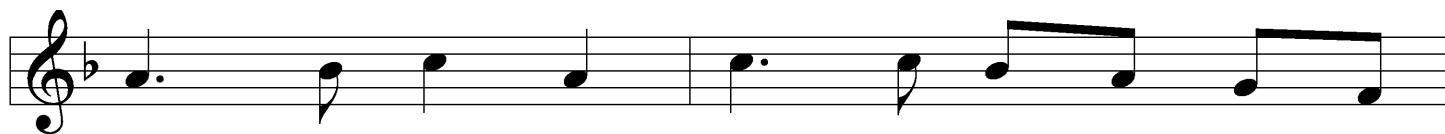
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

# SERMON

## *"Blessed perseverance in the Lord"*

James 5:10-11

# OFFERING

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# OFFERTORY

## *I'm But a Stranger Here*

LSB 748



1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;  
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;  
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.  
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;  
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;  
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.  
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.  
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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# SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* [American Sign Language]

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That the church may proclaim the Good News to the poor, forgiveness to the sinner, and healing to all those afflicted in body or soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That hope may rule our hearts against despair and that we may know

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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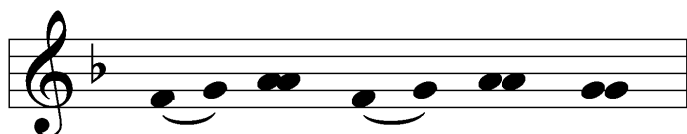
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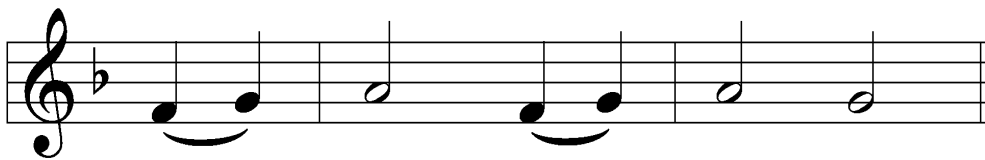
**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

# PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you.

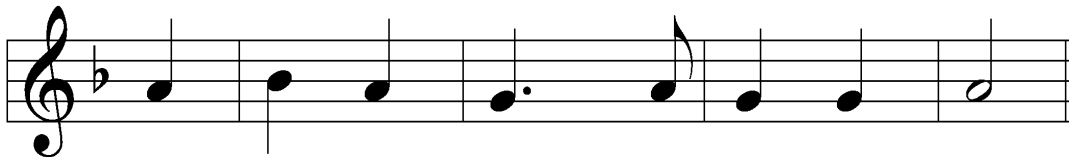
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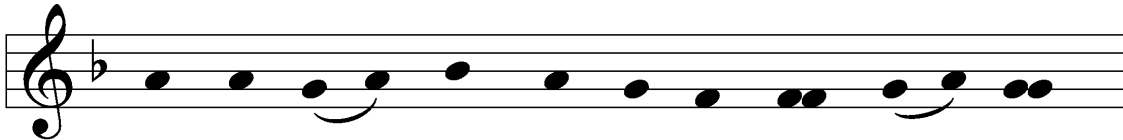
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**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.



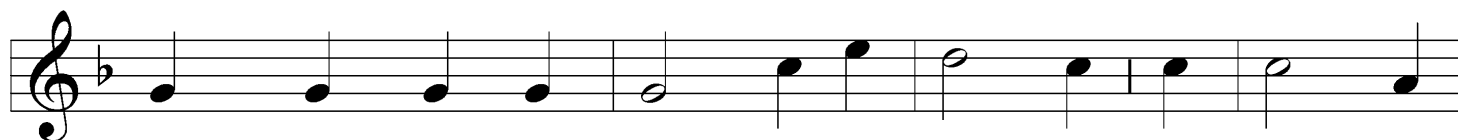
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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;



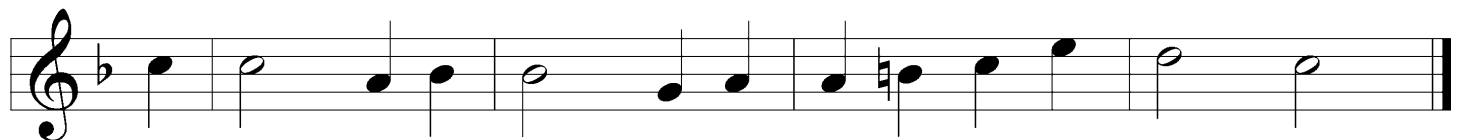
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



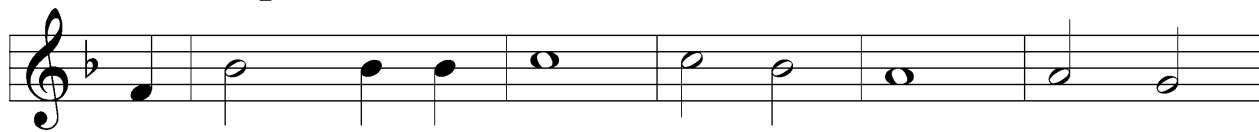
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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

## 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.

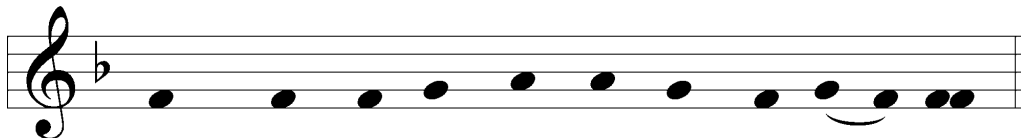
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**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."

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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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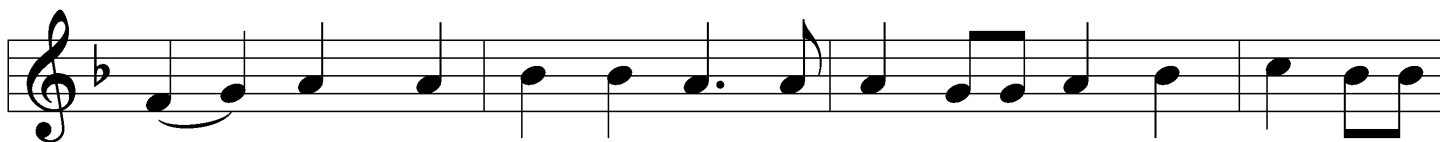


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**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*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### 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

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

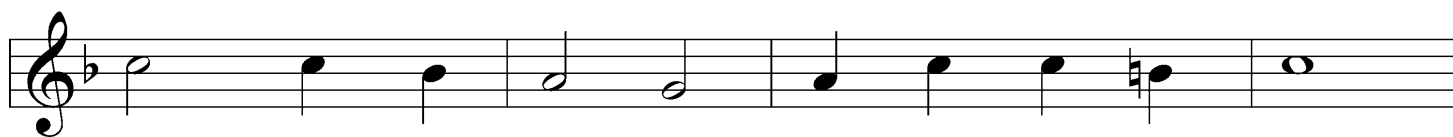
**LSB 637**



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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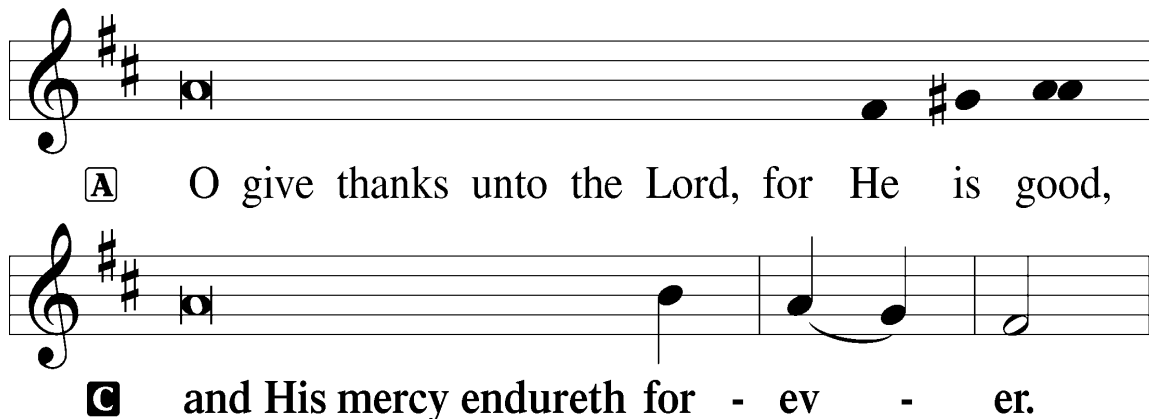
## NUNC DIMITTIS



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

Psalm 107:1



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

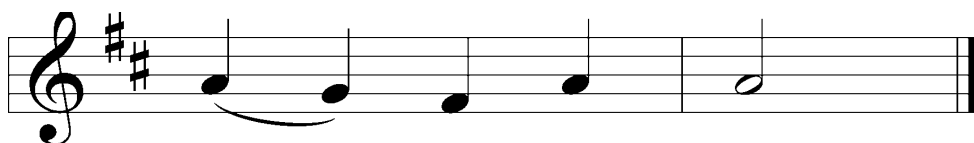
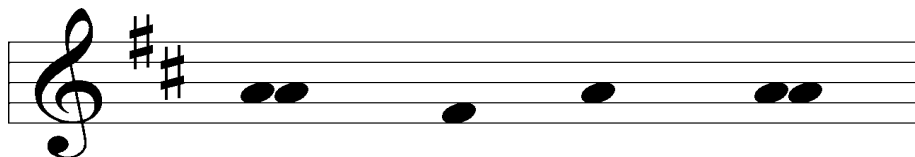
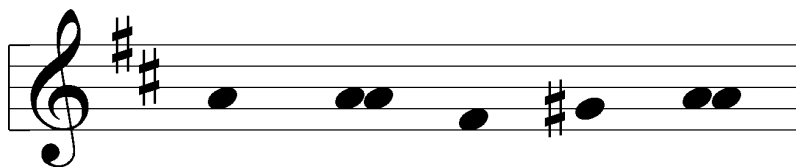
P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**C for His steadfast love endures forever.**

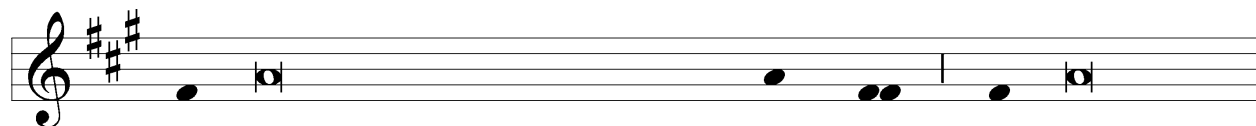
P Almighty God, You gave Your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sake of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



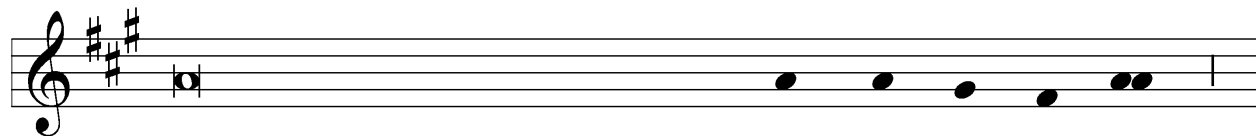
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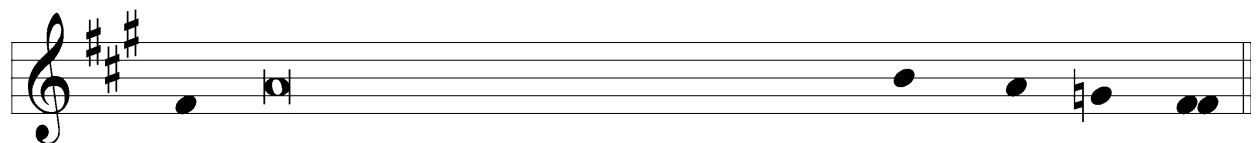
# BENEDICTION



**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.



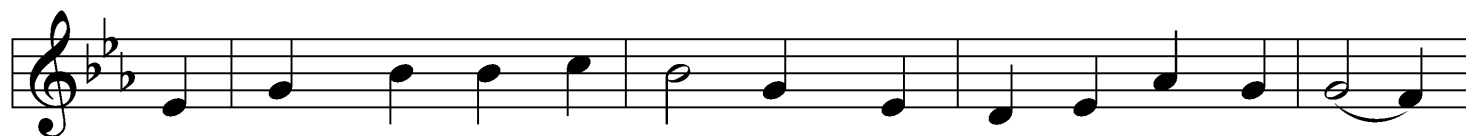
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Please sit*

## SENDING HYMN

*On Galilee's High Mountain*

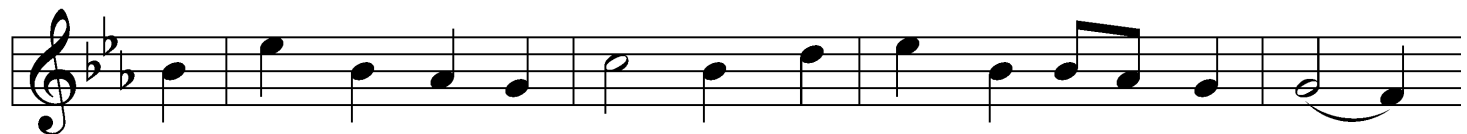
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1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand  
2 The Lord who, born of Mar - y, Came down as man and died,  
3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say  
4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:  
Who preached to all who lis-tened, For us was cru - ci - fied—  
How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;  
But ev - 'ry-where I broad-cast His love through crowd-ed streets:



“All pow'r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;  
This Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow'r at God's right hand,  
His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour - age I am sent,  
The lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er great or small—



There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use.”  
Has cho - sen us to car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.  
My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.  
Let them through me see Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.

5 That ev'ryone He chooses,  
For reasons of His own,  
Will find in Christ his calling  
To live His love alone.  
His presence always leads us  
Till time no more shall be;  
Christ's strength, His love, His comfort  
Give us His victory.

△ Lord, gather all Your children,  
Wherever they may be,  
And lead them on to heaven  
To live eternally  
With You, our loving Father,  
And Christ, our brother dear,  
Whose Spirit guards and gives us  
The joy to persevere.

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > Portals of Prayer for October to December 2025 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. Goetz is leading the class.
- > Plastic caps are no longer being collected.
- > Family Confirmation Class - Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Adult Confirmation Class - Fridays at 12 noon.
- > Men's Steak Night/Bible Study set for Tues., Dec.30th from 6-8 p.m.
- > Don't forget to check December calendar for Christmas and New Year activities.

### ***Sermon Notes***



*Third Sunday of Advent*

**12/3/2025**

**Advent Mid-Week 1 Service 33**

Plate: \$ 260.00

Envelopes: Advent \$ 98.00

**Total: \$ 358.00**

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Services will begin at 6:00 p.m.  
Soup Suppers will begin at 5:00 p.m.

1st Mid-Week Service: Wed. Dec. 3rd  
2nd Mid-Week Service: Wed. Dec. 10th  
3rd Mid-Week Service: Wed. Dec. 17th

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Christmas Eve Service**  
Wednesday, December 24th  
6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day Service**  
Thursday, December 25th  
9:00 a.m.  
(Holy Communion)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE**  
Wednesday, December 31st at 6:00 p.m.

**12/7/2025**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>72</b>	
Plate:		\$ 830.00
Envelopes:		\$ 2,983.00
Other Env: <b>School</b>		\$ 100.00
Donations:		
Tithely/On-Line	\$35/\$750=\$785.00	
<b>Total:</b>		\$ 3,913.00
Bible Class:	<b>33</b>	\$ 36.00

### ***FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT***

Isaiah 7:10-17  
Psalm 24  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

## The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross

Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see “the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful” (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, “be patient” and “establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as “the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,” so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His Holy Church, so that “sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Is. 35:10).

### Memory Verse Challenge:      **Zephaniah 3:17**

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

	<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
	<b>December Sunday Servants:</b>	
Elder:	Ken Eilers	
Altar Guild:	L Machant/D Jackson/ I Aguilera	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	Third Sunday in Advent	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Fourth Sunday in Advent	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am