

# AD TE LEVAVI

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
Sunday 30 November A†D 2025



## OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**On receiving the Lord's Supper:** Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations that pledge themselves to believe, teach, and confess the same faith. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We practice closed communion to exhibit unity in faith (Acts 2:42), to guard the uninstructed against a reception of the sacrament that will be harmful to them (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and to keep the pastor from having to make “divine” decisions by determining who is a believer and who is not (2 Timothy 2:19). Therefore, we ask that only LCMS members, or members of churches in fellowship with us, commune at the altar of this church. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that we practice closed communion for their spiritual welfare. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

**NOTE:** *During Advent, numerous portions of the liturgical responses are spoken, not chanted as usual, as we fast in this way in preparation for our coming Lord. If a response is lacking its usual musical notation in the bulletin, that means it is spoken. (e.g. The Salutation, Collect, Preface.) The Gloria in Excelsis goes away until we sing it again with the angels on Christmas Eve.*

## † THE DIVINE SERVICE †

10:30am

*Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.*

### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**340** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

**Amen.**

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.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

*Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

**O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

*Please STAND*

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

PSALM 25:1-3A; 25:4



| Unto | Thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.

O / my God, I trust in Thee:

**Let me not be ashamed,**

**let not mine enemies / triumph over me.**

**Yea, let none that wait on / Thee be ashamed.-**

Show / me Thy ways, O LORD;

- / Teach me Thy paths.-

***Glory be to the Fa- / ther and to the Son***

***And to / the Holy Spirit;***

**As it was in / the beginning,**

**Is now, and will be / forever. Amen.**

| Unto | Thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.

O / my God, I trust in Thee:

**Let me not be ashamed,**

**let not mine enemies / triumph over me.**

**Yea, let none that wait on / Thee be ashamed.-**

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



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



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

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

*Please BE SEATED*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

JEREMIAH 23:5-8

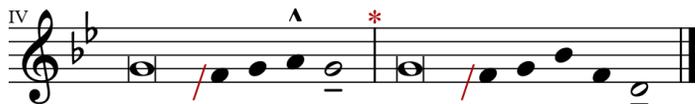
“Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land,” says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL

PSALM 25:3A, 4



All they that / wait on Thêe  
Shall / not be ashamed, O LORD:

**Show / me Thy ways, O LORD;**

- / **Teach me Thy paths.-**

## THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 13:11-14

*Brethren:* You know the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first

believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

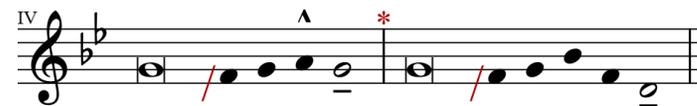
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND*

## THE ALLELUIA VERSE

PSALM 85:7



- / Alleluia.

- / Alle-luia.

**Show us Thy mer- / cy, O LÔRD,**

**And grant us Thy salvation. / Alle-luia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 21:1-9

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The continuation of ✠ Holy Gospel ✠ according to ✠ Saint Matthew.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

✠ *At that time,* When they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought

the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### THE NICENE CREED

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the  $\text{✝}$  life of the world to come. Amen.

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### THE HYMN OF THE DAY

332 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

### THE SERMON

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### THE OFFERTORY

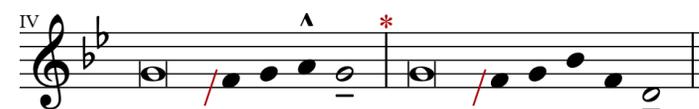
PSALM 51:10-12



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

### THE OFFERTORY VERSE

PSALM 25:1-3A



Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.  
O / my God, I trust in Thee:  
Let me not be ashamed,  
let not mine enemies / triumph over me.  
Yea, let none that wait on / Thee be ashamed.-

Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.

O / my God, I trust in Thee:

Let me not be ashamed,

let not mine enemies / triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on / Thee be ashamed.-

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### THE OFFERING

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

*- please read the announcements and prayer list details on bulletin insert*

*After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**



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

*Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

## THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; I CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

## THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ☩ peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29



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.

## THE COMMUNION VERSE

PSALM 85:12



The LORD shall give that / which is good:

And our land / shall yield her increase.

*Please BE SEATED*

## THE SERVICE OF

## ☩ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ☩

### THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]

**We lift them up unto the LORD.**

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]

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

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

### THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



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.

*Communion Distribution:* Our congregation practices closed communion for the spiritual welfare of our members and guests. Please refer to page 1 of this bulletin for further explanation or speak to our pastor.

## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

333 *Once He Came in Blessing*

334 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

348 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

*Please STAND*

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29–32



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.

## THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.  
**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray. Grant to us, O Lord, we beseech Thee: so to wait for Thy loving kindness in the midst of Thy temple, that in readiness of heart and mind we may hail the coming feast of our redemption; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

## THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Please STAND*

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

*Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

*Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ☩ peace.*



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