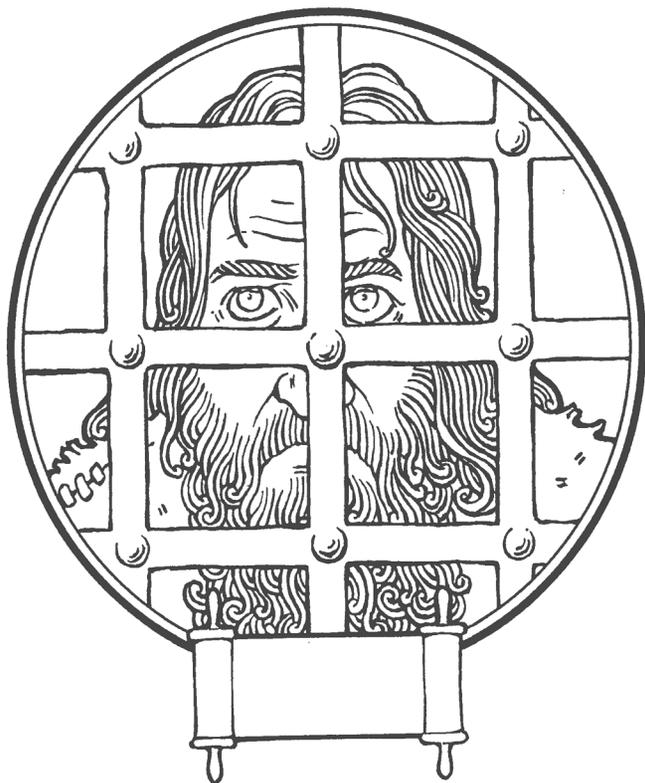


GAUDETE

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday 14 December A✠D 2025



OUR SAVIOR

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✠ Hymns ✠

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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 347 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

✠ 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.

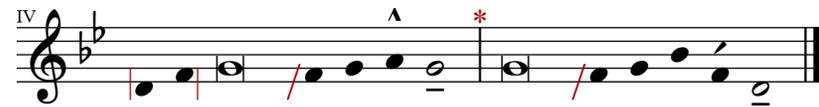
[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

Please STAND

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-6; PSALM 85:1



| Rejoice | in the Lord always: and a- / gain I say, Rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all men.

The / Lord is at hand.—

**Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer
and supplication / with thanksgiving**

Let your requests / be made known unto God.

Lord, Thou hast been favora- / ble unto Thy land:

Thou hast brought back the capti- / vity of Jacob.

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.

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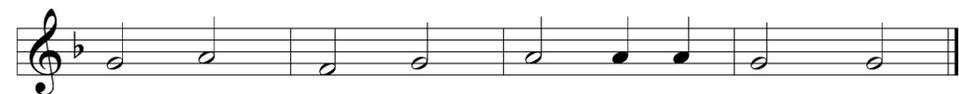
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THE KYRIE

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

Lord, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Thy gracious visitation; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE PROPHECY

ISAIAH 40:1-8

Thus says the LORD God: "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



THE GRADUAL

PSALM 80:1B, 2B, 1A



Thou, O Lord, that dwellest between
the cheru- / bims, shine fôrth.
Stir up Thy strength, / and come and save us.

**Give ear, O Shep- / herd of Israel,
Thou that lead- / est Joseph like a flock.**

THE EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-5

Brethren: Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

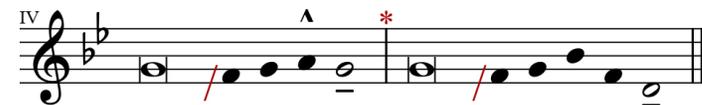
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

PSALM 80:2B



- / Alleluia.

- / Alle-luia.

**Stir / up Thy strength, O LORD
and come and save us. / Alle-luia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 11:2-10

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time:* When John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 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. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” 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? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.’”

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 ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE HYMN OF THE DAY 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

THE SERMON

Please STAND

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 -



THE OFFERTORY VERSE

PSALM 85:1-2A



LORD, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivi- / ty of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniqui- / ty of Thy people.

Please BE SEATED

THE OFFERING

Please STAND

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.



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,



bles - ed is He, bles - 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.

Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

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.

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.

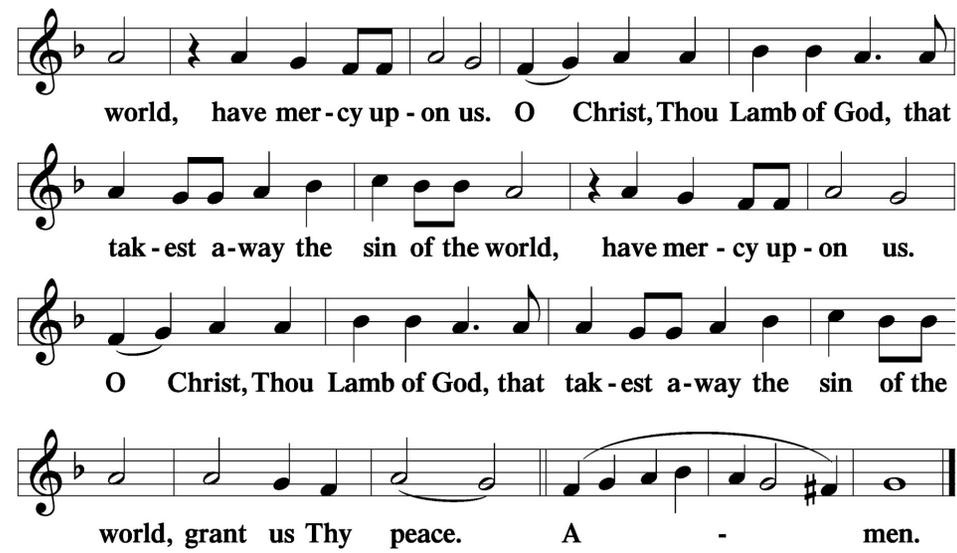
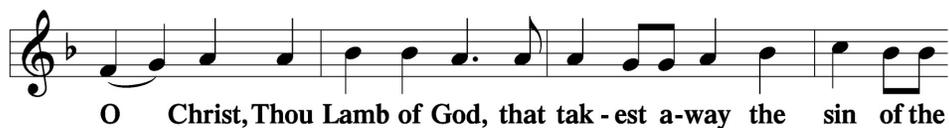
THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29



THE COMMUNION VERSE

ISAIAH 35:4A, B, D



Say to them that are of a fearful / heart, Be strong, fear not:
Behold, our God / will come and save us.

Please BE SEATED

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

556 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*
bulletin page 12 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheer-ful trust main-tain;
 2 He is thy Trea-sure, He thy Joy, Thy Life and Light and Lord,
 3 Why spend the day in blank de-spair, In rest-less tho't the night?
 4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Watch o'er thy child-hood day?

For God, the Source of ev-'ry-thing, Thy Por-tion shall re-main.
 Thy Coun-sel - or when doubts an-noy, Thy Shield and great Re-ward
 On thy Cre - a - tor cast thy care; He makes thy bur-dens light
 Has He not oft in threat'ning hour Turned dreaded ills a - way?

5 He ever will with patience chide,
 His rod falls gently down,
 And all thy sins He casts aside
 And in the sea doth drown.

7 He knows how oft a Christian weeps
 And why his tears now fall;
 And in the book His mercy keeps
 These things are noted all.

6 When silent woe thy bosom rends,
 His pity sees thy grief,
 Supplies what to His glory tends
 And to thine own relief.

8 His wisdom never plans in vain,
 Ne'er falters or mistakes;
 All that His counsels did ordain
 A happy ending makes.

9 Upon thy lips, then, lay thy hand ,
 And trust His guiding love;
 Then like a rock thy peace shall stand
 Here and in heaven above.

Please STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now letteth 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.

O Lord, we implore Thy kindness, that this divine sustenance may render us purged of vices and ready for the coming feast; 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.

Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able

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.

