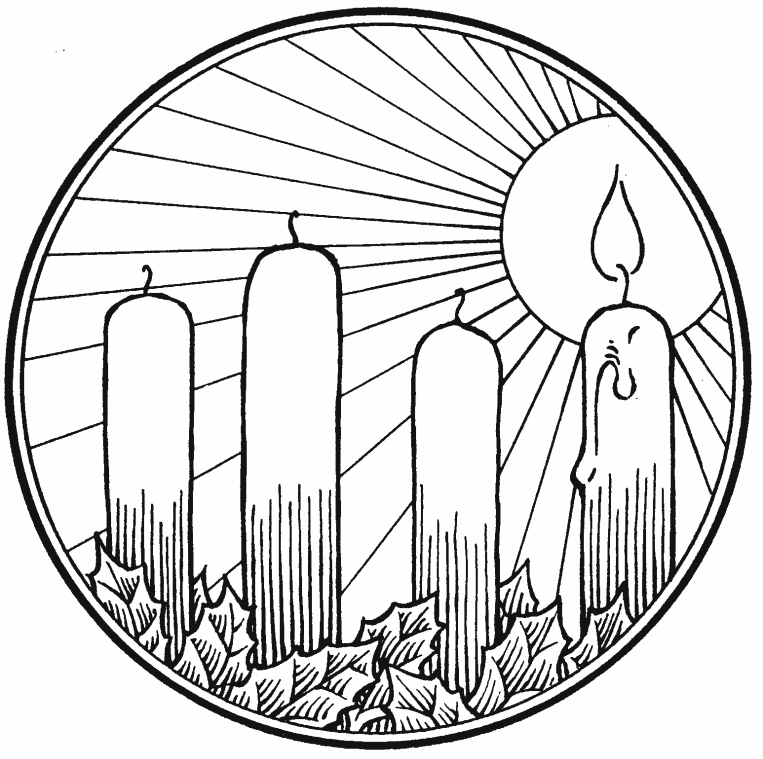
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Midweek

Wednesday 2 December A✠D 2026



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✠ **Hymns** ✠
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343
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622

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, only LCMS members, or members of churches in fellowship with us, commune at the altar of this church. Please speak with the pastor before service if you are an LCMS visitor desiring to receive the Eucharist. 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 ✢

6:00pm

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 344 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

The Preparation

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

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.

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

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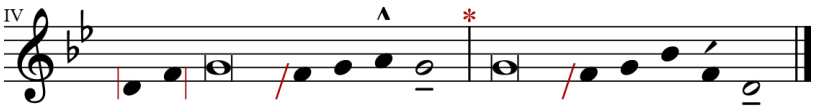
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Please STAND



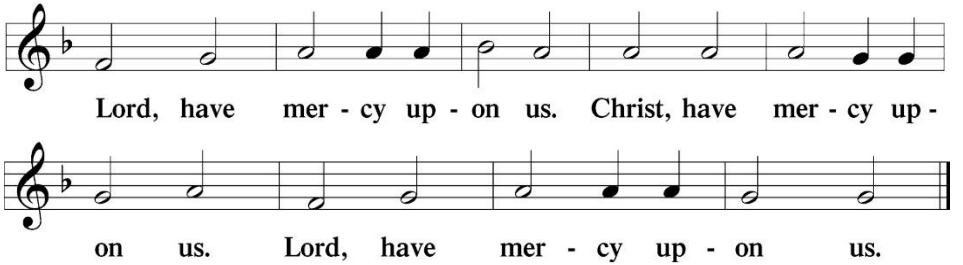
The Service of the Word

The Introit Psalm 25:1-3a; Psalm 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



The Salutation

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 EPISTLE JAMES 5:7–10
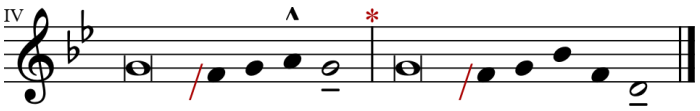
Dearly Beloved: Be patient until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take, as an example of suffering and patience, the prophets, who spoke in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND

THE GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA VERSE PSALM 25:3A, 4; 85:7



All they that / wait on Thêe
Shall / not be ashamed, O LORD:
Show / me Thy ways, O LORD;
- / teach me Thy paths.–
Alleluia. Show us / Thy mercy, O LORD,
And grant us Thy salvation. / Alle–luia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ST. MATTHEW 3:1–6

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The ✠ Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time:* John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.' " Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

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.
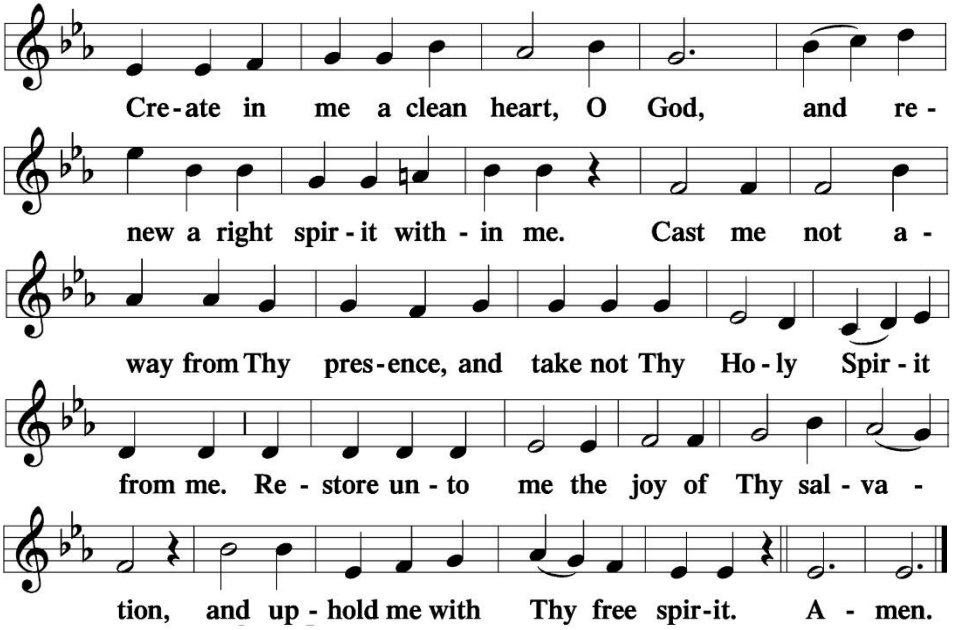
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THE HYMN OF THE DAY **343** *Prepare the Royal Highway*
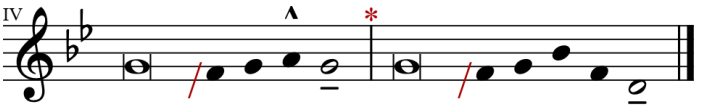
THE SERMON

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THE OFFERTORY



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.–

Please BE SEATED

THE OFFERING

Please STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

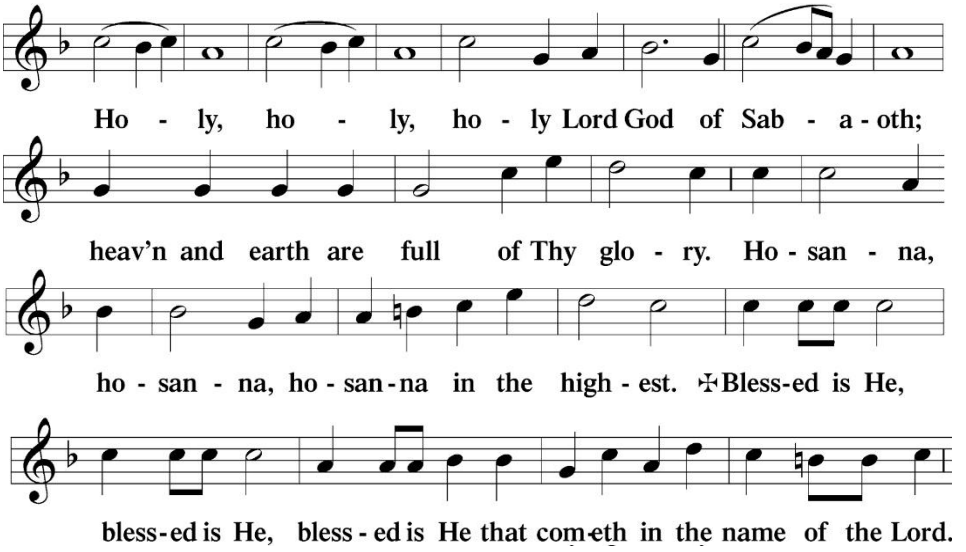
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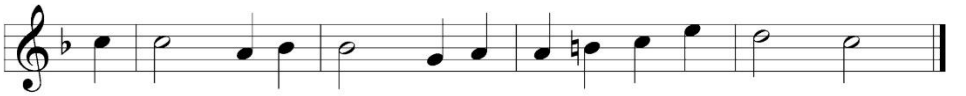
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the LORD.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

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

THE SANCTUS





Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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
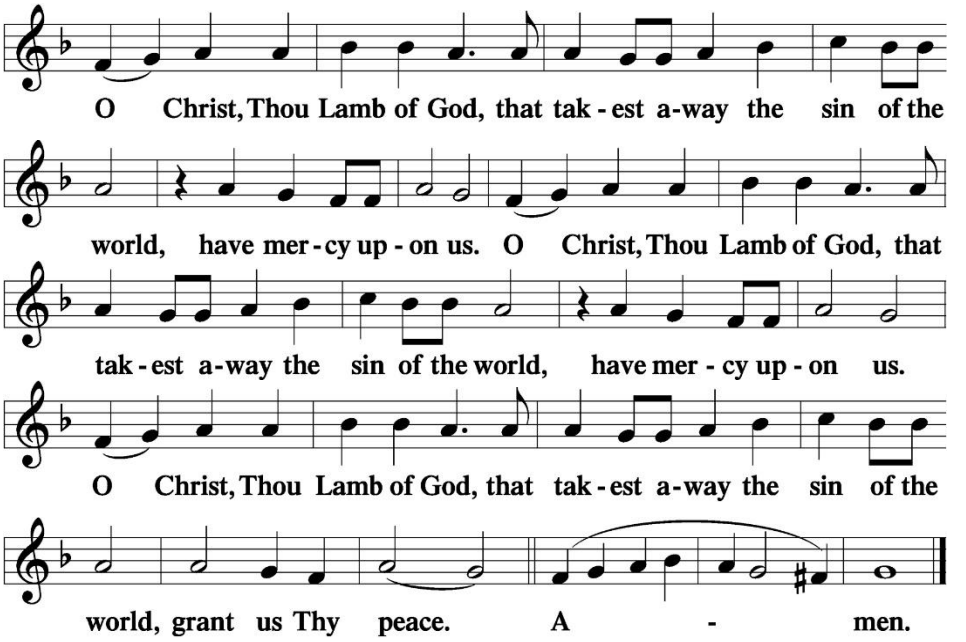
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY ✠ BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

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.

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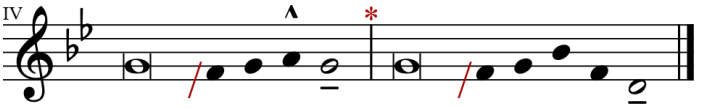
The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

The Agnus Dei



The Communion Verse

Psalm 85:12



The Lord shall give that / which is gôod:
And our land / shall yield her increase.

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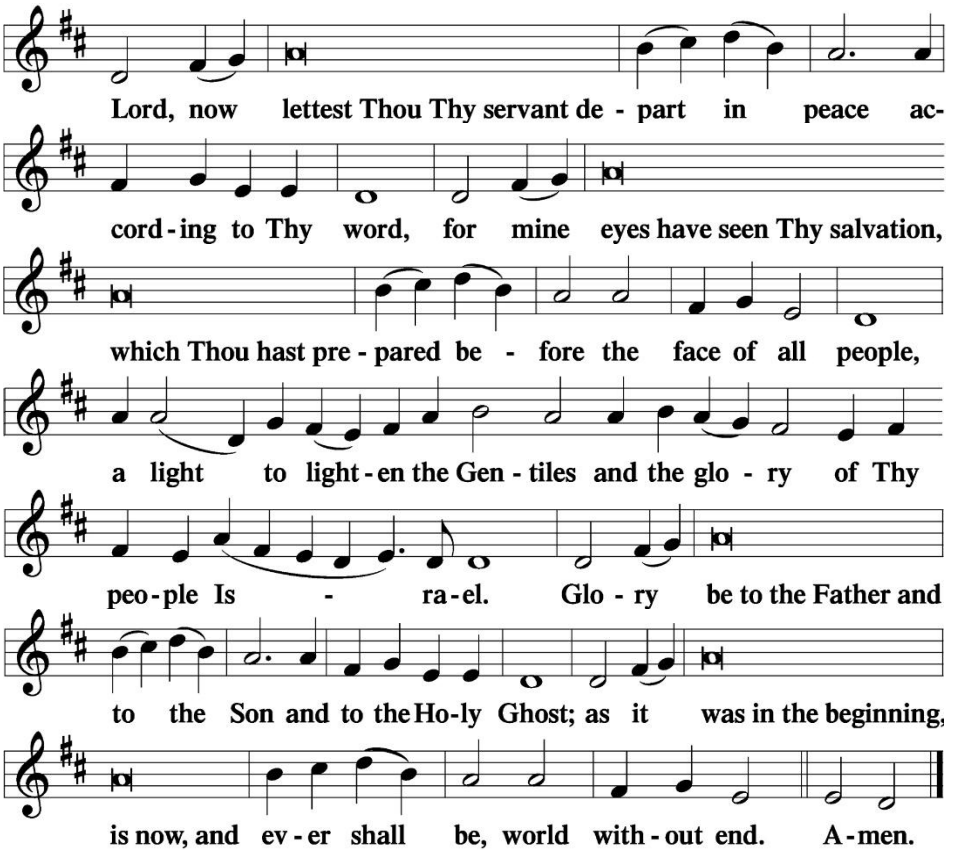
Communion Distribution: Our congregation practices closed communion for the spiritual welfare of our members and guests. Please refer to page 1 of this bulletin for further explanation or speak to our pastor.

The Communion Hymns

335 *O Bride of Christ, Rejoice*
622 *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared*

Please STAND

The Nunc Dimittis



The Thanksgiving

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

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

Bless we the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able

THE BENEDICTION

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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