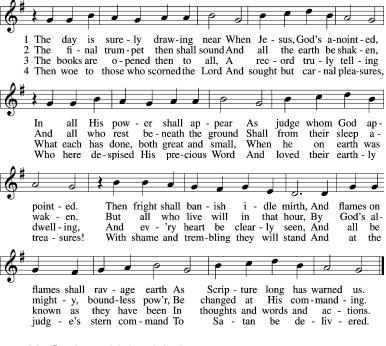
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## Confession and Absolution

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- My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten; Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me; There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face.

With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

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- P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the 

  Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- 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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P 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.
- 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.
- Amen.

## Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

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

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

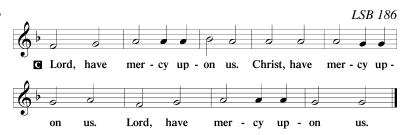
The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

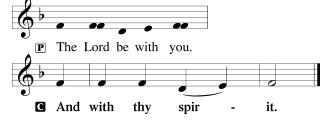
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

## **Kyrie**



## Salutation and Collect of the Day





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.



## Old Testament Reading Israel's Joy and Restoration

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter of Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

"Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

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.

I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you in,

at the time when I gather you together;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle**

Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



## Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



## Messengers from John the Baptist

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised

up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written.

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

## P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### 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.

#### Children's Sermon





#### Sermon



#### Offering

#### Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You rescue the daughter of Zion from her enemies and take away the judgments against her. Look with compassion upon Your people wherever they suffer for the name of Jesus. Give them wisdom when they are pressured to compromise, provide when they suffer loss, give courage when they are afraid, and strengthen them in the midst of persecution until You deliver them. Preserve them always in the joyful hope that You will restore all that is lost with what cannot be taken away. Lord, in Your mercy,

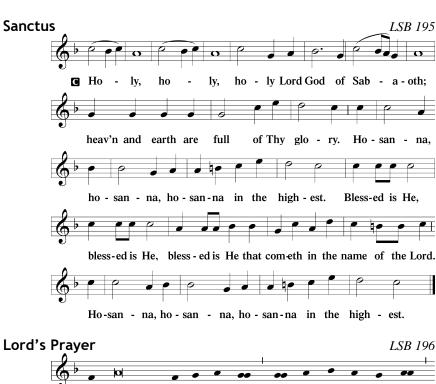
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, as You once sent messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, so strengthen and encourage all pastors and church workers as they make known His saving name. Open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P O Giver of all good gifts, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage and equip parents to raise their children in love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord, You set the prisoners free. Remember those who are incarcerated justly, and grant that they might repent, be freed from the clutches of sin, accept the consequences of their wrongdoing, and learn to live honestly and peacefully. Remember all those who are imprisoned unjustly. Restore their freedom according to Your will, and preserve them in Your grace and the confidence that You know what is true and just. Lord, in Your mercy,
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- Lord God, the Son of Man came eating and drinking with sinners, that He might proclaim the kingdom and welcome them in by the forgiveness of sins. As He hosts His Supper this day for His repentant people, grant those who partake of His body and blood to be worthy and well-prepared, firmly believing the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

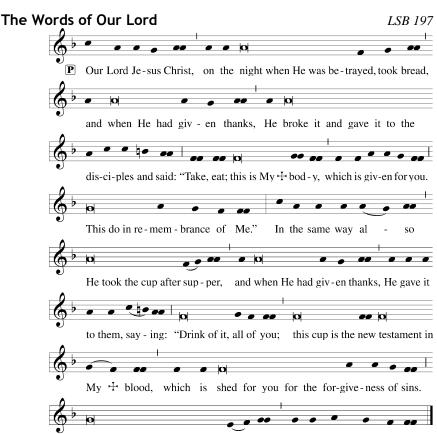


It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of 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:











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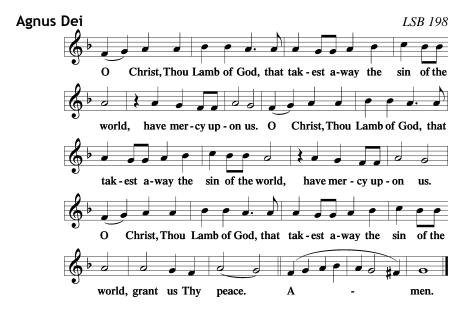
in re-mem-brance of Me."



This do, as often as you drink it,

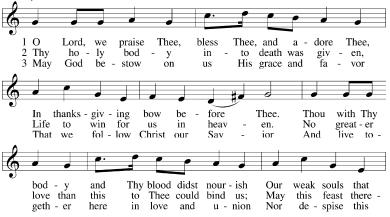
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

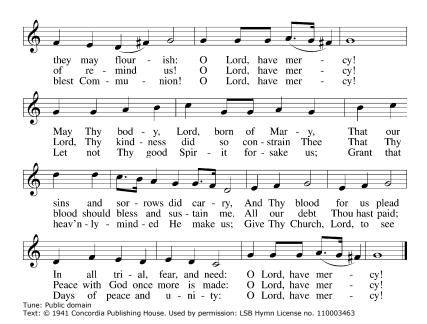




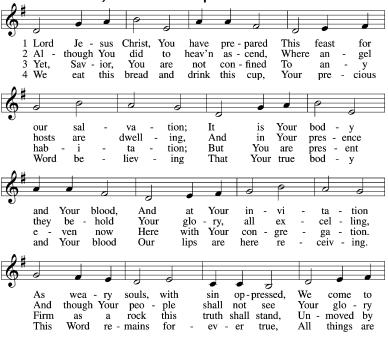
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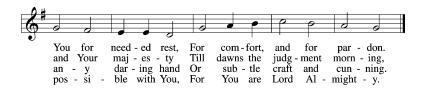






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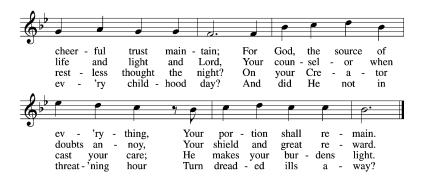


- Though reason cannot understand,
   Yet faith this truth embraces:
   Your body, Lord, is even now
   At once in many places.
   I leave to You how this can be;
   Your Word alone suffices me;
   I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.

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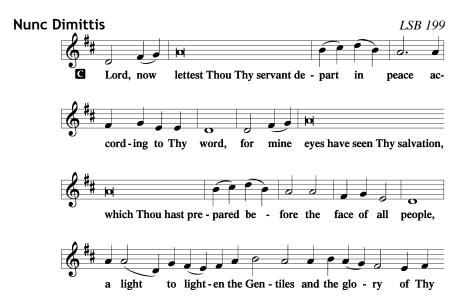
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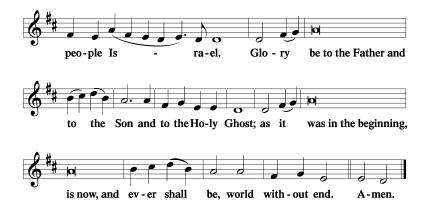


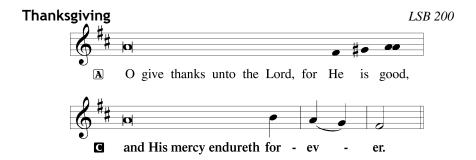


- 5 He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down; And all your sins He casts aside In ocean depths to drown.
- His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes.
   All that His counsels may ordain A blessèd ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, And trust His guiding love; Then like a rock your peace shall stand Here and in heav'n above.

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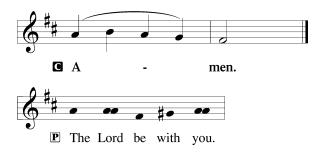






## A Let us pray.

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.











- Before the dawning day 5 Let sin's dark deeds be gone, The sinful self be put away. The new self now put on.
- $\triangle$  6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free, With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHURCH SERVICES:**

#### **ADVENT MIDWEEK:**

December, 15th at Noon and 6:00pm

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24,2021 at 6:00pm

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25,2021 at 9:00am

**Come join us** for Bible Study today at 10:15 am in the Followship Hall. We are studying the Book of Acts

**Sunday School** is today at 10:15 am at the Lutheran student center.

**Tuesday LSF Bible Study:** Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm Pastor has a Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran Student Center. We are currently studying Jeremiah.

**Thursday Noon Bible Study:** will meet in Fellowship Hall. We are studying The Book of Ezekiel.

**Confirmation –** Confirmation classes Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Large print bulletins** are now available. Please let an usher know if you need one.

#### DORCAS/LWML

**Thank you** to the ladies who attended and participated in the Dorcas/LWML Christmas Tea. Ten boxes of cookies were delivered to our congregation homebound. To God be the glory.

**There will be no Servant Workshop in December**. Workshops will resume January 18. Monthly Bible Study will resume January 24,2022

**Don't Forget**: This Sunday December 12 at 11:30 is the LSF Lunch, in the Student Cafeteria Center.

## The Flower Chart

For 2022 is now up on the wall

New Sign-Up Sheets for 2022, are on the wall Communion Attendants, Jan to March Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks, Jan to March College Refreshment Tuesday, Jan to May Altar Guild Schedule, Still need people for March, June, September, November, and December.

**Leisure Lutheran** Cards and Games every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate.

## Lesson Summaries Unit 7 Jesus Comes For Us:

#### Lesson 11:

"A Water Wonder" is the title of this week's lesson. Jesus sends His disciples before Him in the boat while He goes to pray. Late in the night Jesus appears to them, walking on the water. Thinking they see a ghost, the disciples first react in fear until Jesus identifies Himself to them. Peter, seeking further proof, asks to come to Jesus on the water. Despite initial success, Peter allows fear to enter his heart and begins sinking. Peter cries out for rescue, and Jesus takes him by the hand, still the storm, and brings him safely into the boat.

## **Junior Youth Sunday School:**

We'll be learning about the greatest story told as shared by

The Chosen T.V. Series: This Week's Episode:

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