

# Advent 3 December 11, 2022 Divine Service 3

## Confession and Absolution

### 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -  
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 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.

7 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.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug  
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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** 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,

**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.

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

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

**I will hope continually**

**and will praise you yet more and more.**

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,

for their number is past my knowledge.

**With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;**

**I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**

O God, from my youth you have taught me,

and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

**So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.**

**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

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

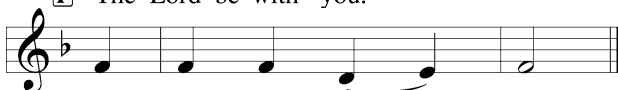


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect 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.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:1–10*

### The Ransomed Shall Return

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;  
it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.  
Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;  
the unclean shall not pass over it.  
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 5:7–11*

### Patience in Suffering

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

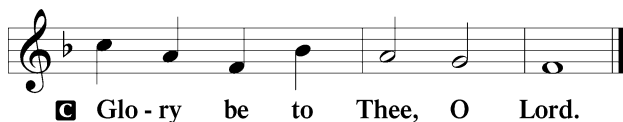
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## Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–15

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



When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

As they went away, 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 wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. 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.”

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

## **Children's Sermon**

## 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the the  
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the

near," we hear it say, "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -

works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

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## Sermon

## Offertory

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☐ 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.

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who offer prayers and supplications, that God would hear them on account of His Son who has enlightened the darkness of our hearts and every corner of creation by His incarnation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all pastors and church workers, that the words they bear would prepare the way of Jesus' second advent and be received by all who hear them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the homes of our land, that God would grant safety and security to all families; and that the faith would be delivered from one generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all in authority, that they would be given wisdom and insight until the day when Christ comes again in glory to usher in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and grieving, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that as the day draws near when blind eyes see, deaf ears hear, lame legs leap and mute tongues sing for joy, God would grant them healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faith and joy to receive the Lord's Supper worthily this day, as Christ comes as a foretaste of the Lamb's marriage feast, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious visitation; through the

same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



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



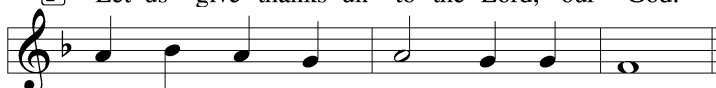
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

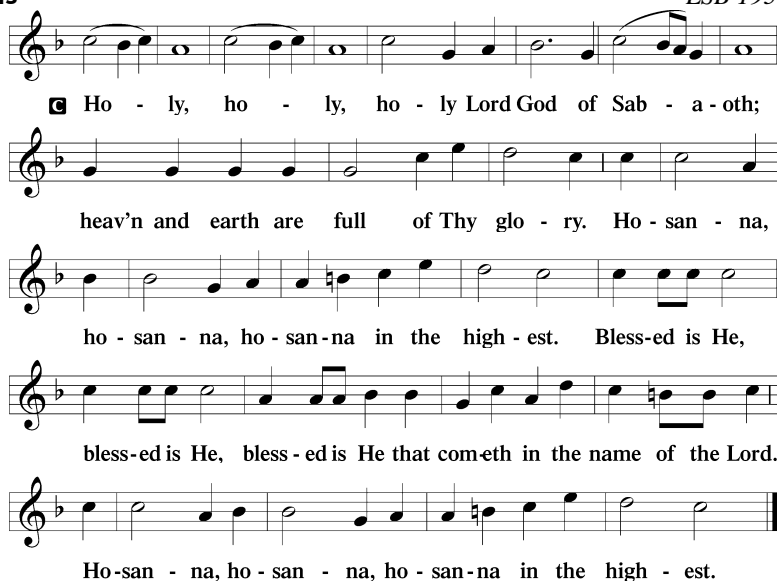


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly 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:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



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

LSB 196




Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it  
 is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
 and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who  
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to  
 temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



**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

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**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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



**A** - men.

## Agnus Dei

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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.

## Distribution

## 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

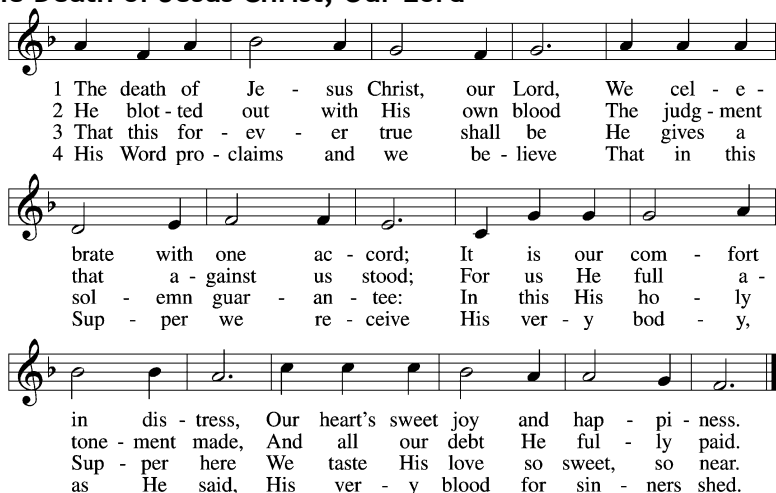
scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.

Tune: French, 17th cent.

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## 634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -  
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment  
3 That this for - ev - er shall be He gives a  
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this

brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort  
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -  
sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this His ho - ly  
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,

in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.  
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.  
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.  
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,  
But simply hold the mystery  
And trust this word where life begins:  
“Given and shed for all your sins.”
- 6 They who this word do not believe  
This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find—  
May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest  
Who in these promises finds rest;  
For Jesus shall in love remain  
With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe  
That we may worthily receive  
Your Supper and in You find rest.  
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text (sts. 1–4, 6–8): Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714; (sts. 1–4, 6–8): tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.; (st. 5): composite  
Tune: Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien, 1742  
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### 737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A  
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your  
3 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In  
4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard

cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of  
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when  
rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor in  
ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did He not in

ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.  
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.  
cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.  
threat - ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?

- 5 He only will with patience chide,  
His rod falls gently down;  
And all your sins He casts aside  
In ocean depths to drown.

6 His wisdom never plans in vain  
Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain  
A blessed 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.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.

Tune: Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, 1738, Frankfurt

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## Nunc Dimittis

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**C** 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

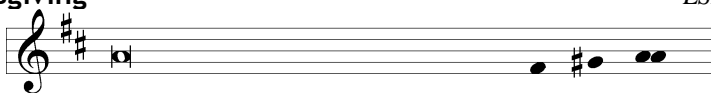
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

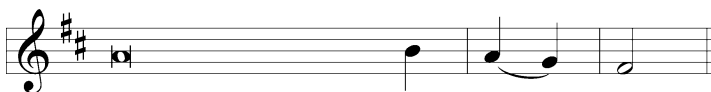
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

# Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.



**C** A - men.



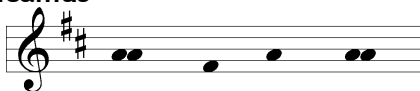
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

# Benedicamus

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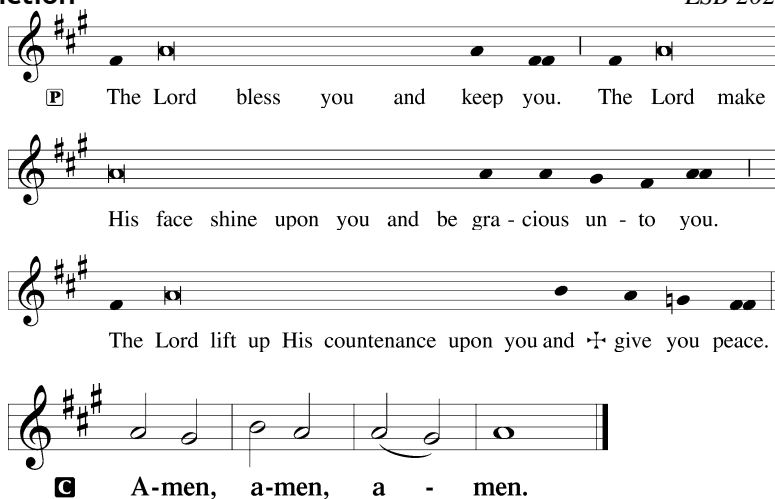
**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

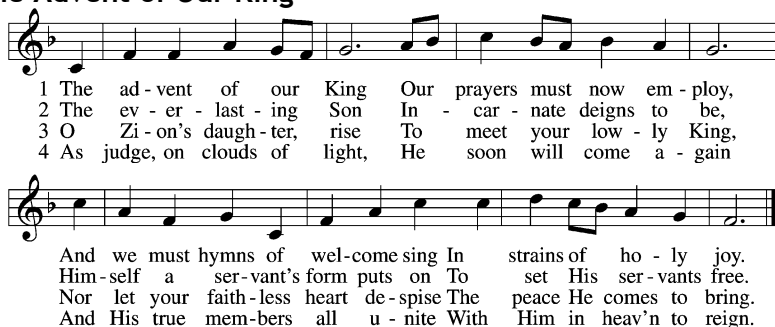
## Benediction

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**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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.  
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain  
And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

- △ 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday School:** At 10:15 am in the Lutheran Student Center.

**Bible Study:** 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying Book of Ecclesiastes

**Thursday Bible Study: Noon** in the Fellowship Hall we are studying, Book of Ephesians

**Tuesday LSF Bible Study:** - Every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran Student Center. We are currently studying –  
**HAS AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY FAILED?**

**Confirmation Classes:** Every Wednesday in the Lutheran Student Center from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

**A Christmas Fellowship Gathering:** This Sunday December 11, we will be combining the lunch for the LSF with a congregational Christmas fellowship gathering of Hors d'oeuvres and appetizers

## **Adult Choir**

**The Adult Choir** will sing this Sunday, December 11. They will sing "While by My Sleep I Watched at Night"

**The Adult Choir** will sing on Sunday December 18, They will sing "Once Again My Heart Rejoices"

## **Service Schedule for Advent and Christmas Eve**

Advent Midweek Services:  
December 14, 12:00 & 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service: December 24, 6:00 pm

**December's Newsletter:** there are copies on the table in the narthex for you to take.

**Leisure Lutherans:** now have available boxed Christmas Cards for sale on the Bookcase next to the bathroom.

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

**New sign-up Sheets for- 2023- are now the wall:**

Communion Attendants: Jan to Mar, 2023

Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks: Jan to Mar, 2023

College Refreshment Snack: Jan to April, 2023

Altar Guild Schedule Jan to Dec, 2023

We still need people for ( April, Easter Month)

August, September, November.

**Lutherans for Life: Messages from:** Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla Chapter President.

**Bulletin Announcement** for Sunday, December 11,

"As sure as Christmas will come again on December 25, our Lord will come again. As we look forward to the Last Day, let's dress for the occasion, putting on godliness and repentance. Let's celebrate everything He did the first time He came to assure us of our home of righteousness. Let's be spiritually awake and alert for His coming again, knowing that we will enjoy God's perfect paradise, our eternal home -- A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life \* [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Ladies Christmas Tea** is scheduled for this Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m. in Immanuel Fellowship Hall. There will be a short program, refreshments, a cookie exchange, and packaging cookie boxes for the homebound. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Bring a guest. Please bring 3 dozen cookies: 1 to share, 1 to share with homebound, and 1 to share with university students. Be prepared to take a variety of cookies home with you.

**There will be no Servant Workshop in**

**December.** Servant Workshops will resume, Tuesday, January 17, 1-3 pm and 7-9 pm in the church basement.

**Thrivent members:** The beginning of a new year presents the opportunity for all Thrivent members to request two new \$250 Action Team Grants to fund the non-profit project of choice. Action Team Grants fund many LWML Servant Workshop projects. To request an Action Team Grant log on to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). Please contact Sue Kamprath with questions regarding the Back Pack Program; Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier regarding quilts, pillowcase dresses, and/or Bags for Babies.

**Packaging Back Packs** for area school children has resumed. Please contact Sue Kamprath to participate in this project by requesting a Thrivent Action Team Grant to purchase weekend food items.  
To God be the Glory.

**Plastic Bags:** Plastic bags are again needed for the backpack program.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries Project Connect:**

**Messages from:** Bill Wuenscher:

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Project Connect Booklets can help people with relevant, Christ- centered messages connecting with them wherever they are. These free booklets cover a variety of topics and can be found on the rack in the Fellowship Hall. One booklet you will find there.

### **I Love My Neighborhood (6BE186)**

This rhyming children's booklet emphasizes how we should love our neighbors and take care of our neighborhoods.

**COPIES OF "LIFE DATE"**, a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life, are available for the taking on the table next to the church office door. This publication is filled with life issue articles. Feel free to take one and add it to your reading list this fall.

**Parking Lot Special Fund:** The new parking lot project is underway. In addition to the parking lot itself, we will need to fund (at the minimum) the following as part of the parking lot project: landscaping, parking lot lighting, and a new shed (to replace the one that is currently located where the parking lot will be). If you would like to make a donation toward this project--above and beyond your normal offering, please list "Parking Lot Fund" on your donation and place it in the offering plate. Any questions can be directed to Christy Rush (treasurer) or any Council member.

## **College Refreshment Tuesday,**

College Refreshment Sign-up sheet for 2023 is now up on the Wall for Tuesday's at 7:00pm, January to April 2023.

## **The Flower Chart:**

For 2023 is now up on the wall.  
Please sign up for what Month and Day that you would like to do. Thank You.

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card.

This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you



## **Sunday School:**

Today, **December 11**, the children will practice for their Christmas presentation immediately after church in the church nave. After practice we will have a devotion “Advent Adventure”, when Gabriel tells Mary she will be the mother of the promised Messiah.

On Sunday, **December 18**, the children will present their program during church. Please have your child in the church basement by 8:30 AM so they can get into their costumes. We WILL have Sunday School on December 18. We WILL NOT have Sunday School on December 25.

If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the chancel, please fill out this form, and put it in a pew envelope. Mark it "Poinsettia," and either put it in the offering plate, or turn it into the church office **by noon on Thursday, December 15th**. Poinsettias are \$15.00 each.

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☐ I will pick up my poinsettia after the Christmas Day Service.

☐ Please share my poinsettia with one of our homebound members.

