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**December 7, 2025-The Second Sunday in Advent**

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**"Sharing Christ's Love With Everyone"**

**"Be thoughtful – be silent – be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another."**

### **SERVING TODAY –9:00 A.M.**

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**WORSHIP ATTENDANT.....Paul Guss**

**ORGAN TECHNICIAN.....Rose Cirac**

**USHERS..... Mike Miller & Brenda Baker**

**READER.....Mike Miller**

**PREACHER .....Steve Richards**

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL PHONES AS WE LISTEN TO  
GOD'S WORD**

## Welcome

### Hymn of Invocation- Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
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## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

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

**C Amen.**

## Exhortation

LSB 184

**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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

**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.**

## Absolution

LSB 185

**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.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

**Introit**      *Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

**make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Seek the LORD and his strength;

**seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

**children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

He is the LORD our God;

**his judgments are in all the earth.**

He remembers his covenant forever,

**the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

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.**

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

**make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

**Kyrie**      *LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the  
peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be  
glorious.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**                      *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**Epistle**                                      *Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that  
through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we  
might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant  
you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed  
you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show  
God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the

patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.  
As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that  
by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:1–12*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.'"

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

<sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

**[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

**[C] 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.**

### **Sermon Hymn- On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry 344**



1	On	Jor - dan's	bank	the	Bap - tist's	cry	An - nounc - es
2	Then	cleansed	be	ev - 'ry	life	from sin;	Make straight the
3	We	hail	Thee	as	our	Sav - ior, Lord,	Our ref - uge
4	Lay	on	the	sick	Thy	heal - ing hand	And make the
△ 5	All	praise,	e - ter - nal	Son,	to	Thee	Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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## Sermon

## Votum

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Offering

### We Give Thee But Thine Own

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1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

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## Prayer of the Church

**P** O Almighty God, merciful Father, in this present life of sin and suffering Your Holy Church longs for the return of Christ. Give us grace to make a

good confession and strength to stand firm in the faith, ever watchful for His coming in power and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** O King of glory, Lord of hosts, in humility Your only-begotten Son stood before governors and kings and was accused unjustly for our sake. Defend the cause of the weak and those who have no voice in our society, particularly the unborn, the poor and the homeless. Give the government of our nation the fortitude to serve its citizens and strive for fairness and justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, with all creation we look in eager expectation toward our final redemption at the revelation of Your Son. Until that day, sustain those who live under the cross. Give them patience and hope, and grant healing and aid to the sick. Draw near to the dying. Hold them in the arms of Your love, and defend them against the final assaults of the evil one. Comfort those who mourn with the hope of the resurrection of the body to eternal life. Give us faith to believe that, in such crosses, You work all things for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, make each communicant worthy to receive Christ's body and blood this day, that they would do so with a repentant heart and in faith, not to their judgment but for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Receive our thanks and praise for all those who have died in the faith, and bring us with them to share in the splendors of the new heavens and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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

#### Proper Preface

**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



**C** 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.

## Prayer

Glory and honor, praise and thanks be to You, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for all the mercy and faithfulness You have shown to this congregation. Your Word has not returned to You void, but You have here gathered a people that knows You and fears Your name. Give me Your Holy Spirit that I may at all times see the good things in this congregation and praise and thank You for them. Bless Your Word in times to come that it may preserve the faithful in Your grace, convert those who do not yet belong to You, and bring back the erring and straying. Gather Your people as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and shelter Your congregation with Your love; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

To Be Sung-LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father which 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 debts  
 as we forgive our debtors;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
 Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** 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."

### Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

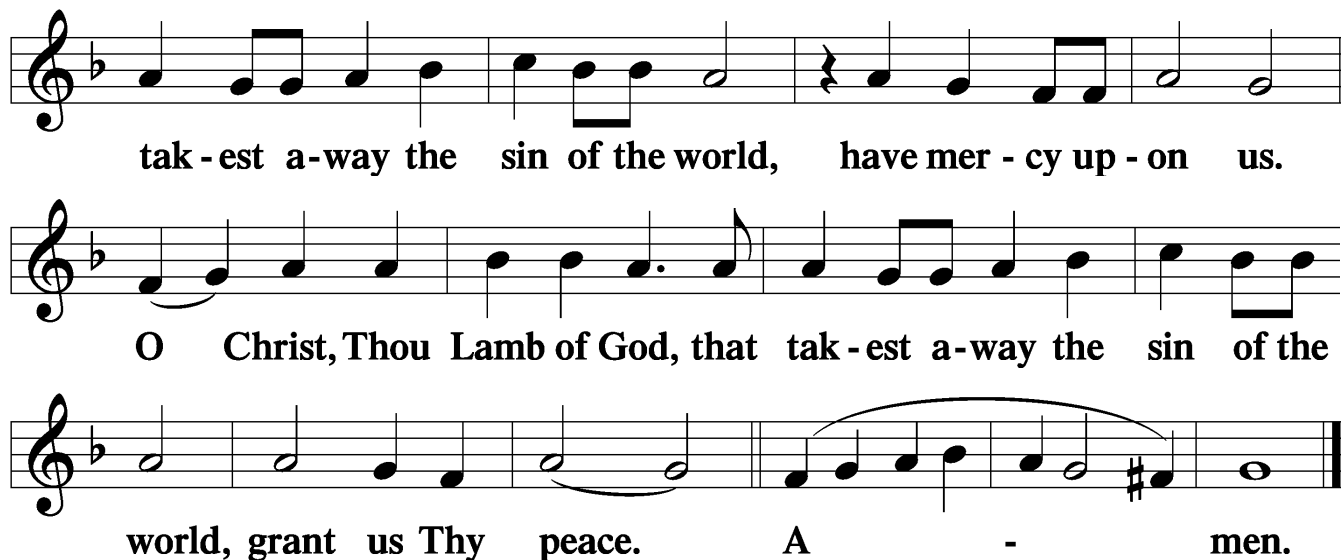
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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



*Sit*

### Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### The Dismissal

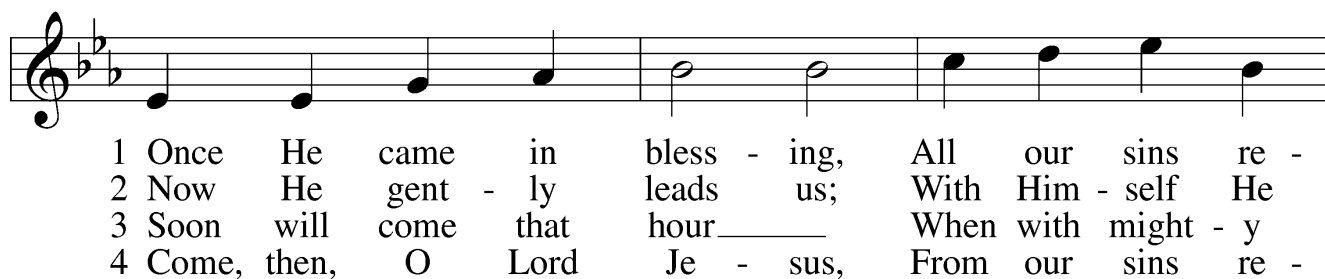
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**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C Amen.**

### Choir Selection –“We Bring His Light”

### Communion Hymn- Once He Came in Blessing333

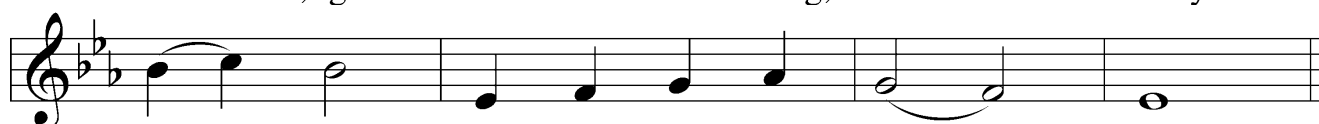




dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

Text: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547; (sts. 1, 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006

Tune: Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534

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## Communion Hymn- Lift High the Cross<sup>837</sup>sts. ref-6

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till




all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



*Refrain*



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt.

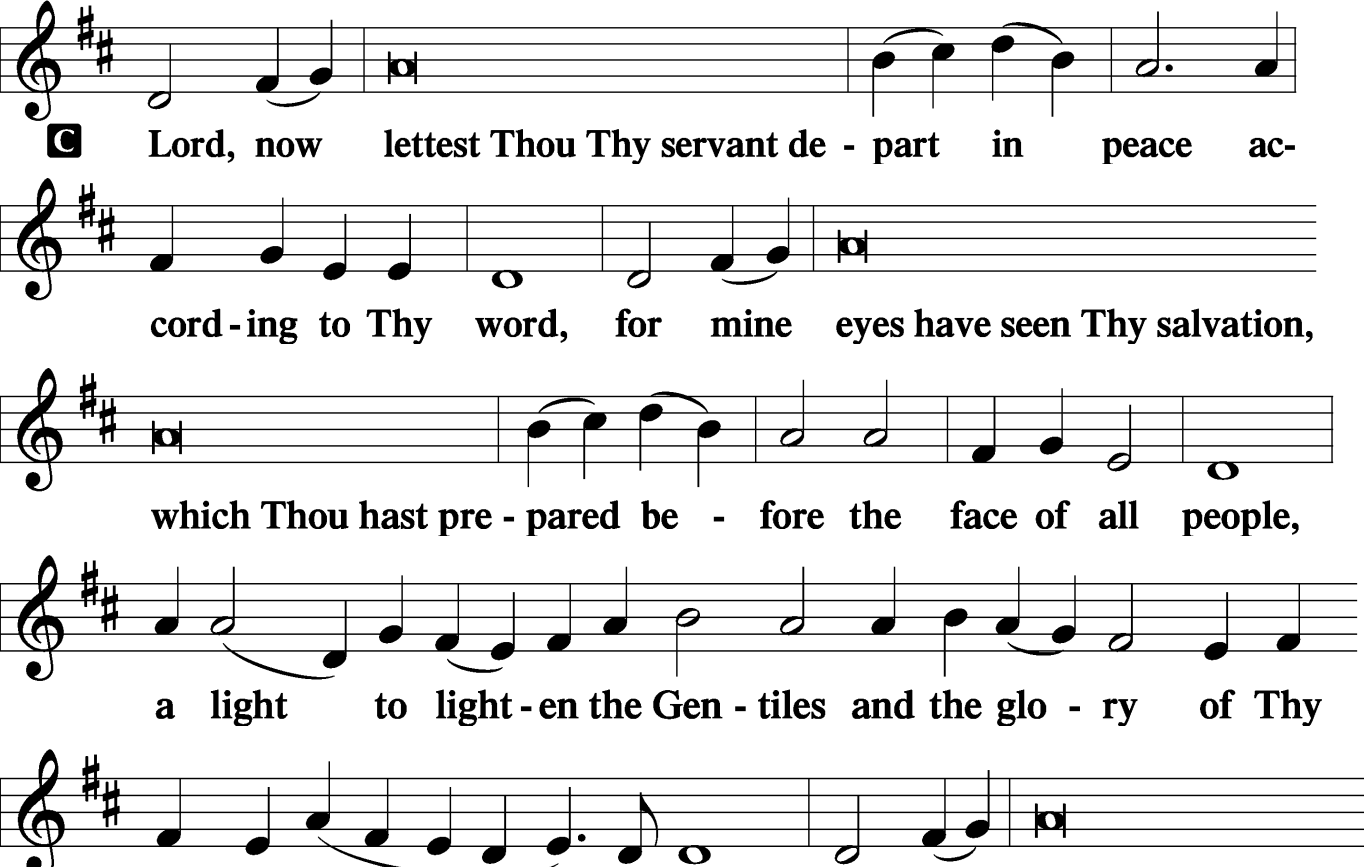
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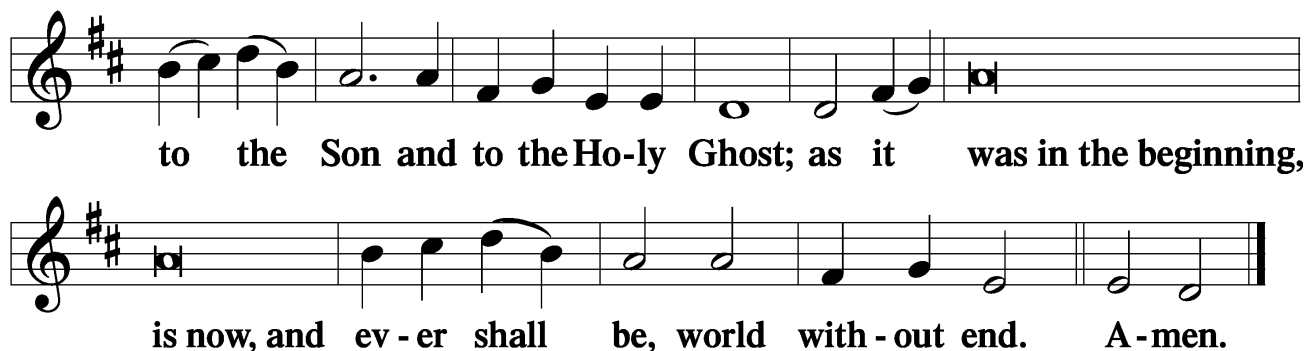
**Stand**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*



**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**



## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## Post-Communion Collect

- 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** Amen.

## Salutation

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** 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.



# Closing Hymn- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel<sup>357</sup>sts. ref, 3-4

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y

give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

*Refrain*

Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

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