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CHURCH OF  
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# *Lutheran Church of Our Savior*

*Divine Service*

*Sundays*

*10:00 a.m.*

*5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino, California*



*“And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” - Acts 2:42*

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**GUESTS! Welcome!** We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present—to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

## **HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...**



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (*both returning and first-time*) who—before the service—inform a pastor that they are communicant members-in-good-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. **We thank guests who are not communicants of sister congregations** for honoring our convictions and remaining in the pew

during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. *All communicants are encouraged to review Christian Questions with Their Answers in the hymnal, pp. 329-330.*

**COMMUNION in the PEW...** If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

## ***By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord***

### ***Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day***

*"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent'"* (Matt. 3:1-2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John's work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, *"a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots"* (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is *"a signal for the peoples"* (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *"With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips"* (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *"root of Jesse"* comes to us, *"even he who arises to rule the Gentiles"* (Rom. 15:12), that *"we might have hope"* and be filled *"with all joy and peace in believing"* (Rom. 15:4, 13).

# ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

## Setting One

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN ..... # 354



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the  
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your  
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this  
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty  
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The  
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The  
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That  
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from  
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -  
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -  
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.  
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.  
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.  
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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

### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

**C** **Amen.**

### EXHORTATION

*1 John 1:8-9*

**P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**P** *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

*[John 20:19-23]*

**P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.**

# The Service of the Word

## INTROIT

Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b



**P** *In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;\*  
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.*

**C** **Seek the LORD | and his strength;\***  
**seek his presence con- | tinually!**

**P** *Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*  
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,*

**C** **O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\***  
**children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

**P** *He is the | LORD our God;\**  
*his judgments are in | all the earth.*

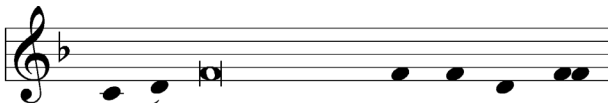
**C** **He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\***  
**the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P** *In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;\*  
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.*

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

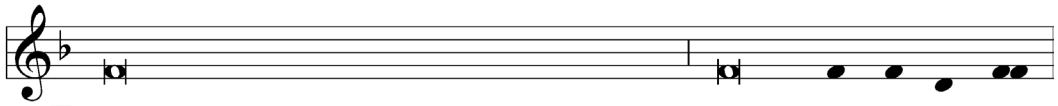
Mark 10:47



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



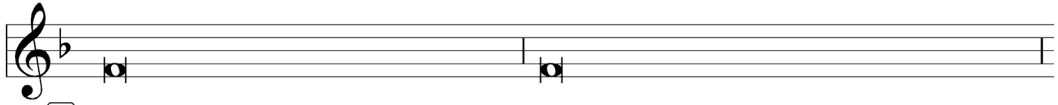
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



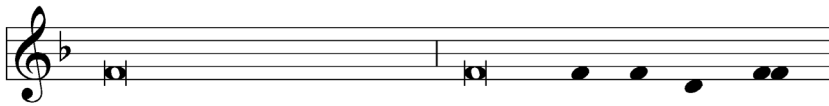
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



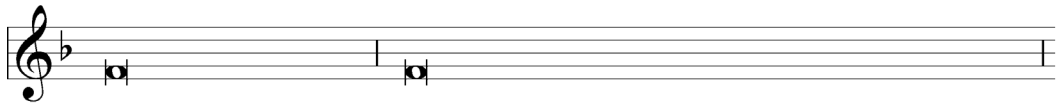
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



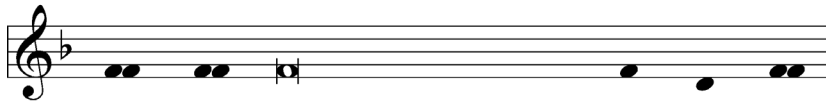
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

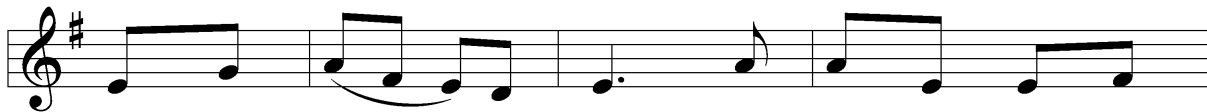


**C** A - men.

ADVENT CANTICLE ~ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



*Pastor:* O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
*Men:* O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from  
*Women:* O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen  
*All:* O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y  
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

*Refrain: All*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



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

## SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** *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.**

## CHORAL HYMN

- 1 *"Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;  
"Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover  
And her warfare now is over."*
- 2 *Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many\_a day,  
Now her griefs are passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.*
- 3 *Hark, the herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Calling sinners to repentance,  
Since the Kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God away;  
Let the valleys rise to met Him  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.*
- 4 *Make ye straight what long was crooked;  
Make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That His Word is never broken.*

## READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

### *Old Testament:* 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.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### *Gradual:*

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

*Choir* Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.  
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.  
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.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia:**

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## *Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, 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 to You, O Christ.

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY ..... # 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:    **P** "LORD, in your mercy," or    **P** "Let us pray to the LORD"  
                                  **C** "Hear our prayer!"                            **C** "LORD, have mercy."

OFFERTORY

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



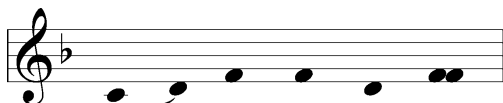
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# The Service of Holy Communion

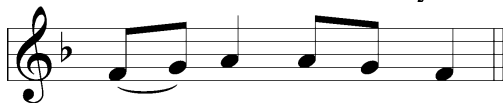
- ✦ **Guests** (both returning and first-time), please refer to “Holy Communion and Guests” on page two.
- ✦ **Communicants**, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, **extend your hand**. To receive our Lord’s Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, **extend your open hand** when the cup you prefer is offered.

## PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



**P** The Lord be with you.



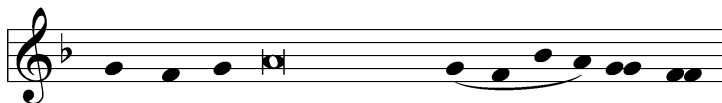
**G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**G** We lift them to the Lord.



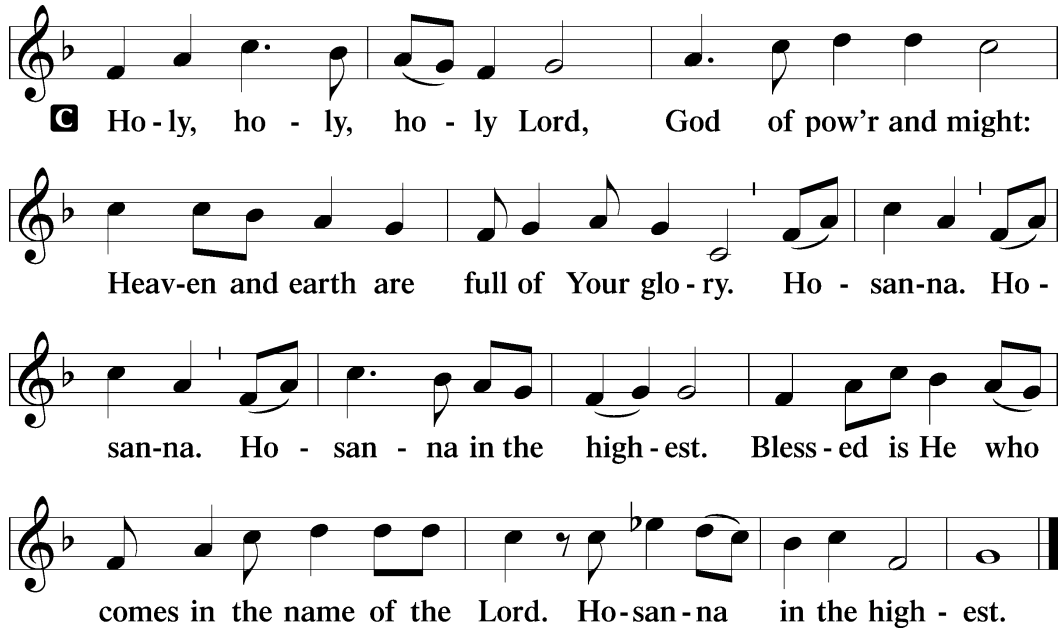
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** *It is truly good, 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:*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

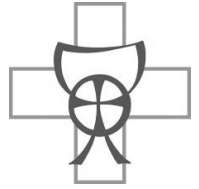
( \*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues )

<b>C</b> *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.*
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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

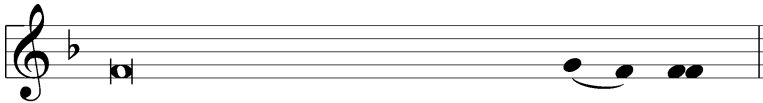
**P** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*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 ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*



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



**C** A - men.

### AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

*John 1:29*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

**FIRST DISTRIBUTION HYMN** ..... # 342



1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;  
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,  
3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,  
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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**SECOND DISTRIBUTION HYMN** ..... # 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



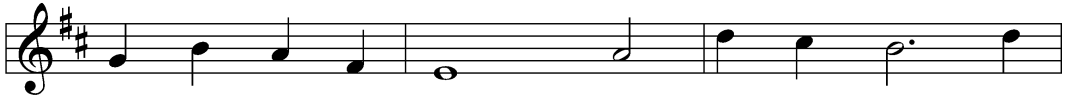
Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O Thou that  
 2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love; Pour down Thy  
 3 With prayer the Fa - ther we im - plore: O Fa - ther,  
 4 To guide what-e'er we no - bly do, With love all



bring-est light from light, O Light of Light, light's  
 ra - diance from a - bove And shed the Ho - ly  
 glo - rious ev - er - more, We plead with Thee for  
 en - vy to sub - due, To give us grace our



liv - ing spring, O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:  
 Spir - it's ray On all we think or do or say.  
 grace and pow'r To con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour,  
 wrongs to bear, To make ill for - tune turn to fair.



Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
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 Al - le - lu - ia!

5 On Christ, the true bread, let us feed;  
 Let Him to us be drink indeed;  
 And let us taste with joyfulness  
 The Holy Spirit's plenteousness.  
 Alleluia!

△ 6 All laud to God the Father be;  
 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;  
 All glory to the Spirit raise  
 In equal and unending praise.  
 Alleluia!



1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on  
 2 His bod - y and His blood I've tak - en In His blest  
 3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -



Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and  
 Sup - per, feast di - vine; Now I shall nev - er be for -  
 out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -



daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.  
 sak - en, For I am His, and He is mine.  
 sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.



O God, for Je-sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy-ing day.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** *O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

**P** *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

**C** **A - men.**



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con - dem-na - tion,  
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,  
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.  
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.  
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.  
 The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,  
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,  
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
 He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:  
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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## ~ Announcements ~

### ◆ *Sunday Christian Education Classes* ◆

Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday. Christian Education classes begin at 8:30 a.m. See below for Sunday morning offerings...

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** ... *PK-Grade 5* – Meets in designated classroom(s). Parents, please pick up your children by 9:35 a.m. Sunday School includes instruction in the Holy Scripture and choral participation in Christian hymnody and song.

**YOUTH CLASS** ... *Grade 6-High School* – Topic: *A new topic* begins next Sunday. Class meets in Fireside Room.

**ADULT CLASS** ... Topic: *“Advent's Event According to Saint Luke.”* Class meets in Parish Hall, and taught by Pastor D. Bestul.

*COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.*

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Mon:** 8:30 am – **Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy** – Meets Mon-Fri  
9:30 am – **Church Office Closed**

**Tue:** 10:00 pm – **Circuit Pastors Meeting** – Meets at LCOS, in Fireside Rm  
7:30 pm – **Board of Elders** – Meets in Fireside Room (*or online by arrangement*)

**Wed:** 9:00 am – **LCOS Homeschool Together Day** – Meets until 3:00 pm  
10:00 am – **Advent Midweek Service – Matins**  
7:30 pm – **Advent Midweek Service – Evening Prayer**

**Thu:** 10:30 am – **All Saints Bible Study** – Meets in Fireside Rm

**Sat:** 9:30 am – **Deck the Sanctuary, Nave, & Parish Hall**

**Sun:** 8:30 am – **Christian Education** (*See above for class meeting locations*)  
10:00 am – **The Divine Service**  
11:45 am – **Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal**

**“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD”** ...

- ◆ **For the HARD-OF-HEARING** ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers. [Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,
- ◆ **For CHILDREN** ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

**PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.

**REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS** ... The Lord bids us pray for each other (1 Tim 2:1; Jms 5:16); therefore, we name in prayer: Julie Ryan (medical); Michael Grunow, Edmund Burdin, William Whorton, Benoit Kai (homebound, or otherwise unable to attend).

# Advent Midweek Services 2025

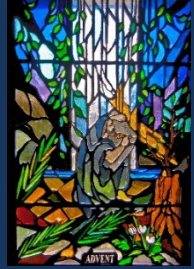
*In this season of repentance and hope, take advantage of the additional chances to hear the living voice of your Lord when the Sacred Scriptures are read and preached.*

## "Songs of Salvation"

- ◆ Dec 3 – *The Magnificat*
- ◆ Dec 10 – *The Benedictus*
- ◆ Dec 17 – *The Nunc Dimittis*

### Wednesday Midweek Advent Services

10:00 a.m. ~ *Matins* . 7:30 p.m. ~ *Evening Prayer*



*"Advent" Window. Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Cupertino.*

### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: NEW TOPIC ... *"Advent's Event According to Saint Luke"*

Join us for a study of Luke's record of the events preceding and culminating in the birth of our Lord. Pastor D. Bestul teaches the class in the Parish Hall Sunday, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADVENT DINNER ... The annual LCOS Advent Dinner is scheduled for *NEXT* Sunday, December 14, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. To sign up in the Courtyard, see Karlynn Emanuel. *If interested in attending, but could use a ride, please contact the LCOS Church Office.*

DECK THE SANCTUARY, NAVE, & PARISH HALL ... Join us *this* Sat, Dec 13, 9:30 a.m., to adorn the sanctuary, nave, and Parish Hall in preparation for Christmastide. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ... If you'd like to supply a poinsettia plant (in loving memory of a loved one), please sign up on the list in the narthex. Poinsettia are \$10/ea; checks may be made payable to Lutheran Church of Our Savior and placed in envelope on Narthex cart.

LOOKING AHEAD ... Plan to join us for the following special services in weeks to come:

- ❖ *Advent Midweek Services – Dec 10, 17 (10:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.)*
- ❖ *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols – Dec 24 (7:30 p.m.)*
- ❖ *Christmas Day Divine Service – Dec 25 (10:00 a.m.)*

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING ... In preparation for next Sunday morn...

*Occasion:* Third Sunday in Advent; *Lessons:* Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-11, Matthew 11:2-15; *Hymn of the Day:* 345, "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding."

SERVING WEEK OF: <b>December 7</b>		<b>December 14</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Pries, T.B.D.	<i>Wednesday</i>	D. Bunsey, M. McThrow, I. Bestul
	<i>Wednesday</i> D. Hall, T. Lung, A. Sacarelos		J. Bestul, J. Kiiski, N. Mogor
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joseph Bestul		Benjamin Bestul
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sally Jo Pries, Barbara Bunsey		Ling Chen, Susan Larkin
<b>Comm. Music</b>	Walter Mitby		Walter Mitby
<b>Counters</b>	Team 3		Team 4
<b>Greeters</b>	Rachael Bestul & family		Nonso Mogor