
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024
✦ DIVINE SERVICE III/HOLY COMMUNION ✦
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REGISTRATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Members of Mt. Calvary and visitors, who are confirmed members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to announce attendance at Holy Communion by means of the registration cards in the pews. Non-member visitors and guests, who may desire to attend Holy Communion, are asked to speak in person with the Pastor before doing so. Those who desire a blessing, but choose not to commune, may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest.

In accord with Holy Scripture, our church teaches that Holy Communion is open only to those who: (1) have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; Matt. 28:19, Acts 2:41-42; (2) are able to examine themselves both as to what this meal is and also its purpose; 1 Cor. 11:26-30; (3) have confessed and repented of their sins; 1 John 1:8-2:3; (4) believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine all communicants receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins: 1 Cor. 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 10:16, Matt. 26:26-28; and who (5) are united in belief in the same teaching: 1 Cor. 10:17, Rom. 16:18, 2 John 10-11, Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:9.

Looking for extra help in focusing your thoughts for the Lord's Supper? "Christian Questions with Their Answers" was prepared by Luther to address just that. They can be found in your hymnal on pages 329-330. Review them if you get to church early, or during the offering, or if you are waiting to be invited forward.

Prayer before Worship:

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

**STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS GO BE- | FORE YOU.
 BLESSÈD ARE THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE | FESTAL SHOUT,*
 WHO WALK, O LORD, IN THE LIGHT | OF YOUR FACE,
 WHO EXULT IN YOUR NAME | ALL THE DAY*
 AND IN YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS ARE EX- | ALTED.
 FOR OUR SHIELD BELONGS | TO THE LORD,*
 OUR KING TO THE HOLY ONE OF | ISRAEL.
 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.
 BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COM- | ING TO YOU;*
 RIGHTEOUS AND HAVING SAL- | VATION.**

KYRIE*Lord Have Mercy**Page 186*

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

HYMN OF PRAISE*LSB 338 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***SALUTATION***Page 189*

The Lord be with you.
 And with thy spir - it.
 Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

C: STIR UP YOUR POWER, O LORD, AND COME, THAT BY YOUR PROTECTION WE MAY BE RESCUED FROM THE THREATENING PERILS OF OUR SINS AND SAVED BY YOUR MIGHTY DELIVERANCE; FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

Please be seated

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: PROPHETS – (The Horman Family)

L: Let none who wait on You be ashamed, O Lord;

C: SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD, AND TEACH ME YOUR PATHS.

L: Behold, the name of the Lord comes from far;

C: LET THE WHOLE EARTH BE FILLED WITH HIS GLORY.

L: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined;

C: OUR GOD SHALL COME.

L: As we wait to celebrate Christmas,

C: WE REMEMBER HOW GOD'S PEOPLE OF OLD WAITED FOR PROMISED MESSIAH.

L: As the faithful listened to the words of the prophets;

C: SO WE LISTEN TODAY, HOPING TO BETTER KNOW THE GRACES THAT CAME TO LIGHT WHEN JESUS WAS BORN.

L: Let us then remember what the prophets promised: that a King would come to shepherd His people;

C: THAT A SERVANT WOULD COME TO SUFFER FOR ALL SIN AND REDEEM THOSE HELD CAPTIVE;

L: That a Child would be born, Prince of Peace;

C: AND THAT A SAVIOR WOULD RESCUE ALL FROM DEATH.

L: So we light this candle as a sign;

C: A SIGN OF HOPE IN THE DARKNESS; FOR WE KNOW THAT THE PROPHETS' WORDS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

L: Let us pray:

Gracious Savior, in this time of waiting, let us hear the prophets' words about You, and make us reflect more deeply on Who You are. Let us prepare to celebrate Your birth with joy, knowing that in You all God's promises have their completion. And give us repentant hearts and watchful eyes so that we are ready to greet You when you return in glory. We ask this in Your blessed name.

C: AMEN.

(the candle is lighted)

**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.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹ What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God,

¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Please stand

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.



²⁸ When He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “**Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.** ³¹ **If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”** ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their

cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “**I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.**”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



NICENE CREED

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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.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***SERMON***Please stand.***OFFERTORY***Create in Me**Pages 192-93*

C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*Hymn: LSB 550 Lamb of God***PREFACE***Page 194*

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.



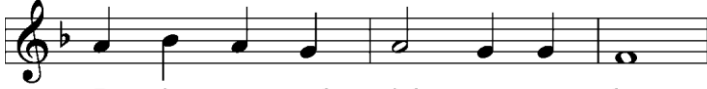
P Lift up your hearts.



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.

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 singing:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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,



bles - ed is He, bles - 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

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C: 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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

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



C A - men.

Please be seated

AGNUS DEI*Lamb of God*

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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.

Prayer before Communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

LSB 354 Arise, O Christian People

LSB 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His most precious Blood, strengthen you in true faith, granting you the forgiveness of sins, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace.

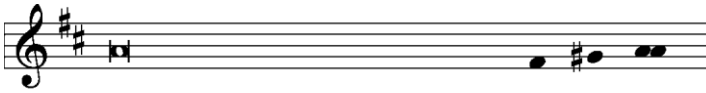
C: AMEN.

NUNC DIMITTIS

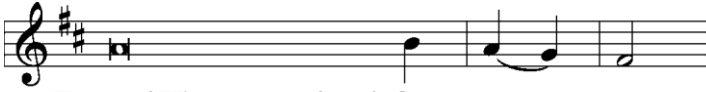
*Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant
(Song of Simeon)*

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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 without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING*Pages 200-01*

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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: 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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS*Pages 201-02*

P The Lord be with you.



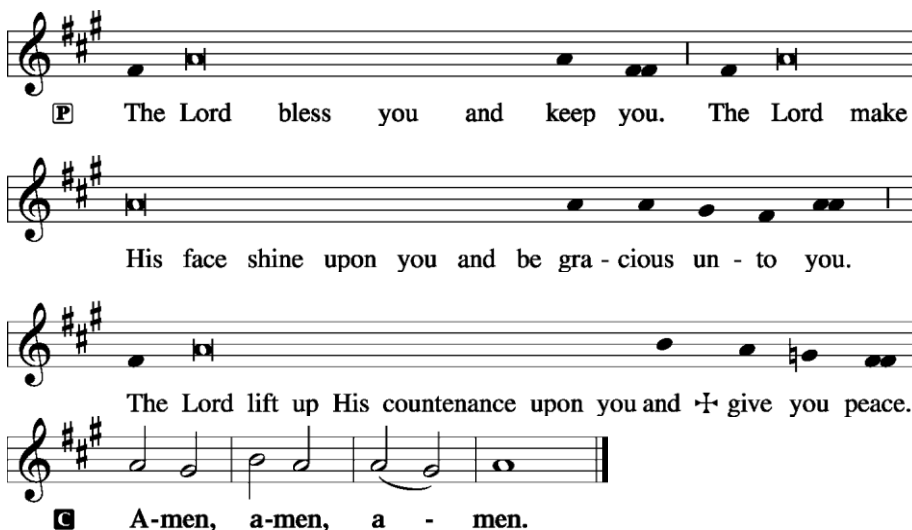
C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION


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 ✠ give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN LSB 348 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns***SILENT PRAYER**

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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