



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

# *First Sunday of Advent*

## *Order of Holy Communion*

### *In Nomine Jesu*



### *Preservice Music*

### *Ringling of the Bells*

### *Prelude*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

### *Greetings & Announcements*

# Hymn of Invocation

## SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan; Tune: "Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland"; LSB #332 © 2006 CPH



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

(Stand)

8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

(Remain Standing)

## Invocation

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



**C** A - men

(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

(Kneel)

## Confession of Sins

**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.  
(Hebrews 10:22)

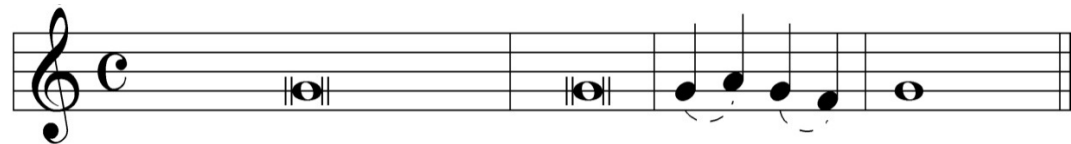
**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,



**C** Who made heav'n and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,



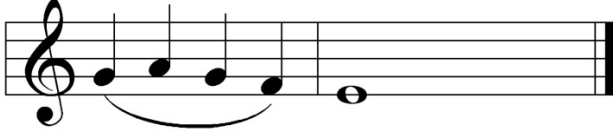
**C** And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

(Psalm 32:5)

**C** *O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserve Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.*

## Absolution

- 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** A - men.

(John 20:19-23)

(Stand)

## Introit

“ECCE REX TUUS VENIT TIBI”

(Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.)

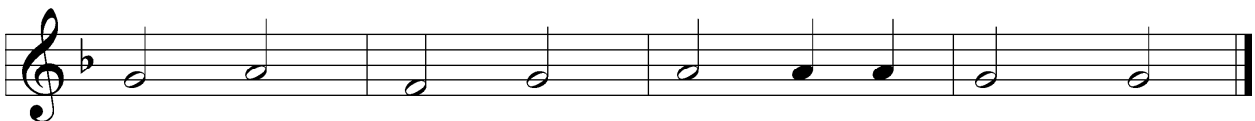
- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
- C** *Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?*
- P** Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?
- C** *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.*
- P** Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
- C** *who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.*
- P** For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- C** *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.*
- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

## Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)

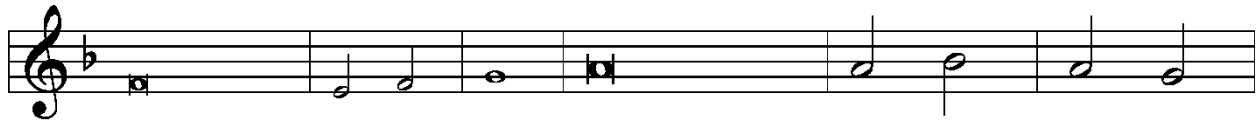


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

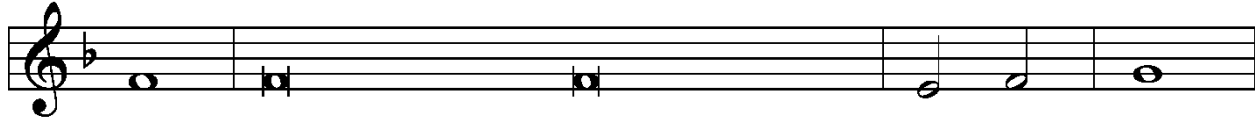


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

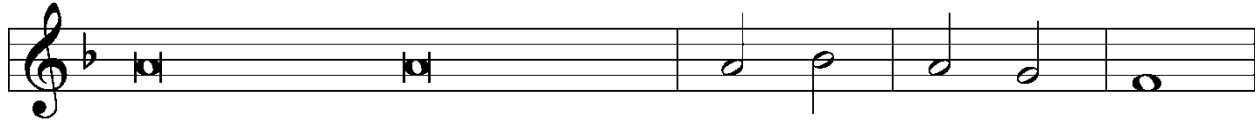
## *Gloria in Excelsis*



**C** Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



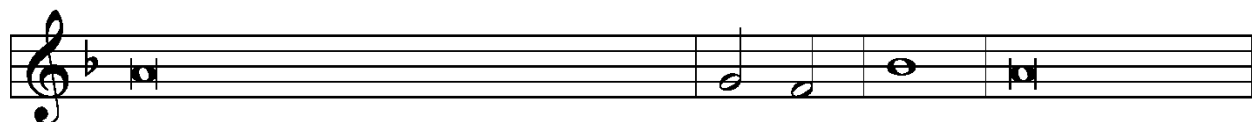
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** A - men.

(Be Seated)

## *Ministry of Music*

### HOW WILL WE KNOW HIM?

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Laudate Choir

*How will we know him when he comes? How will we know Emmanuel?  
Will he be a mighty king, a crown upon his head? Or will he be a tiny child, sleeping beside his mother mild;  
Angels and shepherds kneeling at his manger bed?  
Where will we find him when he comes? Where will we find Emmanuel?  
Will he be in a palace sitting on a throne of gold?  
Or will the Wise Men from afar find him beneath a shining star; Cattle and sheep around him in a stable cold?  
Will he rule with a mighty hand; nations and armies at his command?  
Or will this Child of humble birth teach us to live in peace on earth?  
What can we give him when he comes? What can we give Emmanuel?  
How can we ever show him that we want to do our part?  
He has no need for earthly things; Silver and gold and jeweled rings.  
All he would have us give him is a loving heart. All he would have us give him is a loving heart.*

## Old Testament Lesson

### JEREMIAH 33:14–16

[14] “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. [15] In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. [16] In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

*Even though he lived in an age of uncertainty, the prophet looked forward to the future. Knowing God’s promise to right all wrongs and bring about justice, peace and stability, and being convinced that God would fulfill that promise brought Jeremiah and countless others the courage and joy that comes from hopeful expectation.*

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

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

## Gradual

*(Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.)*

**P** 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 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.

*The proclamation of the Gospel had borne great fruit among the Thessalonian Christians. Paul prays that their response to the promises of the Gospel will abound more and more so that on the day God fulfills his promises with the Coming of Christ they may be found to be holy – God’s people in every way.*

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

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



(Stand)

## *Alleluia and Verse*



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## *Holy Gospel*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

## *Gospel Reading*

ST. LUKE 19:28–40

[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. [36] And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. [37] As 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, [38] saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” [39] And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” [40] He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

*Christ's triumphs are the matter of his disciples' praises. When Christ came nigh to Jerusalem, God put it into the hearts of the whole multitude to rejoice and praise God, and the spreading of their clothes in the way was a common expression of joy. Let the God of heaven send peace and success to his undertaking, and then there will be glory in the highest. Such is the communion we have with the holy angels that, as they rejoice in the peace on earth, so we rejoice in the peace in heaven, the peace God makes in his high places (Job 25:2), and both in Christ, who hath reconciled all things to himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

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



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

## *Nicene Creed*

*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe 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.*

*(Be Seated)*

# *Baptism Hymn*

## BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY

Text: Johann Jacob Rambach; Tune: Cornelius Heinrich Dretzel – “O Dass Ich Tausend Zungen Hätte”; LSB #590 © 2006 CPH



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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## *Sacrament of Holy Baptism for*

EVELYN ALICE MATEI



# Sermon Hymn

## LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

Text: Georg Weissel; Tune: August Lemke – “Milwaukee”; LSB #341 © 2006 CPH



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing.  
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.  
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

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(Stand for Text)

## Sermon

TEXT: ST. LUKE 19:28–40  
“HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST”

(Stand)

## Votum

## Offertory

(Psalm 51:10–12)



■ 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

(Be Seated)

## Offering

*Voluntary*  
LIFT UP YOUR HEADS  
By J. Bender

(Stand)  
*Intercessory Prayer*

**P** let us pray to the Lord  
**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

*Preface*

**Worship Note:** The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.

**P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)



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

**P** Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)



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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. (Psalm 136)



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

**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 singing:

## Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



**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.

## Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**P** 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;



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

(Matthew 26:26-28)

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.”

*(John 20:19)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Agnus Dei*

*(John 1:29)*

(Soprano 1:23)

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.



(Be Seated)

## Distribution & Hymns

*(This congregation observes the Biblical practice of "Closed Communion," outlined in the Communion Policy Statement in the announcements of the bulletin. If you have not communed with us previously and have not had the opportunity to speak with our Pastor about communion attendance, we respectfully request that you refrain from participating in the Sacrament this morning. Thank you for your kindness.)*

### WHAT HOPE! AN EDEN PROPHESED

Text: Stephen P. Starke; Tune: "Consolation"; LSB #342 © 2006 CPH



- 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;



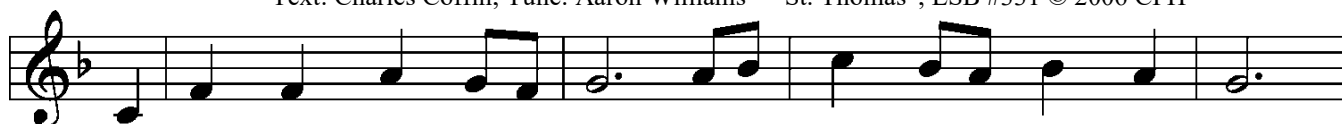
The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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### THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

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- 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.

*(continued...)*

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.

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## ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING

Text: Johann Horn; Tune: Michael Weisse – “Gottes Sohn Ist Kommen”; LSB #333 © 2006 CPH

1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -

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.

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(Stand)

# *Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon*

(Luke 2:29-32)

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

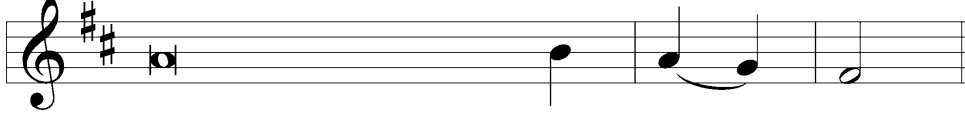
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



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

## Post-Communion Collect

**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 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

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# Closing Hymn

## PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén; Tune: Swedish, 17<sup>th</sup> cent. – “Bereden Väg För Herran”; LSB #343 © 2006 CPH



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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## Postlude

## BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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## *Gloria Deo Gloria!*

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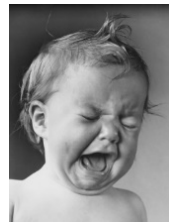
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*Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.*

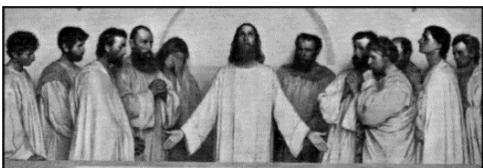
It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worship here this day may encounter the love of our Savior. According to His promise, He is here today reaching out to us in love through Word and Sacrament. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you have found it here so that we may rejoice in serving the Lord together. If we can be of service to you or your family in any way please do not hesitate to ask.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of redeeming grace, you lead us in paths of righteousness and make your ways known through the birth of a child. We praise your goodness and rely on your wisdom. Accept the sounds of rejoicing we raise to you, and guide our hearing as we seek your instruction. Grant that we may not only worship you joyfully but follow you faithfully all the days of our lives. Amen.

**ATTENDANCE CARDS – MEMBERS (yellow) & VISITORS (blue),** remember to fill out an attendance card listing all in attendance for your family. Please note any changes, otherwise you do not have to fill in the address information each week. It is appreciated if first-time visitors would include their address and phone number. Email and work numbers are helpful for inner-office needs. By filling out a card, your attendance and communing is recorded, and your comments are addressed. It is not necessary to indicate common or individual cup. Place cards in the offering plate or give to an usher on your way out. Thanks!



- *The Cry-Room and the four row spans directly in front of it are reserved for parents with small children. Thank you.*
- *Hearing devices are available from the ushers if you need this assistance.*



**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated next on Sunday, December 12 at 9:30 AM. “Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” *1 Corinthians 11:28*

The Word of God teaches that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This precious gift of God’s grace is to be received in a sense of reverent awe after careful self-examination. The Bible defines that self-examination as a personal recognition of the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Sacrament, and a repentant acknowledgment of my own sinfulness recognizing my absolute dependence upon Christ as the only source of forgiveness for my sin. Scripture further instructs that our participation in Christ’s Body and Blood together is the most profound and powerful way for Christians to acknowledge their unity in the faith. That is to say, when we share in the Body and Blood of Jesus at this altar, we are thereby indicating our common commitment to all of the doctrines of God’s Word as they are taught in this congregation. Because of these Biblical convictions, we respectfully request that visitors, who wish to join us in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ and thereby identify with our confession of Bible truth, speak with one of our pastors before attending the Lord’s Supper.

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## ***Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School Options for All:***

### **8:15 AM**

**Genesis: The Beginning of All Things** – A study of Creation in Scripture, chapters 1-11 (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

### **10:45 AM**

**Thru the Bible in One Year – A Personal Commitment to the Faithful Study of the Word of God:** We will continue our study on the Scripture readings the congregation is working on together this year. (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

**Lutheran Confessions:** Our Lutheran Confessions were developed out of a genuine concern with false teachings obscuring the glory and merit of our Savior. These unconditional affirmations are as understandable and poignant today as when they were written. Learn their history and development, as well as their relevance in the daily life of a Christian. Through discussion, you will see how others are asking the same questions and how Scripture offers solid, reliable answers. (James Kriegel, C101)

**Bethel Bible Series:** “Proverbs” – The Bethel Class has now begun the study of the Book of Proverbs. Proverbs is a much-loved book of wisdom whose guidance has practical application to lives in every age. In our study of Proverbs, we will direct our attention to prerequisites to happiness. Good human relationships are indispensable to a happy life! What must we do then to be on amiable terms with those who live about us? It is to that question to which our study shall be addressed. (Herb Peterson, C102)

**Women’s Bible Study:** We are doing a special Advent devotional series for this season of preparation and expectation. (Family Room, Church)

**Applying Scripture to Current Events:** This class for young adults will focus on today’s headlines and current events and discuss these topics in light of scripture and how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. (Adam White, C106)

**The Early Church:** The history of the first four centuries of the early Church, exploring how God guided and sustained the first Christians, and what it means for us today. (Karl Baughman, Cafeteria)

## **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED –**

High School - Youth Room	4th - 5th Grade – C113	Kindergarten – B107
8th Grade Confirmation – C105	3rd Grade – C116	3 & 4 yrs – B108
6th - 7th Grade – C103	1st - 2nd Grade – C115	18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111

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The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild in praise and thanksgiving for a new church year and blessed Advent season.

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**The FLOWER CHART is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions!** Each flower arrangement is \$45. You will find the flower clipboard on the hutch in the narthex. Remember to write a “W” if you want the flowers, or “S” to send them to the sick. Thank you!

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** Remember to log in to your Breeze account, and make sure all your contact information is correct – phone numbers, address, email accounts, etc. You can even **add your own PHOTO**. Call the church office if you need help: 713-290-9087.

**Monday Evening Adult Information Class – BACK TO THE BASICS!** Adult Information Class is on Mondays @ 7:00 PM. The class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught and confessed in this Lutheran Congregation. The class is designed for anyone considering membership in Our Savior Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a great review of basic Bible doctrine. The class meets from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, on Monday evenings, and continues for twelve weeks. Babysitting and refreshments are provided.



**WEEKLY MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** – We are studying the book of Acts. All men are invited on Wednesday mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Contact Channing Wood at [channing@toddyblends.com](mailto:channing@toddyblends.com).

**PASTOR WHITE’S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** is from 10:00-12:00, and we are studying *Romans, Chief Part of the New Testament and the Very Purest Gospel*. Make Bible study a regular part of your schedule every week. Food and fellowship provided of course!

**CHURCH OFFICE POSITION OPEN:** I am sad to announce that Debbie Lazarine will be retiring as Church Office Manager at the end of 2021. Debbie has served her Lord in this position admirably and well. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please submit a resume at your earliest convenience to Pastor White: [lwhite@osl.cc](mailto:lwhite@osl.cc).



**CHURCH ACCOUNTANT NEEDED:** After 8 years, Christy is making her job available. **Requirements:** Prepare and make deposits; prepare and distribute disbursements; make journal entries; prepare financial statements; run reports. Primary liaison for benefits, payroll, and taxes involving communications and systems. Responsible for recording church contributions; other assignments as needed. 20 to 24 hours per week. Work schedule has some flexibility. For the right candidate with the appropriate skills, budget planning and detailed analysis will be added bringing the job to 32 hours per week. **Qualifications:** Bachelor’s degree in accounting or equivalent experience; Strong experience in QuickBooks; Excellent personal skills with ability to work with various people; Must be able to maintain strict confidentiality of information; Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Resumes and questions may be submitted to George Boerger: [gboerger@coca-cola.com](mailto:gboerger@coca-cola.com) or 713-201-4960.

**THANKSGIVING SALES are the best time to buy flannel for the Baby Buses & Office!** We supply all 3 with blankets to give to moms choosing life for their babies after seeing their ultrasound. We will be buying flannel at Jo Ann’s this Thanksgiving time. If you can donate, just write “*blanket fund*” in the memo on your check, or give any contributions to Cindy Wright or Ethelene. Thanks for supporting this important ministry!





**HANGING OF THE GREENS is December 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon**, following Sunday School! We meet in the narthex and help with this OSL tradition of Hanging of the Greens. This is a great afternoon for the family to share. There is something for teenagers on up, Men & Women! The Altar Guild appreciates your help! Sandwiches & drinks will be provided for the workers in the narthex. For any questions contact Debbie Adams 713-826-1279.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLING!** Join us **December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm!** Bring the whole family and let's fill every seat on the bus as we spread some Christmas cheer, singing to our shut-in members! Then we'll come back to church for snacks and fellowship. Bring a snack to share and come with your voices strong and ready to sing.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** – Toddy, Inc. Winery, Distillery, Brewery and Event Venue is currently hiring for the following positions: Daiquiri Store Attendants, Bartenders, Bar-Backs, Servers, Drivers, Salesmen and Cooks. Send resume to [recruiter@toddyoaks.com](mailto:recruiter@toddyoaks.com), located at 20120 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77449.



**GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness!** Get to know your fellow church family. Call Terry Tomchesson for information: 281-777-4879. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for audio-visual ministries:** If you would like to learn from a “hands on” perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name, number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.

**Name Tags upon request.** Simply express the way you want to have your name appear and give your place of birth to Debbie in the church office, 713-290-9087 ext. 202, or [dlazarine@osl.cc](mailto:dlazarine@osl.cc).

**STAMPS** – Cheerful Helpers are collecting stamps trimmed to ¼". Please put them in the mailbox in Pastor White's Bible Class Room. – Sandi Hall, Human Care Chairman.

**RECYCLE** Paper in the bin which is now in the back parking lot to the north.

**BOX TOPS for Education** – Please place the trimmed box tops in an envelope marked for the school on the narthex table.

**Greeting Cards are available in the Bible Class Room.** Each box is \$6 or \$7. Make checks payable to OSL, with Circle of Grace in the memo.

**AMAZON SMILE & OSL** – Now enjoy everything Amazon offers while supporting OSL School. Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Our Savior Lutheran School. How? Visit [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), search “Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Houston” and select us as your preferred charity. Who knew supporting your school could be so easy?

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM** — Please make sure your account has our new NPO account number, **XB926**. Log in to your account at [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com), place the cursor on the Savings & Rewards link at the top left-hand side, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Choose the “View Details” button under “I'm a Customer”. Verify that the Organization Number is **XB926**. You should also see “You are contributing to Our Savior Lutheran School” at the bottom of your grocery receipt.

*Don't forget to tithe!*



*Use the OSL app from Subsplash! It is free in the App Store.*

*No monthly fee - No set up fee - No hidden fees - Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases.*

*All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction.*

*All ACH donations are 1% with no cents.*

*There is also a “GIVE” link at the top of our website: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc)*

**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 486 people in attendance (last year 318), 800 viewed our service online.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 33,158.13
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 47.....	\$ 1,490,336.41
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 35,365.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 47 .....	\$ 1,662,155.00
General Fund Income to date .....	\$ 3,198,171.90
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 206,705.45

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10*

*Please use your assigned envelopes which are mailed to you, and have your number on them. That way we can be sure you are properly credited for ALL your contributions. Thank You!*

### Those To Serve:

	Today, November 28, at 9:30 AM	Next Sunday, December 5, at 9:30 AM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Jeff Musgrove	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
<b>USHERS:</b>	Gobrogge Team	Lehr Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Whiting	Witt
<b>CARTS:</b>	Kriegel Team	Gavin Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Summer Morrissey / Heidi Nitsch	Mary Johnson / Katherine Johnson
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	Jeanene Lunsford Team	—
<b>COMM.ASST:</b>	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Jeff Musgrove / Dennis Mueller	—
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 2 Ken	Team 3 James
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Shawn & Wendy Fulton	Jim, Debra & Riley Carter
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Laudate Choir	Laudate Choir / Cantate
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White	

	Advent Wednesday, December 1, at 7:00 PM
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
<b>USHERS:</b>	Gobrogge Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Whiting
<b>CARTS:</b>	Kriegel Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Sam Adams / Anthony Cooper / Cade Witt
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 2 Ken
<b>MUSIC:</b>	OSL 2nd-4th Grade classes
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White

*All Advent meals will be from **Chick-fil-A**, with sandwiches or wraps for adults, and nuggets for the kids, served in the **cafeteria**.*



**Join us this Advent and Christmas season** in walking through the **Come and See Devotional**. Each day includes a short reading and a brief devotion to encourage our hearts and minds to rest in the One who came for us and will come for us again. Copies are available in the Narthex, or scan this code for a downloadable PDF version.



## *OSL at a Glance*

### **Sunday, November 28, 2021**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
<b>Communion-Baptism</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Laudate	12:00 PM	School Music Room

### **Monday, November 29, 2021**

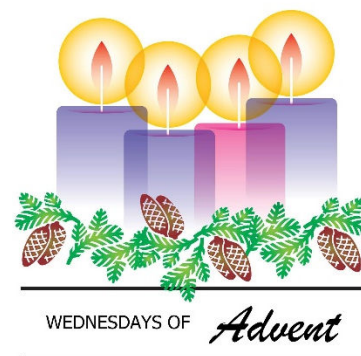
Adult Information Class-BC	7:00 PM	Bible Class Room
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### **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

Parochial Ed-A102E	7:00 PM	School
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### **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30 AM	Bible Class Room
School Chapel	9:10 AM	Church
Bible Class-BC	10:00 AM	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00 PM	Church Office
<b>Advent Meal (from Chick-fil-A)</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>School Cafeteria</b>
<b>Advent Service</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>



### **Thursday, December 2, 2021**

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00 PM	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15 PM	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00 PM	Choir Loft
Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group	7:00 PM	Bible Class Room

### **Saturday, December 4, 2021**

Men Alive-A101	8:30 AM	Cafeteria
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### **Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
<b>Matins-Baptism</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School 10:45 AM		
8th Grade To-Go Box Fundraiser	11:00 AM	Outdoor Parking
Cantate	12:00 PM	Church Music Room
High School Youth Meeting	4:30 PM	Youth Room

**CHRISTMAS SMOKED RIBS!** Your very own OSL Holy Smokers will be firing up the pit once again on Friday, December 10, to prepare Slow Smoked Ribs. All proceeds to benefit OSL Christmas Angel Fund. Pre-order your 100% cooked to perfection Ribs at a low price of only \$20.00 by completing a form available in the narthex or by email to [oslaholysmokers@gmail.com](mailto:oslaholysmokers@gmail.com) (include name, phone number and quantity) **Deadline for ordering is Wednesday DECEMBER 8.** All ribs must be picked up on **Friday, December 10** between the hours of 3 to 5 pm. Buy extra for your family and friends or even your neighbor!





# Drive-Through Nativity

You can still sign up to Volunteer!

We especially need:

- Greeters & Traffic Directors
- Costumed actors for Resurrection Garden & Bethlehem Townspeople
- Your **prayers** as we continue planning and preparing!

*Volunteers will be provided with supper on December 11th, and we will have babysitting available for children of volunteers, if they won't be participating. This is a great family activity, though, so we encourage people of any age who want to participate to do so.*

*If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, call the church office at 713-290-9087, email [sbaughman@osl.cc](mailto:sbaughman@osl.cc), or text Sarah at 832-745-1018.*

*Finally, this event is an outreach to our community, so even if you can't volunteer, please invite your friends and neighbors, and come drive through yourself!*



## Order Your Poinsettias

The Altar Guild will be decorating our church with poinsettias to celebrate the joy of our newborn Savior in memory of loved ones or a special occasion. Your dedication will be printed in a special book that will be handed out at the Christmas services. Use this form and place in the offering plate, mail to us, or email to Debbie at [dlazarine@osl.cc](mailto:dlazarine@osl.cc). Each poinsettia plant is \$10.00. Checks made out to OSL. Poinsettias will be

available for pick up after the New Year's Eve Service. Poinsettia dedication deadline for the book is December 15th.

Yes, I want \_\_\_\_ poinsettias @ \$10.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_