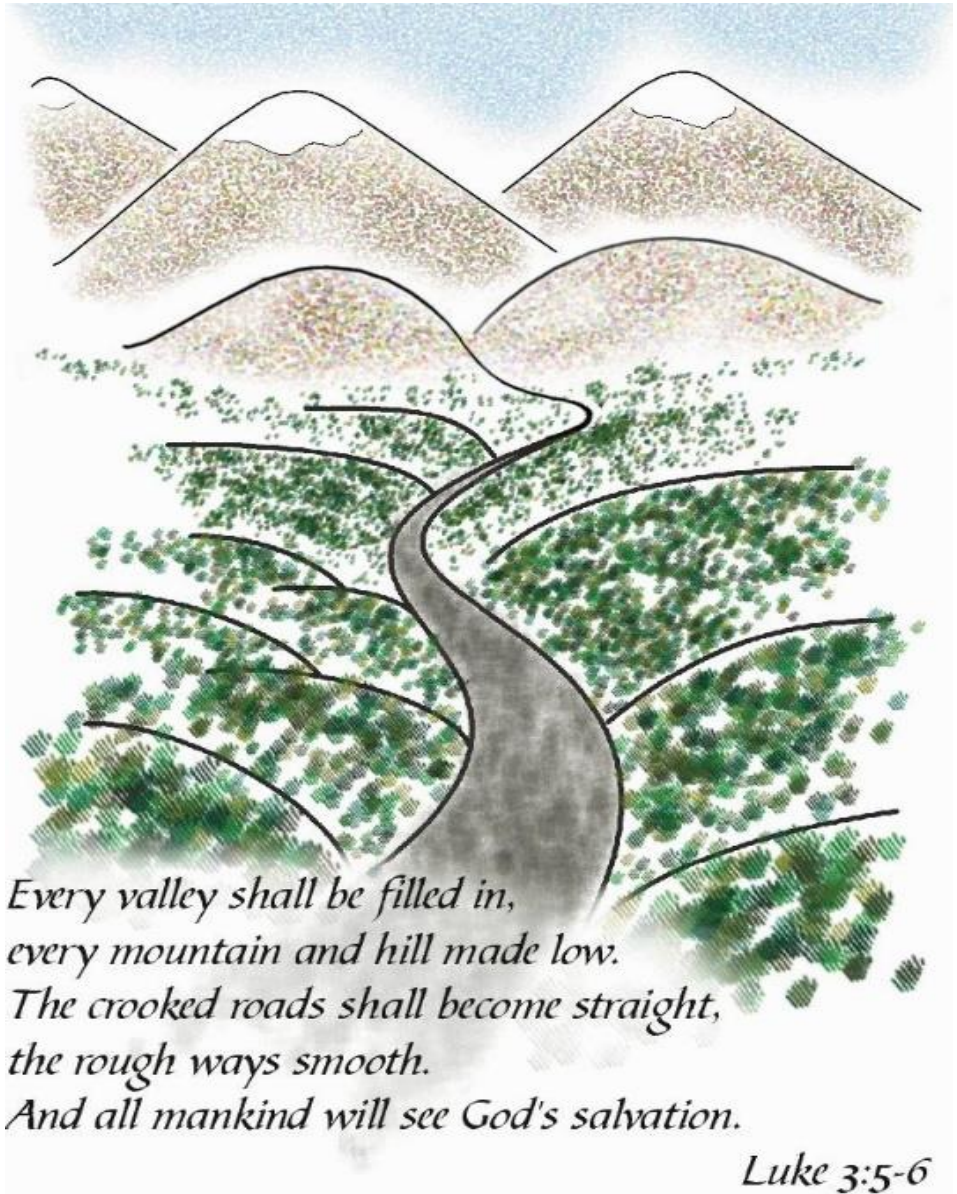


# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

*Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.*



## Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

8:00 & 10:45 am & 6:00 pm

## *Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!*

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION** Members and visitors, please click this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.**

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

**YOUNG CHILDREN** We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together.** Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

### **EDUCATION HOUR**

**Adult Bible Class:** We are studying in the Book of Mark.

**Sunday School:** Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating Sunday school classrooms.

**Nursery:** There is a staffed nursery during the education hour (9:30 – 10:30am).

**HOLY COMMUNION** In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.** Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.

# The Order of Service

December 5, 2021

## AS WE GATHER

### *The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord*

The preaching and Baptism “*of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “*see the salvation of God*” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “*will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

## PASTORAL GREETING

## PRELUDE

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

Paul Manz

## OPENING HYMN

*Sing Praise to the God of Israel*

LSB 936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.  
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.  
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

*Stand*

## ✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

### INVOCATION

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)*

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

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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.**
- 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.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy...and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Once He Came in Blessing*  
LSB 333:1, 4

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| 1. Once He came in blessing,<br>All our sins redressing;<br>Came in likeness lowly,<br>Son of God most holy;<br>Bore the cross to save us;<br>Hope and freedom gave us. | 4. Come, then, O Lord Jesus,<br>From our sins release us.<br>Keep our hearts believing,<br>That we, grace receiving,<br>Ever may confess You<br>Till in heav'n we bless You. |
|---|--|

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### Week 2 – Peace Candle

- P** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- C** **Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.**
- P** That her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned.
- C** **She has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.**
- P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD.
- C** **Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Is. 40:1-3)**

### WREATH HYMN

*“We Light the Advent Candle”*

**We light the Advent candle  
And thank the Lord for rest.  
With PEACE, we know our Jesus  
Has come to be our guest.  
This PEACE beyond all knowing  
Within our hearts is glowing.  
We wait with growing light  
Till God makes all things right!**

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

<sup>1</sup>Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.

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

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

## ANTHEM

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
**7th – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Cir**

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 1:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled

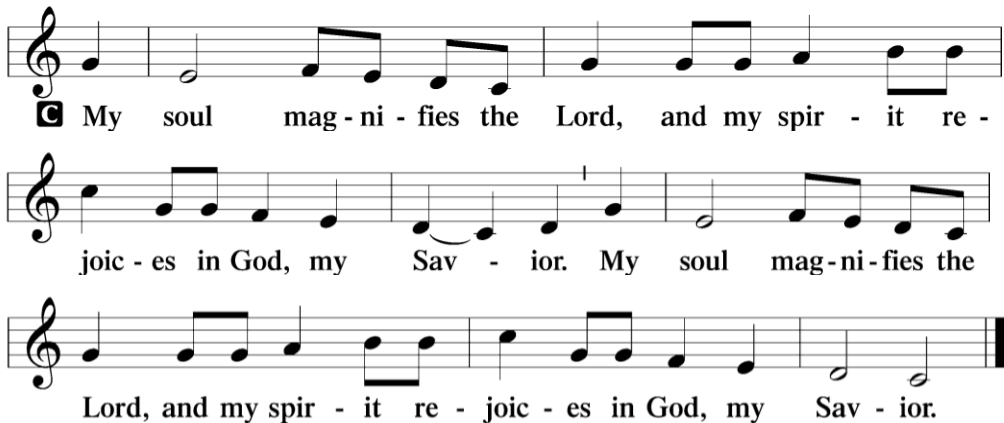
with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

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

*Stand*

### **GOSPEL VERSE**~~*Magnificat ~ Song of Mary*



**C** My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 3:1-20**

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" <sup>7</sup>He said therefore to



the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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>9</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>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." <sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Joel Schultz**

## SERMON HYMN

## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 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.

## SERMON

## Glad, Thrilling Repentance

Luke 3:1-20

Pastor Joel Schultz

*Stand*

**THE NICENE CREED** *(Printed on the back page of the hymnal)*

- ☐ 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**P** That the Lord who was once long-suffering toward Israel, calling them to repentance, would open our hearts to hear His Word, receive His gifts and gladly submit to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For pastors, that God, who called Isaiah and John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, would bless them with every good gift as they prepare His people for Christ's coming in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For the Church, that the Lord who cleanses and gathers us would cause our love to abound more and more, give us knowledge and discernment of what is excellent, and preserve us blameless for the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For families, that our Father who gathers us into His household would bless the households of this congregation; and that He would bless all within them so that their love may abound with knowledge, discernment and the righteousness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For those who serve in the military, that the Lord of hosts, who through John the Baptist counseled soldiers to conduct themselves according to His Word, would remember, protect and guide them to serve honorably, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For those in need of healing, comfort and rescue, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that for the sake of Christ, who is mightier than all, God would deliver them according to His will and assure them of His faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For all who partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, that as John prepared all flesh to see the Lord's salvation, so God would prepare our hearts to worthily receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

## OFFERING PRAYER

# ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

### *O Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, The God by heav'n-ly  
hosts a - dored, Both heav'n and earth Your glo - ry show.  
Ho - san - na sing we to the Lord. *Refrain* Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 INSTITUTION

**PAX DOMINI**~~(Latin: *Peace of the Lord*)

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

**C** **And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI

## O Christ, The Holy Lamb of God

O Christ, the ho - ly Lamb of God, Who takes a - way the  
whole world's sin, Have mer - cy on us now, we pray,  
And grant Your heav'n - ly peace with-in. *Refrain* Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## INVITATION

**P** Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

### Personal Examination Before Communing

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

(For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.)

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

### Instructions for Communing

We use continuous kneeling tables for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When

you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

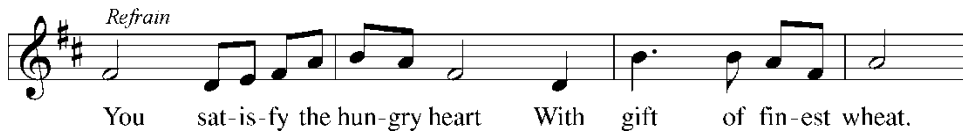
**Non-alcoholic white wine** is located in the center of each tray and should be used only by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

**Gluten-free wafers** are available; please indicate your need to the pastor at the table.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

LSB 641



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
grat - i - tude That You should count us  
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.  
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.



# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

LSB 345



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



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



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

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343



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!

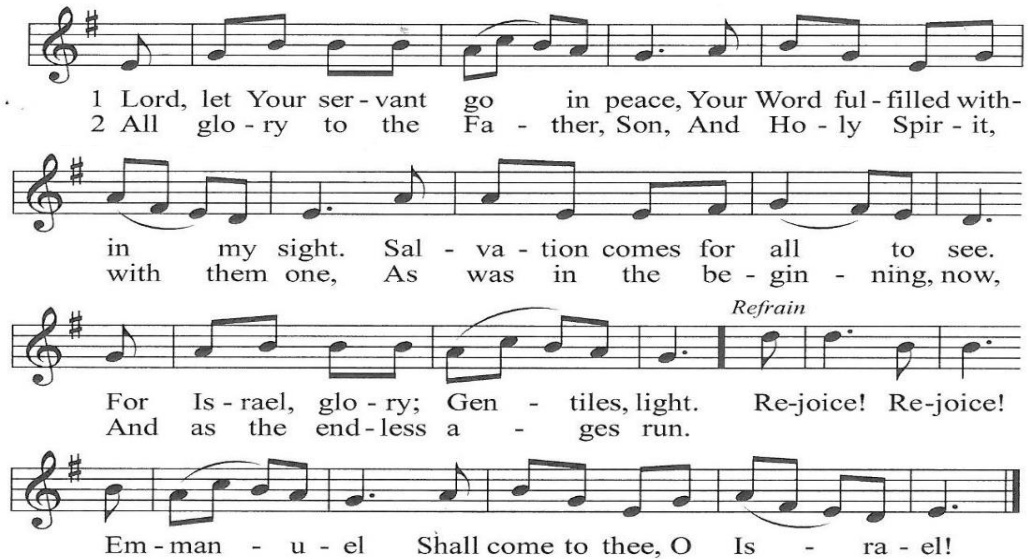
*Stand*

## DISMISSAL

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

## Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace

James Pierce



1 Lord, let Your ser - vant go in peace, Your Word ful - filled with -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in my sight. Sal - va - tion comes for all to see.  
with them one, As was in the be - gin - ning, now,  
*Refrain*  
For Is - rael, glo - ry; Gen - tiles, light. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
And as the end-less a - ges run.  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### *Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement*

LSB 511



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing  
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the  
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -  
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and  
news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the  
pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward  
come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.  
des - ert For the one who brings God near.  
chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.  
pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

*Refrain*



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

## POSTLUDE

### *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

David Cherwien

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Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada  
Liturgist..... Pastor Mike Ada  
Organist..... (8:00 & 10:45) Deb Miller (6:00) Luran Delancy  
Special Music..... 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Choir  
Acolytes..... (8:00) Cora Schreiner & Cora Delancy  
..... (10:45) Kelsey Tepy & Aubrey Huseman  
Greeters ..... (8:00) Bob & Karen Rinne (10:45) Paul Peterson  
Ushers..... (8:00) Bob Rinne, Jordan Klebe, Karen Rinne  
..... (10:45) David Raetzel, Dennis Smith, Ron Aerni, Gene Downard, Brad Keefe  
Altar Guild..... Debbie Johnson, Deb Hodnik, Mary Jane Rees, Deb Froelich  
Nursery..... Zach & Alaina Booth  
Counters ..... Todd Scheumann, Bob Welsh & Eric Domsch  
Altar Flowers ..... John & Mia Schreiner

**ALTAR FLOWERS** that adorn our altar this morning were given by John & Mia Schreiner in celebration of their wedding anniversary.



# Holiday Schedule

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE** - Wednesday, December 1 @7:00pm

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE** - "Great O Antiphons," Wednesday, December 8 @ 7:00pm

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE** - "Service of Lessons and Carols,"  
Wednesday, December 15 @ 6:30pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** - Friday, December 24 @4pm, 6pm, and 8pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** - Saturday, December 25, 9:00am

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS** - Sunday, December 26 @ 9:00am (1 service only)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE** - Friday, December 31, 6:00pm

## **Voice of the Martyrs prayer request**

### **House Churches Impacted By Economic Crisis - Iran**

Iran's house church network faces challenges as a result of the country's struggling economy. With limited access to food and fuel and a job shortage, believers face increasing difficulty in opening their homes to share the gospel with friends and family or disciple new believers. As the economic outlook in Iran remains bleak, pray that our Iranian brothers and sisters in Christ will be a source of hope and light. Pray they will have access to the resources needed to advance the gospel amid the economic challenges.

## **Prayers Requested for This Week**

For **Melody Ruehl**, Mark Zarnstorff's sister, who is having some issues with gallstones.

For **Tamara Morin** as she continues to heal after fracture hip surgery.

For **Steve Bremer** who has cancer of the esophagus.

For **Jennifer Mahnken** who took a bad fall on their trip to Ireland. She dislocated her ankle and broke her leg in three places.

For **Matt Shiever**, at the death of his co-worker **Brad Woods**,

For **Bob Welsh** as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

For **Janette Copeland** that she would receive relief for her headaches.

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

For **Lisa Wright-Duke**, friend of the Bahr family, recovering from knee surgery.

For **Lori Mitchell**, friend of the Bahr family, undergoing cancer treatment.

For **David & Marlys Huber**, parents of Amanda Williams, who have COVID.

For **Wanda Brandt**, Mindy Pritzel's mom, who is failing in health and nearing life's end.

For **Tom Chapin**, recovering from injuries suffered in a fall off a ladder where he fractured 2 vertebrae in his lower back and broke his ankle and wrist and has now been diagnosed with CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy.)

For **Paul Hennegan**, friend of Jim Teig, who was diagnosed with cancer.

For our expectant mothers: **Stacey Vanderpool, Hannah Schultz, Alli Bauck, Alaina Booth, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen** and their unborn children. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **Faith Mitchell, Janna Carver, Sandy Kronsbein, Spencer Braun, Teri Woodward, Susan Mountain, Eric Hundley, Steve Martinez, Ellie Torres, Jenni Patience, John Mahnken, Pat Brackin, and Moriah Obermueller** continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

**For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray the God would help those with Covid. Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

**For all those who are unemployed or under-employed,** that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving!