



**Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 21/22, 2020**

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Hymn of Invocation *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* LSB 348



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Invocation and Confession

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.

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 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 Υ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Introit (5 PM spoken, 8 AM sung by the Choir)

P In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,*

the home of | righteousness.

C **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;* let me know how fleeting | I am!**

P Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,* and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

C **And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?* My hope | is in you.**

P Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.* Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

C **Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!***


For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.

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 keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,*

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Kyrie



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.



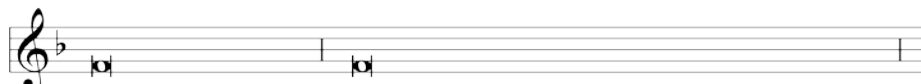
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



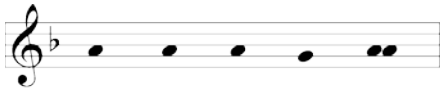
Final Refrain

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

Psalm 95

Husberg

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the

resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (5 PM)

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.

Alleluia and Verse (Choir 8 AM)

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day *The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns*

LSB 532



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is
3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -
His, is His by right, The King of kings and
Joy of all be - low To whom He man - i -
all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev - er -



dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.
Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;
fests His love And grants His name to know.
last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

- 5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of His love.
- 6 The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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Sermon

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1 Corinthians 15.20-28 / Last Sun A / Nov 22, 2020

Grace, *Mercy and Peace to you from God our Father and our soon to return Lord, Jesus Christ!*

In Psalm 8, King David sings these beautiful words to God:

"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under his feet" (Ps 8.3-6).

St Paul is quoting this psalm in verse 27 where he writes: *"God has put all things in subjection, under His feet"* (v 27). Paul applies these prophetic words to Christ, but when David wrote them, he was

thinking of mankind in general. David is referring to the order of God's creation in Genesis 1: *"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion ... over all the earth" (Gen 1.26).*

When God created the universe and His people, declaring them to be 'very good', it was God's intention that all creation would be in subjection to Adam. Everything. God's original design is for Adam to be the ruler of all the universe, *under God*. This is the ideal. This is the work God created Adam to do. And he did, for a while. You all know the story, on a particular day Adam chose a new 'god', his own selfish desires. Today we call it 'sin'.

And now, because of Adam's choice, mankind no longer rules over all things, instead, we are ruled by *death*. *"Because of one man's trespass"* Paul writes to the church in Rome, *"death reigned through*

that one man" (Rom 5.17). Paul repeats himself this morning in his letter to the Corinthians, *"by a man came death ... in Adam all die"* (v 21-22).

This is a profound truth. Sin, by definition, is the choice to be ruled by death rather than God. Adam knew, *'that in the day [he] should eat of the fruit of the garden ... he would surely die'* (cf Gen 2.17). Likewise, you and I have known since confirmation that *"the wages of sin is death"* (Rom 6.23), and yet we continue to sin anyway!

I can't imagine how awful Adam must have felt. Like a father waking up from a hangover to the realization his drunk driving accident killed his family. Adam wakes up to the fact that *all* his children, grand children, great grandchildren and all their kids too will all die a horrible death and their blood is on his hands! *"Because of one man's trespass"* the Scriptures tell us, because of Adam, *"all die."*

This morning, brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all of us, under the rule of our last enemy, *death* (cf v 26).

This is very bad news indeed. In fact, for all of chapter 15 Paul is working hard to comfort the Corinthian Christians as they contemplate the horrible, inescapable, reality that even Christians die. Some in the church are so upset they have begun to lose faith.

Beloved of the Lord, it is precisely when our hopelessness is the darkest, that the hope of the Gospel shines the brightest! *"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep,"* the apostle tells us, *"that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep"* (1 Thess 4.13).

Even though you and I are believers in Jesus Christ, we nevertheless have every reason to grieve and be sad when death separates us from the ones we love. Death is the 'last enemy'. But even though you and I have every reason to cry and be sad, because of Christ, we have even more reason to hope!

St Paul leads his frightened, grieving congregation back to the basics, the very foundation of the Gospel: *"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand ... For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures"* (v 1-4).

The reason this is so important, Paul explains, is because *"if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.*

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied” (v 17-19).

Everything rises or falls with the Gospel truth that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and on the third day rose again. *“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead!”* Paul comforts his church, *“[He is] the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (v 20-22).*

Paul identifies Jesus as the firstfruits of all who will one day be raised to new life together with Him. You and I, beloved of the Lord, are the *second harvest*. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ who have had their sins washed clean by Jesus’ blood shed from the cross will be ‘made alive’ in Christ! *“But each in his own order”* Paul explains, *“Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.*

Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death” (v 23-26).

This morning, you and I are living in the end times. Sin and death reigned from Adam to Moses. The law and it’s wages of death ruled until the time of Christ. In the Gospels, Jesus identifies His earthly ministry as the beginning of God’s merciful rule of grace. *“The Kingdom of heaven is at hand”* (Mt 4.17), Jesus announces with every sermon, every healing, each absolution.

This is exactly why the Jesus’ second coming at the end of the world is such a joy for the Christian. You and I should be praying, expectantly hoping and looking for His coming every day of our lives! When Jesus came the first time, He began His great work of undoing

the world's curse of death that was brought on by sin. He demonstrated the power of God's Kingdom by preaching the Gospel of repentance, forgiving sins, healing and raising from the dead. Each ministry event is a victory for God and a defeat for the enemy.

"The last enemy to be destroyed" the Scriptures teach, "is death" (v 26).

When Jesus comes again at the end of time the victory of the reign of the Kingdom of God will be complete. God's perfect order of creation shall be restored as all things are once again in subjection to Christ. His enemies will lie defeated, crushed beneath His feet (cf Gen 3.15!) and death itself will die.

On that great day, which can't come soon enough, you who are 'in Christ' (v 23), you who believe Jesus died and rose again, for you, *"the Lord Jesus Christ ... will transform [y]our lowly body to be like his*

glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself" (Phil 3.20-21). Amen.

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Nicene Creed

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,**

whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ^T of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

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Prayer of the Church / Last Sun A / Nov 22, 2020

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For the faithful proclamation of Christ, our King, and for the strengthening of God's people in this true faith and their baptismal life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic Church; for all who faithfully confess the saving name of Christ; and for the protection of the Lord to extend over us against the devil, the world and our own sinful selves, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God's people in this place, for the mission and work God has given us to do, and for the unity of the Spirit and a spirit of cooperation and harmony in our life together, *let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

For all the schools of our church body, for the seminaries where our pastors are being trained for Your service, and for the campuses where our young are prepared for their occupations by their vocation as God's people by Baptism and faith, *let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

For those who have wandered from the flock of God, for the faithful shepherds who gather them in through the voice of God's Word, for our forgiveness, and for our willingness to forgive others in Christ's name, *let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

[For a right reception of the true body and blood of Christ, for grace to use well what we receive here in Christ's name, and for the day when no division of doctrine and faith will hinder our communion together at the Lord's altar, *let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*]

For our president and governor, our newly elected leaders and all in authority over us, *let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

For all artists and artisans; for science and invention; for those who serve us in the medical arts; for tradespeople and laborers; and for those who serve and protect us as police, firefighters and military personnel, *let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

For the hungry and homeless, for the unemployed and underemployed, for those who work in disaster relief, and for the social-service agencies of our church, *let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

For a giving spirit, that we may not neglect the poor nor fail to provide resources to the Church to fulfill the Lord's bidding and spread the Gospel to every place, *let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

For those afflicted by illness of body or mind and for those who care for them
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HEALING

Kevin, Roger, Danette, Jessica, Leone, Muriel, Norbert, Ellen, Shirley, Dottie, Diana, Roy, Lenore, Kathy, Kathy, Sean, Melissa, Vern, Carol

COMFORT

JoAnn—entering hospice

All people on earth as we suffer this plague of the pandemic

PETITIONS

Blessing for Michelle and baby

An end to the pandemic

healing for our nation

renewal for Mount Olive

THANKSGIVING

baby boy born to Will and Alissa Pelepchan

open churches

Answered prayer

..... *let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.***

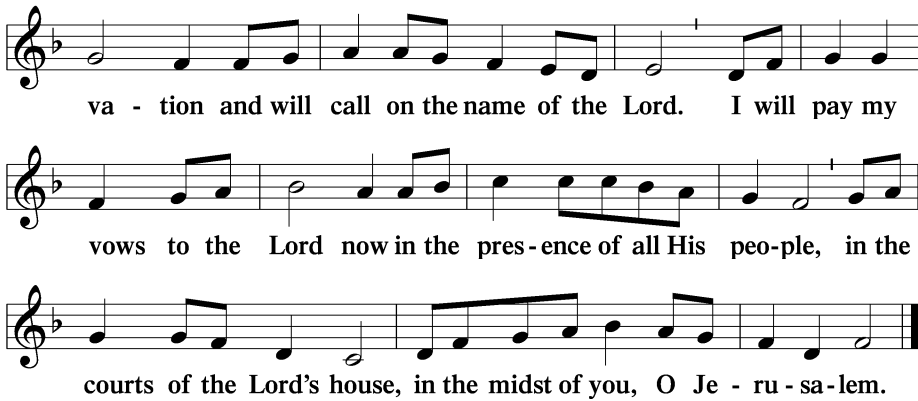
Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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Offering Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave, mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at <https://mtolc.org>.

Offertory

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.

Service of the Sacrament

Welcome Christian friends! Please respect what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper.

- Holy Communion is a confession of faith. If you are not currently a confessing member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation please make an appointment to speak with the pastor before communing.
- We celebrate Holy Communion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins.
- If you are not communing, but would like to come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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.

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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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 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

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.**

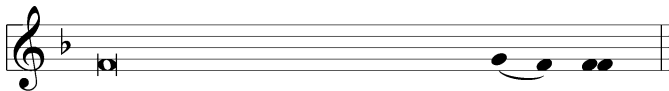
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 T 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 T 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



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



A - men.

Agnus Dei



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

(8 AM) Distribution Hymns

Come, Let Us Eat (led by Choir) LSB 626

Leader

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In His pres-ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a-broad God's might-y Word,

All

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 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
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Leader

Our Lord's bod-y let us take to-geth-er,
 Je-sus' blood poured let us drink to-geth-er,
 In the pres-ence of our Lord we gath-er,
 Je-sus ris-en will bring in the King-dom,

All

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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Post-Communion Blessing

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

C **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared 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

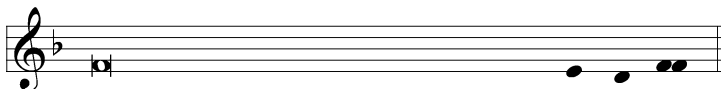
A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask

You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction



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.

Closing Hymn

Christ Is Surely Coming

LSB 509



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,
 2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,
 3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:
 All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;
 Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,
 Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!
“Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!”

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Postlude

Announcements

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- LWML Bake Sale is Cancelled
- Operation Christmas Child—thank you volunteers
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Thanksgiving Eve Service
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Pastor – Rev. Robert Harmon

Organist – Mark Elmshauser (5, 8)

Chancel Choir – Mark Elmshauser, director

Praise Band and Instrumentalists (10:45)

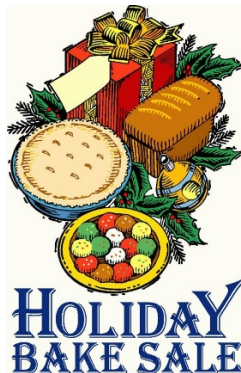
Elder – Keith Einspahr (5), David Klekamp (8), Harvey Rehwalt (10:45)
Altar Guild – Deb Jaremba, Wendy Bleeke, Doris Kilgore



The altar flowers are given by Brian and Kathy Pelepchan for
Katherine's birthday,
and by Brian, Natalie and James Sowl for Ray and Pat's 52nd
anniversary



Wednesday, November 25 at 7 PM



LWML Bake Sale
December 5-6
Fellowship Hall



Advent Worship December 2,9,16 - 10 AM
and 7 PM

Christmas Eve Service - 4, 6, and 8 PM

Christmas Day - 10 AM

New Year's Eve - 7 PM

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Hymn of the Month

November's hymn of the month is Lutheran Service Book (LSB) #351 – Creator of the Stars of Night. This hymn, existing in manuscripts beginning in the ninth century, was

created for use in monastic life at Advent Vespers, one of the daily services known as the Daily Office, observed in the monasteries. Over the centuries, numerous hymns, known as “Office hymns” were written for various times of the day, seasons, and feast days for use in the Daily Office. The English source in the LSB was based on a translation by John Mason Neale (1818-66), an English Anglican priest, scholar, and hymn writer, and was first published in the *Hymnal Noted* (1851). LSB includes 22 hymns translated by Neale. Two stanzas especially express an Advent theme. Stanza 3 speaks of Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church, the promised virgin’s Son to be the sacrifice for the world’s sin (Colossians 1:13-17). Stanza 5 identifies His tasks to rule all things until the time of judgment and bring an end to the days of living amidst sin and evil (Revelation 1:7). Since the eleventh century, these Office hymns usually conclude with a doxological stanza, that is, it praises the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The tune use for this hymn is called CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM and is the traditional chant associated with this text.

Source: Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns, Volume 1, Concordia Publishing House 2019

351 Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 Thou, griev - ing that the an - cient curse
 3 Thou cam'st the Bride - groom of the bride,
 4 At whose dread name, ma - jes - tic now,



Thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing Light:
 Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 As drew the world to e - ven - tide,
 All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;



O Christ, Re - deem - er, save us all
Hast found the heal - ing, full of grace,
The spot - less Vic - tim all di - vine
All things ce - les - tial Thee shall own,



And hear Thy ser - vants when they call.
To cure and save our ru - ined race.
Pro - ceed - ing from a vir - gin shrine.
And things ter - res - trial, Lord a - lone.

5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread
To judge the living and the dead,
Preserve us from the ancient foe
While still we dwell on earth below.

D 6 To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

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