



# ADVENT

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## Welcome!

### COVID-Response Plan Update – ORANGE

- Sun 8:15am Divine Service MASK-REQUIRED
  - Sun School and Bible Class IN-PERSON CANCELED
  - Sun 10:45am Divine Service MASK-RECOMMENDED
  - Wed 7:00pm Vespers Service MASK-RECOMMENDED
- A copy of the latest Update has been emailed, placed in your member mailbox and also available on our website and Narthex.*
- **Pews have been re-taped to better accommodate social distancing.** You may sit anywhere in the Sanctuary NOT marked with blue tape and 6' from other individuals or households. In addition, we ask that you do not gather in the narthex or elsewhere before or after the service.
  - **For those of you who choose to continue to shelter in place,** the early service will be streamed on our YouTube channel.
- **To view the service or Bible Study online,** visit our homepage at [www.adventlutheran.org](http://www.adventlutheran.org) and click on the YouTube link. Videos are streamed “live” or you may watch them at any time.
- **If you watch the service online, please print this bulletin** (includes the entire service - hymns, propers, prayers, etc.)
- **If you do not have a hymnal at home,** feel free to retrieve yours from your member mailbox, or we can drop one off for you.
- **If you desire to receive the Sacrament,** call the pastors directly, call the office, or make an appointment online by visiting our website. Follow the link on our homepage to a sign-up where you may choose a 15min time to meet a pastor privately here at Church.
- **Communication updates are posted on the website.** Check there weekly for bulletins and prayer sheets, etc. Copies of the latest updates will also be available in the narthex.

## Visitors & Guests

- Thank you for attending! Please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors or Elders and refer to our **Communion Policy** on page 2.
- Please sign our Visitors’ Register in the Narthex.

Second Sunday  
after Christmas

03 January 2021 Anno Domini



*The Son of God came into the world to bear our sins and be our Savior (represented by the sacrificial lamb at the foot of the manger). Taking to Himself our human nature, the Son of God entered Creation at Bethlehem (the city in white). In nature both God and man, Jesus is the “Christ” (the “Chi” & “Rho” in the manger are the first two Greek letters of the word “Christ”). He came to fulfill the ancient Messianic promises made by God to the Jewish people. “He shall save His people from their sins,” the angel said to Mary. The Messiah still comes to us today, through his Word. His manger is a humble and lowly heart.*

*(An original water color painting by Peggy J. Colson of the chancel window).*

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## The Sacrament of the Altar

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church teaches and believes that through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, offered under bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, God gives to His children the forgiveness of sins. Since this is a sacred meal, Advent distributes the Lord's Supper to communicants who have been prepared to receive it.

- **If you are a member at an LCMS parish,** please speak with one of our pastors beforehand so that they may greet you and inform you accordingly regarding our practice.
- **If you are a visitor** and have not been confirmed or hold to a confession of faith that differs from Advent and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with our pastor. If communing, please prepare with prayers in hymnal on pages 308, 329-330.
- **Distribution** - If communing, at the appropriate time in the Divine Service, please approach the altar via the center aisle. When directed to a position at the rail, bow and kneel without waiting (you may also stand as needed). After you receive the sacrament, please stand, bow and return to your pew via the side aisle. The final blessing will be made at the end of the distribution and the covering of the elements.

## In-person Bible Study and Sunday School

### CANCELED due to Pandemic

Both will be available online! Bible Study will continue to be streamed on our YouTube channel. To participate in Sunday School online, please contact Sarah Becker at [sarahsmile2005@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsmile2005@gmail.com)

**Please see an Usher if you need help locating the following:**

- **Hearing assistive devices** for use during worship are available in the Narthex.
- **Wheelchairs** are available upon request.
- **Restrooms** are located to the left of the Narthex as you enter the church.
- **The Nursery and Cry Room** provide quiet places for active or crying children and are equipped to broadcast our services. Please ask an usher for locations.

## Worship Broadcasts

Sunday services are livestreamed on our You Tube channel. Weekly service bulletins are available on our website at [www.adventlutheran.org](http://www.adventlutheran.org).

## The Congregation at Prayer

The Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is now included in this bulletin and may be found on the last pages.

**To receive Advent Announcements via email** every Friday, sign up on the website's 'Contact Us' page or contact the office at 317.873.6318 or email us at [info@adventlutheran.org](mailto:info@adventlutheran.org)

**ADVENT'S UPCOMING  
CALENDAR**  
*See last page*

**Special Music** – Thank you to Halle Vogtman, harpist and Deb Trewartha, soloist.

## Today's Servers

### 8:15 a.m. Service

Acolyte	Mont Becker
Altar Guild	Judy Dorantes, Jennifer Dorantes
Crucifer	OPEN
Elders	Andy Fordice, Pete Dooms

### 10:45 a.m. Service

Acolyte	Lance Graves
Altar Guild	Deb Grady, Margaret Halvorsen
Crucifer	OPEN
Elders	Ned Ryan, Steve Vogtman

## Second Sunday after Christmas

### Today's Readings

*Genesis 46:1-7*

*1 Peter 4:12-19*

*Matthew 2:13-23*

### Jesus Is the Perfect Israel

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1-7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13-23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my Son" (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12-19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.



### Hymn of the Day - *From East to West*

Little is known about Coelius Sedulius (c. 450), the author of this hymn. He probably lived in Rome. A convert to Christianity, he most probably remained a layman (though some suggest he was ordained). Though his writings were well known and popular, only two of his hymns survive. This hymn text is part of an acrostic poem of twenty-eight stanzas arranged according to the Latin alphabet. We have an eighth-century edition of the full text. The poem gave birth to two hymns: LSB 399, "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" and LSB 385, "From East to West."

The hymn was well known, appointed in the prayer book of priests (breviary) for Christmas. LSB 385 is the second version, by translator John Ellerton (1826-1893). The translation is more thematic than literal.



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# Divine Service Setting Three    LSB p. 184

## Prelude & Ringing of Bells

*Stand*

Processional Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



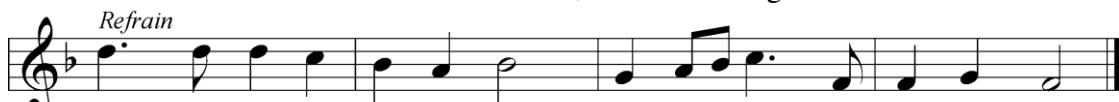
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir-gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

*Stand*

## Confession and Absolution

*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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- 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  $\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Psalm 8:1, 4-6; antiphon: PS. 8:2



*Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because | of your foes,\*  
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.*

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\***

**You have set your glory above the | heavens.**

*What is man that you are mind- | ful 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.*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther      and to the Son      and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Kyrie

LSB 186



**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

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: C 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



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spirit.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 46:1-7*

So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here am I." Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

### *Your Ones, Dear Lord*

by Johann Schulz, arr. David Cherwien, CPH

*Your ones, dear Lord, are we, and come your lowly bed to see;  
Enlighten every soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.*

*With songs we hasten you to greet, and kiss the ground before your feet.  
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night that gave you birth, our soul's delight.*

*Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and to us all your grace accord;  
True faith and love to us impart, that we may hold you in our heart.*

*Until at last we too proclaim, with all your saints, your glorious name;  
In paradise our songs renew, and praise you as the angels do.*

## Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,

what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

Choir: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The Powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

Cong:



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,

weeping and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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



### 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 † of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

## From East to West

LSB 385

1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry  
 2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and  
 3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,  
 4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -  
 △ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the

heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom  
 fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our  
 in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -  
 bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the  
 Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O

Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.  
 mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.  
 yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.  
 Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.  
 Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.  
C And with thy spir - it.  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.  
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.  
C It is meet and right so to do.



**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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

LSB 195

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

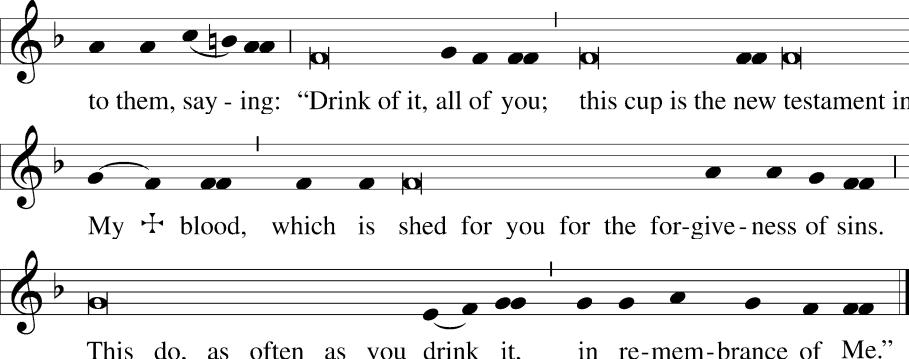
LSB 196

P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who  
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to  
temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.  
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>†</sup>bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it


 to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
 My <sup>†</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

### Pax Domini

LSB 197


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

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198


 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.

Sit



### Distribution

*Please wait patiently in your pew until an Elder or Usher motions to you. You and/or your household should come down the Center Aisle, maintaining appropriate distance between other Individuals and/or Households that will be in front and behind you. You may kneel or stand at the Communion Rail. Please maintain appropriate distance from other parishioners. If you are wearing a mask, please remove it and hold out your hand to receive our Lord's Body, the Common Chalice and/or Individual Chalice. After communion, please exit to the side aisle, placing the individual chalices carefully in the bowl provided. Then return to your seats, maintaining appropriate distance from the other communicants.*

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

**Distribution Hymn**

**God Loves Me Dearly**

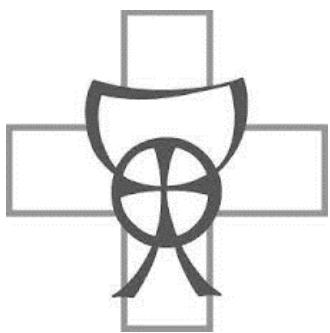
**LSB 392**

1 God loves me dear ly, Grants me sal -  
2 I was in slav 'ry, Sin, death, and  
3 He sent forth Je sus, My dear Re -  
4 Je - sus, my Sav ior, Him self did  
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -

va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

*Refrain*

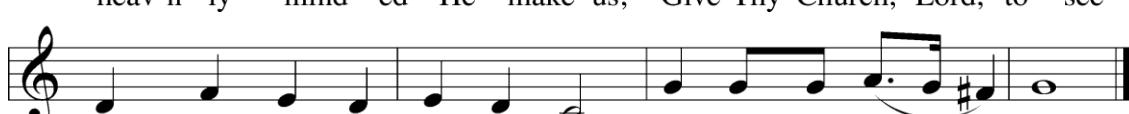
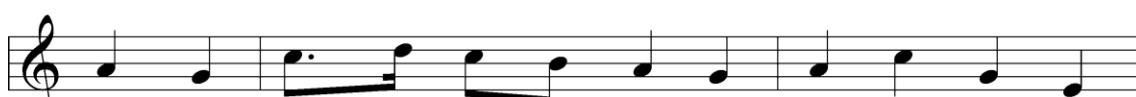
There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me  
dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.



## Distribution Hymn

## O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617



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

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

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

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

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **†** in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.  
**C** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**C** 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 with - out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

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

## Benedicamus

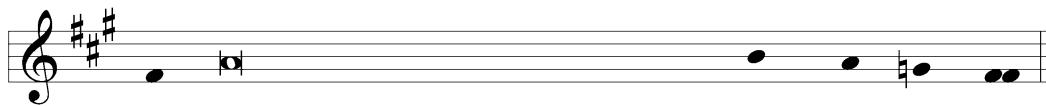
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**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



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

### Recessional Hymn

### Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

LSB 390



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.  
There - fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

### Postlude



### The Lord's Week

SUNDAY	8:15 am	Divine Service	MASK-REQUIRED
	10:45 am	Divine Service	MASK-RECOMMENDED

WEDNESDAY - January 6<sup>th</sup> - *Epiphany Divine Service* - 7 p.m. MASK RECOMMENDED  
Followed by Confirmation Class. Morning and evening Adult Bible Study to be determined.

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# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

## Second Sunday after Christmas – January 3, 2021

**Review or learn by heart from Luther's Small Catechism:** Seventh Petition and Conclusion

**Verse of the week:** John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**Are you desiring the Lord's Supper?** Times will continue to be set aside for individuals and families of our congregation to receive absolution and the Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of their faith. Please, if in the coming weeks you choose to remain isolated at home and are not venturing out into the community for any reason, know we are here for you should you desire to receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord. A signup has been placed on our website. If you are choosing to go places outside of your home and be around people in other settings (essentially not isolating), we encourage you to put on a mask and worship in person with us on Sundays. It is God's desire that His people come together, receive His gifts of Word and Sacrament together, trusting in God's grace and mercy to sustain us in all we do.

**Daily Prayer LSB pp 294-298** Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord's Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

*Readings for the week...*

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	<b>The Flight into Egypt – Matthew 2:13-23</b>	
Monday	Circumcision, Purification of Mary, and Presentation – Luke 2:21-24	Leviticus 12:1-8
Tuesday	Simeon and Anna Receive the Christ-child – Luke 2:25-40	Isaiah 60:1-6
Wednesday	<b>The Epiphany of Our Lord – Matthew 2:1-12</b>	Numbers 24:15-19
Thursday	The Flight into Egypt & Slaughter of the Innocents – Matthew 2:13-23	Jer. 31:10-17
Friday	The Boy Jesus in the Temple – Luke 2:41-52	Deut. 6:4-9 1
Saturday	I Have Put My Spirit Upon Him – Isaiah 42:1-7	Cor. 1:26-311
Sunday's Lectionary Readings	Genesis 46:1-7 1 Peter 4:12-19 Matthew 2:13-23	

**Psalm 77:11-20; antiphon: v. 13**

Prayer on the Psalm: Lord, "I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). Amen. (Prayer from *The Lutheran Study Bible*)

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132
Evening	119:73-88	119:113-116	119:153-176	124	127	130	

## **Hymn of the Week: LSB 385 – From East to West**

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5<sup>th</sup> cent.; tran. John Ellerton, 1826-93, alt.

Tune: *Geistliche lieder*, Leipzig, 1539, ed. Valten Schumann; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

The tune can be found on the web. Search “VOM HIMMEL HOCH”

**Weekly Collect - Almighty God,** You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **Daily Themes for Prayer:**

**Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*

**Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*

**Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*

**Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.*

**Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*

**Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

**Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

Specific prayer requests may now be found in the announcements that are emailed weekly to all members.

### **Looking forward to the Baptism of Our Lord – January 10, 2021**

**Hymns Next Week:** 401, 407, 627 – 594 – 601, 405

**Texts:** Isaiah 42:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Matthew 3:13-17



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