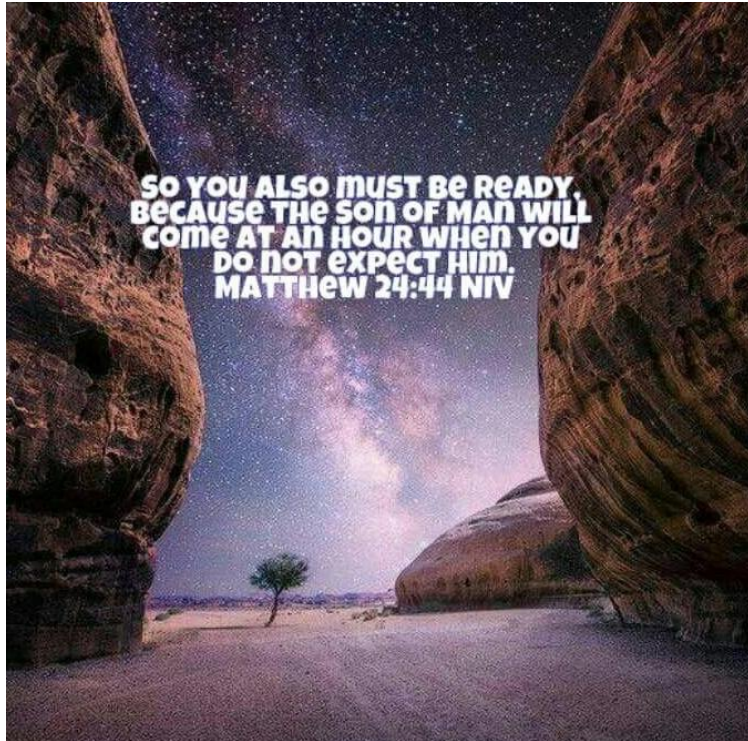


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EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Nov. 29 & 30, 2025

SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY! The LORD Jesus enters Jerusalem “humble, and mounted on a donkey,” riding on “a beast of burden,” as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” By His Word, we “walk in the light of the LORD”. That is to live in love, which “does no wrong to a neighbor.” We “cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,” for “salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.” Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, “for you do not know on what day your LORD is coming.” If you are our guest, we pray that you find the Spirit of God alive and moving in our congregation. We rejoice that you joined us in that Spirit today. Please come again!

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CONNECTION CARD READING OR MEMORY WORK:

Read: Matthew 24: 36 – 44 and/or Memorize: Matthew 24: 44

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ALTAR FLOWERS FOR TODAY are given to the Glory of God by Karyl Hammon in memory of her mother, Mildred Crane.

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ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

If you prefer the convenience of offering your gift via your smartphone there is a way to do that. Go to the Apple Store or Google Play and search for “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement” (the half purple V) to download for free. Then enter Good Shepherd; next tap *Donate Now*. 3. Choose a fund and a preset amount or enter another amount. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Select *Add* to add another fund or move forward to the payment information. 4. Scan or enter your card or bank account information. 5. Review your donation summary then select *Complete Donation*. Or if you prefer to have your gift automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account, check that box on the right side of your connection card, “Automating My Giving” or contact the church office and we will provide you with the form you will need to complete in order for us to set that up.

HEARING LOOP

Good Shepherd is equipped with a hearing loop in both the Worship Space and the Gathering Space. If you don’t have a hearing aid but need hearing assistance, we have system devices that you can use. Please see the folks at the tech board and they will supply you with one.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 30th, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2025

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Hymn - LSB 331 - The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5. Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6. All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.

Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76

Text and tune: Public domain

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

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the Name of the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the Name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

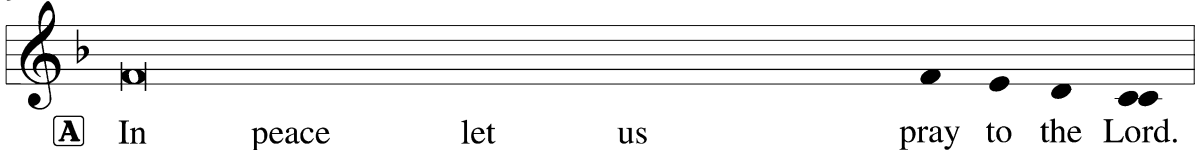
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.



P 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; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O LORD, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to meet Jacki Scheib in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 6

¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

²Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

³Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
⁴to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the Name of the LORD.
⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!
⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”
⁸For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the LORD Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



All: Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

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

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

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your LORD is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

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

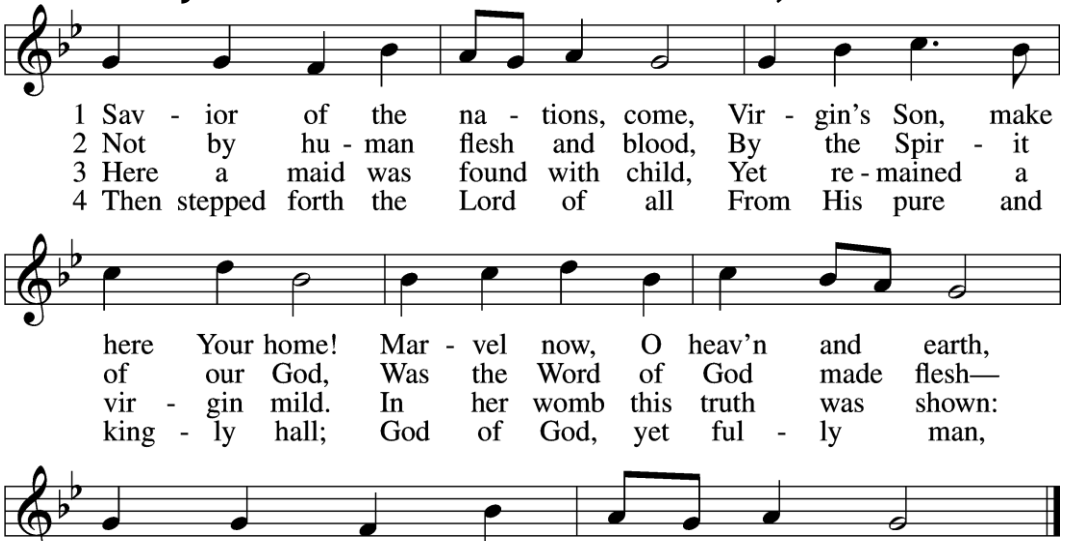
Nicene Creed

**All: 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.**

Hymn of the Day - LSB 332 - Savior of the Nations, Come



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

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

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

5. God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.
6. For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.
7. From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

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

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1–2): tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76; (sts. 3, 6): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (sts. 4–5, 8): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001; (st. 7): tr. Gifford A. Grobien, 1973
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Sermon

"Stay Awake!"

Matthew 24:36-44

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 24:44

“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Stand

Prayer of the Church

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

(11 a.m. only) Please wave to all the worshipers online!

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

G Amen.

Sit

Connection Cards

Stand

Offering

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

As Lutheran Christians we understand that the body and blood of Jesus is present in, with, and under the bread and wine. St. Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 11(:27-

32) that we ought to examine ourselves and recognize the body and blood of Christ in this sacrament. We welcome all to the LORD's Table who are baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and wish to participate with this understanding.

Stand

Preface

LSB 160

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.

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O LORD our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, LORD Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

All: 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.

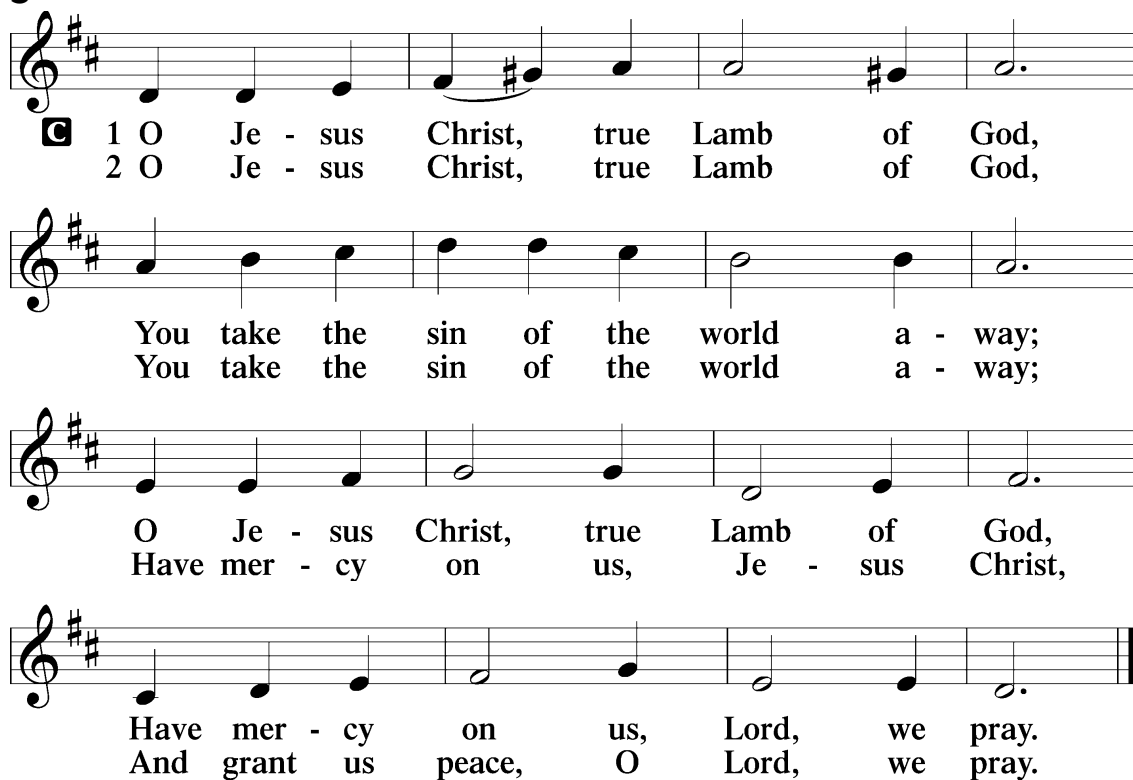
The Words of Our LORD

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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

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.

LSB 348 - The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



- 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!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth

Text and tune: Public domain

LSB 508 - The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

sts. 1–3, 7



- 1 The day is sure - ly draw-ing near When Je - sus, God's a-noint - ed,
- 2 The fi - nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
- 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
- 7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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Communion Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



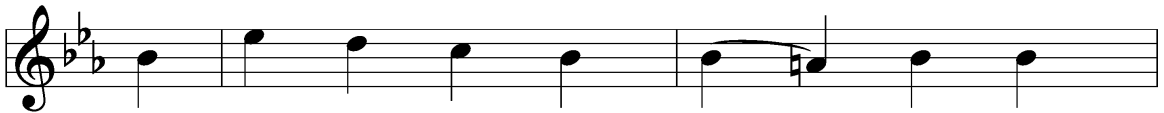
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



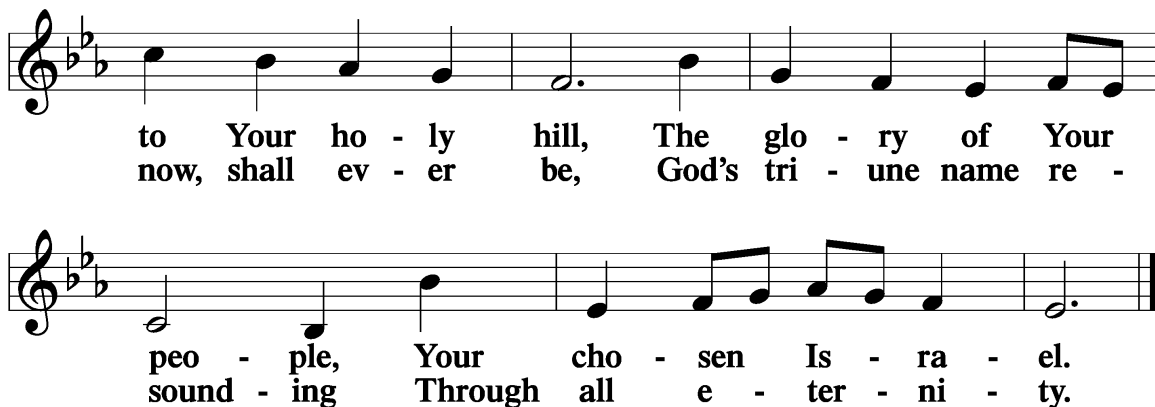
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Amen.

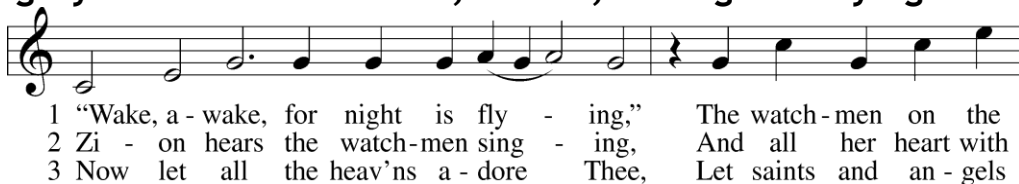
Sit

Announcements

Stand

(11 a.m. only) Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

Closing Hymn - LSB 516 - Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying





heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

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Our elders offer a ministry of prayer. If you would like personal prayer or for them to gather others to pray with you, please speak to anyone whose name tag says "Elder" on it.

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- P** Pastor or Presiding minister; sole pastor, Liturgist
 - C** Congregation
 - L** Leader or Lector; an Elder, one of the Readers, or another lay person
 - A** Assisting minister; an Elder, Commissioned Minister or other trained worship leader
 - All:** Pastor or Leader and the congregation speak together
 - △** Doxological verse; the congregation stands in praise and honor of the Holy Trinity
 - ✙** The pastor makes the sign of the cross; individual worshipers may also as fits personal preference; this is a kinesthetic reminder of grace

GENERAL INFORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Nov. 30 – Dec. 7, 2025 (at church unless noted)

- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
 No Sunday School this week
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
 Musical Rehearsal, 12:30 PM
- Monday – Thursday: Christmas Bazaar Set Up – 9 AM – 3 PM
- Tuesday: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
 Church Council Meeting, 7 PM
- Friday: Christmas Bazaar & Café, 9 AM – 4 PM
- Saturday: Christmas Bazaar & Café, 9 AM – 2 PM
 Clean up, 2 PM
 Christmas Musical, 5:30 PM
- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM
 No Sunday School this week
 Christmas Musical, 11 AM
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING JESUS

We thank Andy & Amanda Reding and Michael & Stephanie Cheney for working out a means for us to share worship with you this week. We also thank Lisa Serron, Linda Benivegna, Lisa Brahm, Hugh Shipley, Glenn Banke, Doc Tessendorf, Sandy Voigt, Jacki Scheib, Stephanie Cheney, John Pilecki, Gary Paradise & Bob Jauch for their work in the office and building. We also thank all who serve at worship this weekend. There are many “angels” in our congregation and community who go about living out their vocations as the Body of Christ. We know they do this not to be recognized, but because God has called and led them to do what they do. God bless you all and thank you to all!

SERVING ON DECEMBER 6 & 7

SATURDAY EVENING: Andy & Amanda Reding, Church Musical

EARLY CHURCH: Greg Trost, Karyl Hammond, Lisa Serron, Bob & Barbara Jauch, Leslie Smith

LATE CHURCH: Ron & Kathy Chapman, Gary & Colleen Paradise, Kelly Brainard-Nichols, John & JoAnn Pilecki, Cindy Hemingway – Church Musical

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS

If you requested an Advent Devotion Booklet on your connection card last Sunday, it is in your mailbox. If you didn't have the chance to do that, but would like one, there are many copies on the Ushers' Table. Feel free to take one for yourself and another for a friend. This is a wonderful way to share the love of Jesus with others!

GLOVES NEEDED!

Do you have a glove from last winter that lost its mate? Sunday School and Camp-in-Daigua could use knit (stretchy) gloves from craft projects. Please leave them in the box on the counter by the coat rack. Thank you!



THE COLD IS HERE! CAN YOU HELP?



Do you like to knit or crochet? With the temperature dropping, many of our neighbors may be without hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to keep them warm. We would like to make enough to fill a bag then donate that bag full to CCIA, Family Promise, Happiness House and similar places. Please check your connection card to let us know we can count on you. There is yarn available for your project. Thank you.

“DINNER CHURCH”

Dec. 10 @ 6 PM

Plans are moving forward for our first outreach Dinner Church on Dec. 10 at 6:00. With help from Thrivent, we will serve a nice Christmas dinner. If you can think of anyone to invite, that would be great! We will also have signs out front welcoming anyone from the neighborhood. Come have a warm time of fellowship and learn a little more about a different way to share the Gospel.

Sign up on your connection card or the Wittenberg Door to let us know you'll come!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SIGNUPS

Once again, this year, we are looking for families or friend groups to sign up to read a short devotional and light the candles on the Advent wreath at each of the weekend worship services as well as Christmas Eve. If you are interested, **please sign up on the Wittenberg Door for the service and weekend you would like to light candles.**



WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BAZAAR & CAFÉ !

We still need a few **more soups**. Please sign up on the Wittenberg Door.

You can still bring in things for the sale, but please do not carry them downstairs. Bring them directly to the gym and put them right inside the door. Please remember that we cannot accept: TV's, computers or computer equipment, exercise equipment and items for babies that might have a recall such as cribs & car seats. For this sale, because we need the space to set up tables for the café, we will not be accepting large furniture. Please be sure that items are clean and in good condition with all their parts. Thank you.

We also need people to help to **set up and work at the sale and café**. Please sign up on the Wittenberg Door or your connection card to say you can help.

There are just a few more things needed for the café. Please check out the sheet on the Wittenberg Door to see what is needed and sign up to **purchase food items for the café**.

And we will need **baked goods** for the bake sale. Sign up on your connection card or Wittenberg Door to let us know that you will bake!

Items should be brought to church by Thursday, Dec. 4.

There is still time to get the word out! You can **hang a poster** somewhere that you frequent – there are some on the Ushers' Table. Or, If you have access to **a social media calendar**, please consider adding the sale to the calendar.

Monies from these sales are used to purchase things needed for the church.

CAMP-IN-DAIGUA MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Starting this weekend, we will have Camp-in-Daigua SWAG (Shirts, Wearables, And Gifts) available for pre-order. Our first order will go out November 15th and will be ready around Dec. 1st. Please call/text Cathie Geske at (585) 369-5696 form more details, or talk to her after service. Thanks for supporting, and advertising, our new outreach ministry!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – CHRISTMAS MUSICAL, 12/6 & 7



Join us for our delightful Christmas Musical, “Joy to You and Me” on Saturday, Dec. 6 @ 5:30 PM or Sunday, Dec. 7 @ 11 AM. (Early worship will be offered on that weekend.) Come join the fun! Bring your friends and family for a delightful time of enjoyment. Free will offering will be received.

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET PREPARATION, 12/8

On **Monday, Dec. 8** we’ll be shopping for and putting together our Christmas food baskets for 55 families. We’ll shop at 4 PM (load food onto trucks) and put the baskets together at 5:30 PM. Plan to stay for pizza! Be sure to put the date on your calendar. It’s a fun night with great impact! You can sign up on your connection card or on the sheet on the Wittenberg Door.

LITTLE LAMBS SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE DEC.13/14 & 20/21

Plan to shop at the “Little Lambs Boutique” that will be in the Gathering Space the weekends of Dec. 13/14 and 20/21 to support the Roxann Muller Scholarship Fund! Hand-made crafts and sweets will be on sale each weekend. Your **FREE WILL OFFERING** will be gladly accepted!

COMING SOON – NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES BEGINNING IN JAN!



The Sunday Bible **class led by Bob Smith** will be studying the Gospel and end times as discussed in 1 and 2 Thessalonians. These Epistles are among the earliest writings in the New Testament. In them, Paul teaches believers to be steadfast and encourages them to continue living lives pleasing to God, despite opposition and persecution. He also teaches about the second coming of Christ. Our study will help us understand the foundational teachings of the church and their enduring relevance for Christians today.

New Bible Study beginning January 4th, 2026- **Sandy Voigt's Class-**

We are immersed in a society that idealizes quick results and stimulating experiences. The Christian life, however, calls us to be- NOT tourists, but pilgrims-disciples committed to the long journey of faith. This six-week study, leading up to Lent, is that journey with **Eugene Peterson's book "A Long Obedience In the Same Direction"**. Join us on this journey , based on the "Psalms of Ascent"- sung by all faithful Jews as they traveled towards Jerusalem. Books will be ordered. **Let either the office or Sandy Voigt know by 12/14/25- the cost of books is \$14.**

Women's Bible Study will resume in January with a study of the Parables. Watch your bulletin for more details.

SUPPORT

A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM

"Everyday Disciples, Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!"

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

First Sunday of Advent 2025

The continuous ring of the Advent Wreath symbolizes God's never-ending love for us. The four candles represent the four weeks of anticipation and waiting. The white candle symbolizes Jesus' birth.

The first advent candle reminds us that Jesus Christ IS the light of the world. Jesus was in the beginning, Jesus was with God and Jesus is God. There is HOPE as we rejoice in the grace and

mercy of God to send his son for us. May the anticipation of Christmas and the second coming of our LORD and Savior stir us to relight the candle of faith in our hearts and to shine it for all to see.

We choose HOPE

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.” Isaiah 9:2

For a better understanding read the surrounding verses

****Check out the prayer resources in the prayer room. Prayer Shawls are available should you desire to have one or wish to gift one to someone you know**

CCIA UPDATE

Items running low at the food pantry are: Pasta (anything type except for spaghetti), Cereal, Canned veggies and fruit. The need is greater than ever. Please be as generous as you can. If you would like, Tammy Beattie can do the shopping for you! Just put your gift in an envelope in Tammy Beattie’s mailbox marked “CCIA”. Or, you can certainly shop yourself! *Your food donations can be placed in the wooden box labeled CCIA under the Mission counter in the coat room. Thanks in advance for being a good servant!*



ONTARIO CARES POP-UP FOOD PANTRY



There will be pop-up food pantries held at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Dept. Barn, 5440 Route 5 & 20, Canandaigua (use the Buffalo St. entrance) on the following Mondays beginning at 10 AM and lasting until the food is gone:
December 15

SERVING OUR LORD

The Ministers

Rev. Steven R. Geske, Pastor

Rev. Don Muller, Pastor Emeritus

Lisa Serron, Office Manager

Linda Benivegna, Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Cheney, Music Director

Doc Tessendorf, Building Coordinator

Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Preschool Teacher

Lisa Brahm, Custodian, Preschool Aide

Cathie Geske, Summer Day Camp Director

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Office: 394-2760 x301

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Home: 596-9964; Off: 394-2760

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SERVING OUR LORD AT WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND, NOV. 29 & 30

SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING

ELDER	Nola Trost
A/V	Glenn Banke
ALTAR CARE	JoAnne VanBuren

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM

ELDER	Karyl Hammond
A/V TEAM	Scott Norris
LECTOR	Deborah Adams
ALTAR CARE	Lisa Serron
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Vince Romano
USHER	Fred Salvagni
GREETERS	Leslie Smith

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM

ELDER	Tammy Beattie
ASSISTING MINISTER	Jill Persson
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Bob Smith
A/V TEAM	Andy & Amanda Reding
LECTOR	Sandy Smith
ACOLTYE	Ian Reding
ALTAR CARE	Kathey Drennan
KID'S WORSHIP	Jacki Scheib
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Katherine Costigan
USHERS	Ron Chapman
GREETER	Gary Colleen Paradise
HOST	John & JoAnn Pilecki
OPENERS & CLOSERS	Lisa Serron/Ron Chapman

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE **Dec. 6 & 7**

Saturday	5:30 PM	Christmas Musical
Sunday	8 AM	Worship/Holy Communion
	11 AM	Christmas Musical

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Nov. 29 & 30, 2025

****If you have placed someone on the prayer list, please let us know if they need to be removed. We would love to add their names to the prayers of rejoicing or pray for their family if they have passed away. Thank you.**

Connected to Good Shepherd directly: Bill & Judy Ballway, Gary Paradise, Steve Hemingway, Jean Bucher, Terry Henninger, Steve & Barb Schneider, Joe Benivegna, Brian & Bev Edwards & Family, Bev Carlson, Maryanna Chard, Jim Wicker, Marlene Pawlukewicz, Bill Fuge, Fran Beswick, Dorothy Castle, Leon & Theresa Pfuntner, Bart & Deborah Adams, Sharon Ridley, Karen Schumacher, Kathey Drennan, Donna Allhusen, Jonathan Allhusen, Karen Lenz, Tierney Bristol, Mary Ann Menge, Delores Furnum, Pam Rood, Shirley Perryman Scott Haynes ;Bob Mut, Carl Persson, Marcus Battaglia, Judy Ballway, Ron Baley, Tammy Beattie,

Connected to Good Shepherd by family or friendship: Pat Gunn, Mark Gunn, Tashi Benivegna, Kerri Eames, Ruthee Krop, family & friends of Benivegna'; Bob & Barbara Muller, Barbara Skillman, Ruth Boselli & Wendy Carrier, family & friend of Mullers, Bill Rifenburg, Deb Reding, Larry Almeter & Jak, friends & family of Andy & Amanda Reding; Steve Cochrane, Charlene Johnson, Steve Chochran & Cheryl, family & friends of Don & Gayle Hendershot; Connie Pruden, John Dlugos & Violet, daughter & friends of the Bart & Deborah Adams; Alex, grandson of Ken & Barbara Barnes; Donna & Jonathan Allhusen, daughter & son of Mary; Marsha Johnson, Theresa Pulver family & friends of Terry & Linda Savage; Lin S., Mike L., & Kathy Fox, friends & family of Sandy Voigt; Joyce Willard & Justin Molina, family of Charlotte Chrysler; Jackson Coston, great-great grandson of Kathey Drennan; John & Sandy Beatty, Allison Sacheli, Kitty Braddon & Roy Blythe, friends of Bill Fuge; Dawn Lucas, daughter of Bill & Judy Ballway; Sara Romano, s-i-l of Vince and Tracy Romano; Chris Shepherd & Mary Persson, friend & mother of Jill Persson; Erin Smith Bernard & Chris Wyant, daughter & friend of Bob & Sandy Smith; Paige Bianchi, s-i-l of Mike & Stephanie Cheney; Blain Tiller, Mark Carey, Gerry & Joanne Beattie, Teresa Carey, family of Tammy Beattie; Sydnee, Dale Tomlin, Ben Cramer, friends & family of Pete & Kerri Ellison; Bev Wicher, wife of Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher (Eastern District President Emeritus); Stan Klimeczko, brother of Mike; Ernie Cratsley, Theresa Thompson, Arlene Lead, family and friend of Leon & Theresa Pfuntner; Derek Pittenger, son of Dave & Sandy; Lorna Frennette & Lalia Nichols, aunt & mother of Cliff & Kelly Nichols; Garrison Ball, son of Rev. Mark (St. Paul, Hilton) and Leslie Ball; GH, friend of many; Chelsea Ellis, daughter/step-daughter of John & Cindy Marino; Mike Tigie & Linda Chapman, friend & family

of Chapmans; **Joe Lewis**, father of Jay Powell; **Ronda Stiles**, friend of Leon & Theresa Pfuntner; **Sue Wagner & Mathais & Vick Rauscher**, friends & cousin of Gary & Colleen Paradise; **Brian Torres**, friend of Richard & Sudy Landholm; **Anne Flannery & Emmett**, cousin & friend of Annie Roxburgh; **Bob Bassage**, brother of Bev Edwards; **Charles Bucher**, brother of Jean Bucher; **Nora Swatly**, sister-in-law of Fred Salvagni; **Lucy Stanley**, aunt of Cindy Hemingway; **Kathy Harris**, friend of Nola Trost; **Kian**, friend of Hannah Battaglia; **Annie McGee**, friend of Greg Quinn; **Alan Vossler**, friend of Steve & Cindy Hemingway; **Phyllis Granger & Ed Peifer**, friends of Zagata's and Hemingway's; Ben Edwards, son of Brian & Bev Edwards; Judy Brainard, mother of Kelly Brainard-Nichols; **Jeff Trumbull**, friend of Gail Herman; **Susan Gillespie**, friend of Mark Serron; **Sybil Wright**, daughter of Mary Anna Chard;

In our prayers today we remember: MARY ANN MENGE in hospice; **BOB SMITH; AL LEASE**, cousin of Brian Edwards

