Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Reaching All with the Gospel

Second Sunday in Advent

December 6th, 2020 – 8:00 am

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Thank you for honoring God with your presence this morning. **Please be sure to complete the online Connection Card located on at www.emmanuellc.org.** ***Visitors:*** *We are especially delighted that you are here today and we hope that your worship with us will be a blessing to you.*

A Note about Communion: We believe that in Holy Communion when we receive the bread and wine we actually receive the Lord's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to serve God. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, we believe that by communing you are publicly declaring that you share in our understanding of Holy Communion. In addition you are expressing your oneness in faith with us in Close Communion at Emmanuel as part of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Only those who have been instructed in Holy Communion should commune. If you have any questions, speak with the pastor or an Elder. An usher will gladly direct you. If you desire to commune regularly with the congregation, please make an appointment with the Pastor.

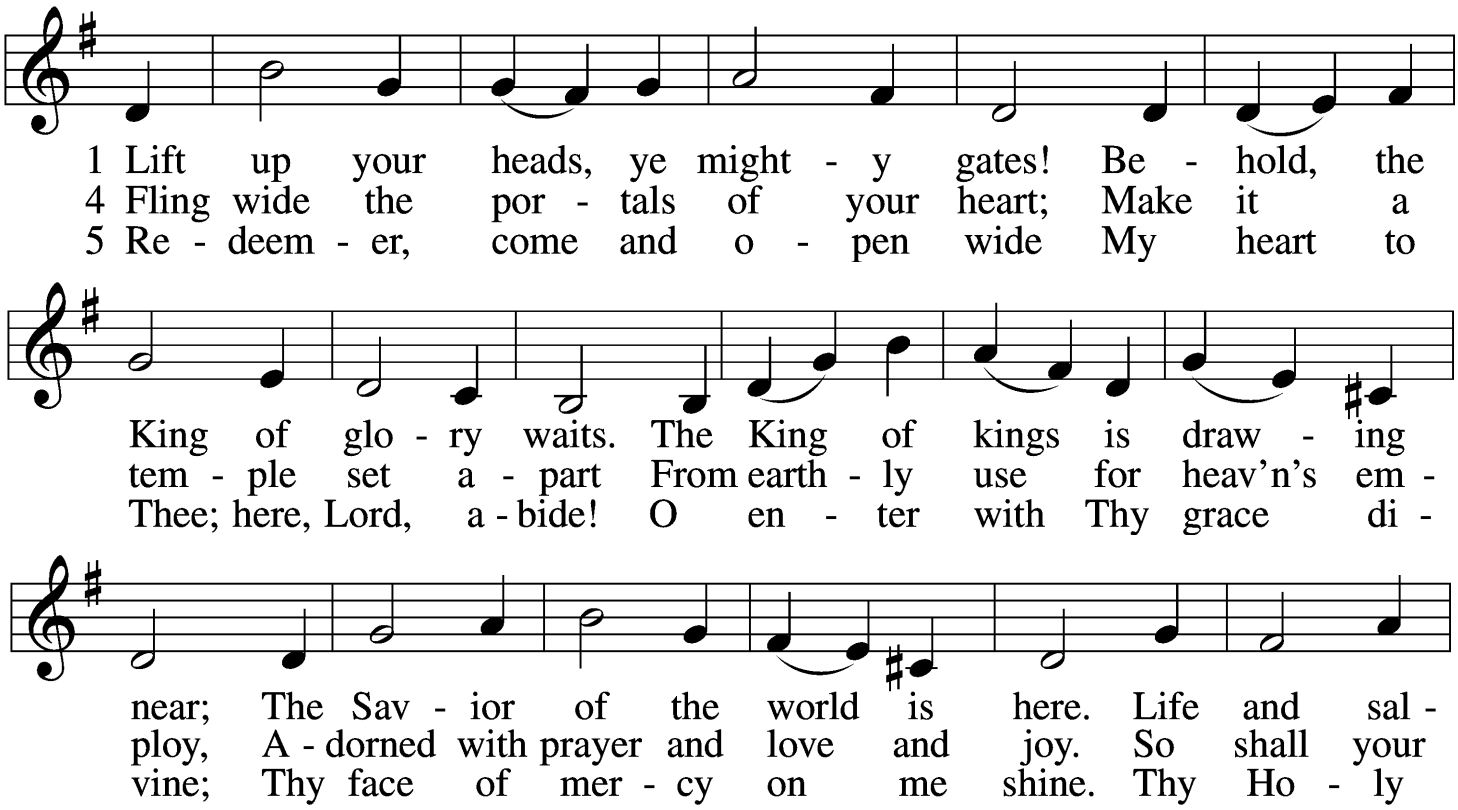
PRELUDE **"PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY"** *Priscilla Acuff, Organist*
By Robert Hobby

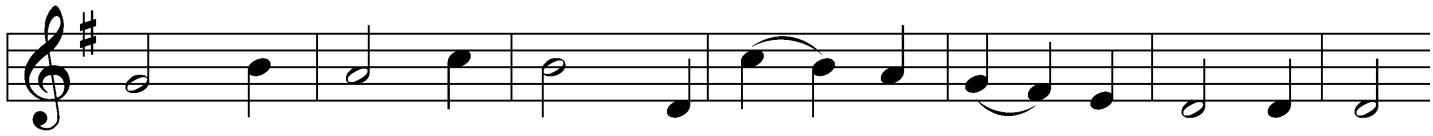
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING HYMN *Priscilla Acuff, Organist*

"LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES" *(LSB #341, vv. 1, 4-5)*





va - tion He doth bring; There-fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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INVOCATION, 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 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.

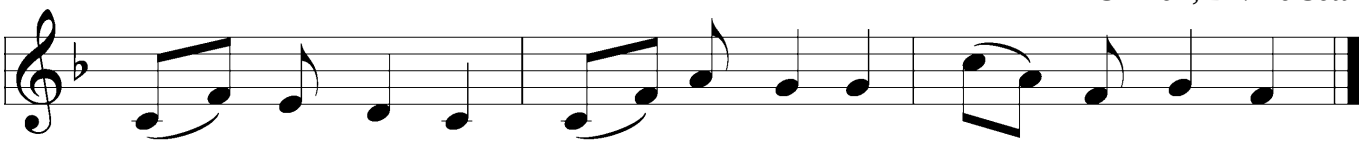
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

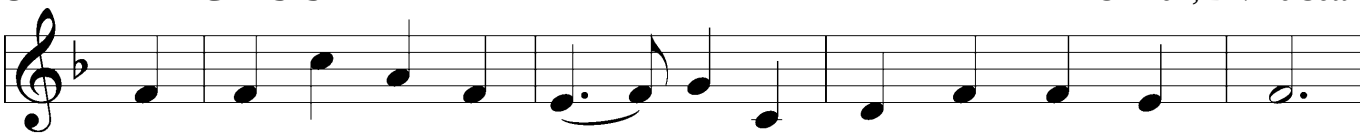
C **Amen.**

KYRIE *LSB 204, Divine Setting 4*

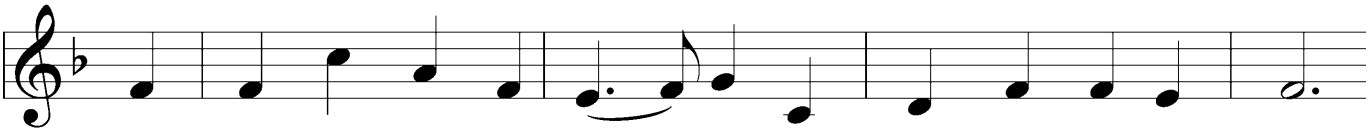


C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

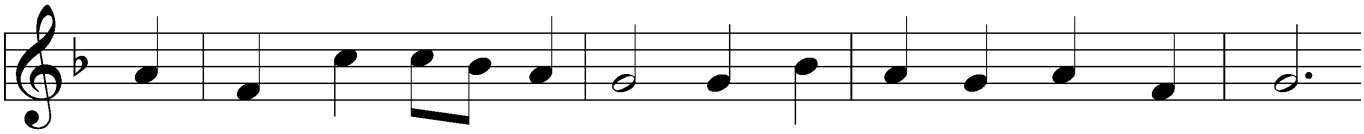
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 204, Divine Setting 4*



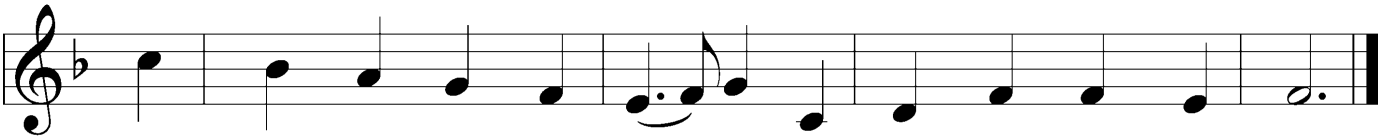
C **1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;**
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *Advent 2*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ruth 1:15-18 ESV*

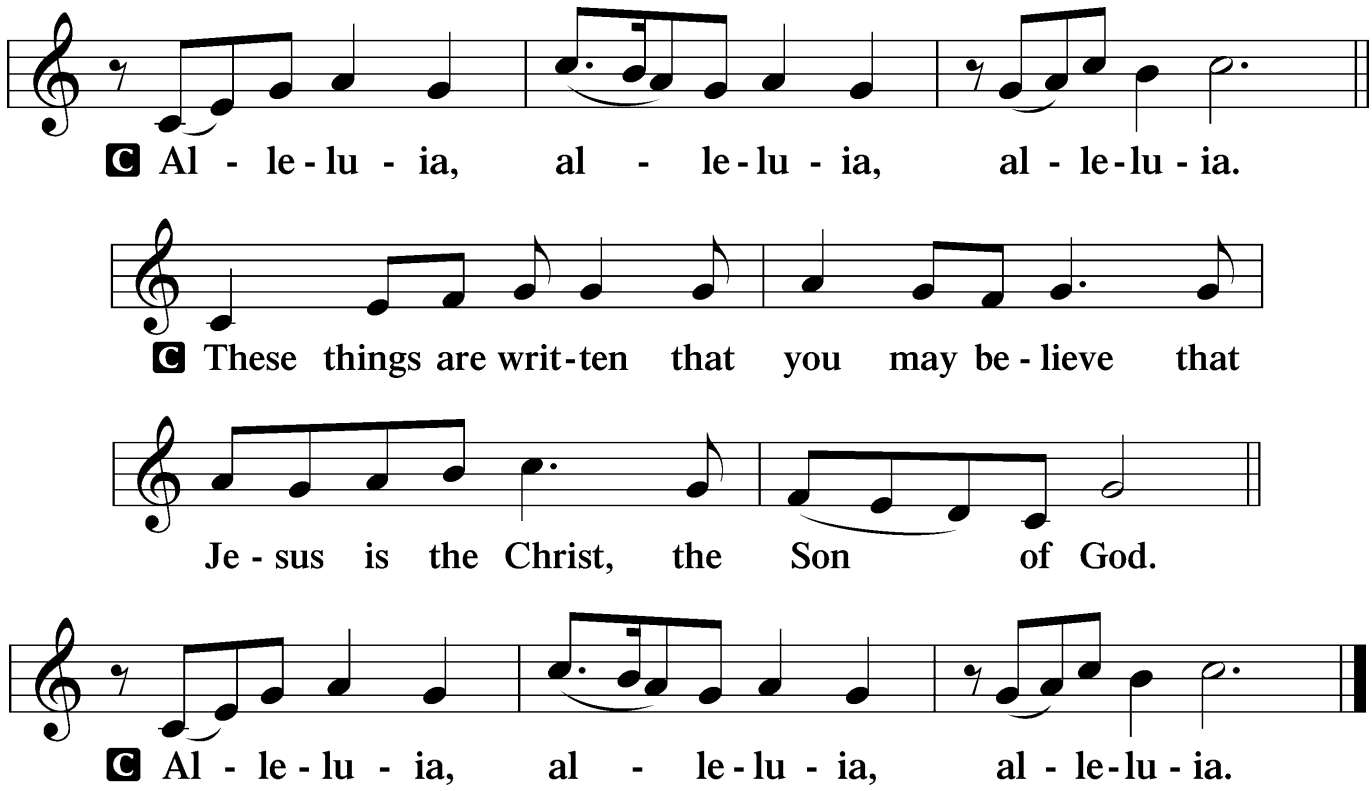
RUTH WAS A FAITHFUL FRIEND, A FAITHFUL WORKER, A FAITHFUL WIFE AND BEST OF ALL, AN ANCESTOR OF JESUS.

And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *LSB 205*



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:1-8 ESV*

JOHN PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way,

the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE HYMN *Priscilla Acuff, Organist*

"HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD" *(v. 1)*

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

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CHILDREN'S SERMON **"STICKING TOGETHER"** *Kaitlyn Lloyd*
Children's Kingdom Kidz Leader

CHILDRENS MESSAGE TRANSITION SONG

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD" *(v.2)*

He's got you and me brother in His hands

He's got you and me sister in His hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

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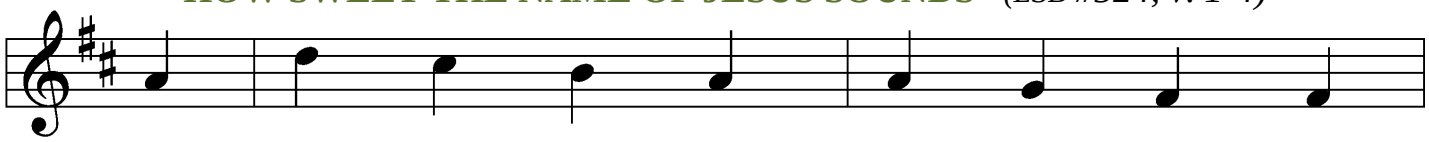
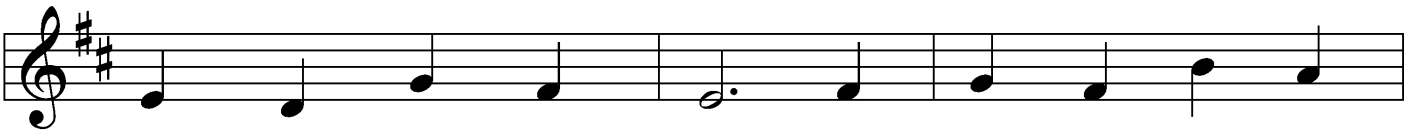
SERMON HYMN *Priscilla Acuff, Organsit*

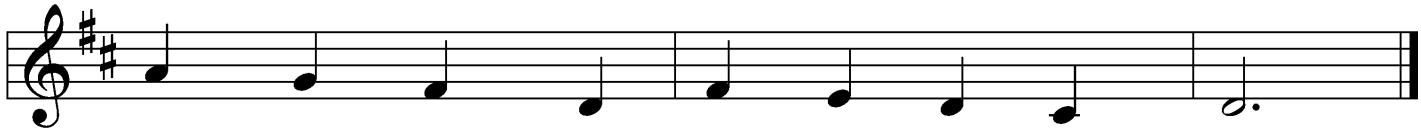
"HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS" *(LSB #524, v. 1-4)*



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

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SERMON **"THE TREE HAS FRUIT"** *(Ruth 1:15-18, 4:18-20)* *Pastor Mark Carlson*

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

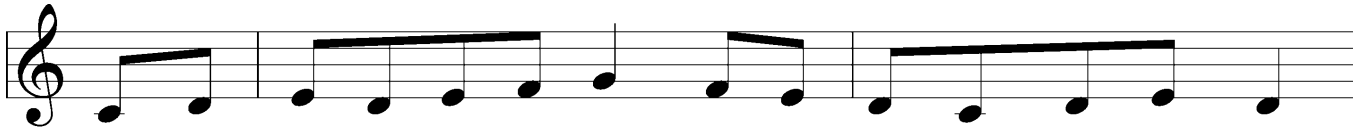
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

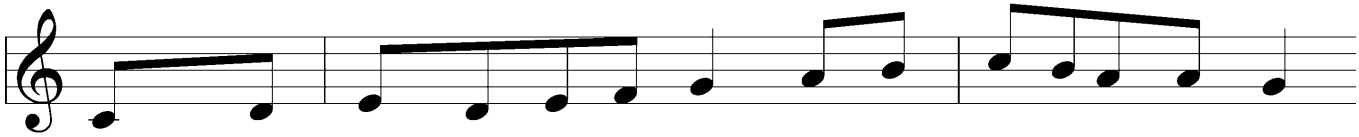
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

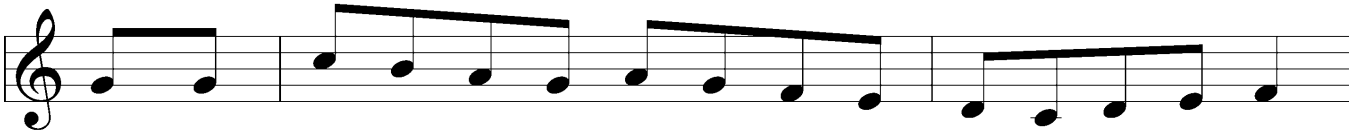
SANCTUS *LSB 208*



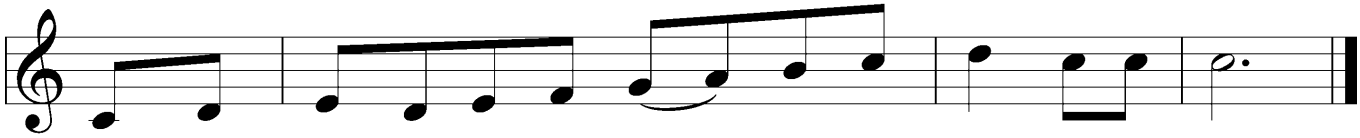
C **Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;**



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!

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:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

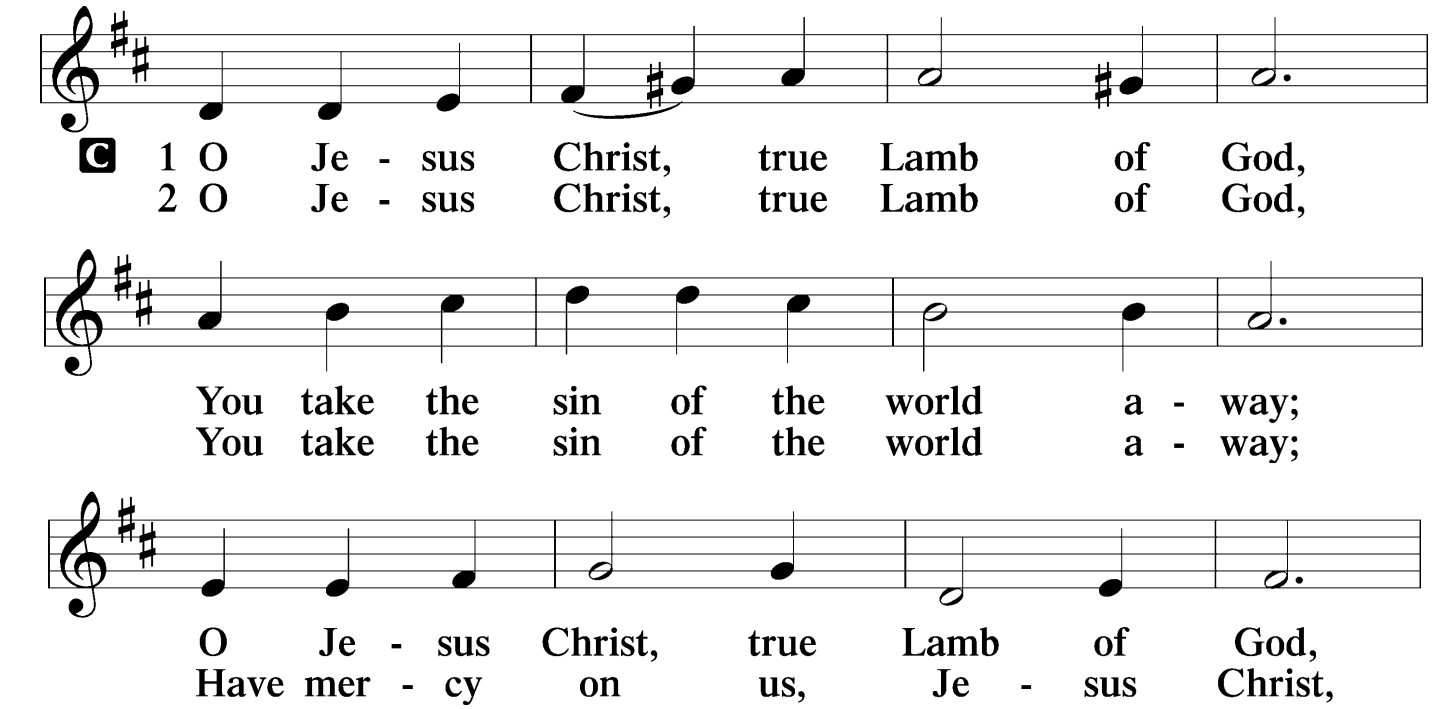
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

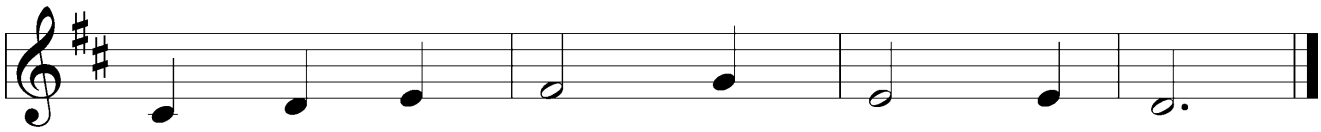
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 ✠ 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*





Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

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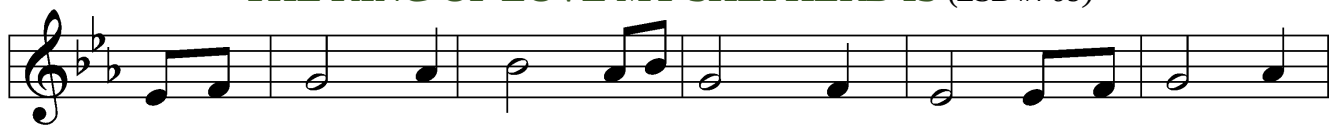
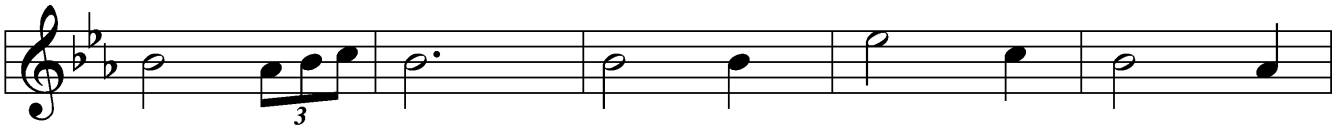
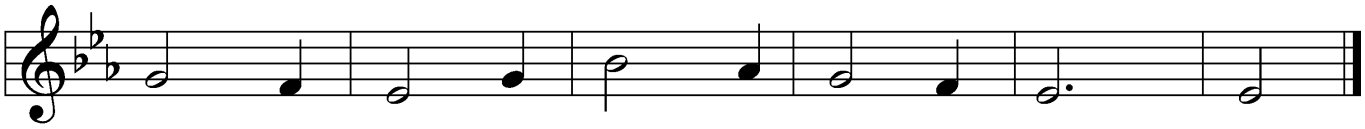
THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (*LSB #709)*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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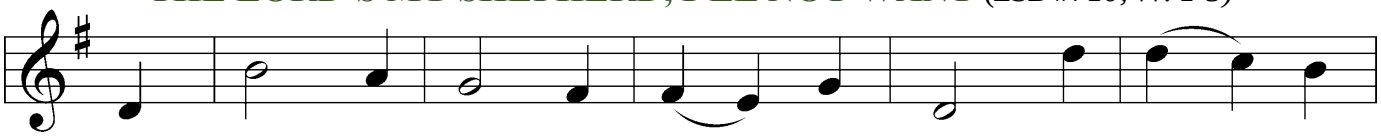
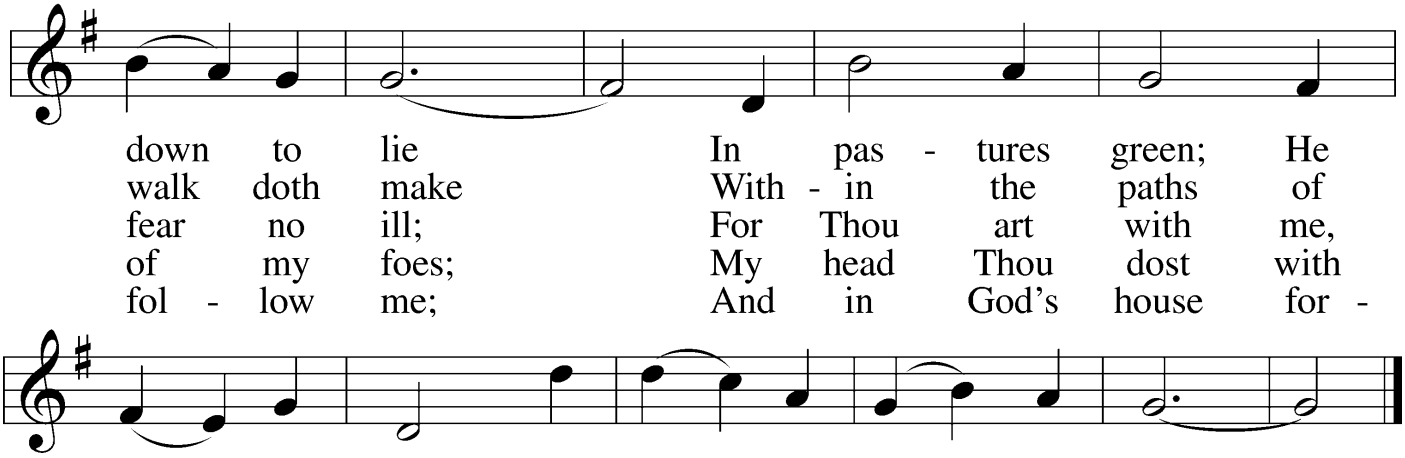
THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT (*LSB #710, vv. 1-5)*



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



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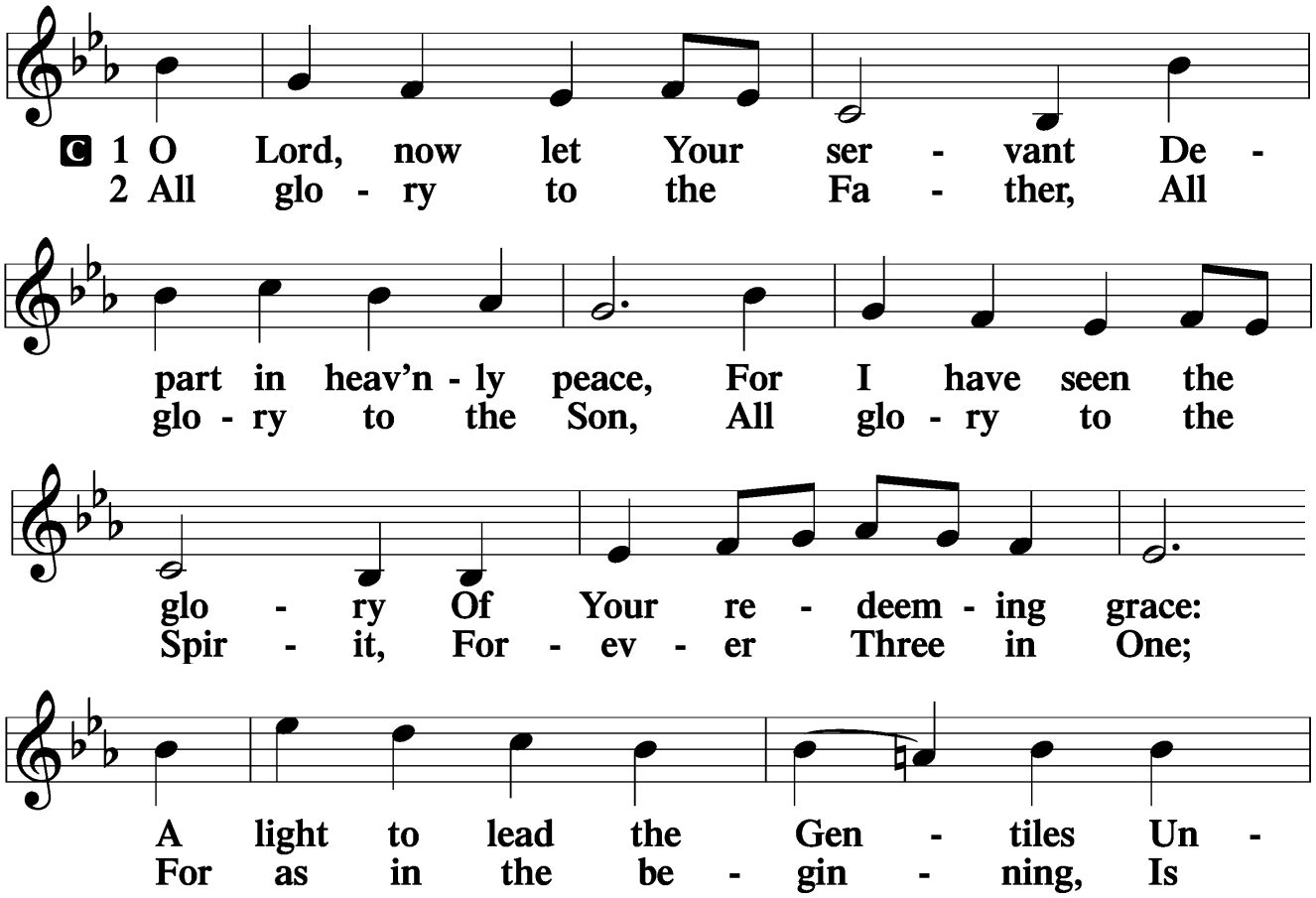
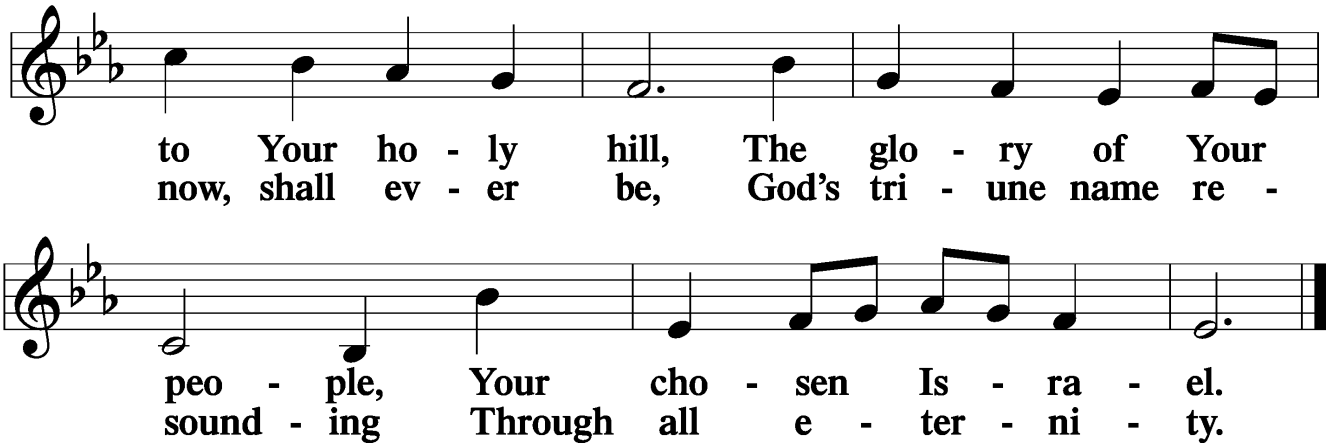
Please Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *LSB 211*





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

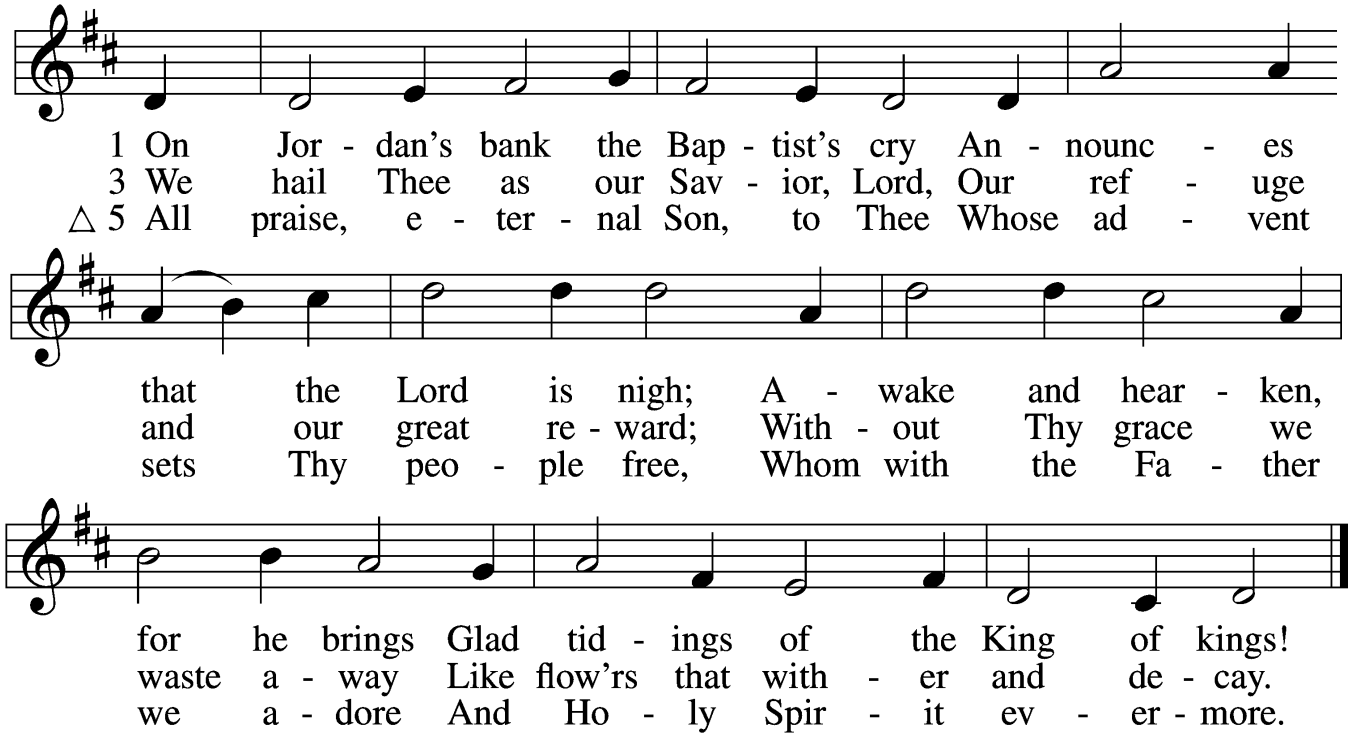
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.**

CLOSING HYMN **"ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY"** *(#344, vv. 1, 3, 5)*



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GIVING OPTIONS

DISMISSAL

P We hide God's Word in our hearts,

C **that we might hold out the Word of Life.**

C ***John 1:4 "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4***

P God with us, with one another and with our neighbors

C **to reach all with the Gospel!**

POSTLUDE **"SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME"**

Setting by Paul Manz *Priscilla Acuff, Organist*

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Lutherans For Life

"This Christmas, let us continue to pray for mothers who are afraid and aren't sure where to turn when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. Let us pray that, like Mary, they may find the courage to bring life into the world."

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