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David H. Brooks, Pastor – December 1, 2024

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TODAY'S VERSE:

*"Take action, for it is your duty, and we are with you; be strong, and do it."
- Ezra 10:4*

PRELUDE

..... **WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD**

First Sunday in Advent

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

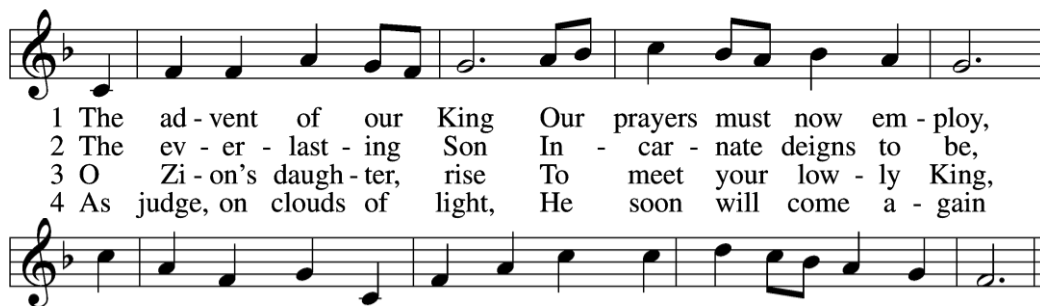
C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8)

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,
- C** Almighty and gracious Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We did not do those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; apart from You, there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us in our pride and our misery. In Your love, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, and lift up those who are lowly; according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may go forth to live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen
- P** Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C** Amen.

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.

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| <p>5 Before the dawning day
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away,
 The new self now put on.</p> | <p>6 All glory to the Son,
 Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one
 Through all eternity</p> |
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..... WE WELCOME OUR LORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE (*LSB 942*):



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,
Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!
Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.
O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:
Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli - ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!
Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the
gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this
sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

Text: German version, Ordnung der ceremonien, 1537/38, Naumburg; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.; Text and tune: Latin, 9th cent.;
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR 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.

..... OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Jeremiah 33:14–16 (*Pew Bible, pg. 662*)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 33rd Chapter of Jeremiah.

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for

David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25 – *Gather 35 “Remember Your Mercies”*



- 1 Your ways, O Lord, make known to me,
Teach me Your paths. Guide me,
Teach me, for You are my Savior.
- 2 Remember Your compassion, Lord,
And Your kindness of old,
Remember this, and not my sins,
In your goodness, O Lord.
- 3 God and just is the Lord,
The sinners know the way.
God guides the meek to justice,
And teaches the humble.

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EPISTLE LESSON:

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 (*Pew Bible, pg. 987*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 3rd Chapter of First Thessalonians.

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we

pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so

that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 19:28–40 (*Pew Bible, pg. 878*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples,

³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them.

³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”

³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had

seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

P We praise You, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when He comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with Your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome Him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Whose coming is certain and Whose day draws near.

C Amen.

(The first candle is lit.)

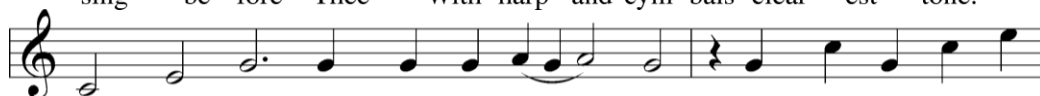
HYMN OF THE DAY: **LSB 516 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"**



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



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!

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INSTALLATION OF DAN THOMAS, congregational representative, GAB

NICENE CREED:

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic[†] and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

..... WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .
Lord in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

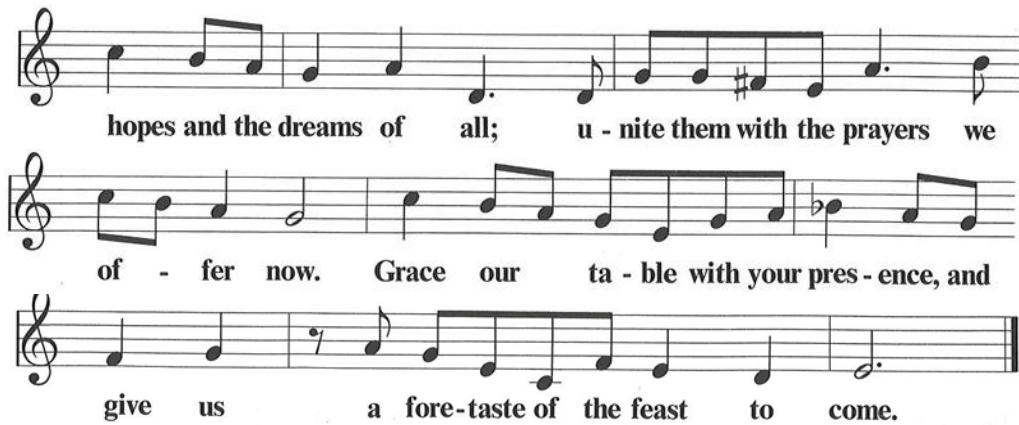
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY: **"One Voice"** – Amy Robertson, Kathy Peterson

OFFERTORY:



[†] meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine



..... OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

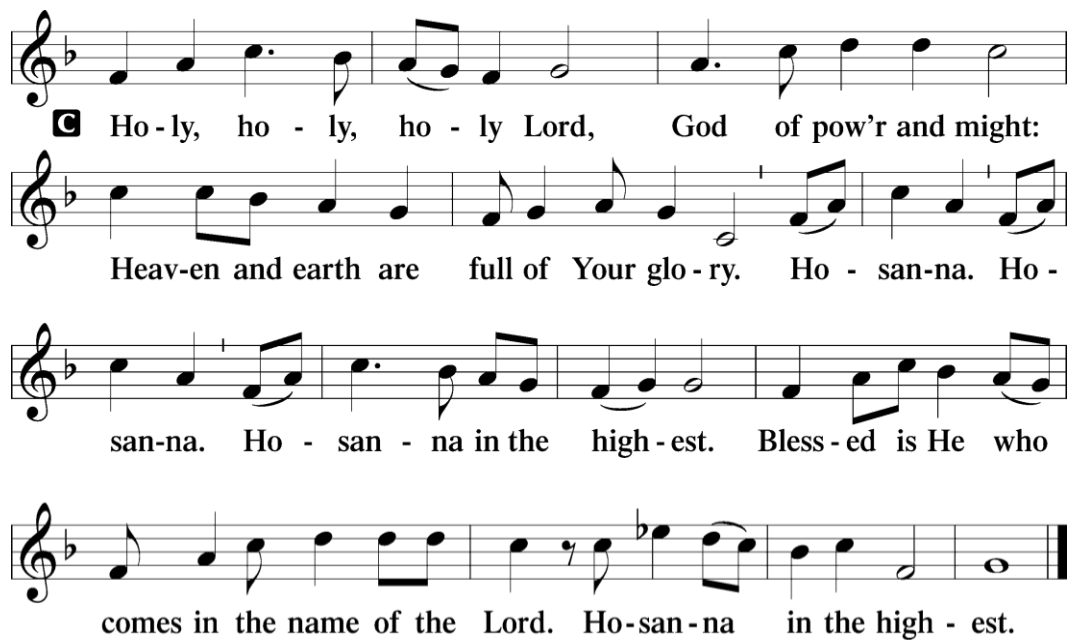


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for You are the King of glory. You, who are Light inaccessible, sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, into the darkness of our lives to be a light among us, the light of your grace and truth. In obedience, he took on our flesh to live and grow as a son of Adam. Obedient in all things, he taught the truths of Your kingdom, stretching out his hands in suffering that He might free from suffering all those who call on Your name. Obedient even unto death, you freed Him from death and won for yourself a holy people. For all this, we give you our thanks, O God, as we live in the promise that He will come again to share with us the great feast of Your heavenly kingdom.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

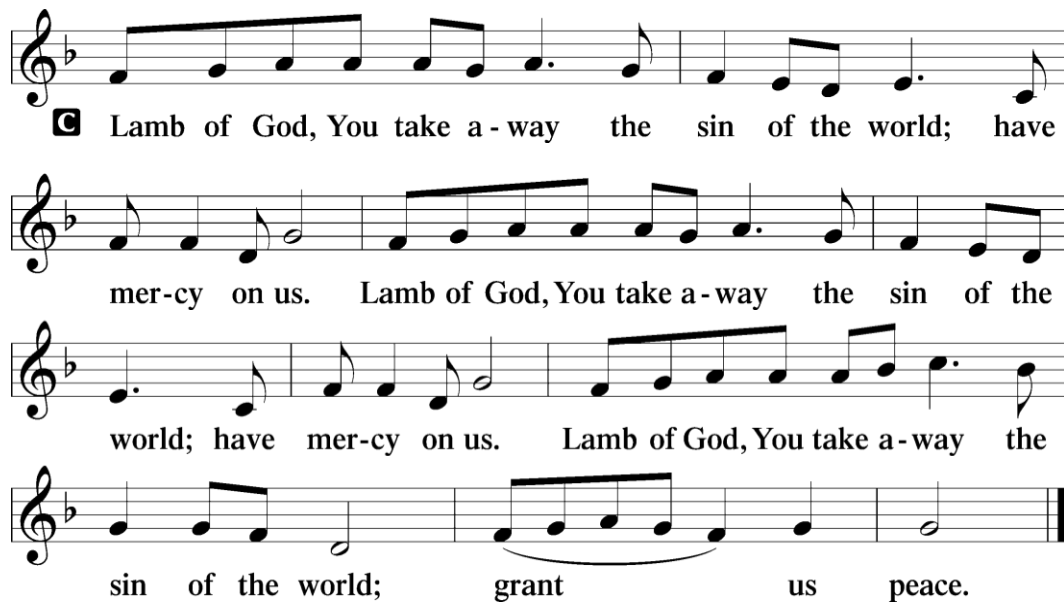
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

P As we prepare for this great gift, let us pray as our Lord has taught us:

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.

AGNUS DEI:



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Worshippers who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *LSB 347 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"*

1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er

saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -

'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord

Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys shall
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall

sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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WOV 630 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

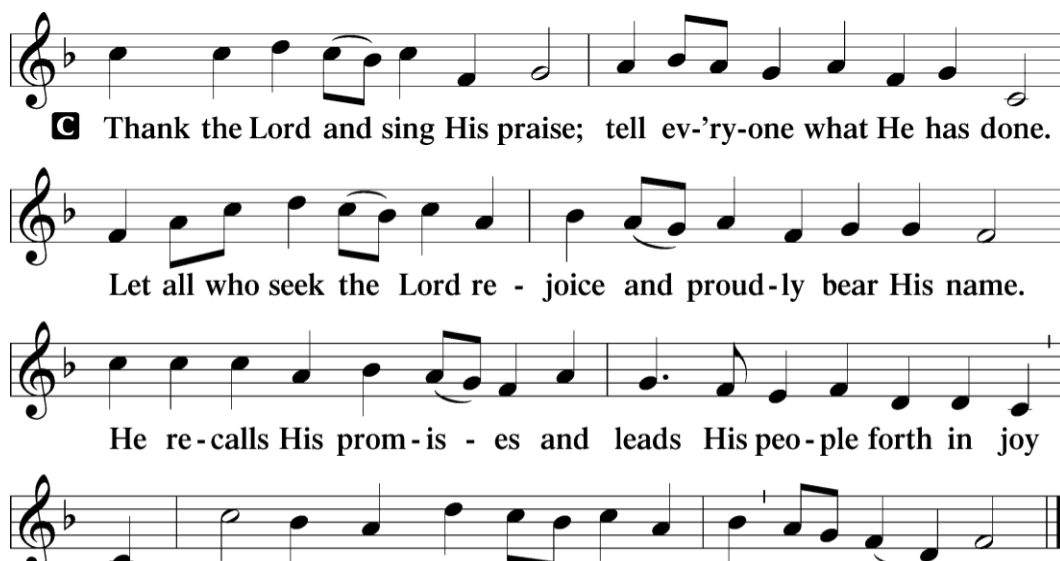
1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
 2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
 3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
 4 Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.

He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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..... WE THANK OUR LORD

THANK THE LORD:



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P Let us pray.

Mighty God, we praise You, for You look with favor upon those who are lowly, and You fill the hungry with good things. Let the good things we have received at this altar strengthen us in faith, that we may with all Your people keep watch for the signs of our Lord's coming, that we may enter into the feast of the Lamb that has no end; through Jesus Christ,

C Amen.

..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION:

P In every darkness, be not afraid, for the light is dawning:

May the Father of lights give you strength

May the Christ guide you by His wisdom

May the Holy Spirit be your comfort ✠ and peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *LSB 336 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"*



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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DISMISSAL:

[P]: Now go and keep watch, for we do not know the hour when we will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Be faithful in service, and persistent in prayer, loving and serving the Lord.

[C]: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
10:10 AM	Tom McGill* & Kathy Peterson	Kent Silvernail <u>Greeter:</u> Jan Kolba	Dean Kolba
	<u>Altar Guild:</u> John Kolba, Setup; Carol Walton, clean up	<u>A/V Operator:</u> John Kolba	

*Acolyte



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