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**FOCUS** Millions of names exist in this world. Some are similar but have variations in different languages. Some have great historic meaning, while others are created new because they sound good to the name-giver. Yet with all the names that exist throughout the nations, there is only one name that saves, and that name is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As we enter the last week of Advent, we hear the power of His name prophesied to Ahaz, affirmed in Romans, and spoken to Joseph, Jesus’ earthly father, prior to His birth. And more than just a name, “Immanuel” is a sign that God is with His people. As we approach Christmas joy, we give thanks for the name above all names, through whom “the Lord saves.”

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

Three Settings of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Peeters, Eatherton, Kerr*

**RINGING of the BELLS**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

*LSB 350*



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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## INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION, CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- L** 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.
- L** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- L** 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.

# LIGHTING the ADVENT CANDLE

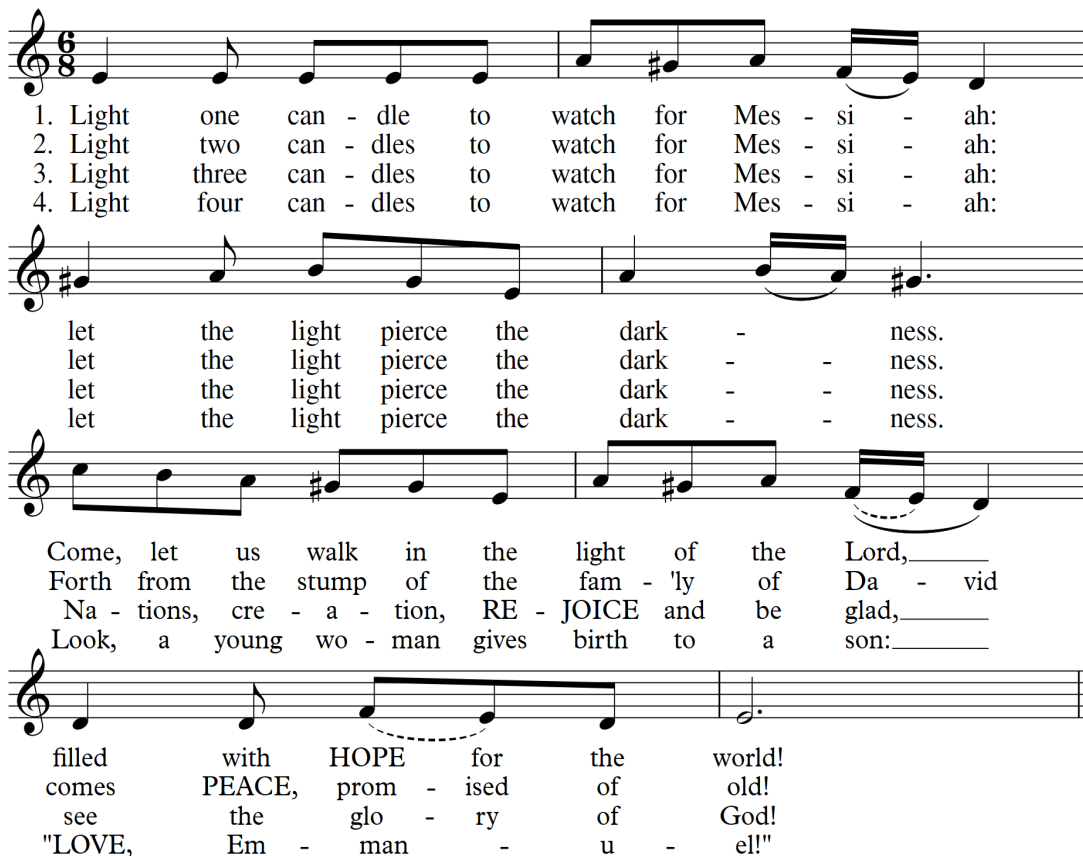
**L** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In Your Son, Emmanuel, You have shown us Your light and saved us from the power of sin.

**C** Increase our longing for Your presence that at the celebration of Your Son's birth His Spirit might dwell anew in our midst. Amen.

## HYMN

### "Light One Candle"

*Wold*



1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:  
 2. Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:  
 3. Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:  
 4. Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:

let the light pierce the dark - ness.  
 let the light pierce the dark - - - ness.  
 let the light pierce the dark - - - ness.  
 let the light pierce the dark - - - ness.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Forth from the stump of the fam - 'ly of Da - vid  
 Na - tions, cre - a - tion, RE - JOICE and be glad, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Look, a young wo - man gives birth to a son: \_\_\_\_\_

filled with HOPE for the world!  
 comes PEACE, prom - ised of old!  
 see the glo - ry of God!  
 "LOVE, Em - man - u - el!"

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## **SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Service of the Word**

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 7:10-17*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” <sup>13</sup> And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup> The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM HYMN**    **"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**    *LSB 341; Psalm 24*



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
 rul - er is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your  
 vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There-fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
 all our woe He brings; There-fore the earth is glad and sings.  
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
 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 Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts 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.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 1:1-7*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 1:18-25*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

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

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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

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

## 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 worshipped 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN of the DAY

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357, v.1-4



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## SERMON

### “The Virgin’s Son”

*Rev. Timothy D. Smith*

## GATHERING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

**VISION STATEMENT:** *To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING HYMN

### “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*LSB 357, v.5-7*

5. O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav’nly home;  
 Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. *(Refrain)*

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

6. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
*(Refrain)*

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;  
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. *(Refrain)*

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## PRAYER of the CHURCH *(After each petition, the following is said...)*

- L** Lord in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

### PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22*

- L** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**L** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

- L** 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 singing:

### SANCTUS HYMN

#### **“Holy, Holy, Holy, Sing”**

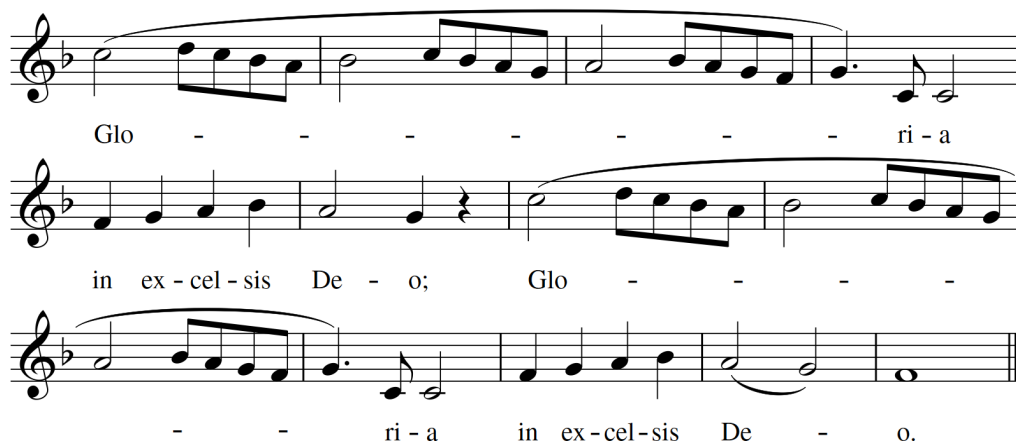
*(to the tune of “Angel’s We Have on High”)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, sing To the heav'n-ly ar - mies' King.  
Hail, Ho-san - na Da - vid's Son! Bless-ed is the One who comes



For His glo - ry, might, and worth Fill the heav-ens, fill the earth.  
In the name of God the Lord, Name of bless-ings rich out-poured.



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## WORDS of INSTITUTION

### PROCLAMATION of CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

- L** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- L** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

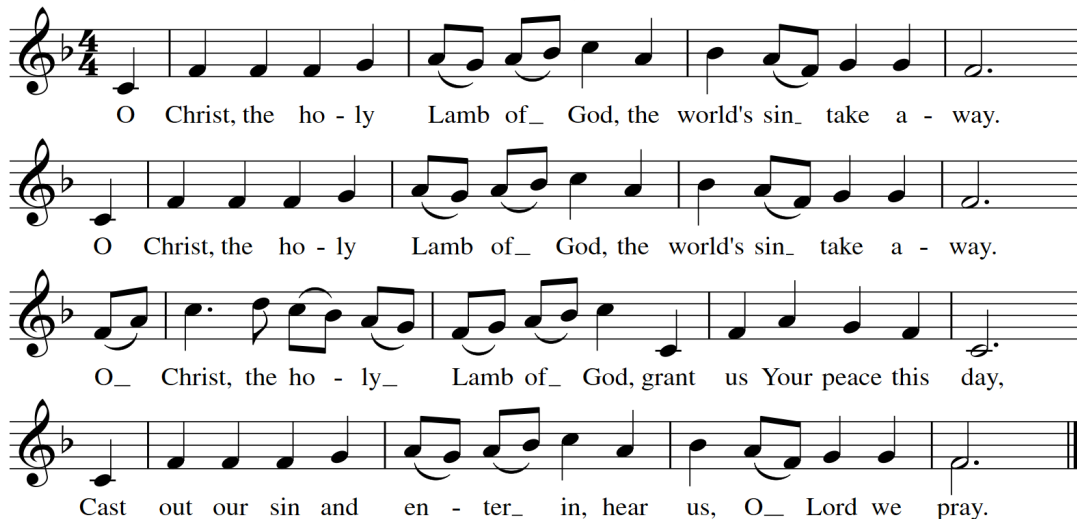
### The LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

### PAX DOMINI

- L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI HYMN “O Christ the Holy Lamb of God” *(to the tune of LSB 362)*



O Christ, the ho - ly Lamb of\_ God, the world's sin\_ take a - way.

O Christ, the ho - ly Lamb of\_ God, the world's sin\_ take a - way.

O\_ Christ, the ho - ly\_ Lamb of\_ God, grant us Your peace this day,

Cast out our sin and en - ter\_ in, hear us, O\_ Lord we pray.

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## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.)*

*Christ invites all repentant sinners to partake His feast of forgiveness – the Lord’s Supper. LCMS communicant members are invited to examine their faith and receive the Savior’s body and blood. Visitors wishing to commune should see a Pastor or an Elder before service. We ask this because we love you.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LSB 361

“God Loves Me Dearly”

LSB 392

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- L** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

**G** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- L** 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.

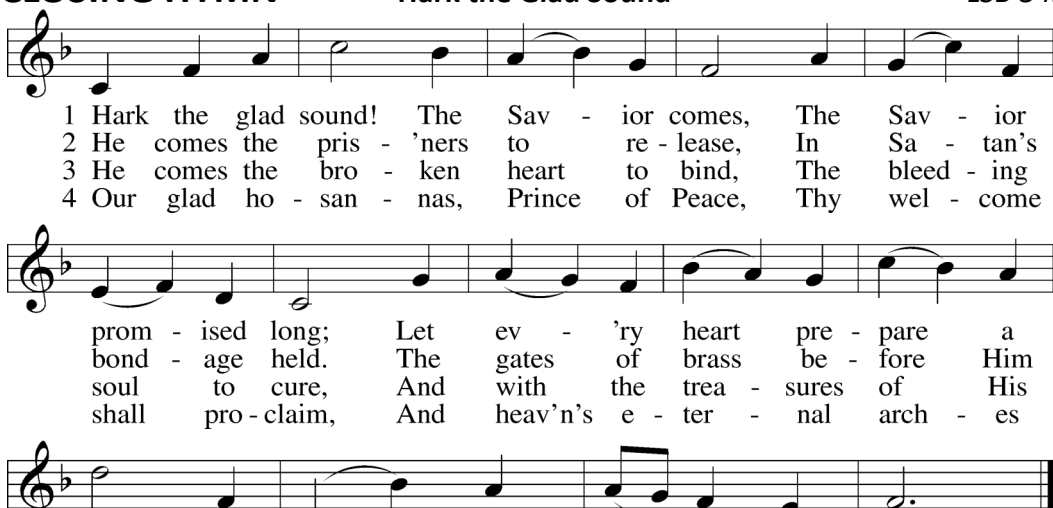
## DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

## CLOSING HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound”

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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## POSTLUDE

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Weber

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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

ORGANIST: *Rod Riese*

ELDERS: 7:30am—*Bob Zimmerman, Terry Page*; 9am—*Troy Pagel, Dan Schwantes*

ACOLYTES: 7:30am—*Brayden Nelson*; 9am—*Corinne Rhoden*

TECH: 7:30am— ; 9am—*Denali Stangl*

## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

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### TRADITIONAL/BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

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- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

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### VISION STATEMENT:

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