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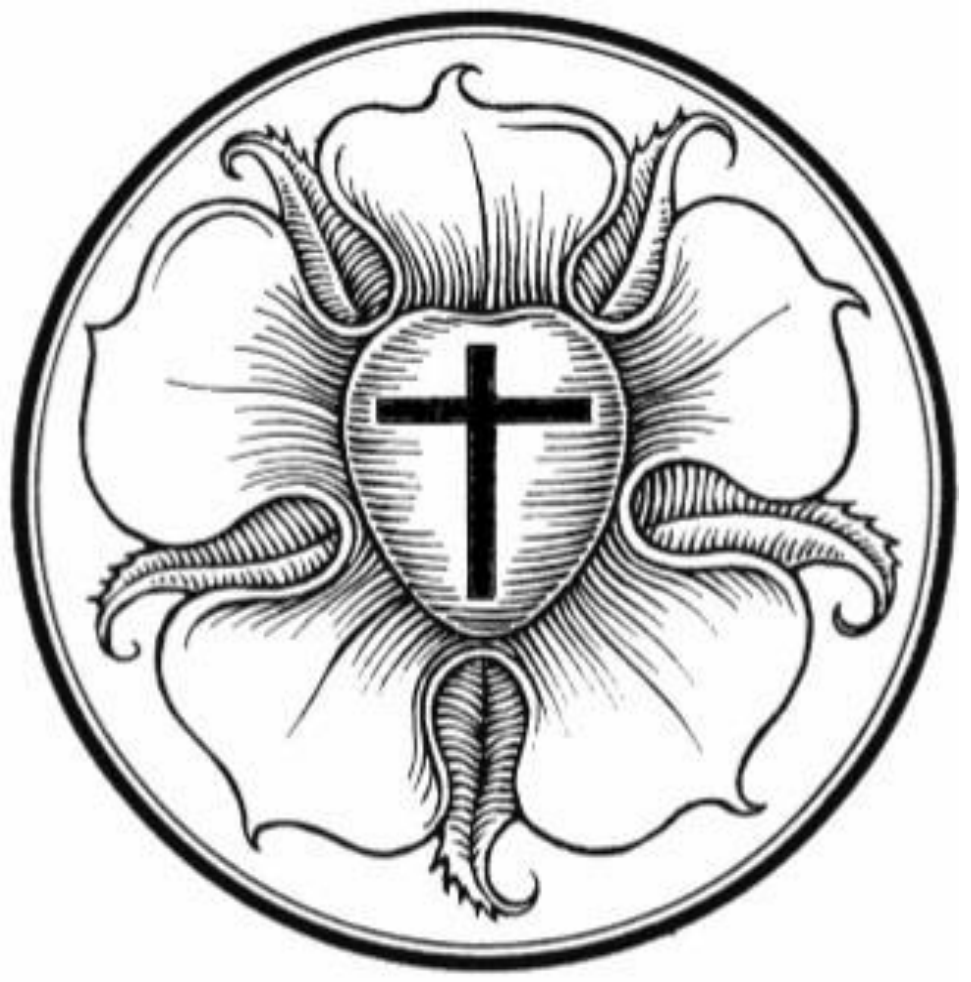


First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

Good News—Holy Communion is celebrated at Immanuel today! *God loves you! He loves most of all to give you His gifts and today the Risen Jesus comes to give Himself to you in His sacred meal. Because nothing breaks God's heart more than to see His children miss out on His gifts, it is our heartfelt prayer and God's deep desire that, as you prepare to receive Him, you give your joyful "Amen!" to these statements:*

- I have been baptized in the name of the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:18-20*
- I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness and am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Ephesians 2:4-9*
- I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ—given and shed for the forgiveness of my sins—are truly present *for me* with the bread and wine of Holy Communion. *Matthew 26:26-28*
- As one who lives by God's forgiveness alone, I strive to live at peace with others and withhold forgiveness from no one. *Matthew 5:23-24*

At the appropriate time, the ushers will direct forward those wishing to commune. Communicants receive our Lord's body from the pastor and then may choose to receive His blood from either the small cups or the common chalice. Used small cups should be placed in the wicker basket near the front pew. Those who cannot assent to the above statements or otherwise do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing with arms folded across the chest. Please speak with the pastor regarding communion preparation for young children or should you have any questions about our teaching or practice surrounding Holy Communion.

Iesu Iuva!

Divine Service III (LSB 184ff)

Processional Hymn *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* *LSB 334*
(tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)

Invocation, Confession & 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C A**men.**
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel as you are able or sit. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

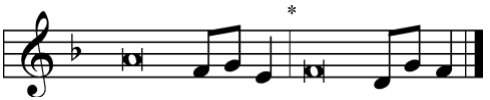
P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless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

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✝ Service of the Word ✝

Introit *Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*



A Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;* righteous and having sal- | vation.

C **To you, | O Lord,* I lift | up my soul.**

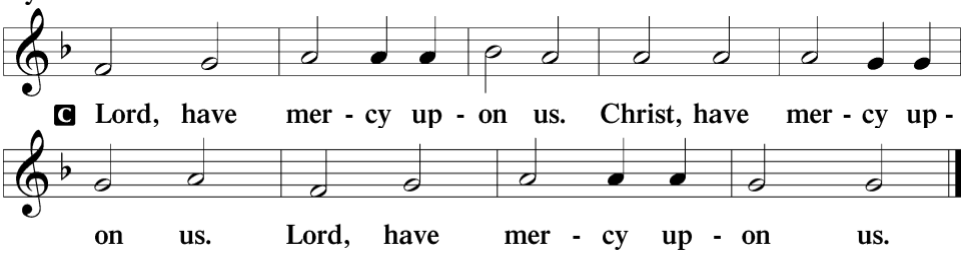
A O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;* let not my enemies exult | over me.

C **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;***
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

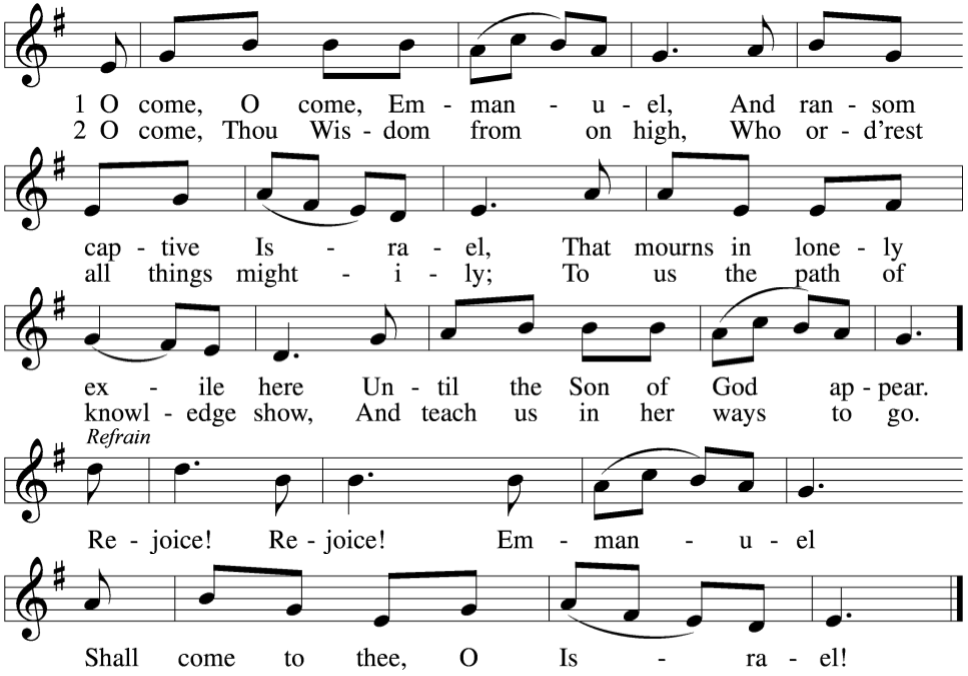
All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

A Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;* righteous and having sal- | vation.

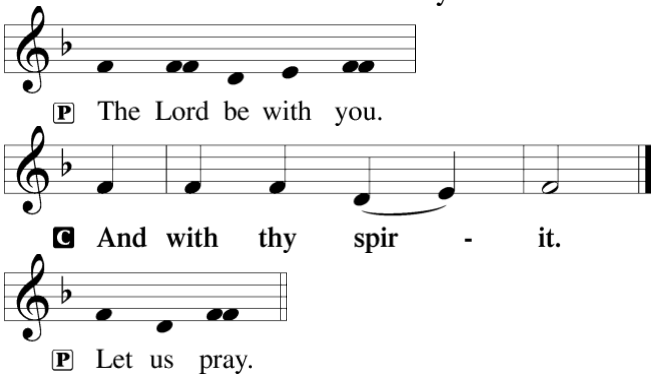
Kyrie *LSB 186*



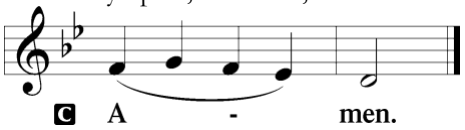
Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *LSB 357 sts. 1-2 with refrain*



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P 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.



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Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 64:1–9*

1Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— 2 as
when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4From of old no one has heard or perceived by the
ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. 5You meet him who joyfully
works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our
sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? 6We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our
righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your
face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. 8But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we
are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and
remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *(cantor)* *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.* Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;* righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.* From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

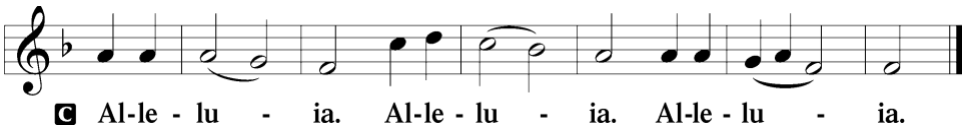
3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks to my God always for
you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5that in every way you were enriched in
him in all speech and all knowledge—6even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—7so that
you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8who will sustain
you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful, by whom you were called into the
fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

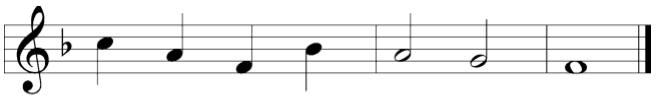
Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*



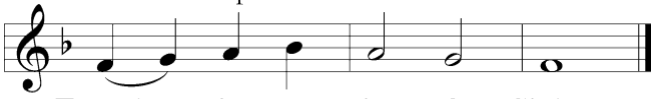
Holy Gospel *Mark 13:24–37*

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



24[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
25and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26And then they will
see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27And then he will send out the angels and
gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28"From the fig tree
learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.
29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly, I say to
you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will not pass away. 32"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will
come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his
work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the
master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—
36lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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Children's Message

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

Sermon

Stand

Credo *(The Apostles' Creed)*

All: 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 T everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet 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).

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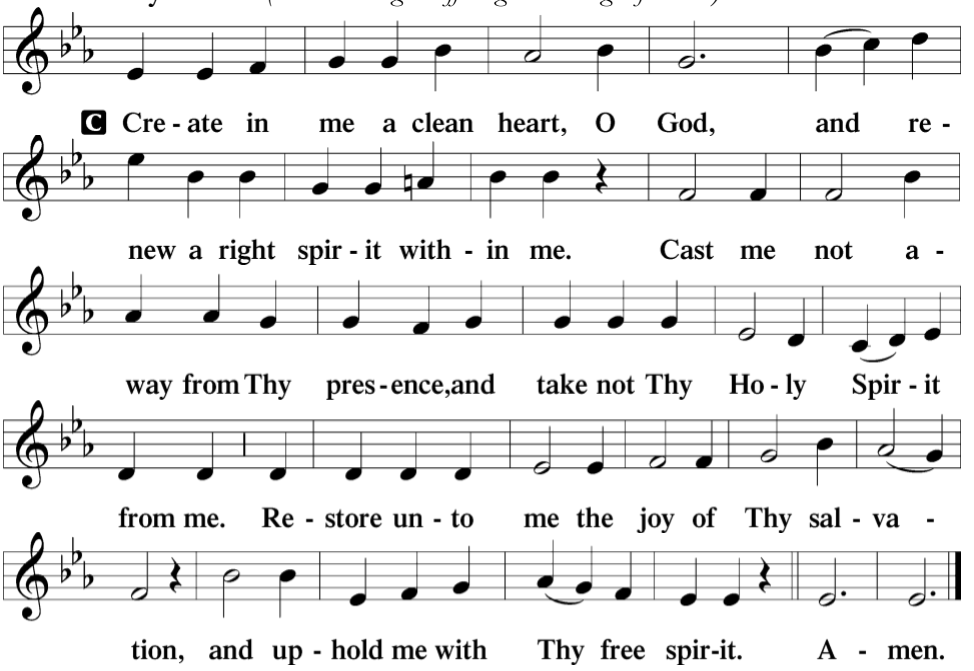
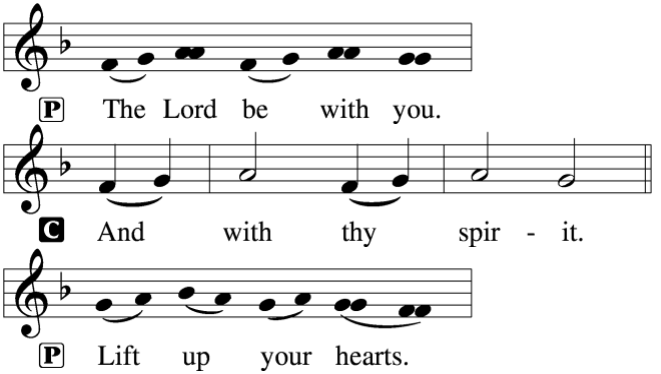
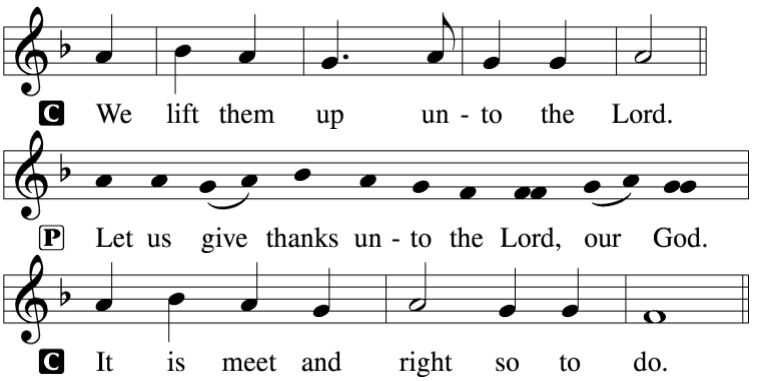
Offering and Offertory *(Stand to sing as offerings are brought forward)* *LSB 192*



T Service of the Sacrament T

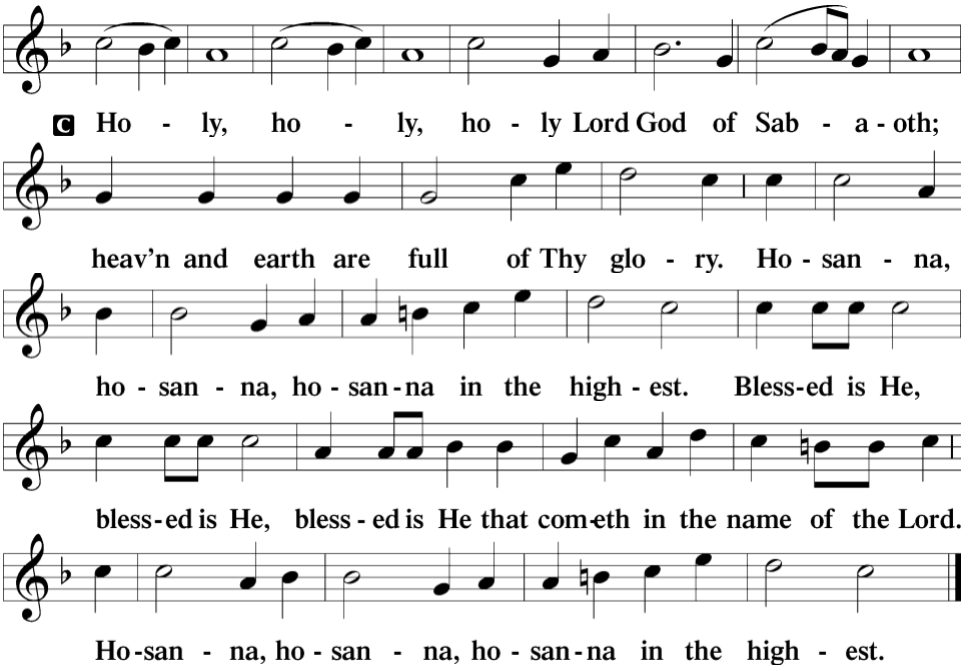
Preface *LSB 194*





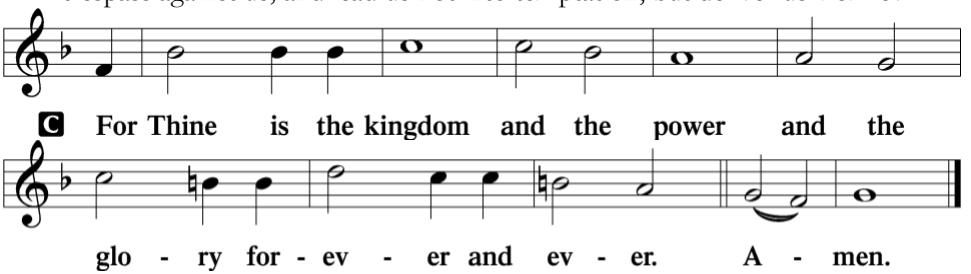
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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 *LSB 195*



Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

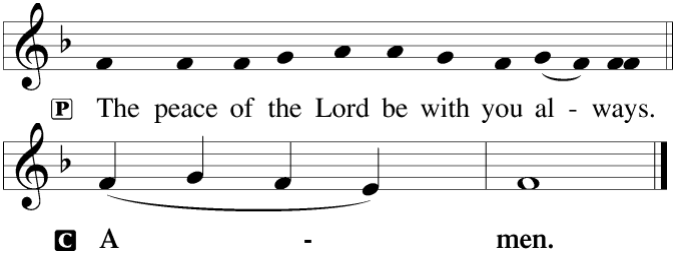
P Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



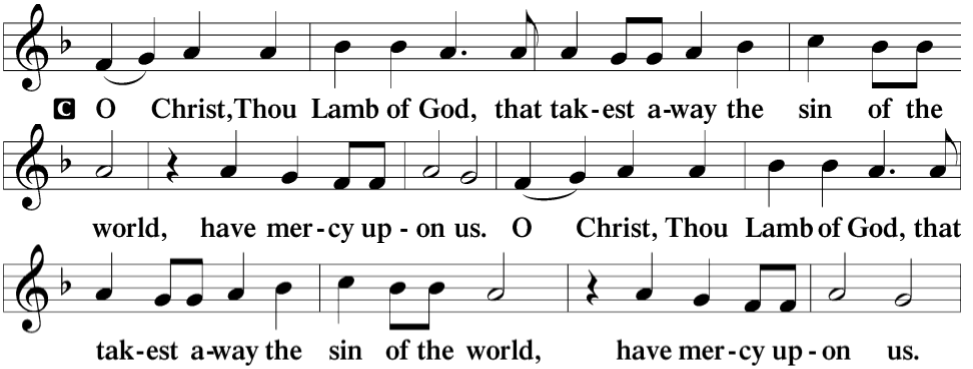
Words of Institution

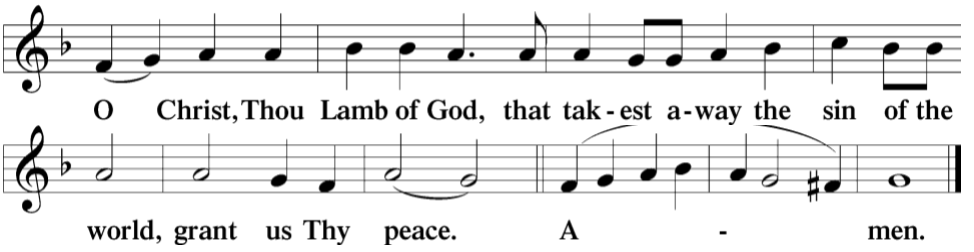
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 197*



Agnus Dei *LSB 198*





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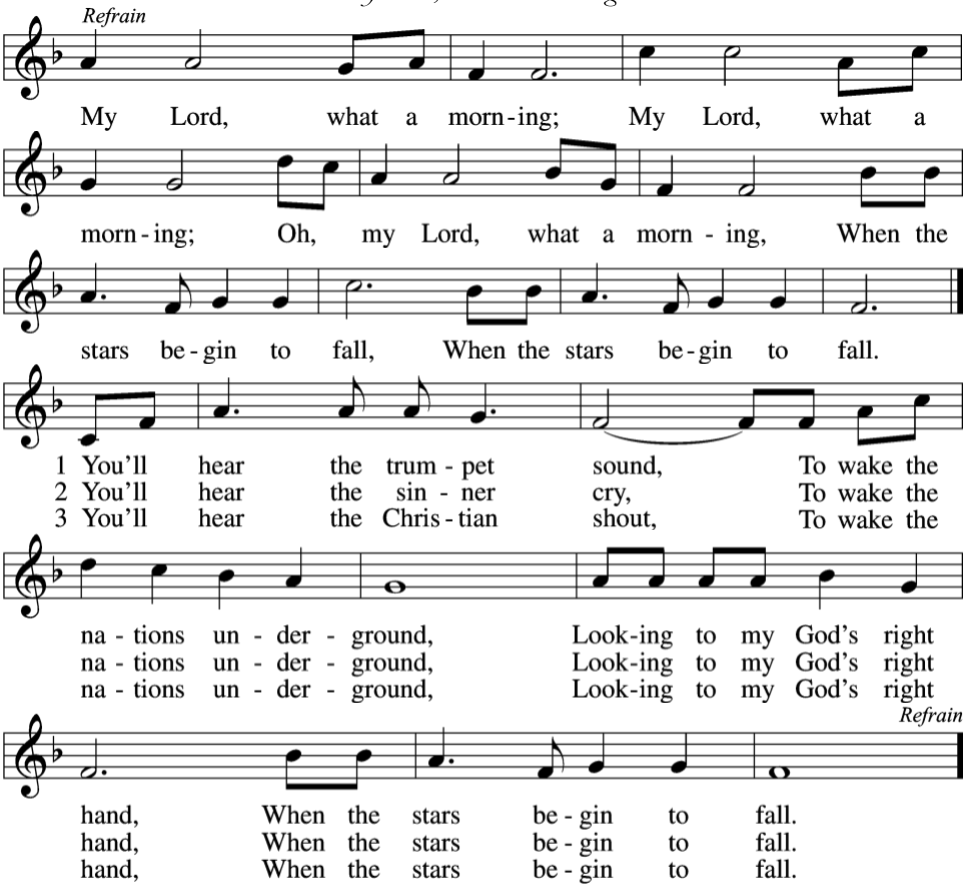
Distribution & Distribution Hymn

My Lord, What a Morning *LSB 968*

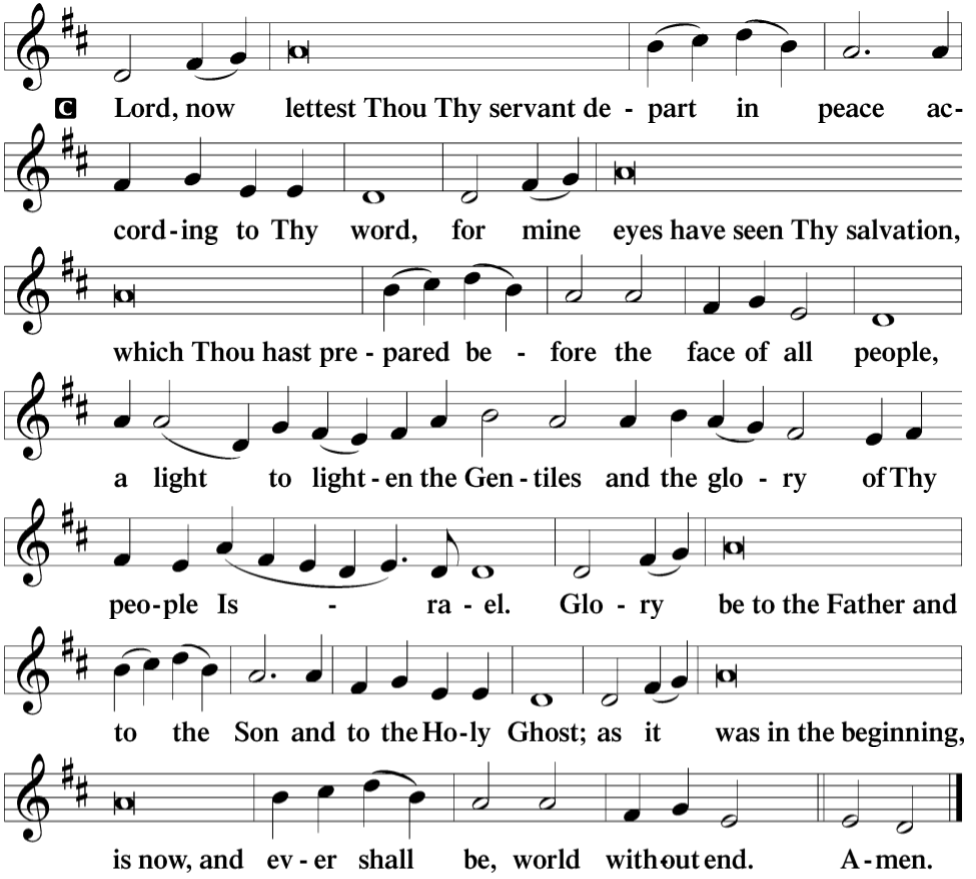


Jerusalem, My Happy Home *LSB 673*

After all have communed, stand for the blessing.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Thanksgiving

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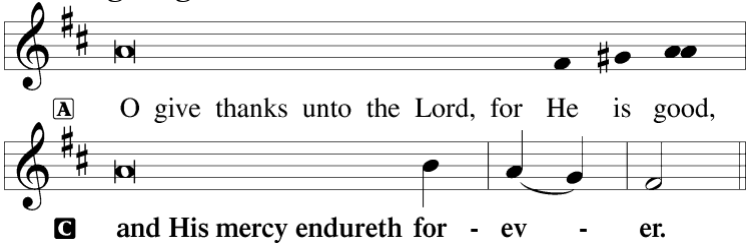
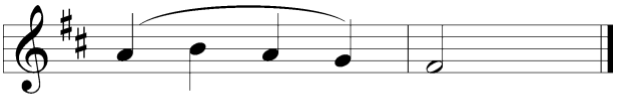


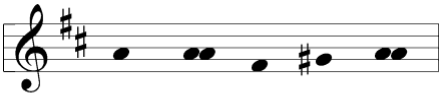
Post-Communion Collect

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

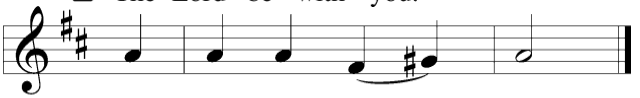


C **A - men.**

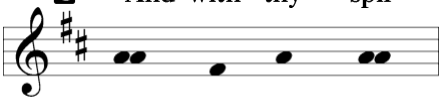
Salutation and Benedicamus



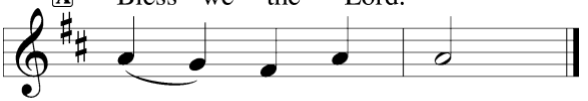
P The Lord be with you.



C **And with thy spir - it.**



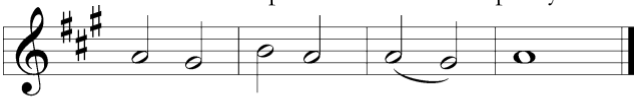
A Bless we the Lord.



C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 202*

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and T give you peace.



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

Closing Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* *LSB 341*

Brief Silence

P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the LORD! C **Thanks be to God!**

Soli Deo Gloria!