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## As We Gather: The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The LORD is our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).

As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God's people stand and fix our eyes upon it.

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

#### **Invocation**

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

## **Exhortation**

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- **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.

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

## **Confession of Sins**

- **P** 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.

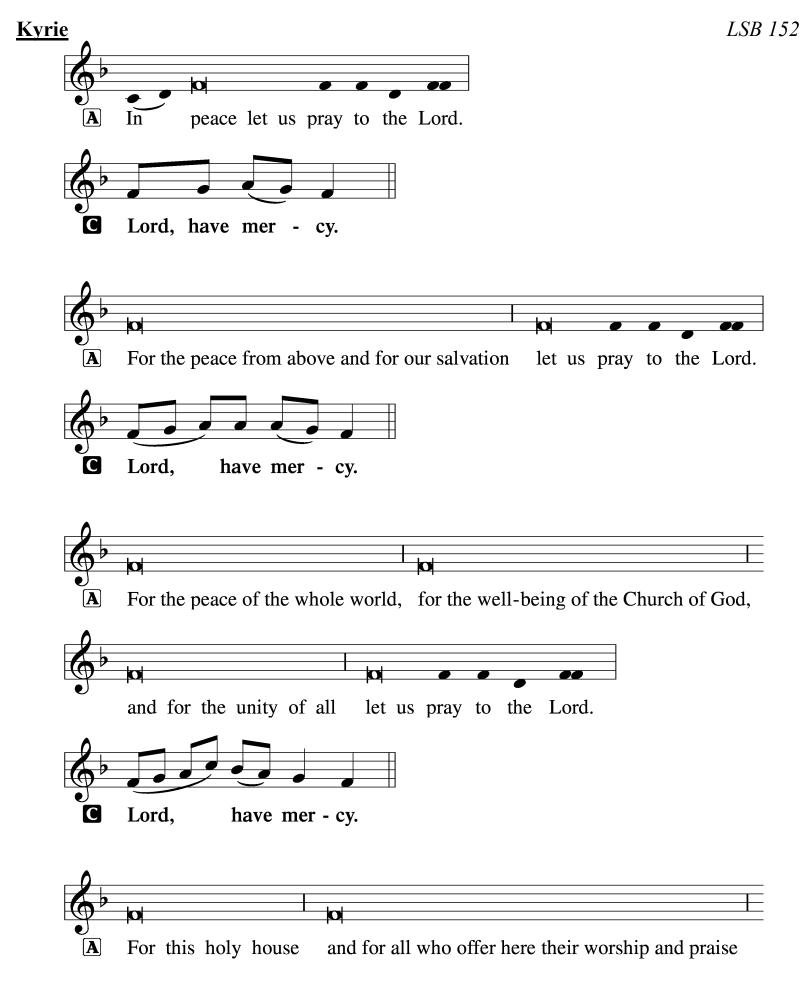
## **Absolution**

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- 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.



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**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.



## **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>5</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

<sup>7</sup>"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' <sup>8</sup>but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# <u>**Proper: Introit**</u>

Psalm 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: vv. 1–3a

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame. Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

- May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
- Redeem Israel, O God,

out of all his troubles.

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.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult over me.

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## **Epistle**

#### Romans 13:8–14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The 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." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides 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. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 21:1–9* 

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



<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

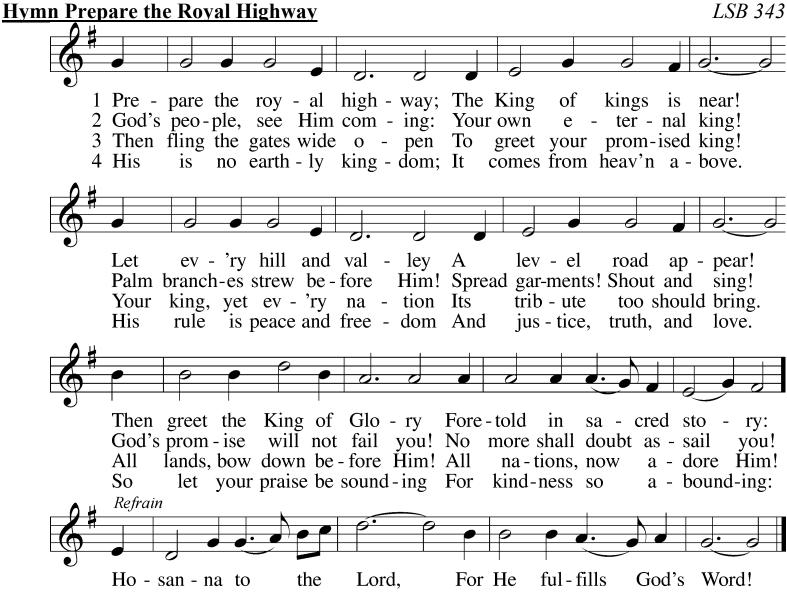
<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were

shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

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



Please be seated.



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# <u>Sermon</u>

"Behold, Your King"

Please stand, as you are able.

## **Apostles'** Creed

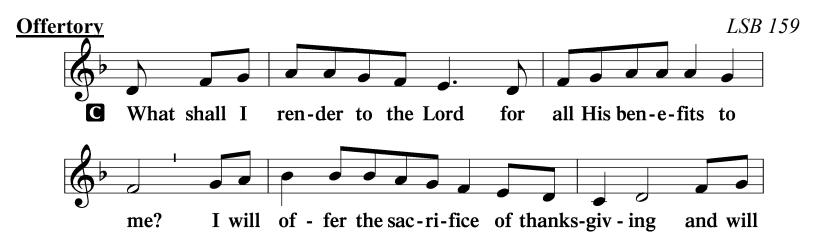
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

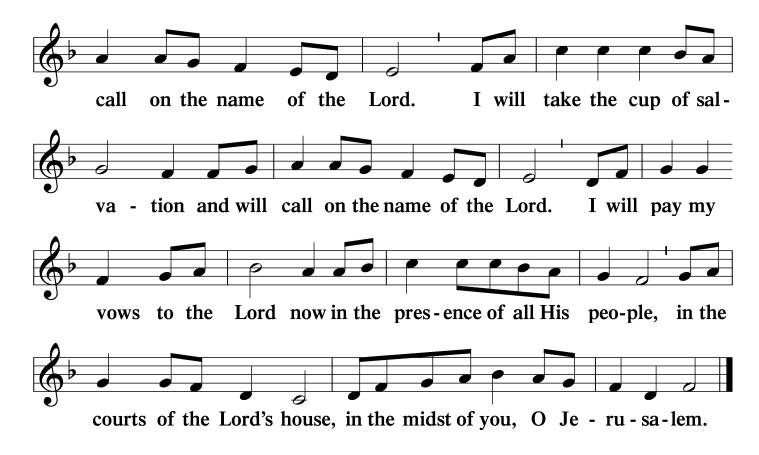
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the 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.

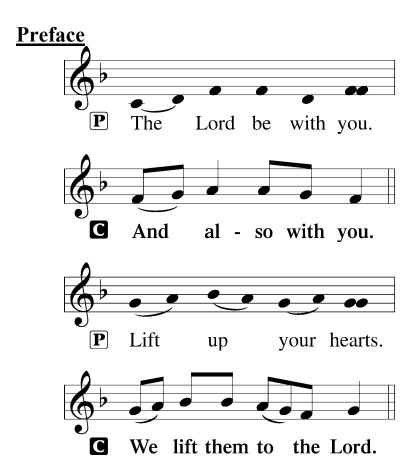
## **Prayer of the Church**

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).

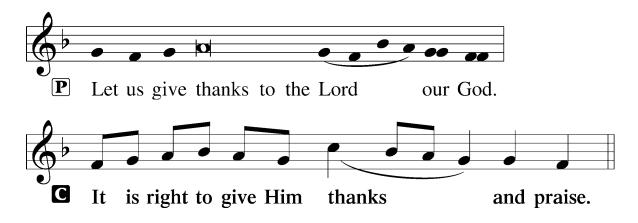




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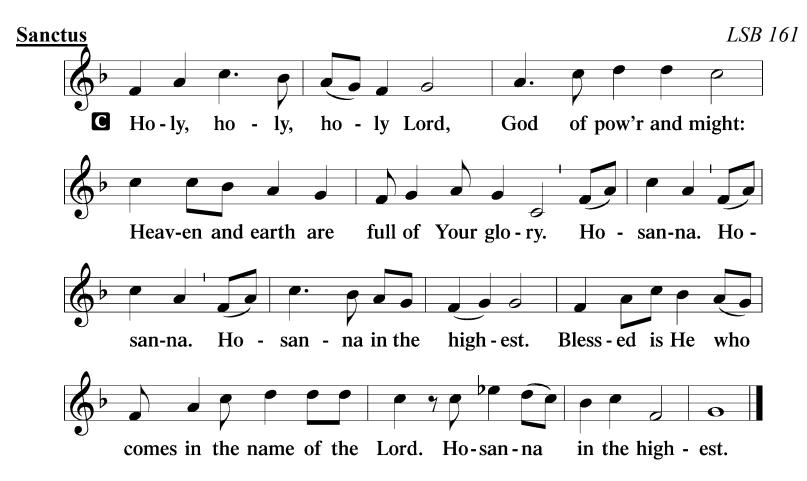


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## **Proper Preface (Full)**

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:



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

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

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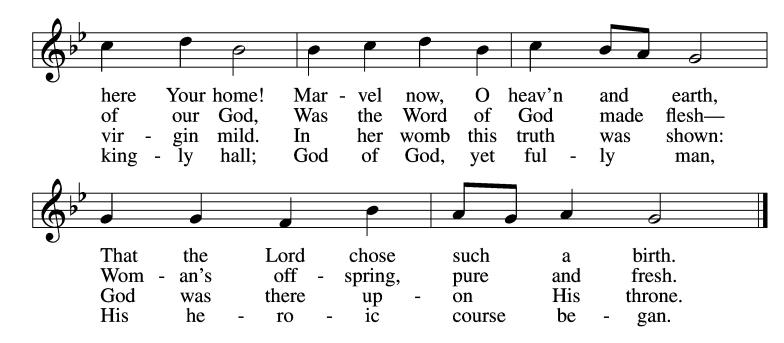
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testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Please be seated.





- 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 SonWho in flesh the vict'ry won.By Your mighty pow'r make wholeAll our ills of flesh and soul.
- From the manger newborn lightShines in glory through the night.Darkness there no more resides;In this light faith now abides.
- $\triangle$  8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

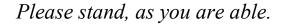
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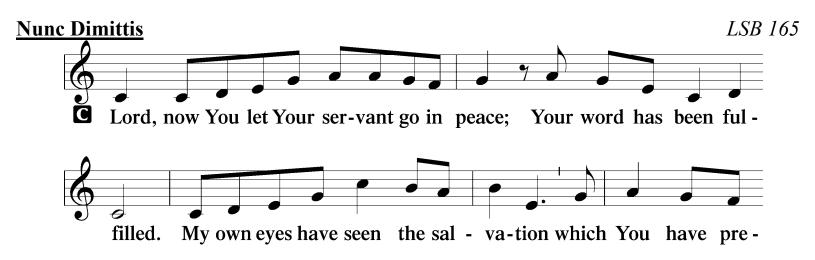
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 △ 6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free, With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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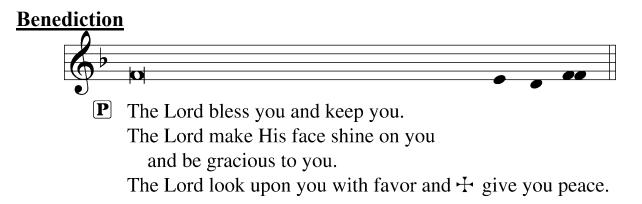


#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

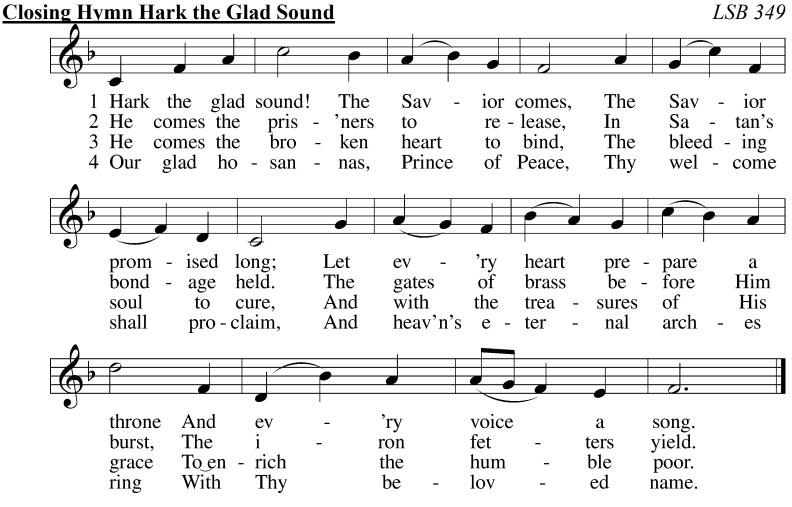
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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





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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guests:** Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

**Communion Statement:** As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together, we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

**Poinsettias** for the Christmas Eve service are \$15. Please have your order form filled out along with payment made to Immanuel Lutheran Church with 'Poinsettia' in memo and leave in the offering basket by Dec. 8th.

Advent Meals sign-up is out on the entryway table. Meals will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm on Dec. 4, 11 and 18.

Missions for December is MICA. An offering plate is available as you enter the sanctuary next Sunday.

The Board of Education is selling calendars. Please see Sherry Baker if you would like one.

**2025 Serving Lists** are on the front table. Please look at the serving guidelines on the back to assist you with this.

## New Portals of Prayers are in your boxes.

**Please mark your calendars!** There will be an Advent/Christmas program at Trinity Lutheran Church, State Center, IA on December 8th at 2:00pm featuring area musicians. Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with praises to our King!

**Stewardship:** Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." – Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it," and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities, we live in). In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

**Christmas Share at Immanuel:** Again, this year our church will purchase gifts for the Christmas Share Program. In the church entryway is a tree with gift tag requests for a family of six (mom, dad, three boys and one girl).

The gifts should be wrapped, the gift tag reapplied and put under the tree at church. Please do this by Sunday, December 8th in time for distribution. (The Board of Evangelism will deliver the packages on Monday, December 9th.) You may want to go in with someone else for your purchase.

No gift cards please.

Thank you for participating in this program. The families served appreciate the assistance during the holidays.

If questions, see a member of the Board of Evangelism.

Dianna Kelting June Routier Bev Huebner

**Loose Giving Envelopes** are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes. To ensure all offerings are recorded, please enclose your offering in your assigned envelope or the loose giving envelopes provided in the pews. Thank you!

**Men of Immanuel Lutheran:** Have you ever heard of Dartball? Please sign-up in the lobby if you have interest in starting and joining a dartball team here at Immanuel. Questions see or call Luke Bayer.

**Instrumentalists:** Do you play a wind instrument? Please sign-up in the lobby if you have ability and interest in playing in a church wind ensemble. Questions see/call Amber Bayer.

**Snowbirds:** For those of you that head for warmer weather for the winter and would like the monthly newsletter mailed to you, please submit your address, date departing and date returning to the church secretary. Even those that have submitted their address in the past, please do so again to make sure we have the correct address. The newsletter and calendar are also published on our website at www.immanuelgrinnell.org. Thank you!

**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents, and pew buddies—the season of Advent is a time of waiting and wonder, giving us a space to slow down in an otherwise busy stretch. While most places outside of the church are eager to jump straight to Christmas and keep you hopping from one activity to the next, make time to rest in God's Word and embrace the slower pace found in weekend and midweek services. Encourage children to take note of the new things they see in church (like the different candles, Chrismons, parament colors, banners, printed and digital art), and discuss how they point us to Jesus and his coming to earth! ~*www.LutheranFamilyService.org* 

A Life Quote: "Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just 'looking for love in all the wrong places,' if you'll pardon the expression. Don't look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God's love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas 'God so loved the world that He gave …" Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan ~ *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* 

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Dec. 8th Hear "Completely Ordinary Human" based on Malachi 3:7 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Everyone has a story to tell and yours can be one through which Jesus is working to make the world new again. ~ *Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m.* 

**SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON**... "Savior of the Nations, Come," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at <u>lutheranpublicradio.org</u>, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app. **KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, X, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: Sharper Iron airs a new series called "The Fifth Evangelist" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), going through the book of Isaiah. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), we enter into Holy Week, taking a look at chapters 12-14 in John's Gospel. Join us live on Sunday and Wednesday (1:00 and 7:00 p.m. CT) as we bring back a special 100th anniversary edition of JOY!, a one-hour program of sacred music for the Advent season. Find the full program schedule at kfuo.org/joy.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/1—12/7 is Eichenberger. Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/8—12/14 is Ford/Gilman. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for \$75.00. Please contact Amber at lcms.immanuelgrinnell@gmail.com. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

## Mid-Week Advent Services

A fellowship meal will be served from 5:00-6:15pm Evening Prayer Service begins at 6:30pm

> Wednesday, December 4th 'Jesus Shows Us Our Creator'

Wednesday, December 11th 'Jesus Shows Us Our Provider'

Wednesday, December 18th 'Jesus Shows Us The Father's Heart'

# **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE** For the Week of November 24, 2024

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## WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Elders Meeting Ad Te Levavi (1st Sunday in Advent) Bible Study/Christmas Program Practice Greeter: Thorpe Usher: Tim B. Servers: Stephanie E. & Dianna K. Acolyte/Crucifer: Sophia & Kaitlynn Elder: Joel M.
Tuesday	9:00am	Greek Study at Grinnell
Wednesda	• •	Confirmation
	1	Pre-Service Meal
	6:30pm	Advent Service
		Usher: Luke B.
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study
	7-8:30pm	Confirmation
Next Sund	9:00am 10:30am	Council Meeting (Populus Zion 2nd Sunday in Advent) LWML Christmas Program Practice Greeter: Wyatt Usher: Joel R. Koepp Servers: Bev H./Cayli C. Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia/Finn Elder: Darlo K.