

HOLY COMMUNION
Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: 8:00 AM: *Savior of the Nations, Come*
10:30 AM: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
Bell Choir

Bach
arr. Lloyd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *People, Look East*

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People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.

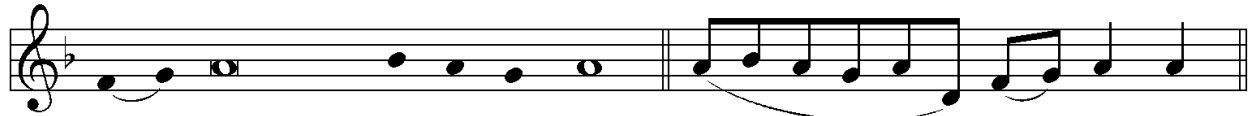
- P** In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

KYRIE



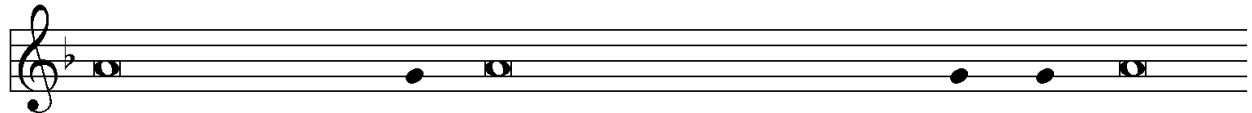
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



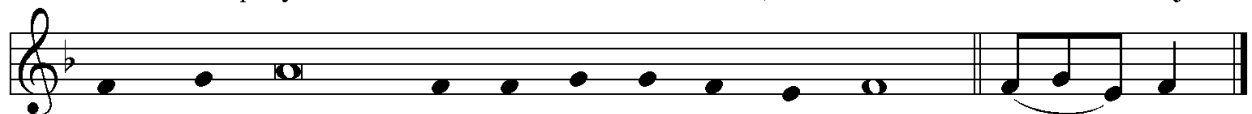
G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P** 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.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
Increase our longing for your presence,
that at the celebration of your Son's birth
his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.
- C** Amen.

HYMN: *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Immanuel* (Stanza(s) all)
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1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's
 4 Oh, come, blest Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your
 5 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

A A reading from Micah.

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM Luke 1:46b-55 (*The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.*)

¹My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord;*
My spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

²**for he has | looked with favor***

On his | lowly servant.

³From this day all | generations*
will | call me blessed.

⁴**the Almighty has done great | things for me,***
and holy | is his name.

⁵He has mercy on | those who fear him*
in every | generation.

⁶**He has shown the strength | of his arm;***

he has scattered the proud in | their conceit.

⁷He has cast down the mighty | from their thrones,*
and has lifted | up the lowly.

⁸**He has filled the hungry | with good things,***
and the rich he has sent | away empty.

⁹he has come to the help of his | servant Israel,*

for he has remembered his prom- | ise of mercy,
¹⁰**the promise he made | to our fathers,***
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

Glory to the Father, and | to the Son,*
And to the | Holy Spirit;
as it was in the begin- | ning, is now,*
and will be forev- | er. Amen

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

A A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

The congregation sings the Acclamation.

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The choir sings the Verse.



Here I am, the servant^l of the Lord;
let it be with me according^l to your word.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

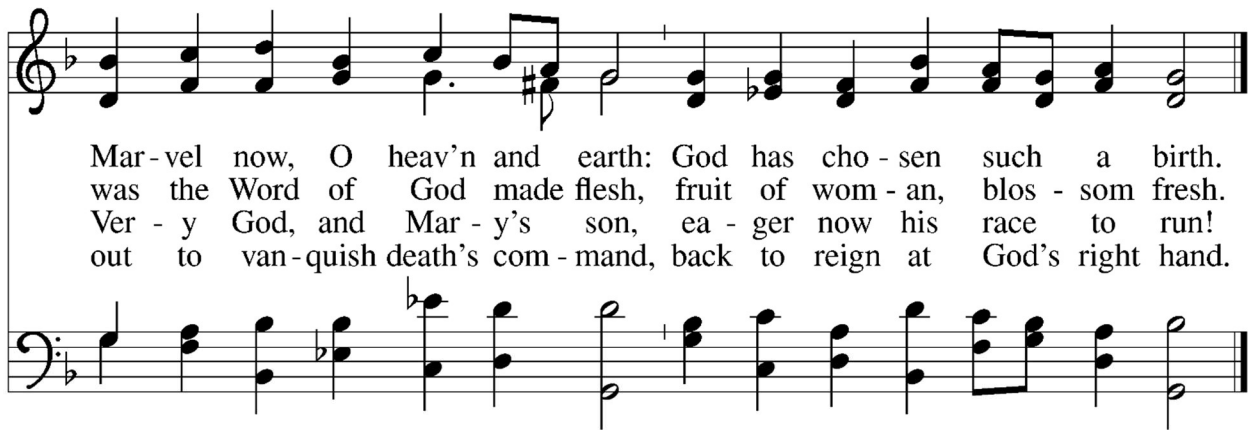
Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Savior of the Nations, Come*
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Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

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Stand

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

NICENE CREED

☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☑ 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly
baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our
growth in grace.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase
of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and
among peoples.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of
war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit,
for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day
will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and
especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete
their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

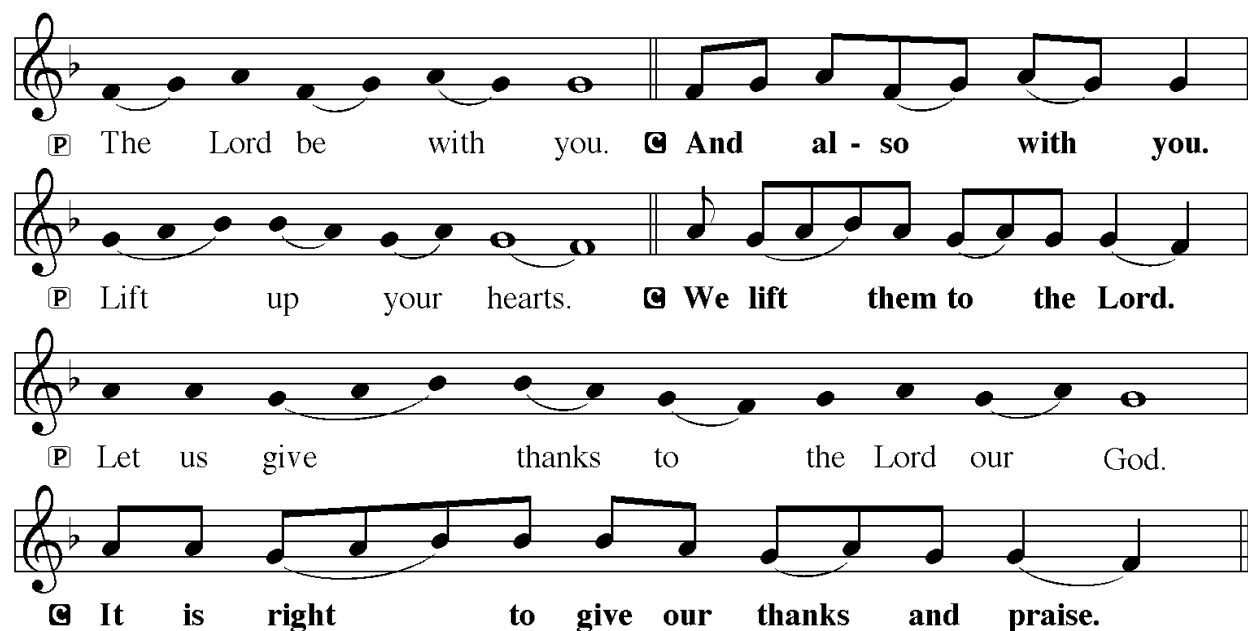
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

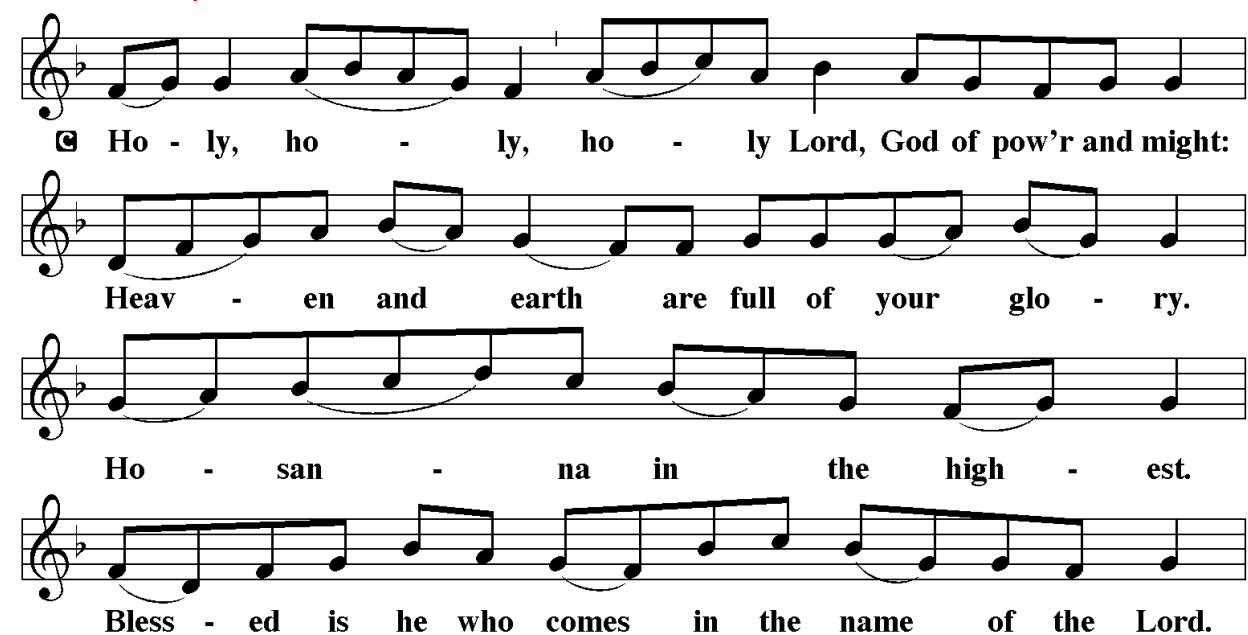
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:

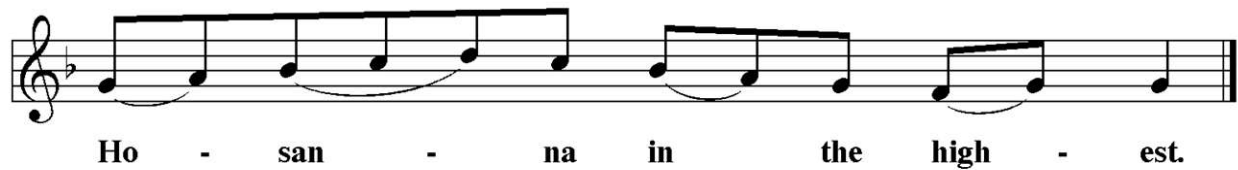


☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

P IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,
 OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS;
 BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:
 TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY ✝ BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.
 DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,
 AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:
 THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY ✝ BLOOD,
 SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.
 DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

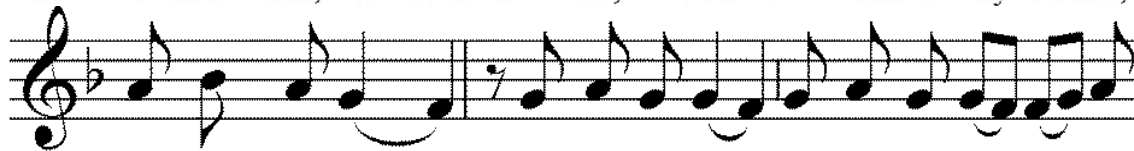
LORD'S PRAYER



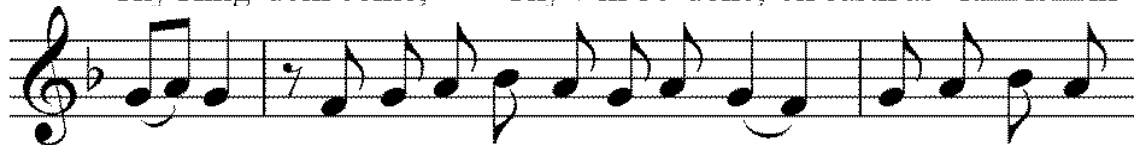
P Lord, re-mem-ber us in your king-dom and teach us to pray.



C Our Fa ther, who art in heav en, Hal low - ed_ be thy Name,



Thy King-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it_ is_ in



heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us



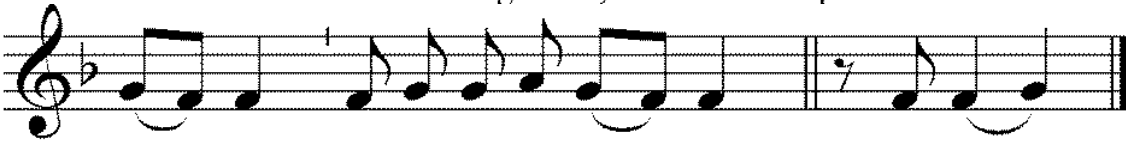
our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;



And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us frome-vil,



For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the



glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- C** **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

R Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

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. A - men

ANTHEM: *Duet*

Quinn Adams and Bob Reichner

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



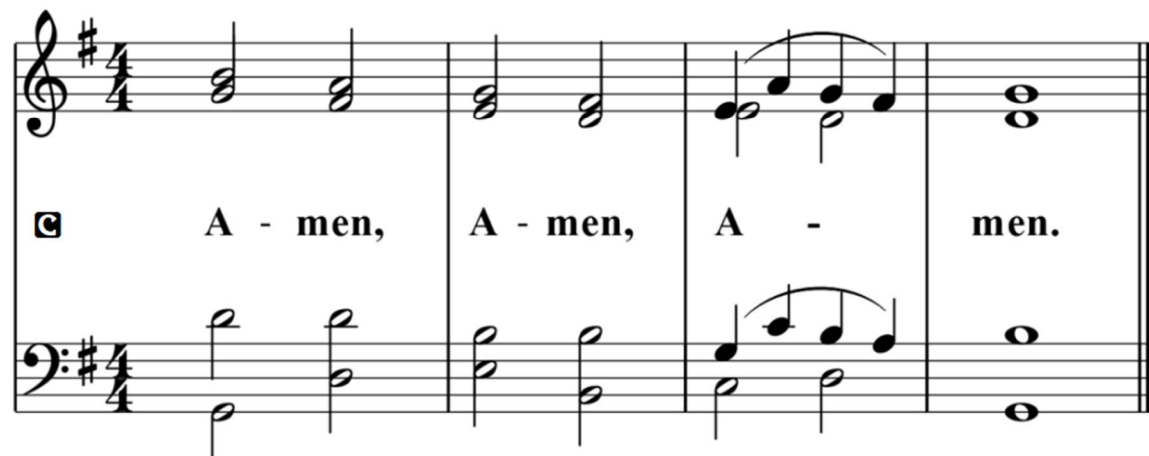
P The Lord bless you and keep you.



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 A - men, A - men, A - men.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *Joy to the World*

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Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin, and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Joy to the World*

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The Christmas Cycle celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

A Hymn of Praise is not appropriate during Advent because of the season's preparatory nature.

The liturgical color blue, symbolic of hope, is used for the Advent season.



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Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara and Chilly Lyaro

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allebach in loving memory of the December 15th birthday anniversary of Mother, Blanche J. Allebach.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Sarah Gerhart in loving memory of Kitty Gerhart and Joyce Pennypacker.

The Wreaths on the church doors are given to the glory of God by the Holcombe Family.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by William Kelly and daughter Nola in loving memory of John Kelly.

Altar Guild Help Wanted: Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience required! We will train you! Contact Deb Scholl at Schollde@aol.com.



December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve Services

5:00 PM Family Service

Old Church – Dress Warmly and Bring a Flashlight – Masks Required for Everyone

7:00 PM Family Service

Old Church – Dress Warmly and Bring a Flashlight – Masks Required for Everyone

9:00 PM Candlelight Communion

Brick Church – Masks NOT Required for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

Sunday, December 26, 2021

***No Sunday School*

9:30 AM Lessons & Carols for Christmas

Brick Church – Masks NOT Required for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

been away from church?
RECONNECT!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24th 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, & 9:00 PM

OLD TRAPPE CHURCH

December 24, 5:00 PM Candlelight, Lessons & Carols
Candlelit pathways & Colonial Carolers

December 24, 7:00 PM Candlelight, Lessons & Carols
Candlelit pathways

HEATED BRICK CHURCH

December 24, 9:00 PM Candlelight, Lessons, Carols, & Communion
Newly restored and enhanced Christmas embellishments adorning the nave

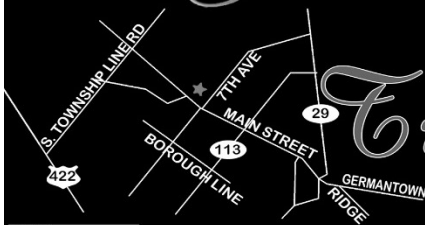
FREE GIFT!!!
for all attendees

Step back in time with our candlelit pathways, colonial carolers, and candlelight Christmas Eve Services in Historic Old Trappe Church! All services in Old Trappe Church are in a 1743 unheated and un electrified Colonial Church.



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Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion * 9:00 AM Sunday School * 10:30 AM Communion



Christmas Poinsettias
2021

Richard and Dolores Allebach in memory of Loved Ones.

Augustus Women of the ELCA to the Glory of God in loving memory and in honor of all its members.

In loving memory of our parents: Mr. and Mrs. G. Laurence Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Berg from Nancy and Jamie Berg.

To the Glory of God for our many blessings from the Bubeck Family.

Nancee Clelland in loving memory of parents, Gunnar and Sara Rambo; brother, Gunnar Rambo Jr.; husband, William Clelland.

Anita Halteman in loving memory of Galen Halteman.

Anita Halteman in honor of family members.

Don, Sherry and Alanna Jessee in loving memory of family and friends.

Elaine Johnston in loving memory of my husband, Jay, and all the deceased members of my family.

LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of husband, Dennis L. Johnson.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of my parents, Tom and Anne Lachenmayer.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of Dorothy Keffer and Miriam Bennett.

Jim and Sally Lorah in memory of Loved Ones.

Nancy Loughery

Karen and Bryan McClain in honor of our parents.

Jack and Gayle Neborak in loving honor of Bryony Grace and in loving memory of her twin, Molly Jean, our granddaughters.

Dale, Patrick and Brian O'Hara to the Glory of God in loving memory of family and friends.

Richard and Gemma Patten in loving memory of Harmon and Lois Patten, Mary Jane Patten, Bruce and Brian Patten.

Richard and Gemma Patten in loving memory of William and Betty McHenry, Charles and Beulah Wagner, John and Emma Honafius.

Richard and Gemma Patten in loving honor of Christopher Patten, and Allison and James Patten Cavanaugh.

In loving memory of grandparents from the Redeyoff Family.

Bob Reichner – We are bonded together through God’s gift of the Baby Jesus. Peace and joy to all.

Mary Saylor and Laura Peljae in loving memory of Kenneth Saylor.

Mary Saylor in loving memory of John Madill, Cynthia (Madill) Klacik and Pamela Madill.

Helen Schad in loving memory of George.

Helen Schad in memory of Loved Ones.

John and Susan Schatz in loving memory of family we hold dear in our hearts.

Deborah Scholl in memory of loved ones.

Susan Snow and Barry Amole in memory of our parents, Charles and Kathryn Westman and Clifton and Lidalee Amole.

Sonya Sowards in honor of Augustus’ Sunday School teachers.

In loving memory of Dennis L. Johnson by John and Denise Staub.

Michael and Janet Stokes in loving memory of our parents, Edward and Catherine Stokes and James and Kathryn Shelly.

Michael Van Blaricum

Given to the Glory of God by Pastor Weleck in loving memory of departed family members.

John, Charlotte, Jennifer and Michael Wentworth given to the Glory of God in memory of Leon and Leona Linsenbigler and John and Mary Wentworth.



Chrismon Ornaments on the Christmas Tree: The word “Chrismon” is a combination of the words “Christ” and “monogram”. The word Chrismon has been adopted to refer to special Christmas tree ornaments that have been developed to display symbols of Christ. The designs of the Chrismons has over the years been extended to represent symbols of Christianity. All the ornaments are done in white and gold. In 1957 Chrismon ornaments were made and displayed on a Christmas tree at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Virginia. Through this church patterns were made available, and the idea of having a Chrismon tree has spread. Over the years more ornaments have been developed so that now a Chrismon may be a monogram, a sign, a symbol, a type, or a combination of such figures. The only requirement is that it refer primarily to Christ and God. The symbolism of the ornaments on the Christmas tree in the Nave are as follows:

The Irish or Celtic Cross is a normal cross with a circle in the middle to symbolize eternity.

The Triumphant Cross represents the earth with the cross on top. It symbolizes Jesus is triumphant over anything we can face in the world.

The Jerusalem Cross It can symbolize the Four Gospels in the Bible, the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth or the five wounds of Jesus when he died on the cross.

The Furca or Upsilon Cross comes from the Greek letter Y. It is also called The Thieves' Cross from the two robbers who were crucified on each side of Jesus. It also symbolizes the choice between good and evil.

The Anchor Cross reminds Christian's that Jesus is the anchor of their faith.

The Fish is one of the oldest Christian symbols. The letters, from the Greek word for fish (ichthus), stand for Jesus (I), Christ (X), God (Q), Son (Y), Savior (S). Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen

Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. Used together, they are the symbolize that Christians believe Jesus is the beginning and end of all things.

The Chi-Rho looks like a 'P' with an 'X' on top of it. These two letters are the first two letters of the Greek word 'Christos' which means Christ.

The Star of David, sometimes called the Star of Creation, is a symbol that Jesus was a Jew and a descendant of King David.

A Five Pointed Star represents the five wounds of Jesus on the cross.

The Nativity Star is the symbol of the Star of Bethlehem or Epiphany, when the Wisemen visited Jesus.

An Eight Pointed Star represents baptism and regeneration.

The Crown is the symbol that Jesus is King. It shows that Christians believe Jesus is ruler over heaven and the earth.

The Shepherd's Crook or Staff remembers that Jesus sometimes called himself a shepherd. It can also represent the shepherds who were the first people told about the birth of Jesus.

Both of these symbols represent the Christian 'Trinity' of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The Triquetra is made of three loops making a triangle representing the three parts of the trinity. The Trefoil (at the bottom) is three equal circles intertwined to form a whole.

Hands in Prayer help Christians remember that they should pray to God.

The Scroll represents the Bible.

The Dove is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit. It is shown pointing down to represent the Holy Spirit that appeared as a Dove when Jesus was baptized.

The Lamp and The Candle both represent that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the World.

The Shell is a symbol for baptism. It reminds Christians of the water that they are baptized in.

The Keys are a symbol for the Church in all the world. Jesus told his friend Peter that "I will give you keys to heaven", so this means that Christians have to tell other people about Jesus.

The Ship is also a symbol of the Church, sailing towards heaven.

The Cup or Chalice is a symbol of Communion. It also represents God's forgiveness.

The Angel reminds Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It can also represent the second coming of Jesus, which the Bible says will start with an Angel blowing a trumpet.

Babe / Manger represents Jesus as a baby at Christmas.

The Lamb is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lamb of God'.

The Butterfly is a symbol for transformation and the immortal soul.

The Lion is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lion of Judah'. Jesus is also represented as Aslan the Lion in the Chronicle of Narnia books by C S Lewis.

The White Rose is a symbol for purity and can represent Mary.

The Cross symbolizes that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a cross.

The Latin Cross, also sometimes called the Roman Cross. The base of the cross has three steps that symbolize faith, hope, and love.

The Eastern Cross is used by many Eastern or Orthodox churches. IHS are the first three letters of 'Jesus' in Greek. They've been added to a Cross as it looks more interesting!

The Heart is a symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is love.

Augustus Church Family:

The multiple Christmas programs, advertisements, promotional, and campus-wide decorations have been provided to enhance your worship experience and were supplied by many internal organizations and committees, individual church members, and multiple community businesses who have united to make this event a success. The Outreach Committee would like to extend much gratitude and appreciation to all the patrons and volunteers that made the event possible and ask that you continue to support your local community businesses, especially:

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