

# Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9th 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 10th 9:00 AM



## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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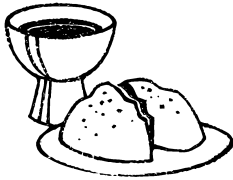


Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

We are glad you are joining us for worship at  
**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**You are Welcome here!**

Please fill out the **Pew Pads** for registering your attendance and communion participation. If you would like a pastoral call or want to join OSLC, please check those boxes and include contact information.

During the **Offering**, the ushers will pass the offering plates. In addition to placing gifts in the plates, this QR code can be used if you would like to give electronically through **Tithe.ly**



We have an open table for **Holy Communion** with two options to receive communion:

- 1) Come forward, at the direction of the ushers, to receive communion by **Intinction**. You will receive a wafer (gluten free available) and then dip it either in the wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Children and others not wishing to receive communion may come forward with their hands folded to receive a blessing. Otherwise, come forward with you palms open to receive a wafer.

- 2) Stay in your pew and use the **self-contained communion cups** (wafer on the top and grape juice on the bottom). These are located in the rear of the sanctuary as you walk in.

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

Jim Miller, Music Director

**Welcome & Announcements**

Sue Schultz, Worship Assistant

**Call To Worship**

Bell Toll

## **GATHERING**

### **Advent Wreath Lighting & Blessing**

A Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.

**C You fasten righteousness around your waist  
and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.**

A Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames,  
and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.

**C We ask that peace abound,  
until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.  
Amen.**

## Gathering Song: “We Are Waiting for Jesus”

ACS #905



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
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Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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## Confession and Forgiveness

A Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

C Amen.

A God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.  
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

A Everlasting God,

**C You love justice and you hate wrongdoing.**

**We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness  
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.**

**We are complicit in systems of exploitation.**

**We choose comfort over courage.**

**We are careless with creation's bounty.**

**Look upon us with mercy.**

**Turn our hearts again to you.**

**Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways  
for the sake of our waiting world.**

**Amen.**

A Hear these words of assurance:

God clothes you with garments of salvation  
and covers you with robes of righteousness.

In the tender compassion of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

**C Amen.**

## **Greeting**

A 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

ELW #155

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
Chris - te e - lei - son.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first line of music has two parts: part 1 (1, 3) and part 2 (2). The second line of music has two parts: part 1 (Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.) and part 2 (Chris - te e - lei - son.).

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

# Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God" *sing twice*

ACS #911

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,  
glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
Peace be to you, peace be to me,  
peace be to all, peace to all the earth.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first line of music has two parts: part 1 (Glo - ry to God,) and part 2 (glo - ry to God,). The second line of music has two parts: part 1 (glo - ry to God in the high - est.) and part 2 (glo - ry to God in the high - est.). The third line of music has two parts: part 1 (Peace be to you,) and part 2 (peace be to me,). The fourth line of music has two parts: part 1 (peace be to all,) and part 2 (peace to all the earth.).

Text: Marcus Veenstra; tr. composite

Music: GLORIA A DIOS, Marcus Veenstra; arr. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

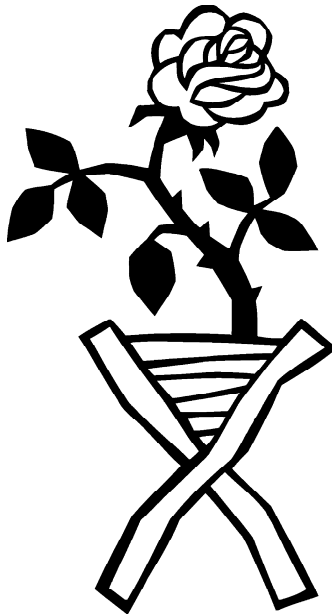
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## **Prayer of the Day**

**C Stir up our hearts, Lord God,  
to prepare the way of your only Son.  
By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Special Music: “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”**

**Joyous Ringers**



Arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

R Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW #174



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## **Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13th Chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’ ”

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

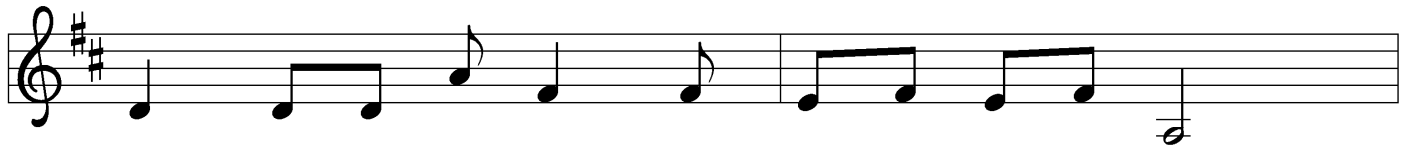
## **Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

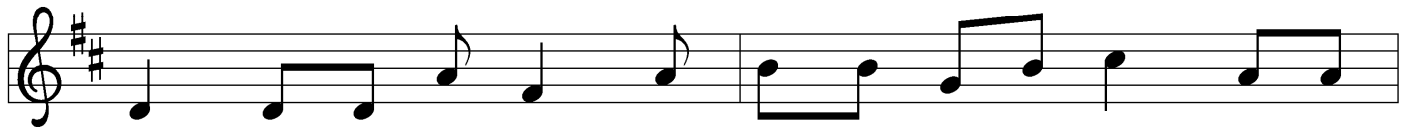
Rev. Jon Strasman, Pastor

# Hymn of the Day: “All Earth Is Hopeful”

ELW #266



*To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor*  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



*y el sur - co\_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el*  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 “A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el”; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



*mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -*  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, “God with us,” our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



*cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.*  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**A Merciful God,**

**C Receive our prayer.**

**A Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts,  
and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.**

**C Amen.**

# MEAL

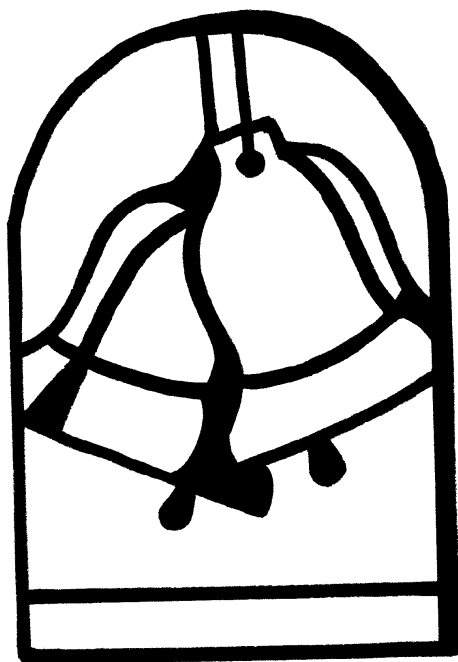
## The Offering



**Special Music:** “Ding Dong! Merrily On High”

Joyous Ringers

Arranged by Michael A. Burkhardt



## Offering Prayer

**C** God our provider,  
by your merciful hand  
abundance springs up from the earth.  
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.  
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love  
and faithfulness for all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

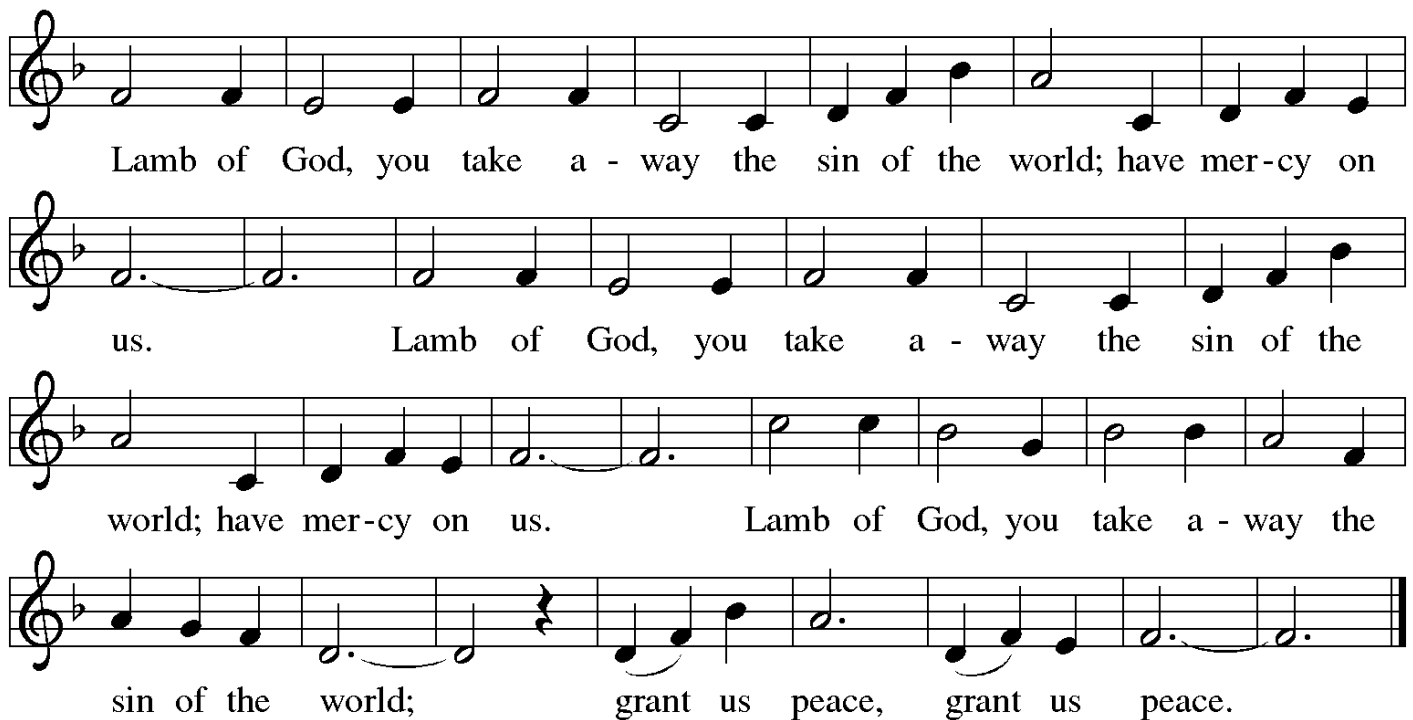
**C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Communion

**P** Come taste and see that God is good!

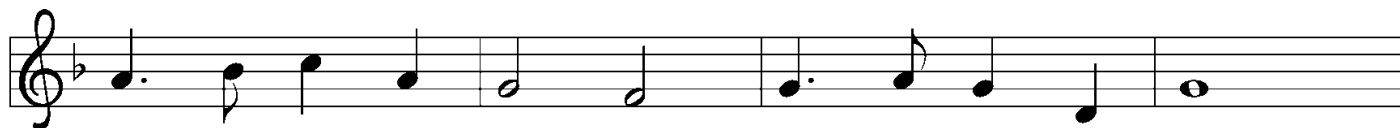
### Lamb of God

ELW #195



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, grant us peace.

## Communion Song: “In the Bleak Midwinter” ELW #294



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . . earth sus - tain;  
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894  
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

## Additional Communion Song *if needed*

“What Feast of Love” ELW #487

## **Table Blessing**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**C** Amen

## **Prayer after Communion**

**C** Generous God,  
in bread and cup you have revealed your glory  
for all people to see together.  
Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim  
your good news of liberation and release,  
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

**P** The God of peace bless you,  
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,  
and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you  
now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sending Song: “Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW #264



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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## Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.