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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE I THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 14, 2025
8:00 AM

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 8:00 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *LSB* 338, sts. 1-2

Please stand

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen

CONFESSION

P. Let us 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

P. People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that 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.**

KYRIE (Spoken by Pastor; Sung by Congregation)

P. In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P. For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P. For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P. Together, let us prayer:

C. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,

(continued...)

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L. This is the Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering

and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

L. This is the Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:2-15

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, from the eleventh chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

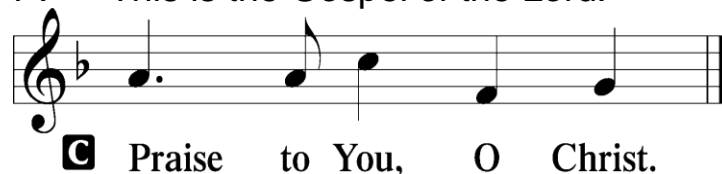
²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Nancy Simonson*

MESSAGE HYMN “Savior of the Nations, Come” *LSB 332*, sts. 1-4, 7, 8△

SERMON “How Do We FORGIVE OUR WORST ENEMY?” *The Rev. Robert Lund*

Please stand

NICENE CREED *(See inside back cover of hymnal or screens)*

Please be seated

TITHES & OFFERING “Advent Hymn” *Trinity Choir*

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

Pastor: Let us pray as our Savior taught us....

People: 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P. Together we celebrate the Lord's Supper, confident that we receive Jesus' body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. With it, we also receive the forgiveness of sins and a stronger bond to God and each other. Through this supper we confess and share in our faith with one another, trusting in Jesus' words for the forgiveness of our sins. As Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, hear now the words of our Lord Jesus spoken at the time of the Last Supper:

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

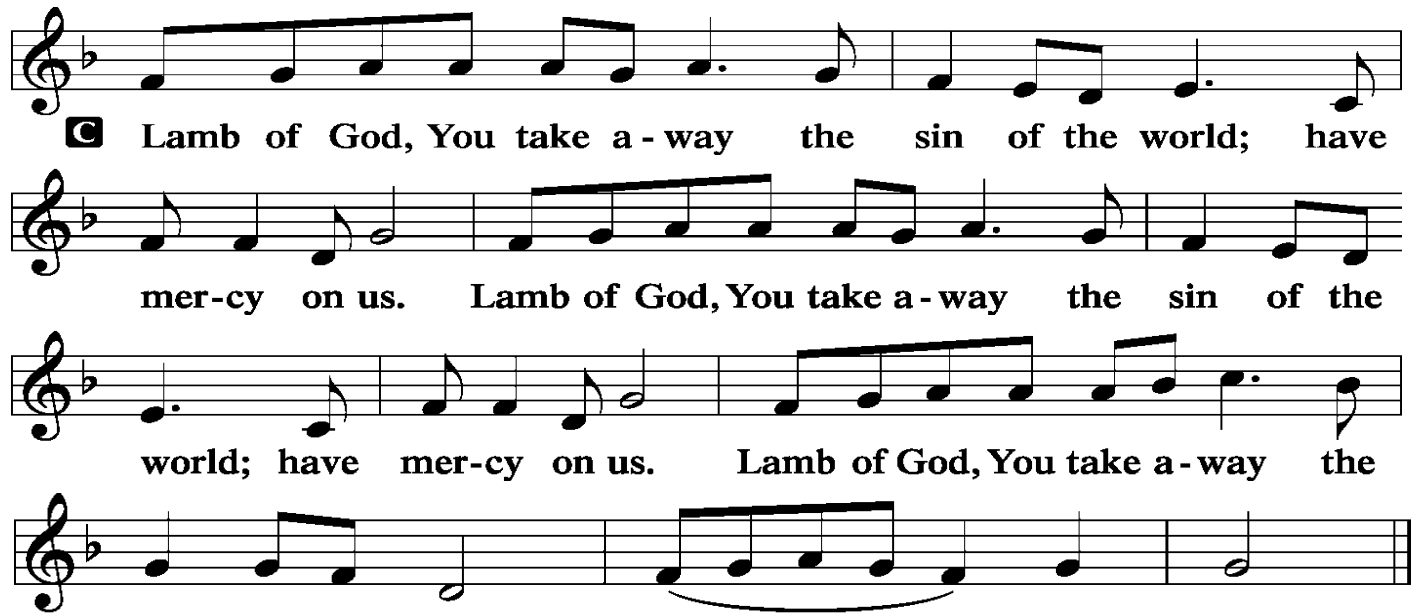
PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P. Welcome to the Table of the Lord. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. Amen.

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”


☐ 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.

*Please sit***COMMUNION HYMNS****“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

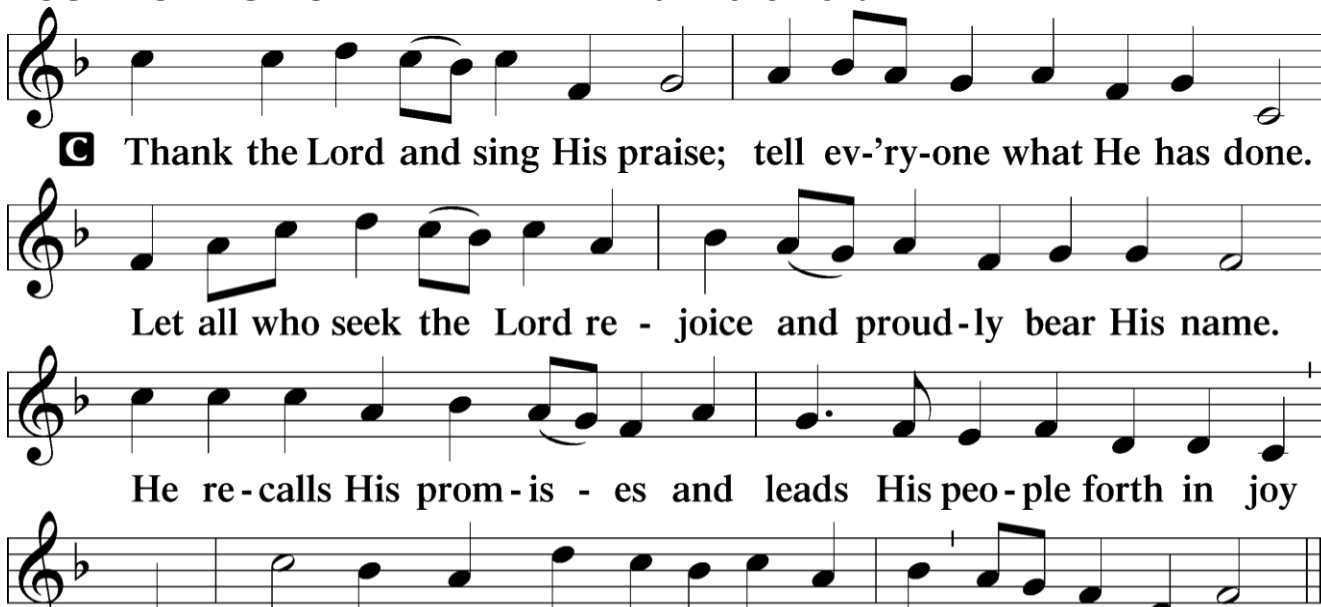
LSB 341, sts. 1-5

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

LSB 350, sts. 1-4

*After the distribution—please stand***DISMISSAL**

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace. **C. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord”


☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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 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.

**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.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB 849, sts. 1-3

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C. Thanks be to God.

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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