

Second Sun. in Advent | Sunday, December 08, 2024 - 8:00 & 10:30 AM



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**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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## Special Welcome To Those With Young Children

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily watch the pastor, note the colors, hear the bells, see the fire, and wonder about the stained-glass windows of the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn't build a nursery. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out. If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of good folks here who would love to lend you a hand! Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).



We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### HYMN: "Arise, O Christian People"

LSB 354



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the  
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your  
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this  
 high; Be - neath His feet in - ter - ror The haugh - ty  
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The  
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The  
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That  
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from  
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -  
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -  
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.  
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.  
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.  
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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Stand

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

## **Invocation**

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

## **Exhortation**

*LSB 203*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## **Confession of Sins**

*LSB 203*

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

*LSB 203*

- P** 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.



**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

<sup>1</sup>Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*



**P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

**C** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

**righteous and having sal- | vation.**

- P** Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*  
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

## **Epistle**

*Philippians 1:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 3:1–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,  
<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,  
“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

<sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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

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

*Sit*



# HYMN: "When All the World Was Cursed"

LSB 346



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,  
2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,  
3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.  
Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.  
Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.  
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,  
By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,  
Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,  
That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.  
He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.  
Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

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## Sermon

*The Rev. Marshal Frisque*

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Final Petition:*

- P** ... one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **Our Offerings to God**

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!

Text: Pastor Frisque

*(Please place your offering envelope in the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)*

*Stand*

## **Our Communion Statement**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Frisque. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing from Pastor by placing your arms in an "X" across your chest. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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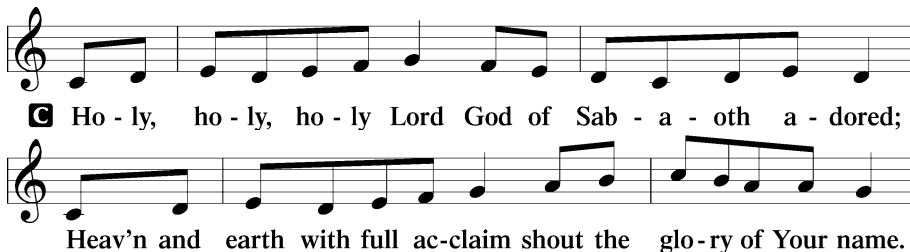
### **Preface**

*LSB 208*

- 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** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

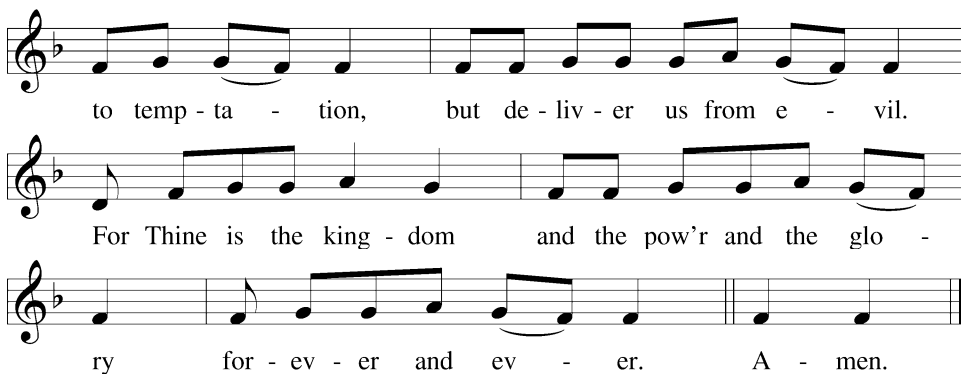
With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord’s Prayer

*LSB 957*

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 heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly  
 bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
 those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -  
 ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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## The 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

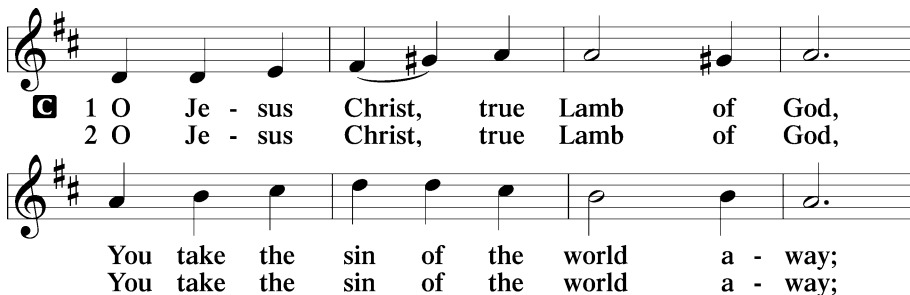
## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

**Distribution**

**HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

LSB 344

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 △ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent  
 that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther  
 for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

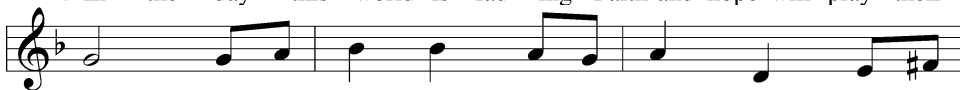
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## HYMN: "Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"

LSB 695



1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, Not for wis - dom to dis -  
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true, and  
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in  
4 In the day this world is fad - ing Faith and hope will play their



cern, Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this  
kind; Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er -  
wrong; Nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, Love be -  
part; But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn: May love be ours, O Lord.  
ous of heart and mind: May love be ours, O Lord.  
lieves and suf - fers long: May love be ours, O Lord.  
reign in ev - 'ry heart: May love be ours, O Lord.

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## HYMN: "The Night Will Soon Be Ending"

LSB 337



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring  
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our  
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now  
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows  
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -  
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And





greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
 all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
 in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -  
 round us may in - crease. But now one Star is  
 turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - dian  
 cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
 ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a  
 beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for  
 sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
 demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
 new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.  
 our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.  
 still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

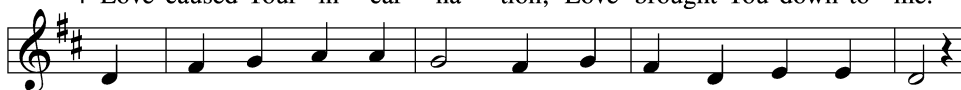
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## HYMN: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

LSB 334



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
 2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;  
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.  
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
 And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.  
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new  
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
And from Your name shall nev - er With-hold the hon - or due.  
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Cannot His love erase;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
His children thus securing  
Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations  
And blessed hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
And guide us safely home.

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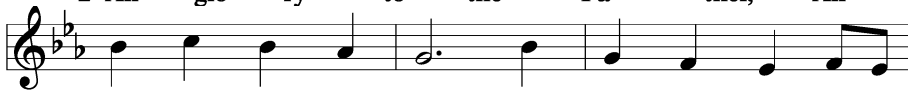
*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

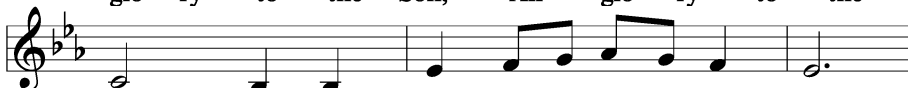
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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**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.
- C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

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- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**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** Amen.

*Sit*

# HYMN: "On What Has Now Been Sown"

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1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
Tune: John Darwall, 1731–89  
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**Elders:**

Brandon Reel – 8:00 AM  
Steve Jagow – 10:30 AM

**Finance Team:**

Parchim & Hempelman

**Altar Committee:**

Karen Ravn & Sandi Thiel

**Flower Committee:**

Poinsettias

**Usher Team: #4**

Ron Parchim, Captain

**SUNDAY (12/08/24)**

✠ *Second Sun. in Advent*

- Divine Services - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- Children's Choir Practice after 8:00 AM Service
- Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, and Sr.
- High Youth - 9:15 AM

**MONDAY (12/09/24)**

- Elder's Meeting – 6:00 PM
- Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

**TUESDAY (12/10/24)**

No Ladies Bible Study for the rest of December. Class will resume in February.

**WEDNESDAY (12/11/24)**

- Matins Service – 10 AM
- Advent Dinner (*Bada Bing Pizza*)  
5:00 - 6:00 PM
- Taizé Candlelight Service – 6:00 PM

**THURSDAY (12/12/24)**

- Men's Bible Study – 6:15 – 7:15 AM

**NEXT SUNDAY (12/15/24)**

✠ *Third Sun. in Advent*

- Random Lake H.S. Chamber Choir perform at 8:00 AM Service
- Divine Service – 10:30 AM
- Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, and Sr.  
High Youth - 9:15 AM

**Childcare Christmas Program – 3:00 PM**



Rose Bottesi, Jane Kultgen (Eric Kultgen's mother), Yoke Tanko, Jane Bubolz (Friend of the Gruells), Tim Monahan (Debbie Paape's brother), Christofer Munoz Soto (Bill & Roberta Hilgendorf's great-grandson), Judy Fischer, Betty Fairbert, Jodi Cook, Keith Johnson, Bob & Verna Oehme, Susan Kloppmann (Alisyn Bell's aunt), Lisa McGuire, Cheryl Krueger, Janell Daugherty (Kelly Russell's mother), Lucille Pucca (Rob Hedrick's mother), Connie (Aaron Meuret's aunt), Renee Brandt (childcare staff member), Jeff Ader, Jennifer Paape (Bruce Paape's sister), Beth Gruell (Don & Cookie Gruell's niece), Pam Anschuetz (Renae Roos's good friend), Laurie Bitzer (Karen Ravn's dear friend), Randy Fairbert (Betty Fairbert's son), and Al Raasch.

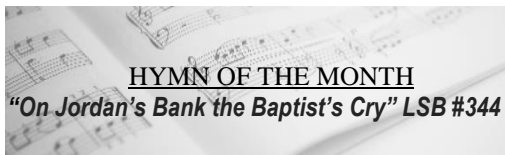
**MEAL TRAIN FOR THE FEIERSTEIN FAMILY**



Join us in Welcoming Baby Benjamin!  
The Feierstein family is thrilled to announce the arrival of their second child, Benjamin!

To help support them during this special time, please consider signing up to bring a meal. Below is the link to the meal train that has all of the info and instructions. Please let Pastor Frisque or myself know if you have any questions.

**Meal Train Link:** [Feierstein Meal Train](#)



**HYMN OF THE MONTH**

**"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB #344**



**Thank you to our Christmas Church Decorating Team!**

A Big Thank You to all the volunteers who helped this year! The Church looks beautiful! We appreciate your time and effort.



**NEW: UGT CHRISTMAS TREE**

**A Season of Giving**

Spread joy and warmth this holiday season by donating to our UGT Christmas Tree!

**How to Participate:**

- **Donate:** Bring new or handmade mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves to the church.
- **Decorate:** Add your donated items to the tree in the north hallway.

Let's remember the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of Christ. Let our gifts reflect His love.



**St. John's Youth Fundraiser  
Get Your Gifts Wrapped at St. John  
on December 14<sup>th</sup>!**

All proceeds will help send the first youth gathering group in decades to New Orleans in 2025. Bring your unwrapped gifts and let us do the wrapping for you! Sign up in the narthex for a 30-minute time slot between 8am-12:30pm on December 14th. You can bring your own wrapping paper or we will provide some! A free will offering will be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please call Leah 920-627-0727. VanMinsel at

**NEW: High School Youth Christmas Party**



Please join us on Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> for a time of celebration with fun Christmas Sweaters/attire, a

white elephant gift exchange, fun snacks, and a bible study on Christ's birth! Feel free to invite friends!



**Birthdays Blessings**

- 12/09 – Jeff Franklin
- 12/09 – Roberta Hilgendorf
- 12/09 – Albert Parnitzke
- 12/10 – Judy Fischer
- 12/10 – Ethan Novotny
- 12/11 – Kevin Runkel
- 12/12 – Colton Blawat
- 12/14 – Mia Grisolono

**ADVENT DINNERS & TAIZÉ PRAYER**

Join us this Advent season for a time of reflection and worship.

**Morning:**

- **Matins at 10 AM**  
*Preschool Children attend this service*

**Evening:**

- **Dinner: 5:00 - 6:00 PM**
  - **Week 2 (Dec. 11):**  
Bada Bing Pizza
  - **Week 3 (Dec. 18):**  
High School Youth Soup Fundraiser
- **Taizé Prayer Candlelight Service – 6:00 PM**

To ensure we have enough food and volunteers, please sign up in the narthex to reserve your dinner spot, sign up to bring a dessert, and/or volunteer to help with set-up or clean-up.



**CHRISTMAS WEEK**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 4:00 & 6:00**

**PM**

Christmas Eve Worship  
*(NO COMMUNION)*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 AT 9:00 AM**

Christmas Day Divine Service

**NEW YEAR'S WEEK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

First Sunday After Christmas

9:00 AM Divine Service

*No Sunday School or Bible Study*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 6:00 PM**

New Year's Eve Divine Service

*No Wednesday Divine Services in January.  
Services resume on February 5, 2025.*





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