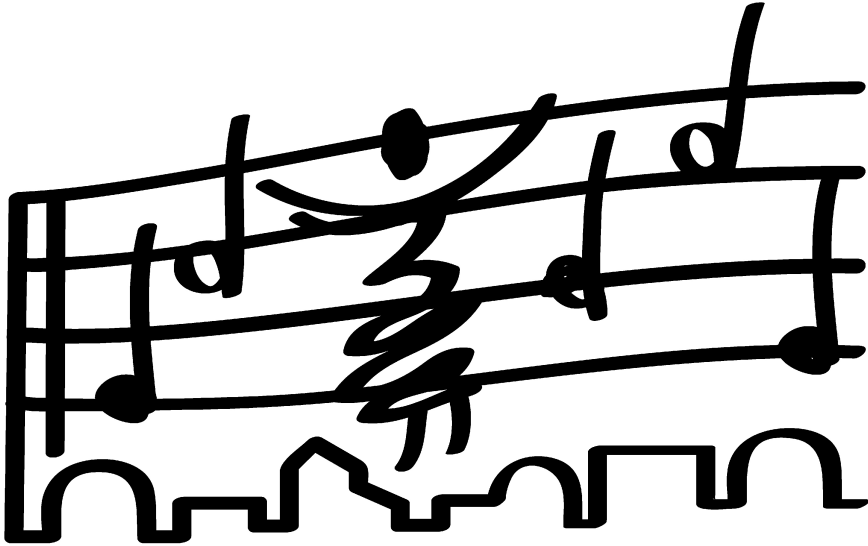


Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
Third Sunday in Advent  
December 17, 2023



*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult  
with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!*

+ ZEPHANIAH 3:14 +

Worship Service 9:00AM  
Sunday School 10:30AM  
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## Communion Invitation

**Dear Guest:** If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, please speak to pastor before taking the Lord's Supper.

We love you! We want you to be able to receive the true body and blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and the wine for your forgiveness. If you would like to be part of our communion, please set up a time to visit with pastor during the week. You can contact Pastor after the service or call the church office at 532-2717.

You may, however, come up to the altar today to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest while you are kneeling at the communion rail. You may also remain in your pew during Communion if you so desire.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

### 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful (Chimes begin and end hymn as instrumental)



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

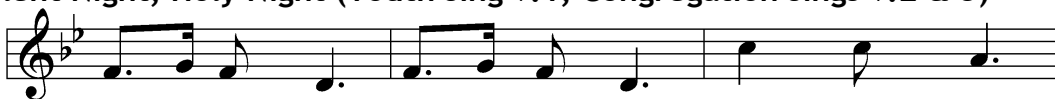


O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

## Part 1 - Sunday School Christmas Program

*Lola Grunwaldt, Kostas Grunwaldt, Ginger Grunwaldt, Parker Buck,  
Samantha Campbell, Auggie Nutter, Freda Mendez, Hector Mendez*

### 363 Silent Night, Holy Night (Youth sing v.1; Congregation sings v.2 & 3)



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.


Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820-85  
Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787-1863

## Part 2 - Sunday School Christmas Program

### 387 Joy to the World (Youth sing v.1 & Congregation sings v.2 & 3)



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings

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

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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.

## Old Testament Reading (NASB)

## Psalm 24

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains,  
 The world, and those who dwell in it.

<sup>2</sup>For He has founded it upon the seas  
 And established it upon the rivers.

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?  
 And who may stand in His holy place?

<sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
 Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood  
 And has not sworn deceitfully.

<sup>5</sup>He shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
 And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

<sup>6</sup>This is the generation of those who seek Him,  
 Who seek Your face -even Jacob.

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates,  
 And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
 That the King of glory may come in!

<sup>8</sup>Who is the King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
The LORD, mighty in battle.

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates,  
And lift *them* up, O ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in!

<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
He is the King of glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle (NASB)

*1 Corinthians 4:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup>But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by *any* human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. <sup>4</sup>For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia

*LSB 190*



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel (NASB)

*Matthew 11:2–11*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent *word* by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to Him, “Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>*the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.<sup>6</sup>And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.”*

<sup>7</sup>As these men were going *away*, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing*? Those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ palaces! <sup>9</sup> But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

‘BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU,  
WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.’

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles’ Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sit

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

sts. 1-3, 8



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 △ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483-1546; (sts. 1-2): tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812-76; (st. 3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (st. 8): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913-2001  
 Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter

## Sermon

## Prayers of the Church

## Presentation of Offering & Communion Set-Up

## Confessional Prayer by Pastor

### *Silent Confession followed by Absolution*

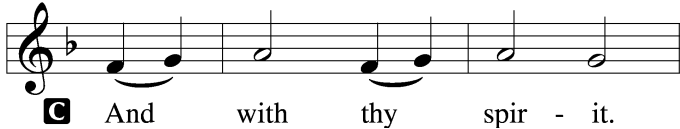
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## Service of the Sacrament

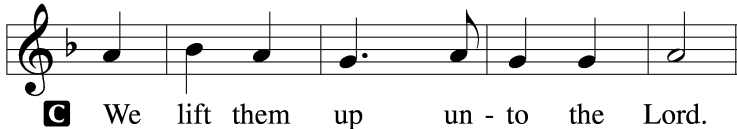
### Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.





P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



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

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

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 T 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 T 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

*LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

## Distribution

### 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

1 "Com-fort, com-fort ye My peo-ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par-don, Blot-ting out each  
 3 Hark, the her-ald's voice is cry-ing In the des-ert  
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook-ed; Make the rough-er  
 saith our God; "Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Mourn-ing  
 dark mis-deed; All that well de-served His an-ger He no  
 far and near, Call-ing sin-ners to re-pen-tance, Since the  
 plac-es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-  
 'neath their sor-rows' load. Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem  
 more will see or heed. She hath suf-fered man-y a day,  
 King-dom now is here. O that warn-ing cry o-bey!  
 fits His ho-ly reign. For the glo-ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611-84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

### 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see;      Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
 will be mine      When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
 will em - brace,      Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
 we may sing:      Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt

### 333 Once He Came in Blessing

*sts. 1, 4*



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -

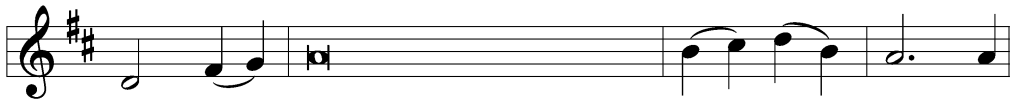


save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

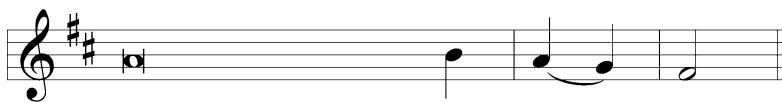


which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



☐ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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** A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.  
Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven

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## Prayers and Announcements

**In Our Prayers:** The family of Vicki Fincher (Larry Jacobsen's sister), Glen Tabor (Debbra Mach's father, receiving chemo & radiation treatments), Kerin Beall Matthews (Lorna Beall's daughter, hospice), Greg Turner (cancer of the esophagus), Zena Bean (upcoming surgery), Dick Ferkey (health), Dena (Cheryl's friend), Gabriel Marlin, Jeff Carlson (cancer), Cathy Davis, **Shut-In:** Jen Perry, Sandy McCoy, Peggy Avers, Bill Riley, Gaylene Peters, Brian Pendergrass, Jeanette Seeman, Bill & Helen Donald; **In the Military:** Grady McAllister (Janet's grandson), Patrick Gardner (Jacobsen's grandson), Clay Marlin, James Beall, Zach Sparks, and those we think of privately.





*Mid-Week Advent Services: Noon & 7:00 p.m., Wed., 12-20*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Sun. ,12-24 at 7:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Day Service: Mon., 12-25, at 10:00 am; Brunch served after the service*

**Copies of the Proposed 2024 Budget** are available on the tv stand in the fellowship hall. **A Voters' Meeting** will be held today at **10:30 a.m.** to discuss this along with other church business so please plan to join us and add your input.

**Looking for a gift for someone?** Christmas has arrived in the Country Store.

**Open Hands Mission to the Blind will meet on Thursday at noon.** They still need drivers for their monthly meal. Contact Jeanette Ferkey at 47-532-5767.

**Helen Donald's Blind Mission** is looking for homemade cookie donations to gift our friends this Christmas. Please call Jeanette if you can bake a few extra cookies for Open Hands. 417-532-5767.

**Daily Bible Readings for this week: Today** –Isaiah 62:1-12;**Monday**-Isaiah 63:1-14;  
**Tuesday**-Isaiah 65:17-25; **Wednesday**-Isaiah 66:1-24; **Thursday**-Luke 1:1-25 **Friday**-Luke 1:26-56; **Saturday**-Luke 1:57-80.

### **Our Response to the Lord Last Week**

#### **Stewardship of Souls**

Worship Attendance

9:00AM - 70

Pastor's Class - 18

#### **Stewardship of Finances**

General Offering Last Week

\$3,725.00

Sunday School - 4

	<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Serving Next Week</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	David Oberdieck	David Oberdieck
<b>Organist</b>	Jeanette Milner	Joy Gaines
<b>Elders</b>	Nick Grunwaldt	Nick Grunwaldt Jeff Loges
<b>Lector</b>	Nick Grunwaldt	Gary Clark
<b>Usher</b>	Todd Kelm Bill Heller	Bill Heller Todd Kelm
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christal Bailey Judy Jacobsen	Christal Bailey Judy Jacobsen

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>Today</b>	9:00AM	Worship/Communion
	10:30AM	Voters' Meeting
	11:30AM	Confirmation Class
<b>Wed</b>	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study
	Noon	Advent Service
	6:00PM	Chimes Practice
	7:00PM	Advent Service

<b>Thurs</b>	9:30AM	Thursday Girls
	Noon	Open Hands Blind Mission
	6:30PM	Women's Bible Study
<b>Sun, 12-24</b>	9:00AM	Worship/Communion
	10:30AM	Christian Education Hour
	7:00PM	Candlelight Service

## Sermon Notes

### Numbers 10:35-36 -

<sup>35</sup> Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said,

“Rise up, O LORD!

And let Your enemies be scattered,

And let those who hate You flee before You.”

<sup>36</sup> When it came to rest, he said,  
“Return, O LORD,  
To the myriad thousands of Israel.”

**II Samuel 6:2 –**

<sup>2</sup> And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned *above* the cherubim.