

*The Lutheran Church*  
of the  
*Resurrection*

Our Mission is “To Open Hearts”  
Through the message of Christ Crucified

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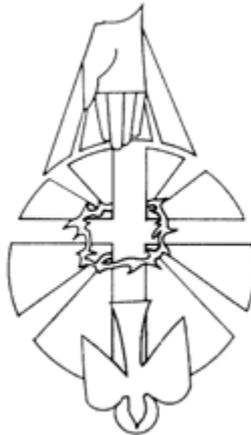
# Welcome!

**A warm welcome to our guests and visitors!** We pray that your spirit would be uplifted and your faith strengthened as we gather together to receive God's Divine Service.

We recognize that little children may not be able to sit patiently through the entire worship service. **There is a 'Cry Room'** just outside the sanctuary where parents may tend to infants during the service. A window and speaker allow parents to continue to follow and participate in the service.

Our Communion practice: This morning, we joyfully celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We believe that we receive Christ's body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. As we celebrate this sacrament, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith. We therefore invite all communicant members of any congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to commune. Guests are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to receive this sacrament here but are not a member, please speak with the pastor.

Cell Phones: As Lutherans, we believe that God speaks to us through Word and Sacraments. Therefore, please be sure to turn all cell phones off before entering the sanctuary.



## + THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT +

### PRELUDE

*Quasi Lento, Teneramente* Herbert Howells

*(Stand)*

### HYMN OF INVOCATION:

**#338 COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS**

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

*LSB 184*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

### CONFESSION OF SINS

*LSB 184*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## ABSOLUTION

LSB 185

**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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

(Sit)

## + THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH +

### HYMN:

#357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

sts. 5-6

*(As the Advent Wreath is lit, stanzas from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" are sung by a soloist. The congregation will join in on the refrain. As the candles are lit (one new candle each week), we count down toward our celebration of Jesus' first coming on Christmas, but we also wait in anticipation of his second coming. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!)*

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

(Stand)

### KYRIE

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

(Sit)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11*

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations. . . .

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful  
headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

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

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

# PSALM

Psalm 126



<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of | Zion,\*  
we were like | those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,\*  
and our tongue with | shouts of joy;

**then they said among the nations,**

**“The LORD has done great | things for them.”\***

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us; | we are glad.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,\*  
**like streams in the | Negeb!**

<sup>5</sup>Those who | sow in tears\*  
shall reap with | shouts of joy!

<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for | sowing,\*  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his | sheaves with him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6–8, 19–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

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

*(Sit)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

**#345 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING**

## SERMON

*(Stand)*

## NICENE CREED

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*(Each petition is concluded with, "Lord, in your mercy." Our response is, "Hear our prayer.")*

*- (If you would like to submit a prayer request, please use the form provided on the table in the Narthex.)*

*(Conclusion)*

**P** ...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**G** Amen.

*(Sit)*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### ORGAN OFFERTORY

*Adagio in F Charles V. Stanford*

*(Stand)*

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### PROPER PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

LSB 195



**C** 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,



bles - 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

162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

## PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

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

**C** Amen.

## 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.

(Sit)

## THE DISTRIBUTION

[Please see the Communion Statement on the first page.]

*[Communion Wine: The lighter colored wine among the individual cups is de-alcoholized wine in which all the alcohol has been removed.]*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

**#563 JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*(Stand)*

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## 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.

## SALUTATION

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART:

**#354 ARISE, O CHRISTIAN PEOPLE**

# POSTLUDE

*Prelude on Chesterfield* Healey Willan

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# Announcements!

**The Prayers:** In your prayers this week, please remember:

## **Those in need of the Lord's help with physical struggles:**

Angie Carlson —multiple sclerosis; Matthew Gaug (Son of Peter and Evelyn Gaug— Lou Gehrig's Disease); David Klipp (Brother-in-law of Sharon Klipp (recovery from Myasthenia Gravis disease); Jonathan Milhous (Nephew of Sharon Conover—autism with seizures); Megan Huesers (diabetes); Robert Sieber (heart/hip issues); Eleanor Keefe—problem with her eyes; Al Monray (friend of Krys Paules—leukemia); Alen Rowe (friend of Krys Paules—prostate cancer); Dave Willman (friend of Krys Paules—rare heart disease); Lucille (Former co-worker of Krys Paules—alzheimers); Corry Klipp (Sharon's sister-in-law—Alzheimer's); Debbie Knight (Cousin of Laverne Pelletier—healing from transverse myelitis); Virgil Tilton (Friend of Moe and Becky Cote—cancer); Natalie Crowley (recovery from broken hip); Melba Larsen (Mark Larsen's mother—recovery from stroke); Don Pryor (recovery from stroke); Brett Lambert (friend of Maira Goldsmith—heart defect); Robert Drageland (Brother of Rick Drageland—dementia); Beck Keefe (blood disorder); Andrea (friend of Keefe's—cancer); Allen Treadwell (Michelle Hein's father—cancer); Donna Treadwell (Michelle Hein's step-mother—dementia); Russ Morris (David Morris' father—recovery from illness); Peter Doran (recovery from heart problems); Lois Doran (recovery from cancer); Joan Drageland (recovery from illness); Vary Fischer (recovery from leg infection); Angela Gibbs (friend of Tom and Katie Huesers—recovery from stroke); Abigail Quinlivan (Daughter of co-worker of Chris Batson—Leukemia); Melinda Penner (friend of Charlie MacPherson—recovery from head injury); Vicky Lesmerises (friend of Krys Paules—cancer); Cathy York (friend of Jenifer MacPherson—cancer); Nathanael Batson (successful treatments for tumors); Warren Waltz (friend of Jenifer MacPherson—colon cancer); Paula Collins (friend of Gail Carrano – shoulder surgery); Becky Cote (successful treatment for heart disease); Mo Cote (cancer treatment); Cecilia Foss (niece of James Breslin – recovery from back surgery); Aubri Brooks (friend of Maira Goldsmith – eye disease); Gail Carrano (recovery from surgery); Geraldine Abinader (Sister of Joan Drageland – dementia); Kemp Anderson (successful back surgery); Donna Baker (Cousin of James Breslin – recovery).

## **Those in need of the Lord's help with aging / life struggles:**

Joan Nielsen (Mother of pastor Nielsen); Ruth Kennedy (Grandmother of Christine Thomas); James Wright (Father of Becky Cote); Elfie Wright (Stepmother of Becky Cote); Glenna Wright (Mother of Becky Cote).

**The Flowers** are given in memory of George Kohl and George Albert by Julie and Sarah Kohl.

### **Sunday Morning Bible Class and Sunday School**

For all ages from 10-10:30am every Sunday. The kids will meet in the Fellowship Hall and the adults will meet in the Sanctuary.

### **Thursday Bible Study**

10:30am in the Fellowship Hall

6:00pm via Zoom.

If you would like to be added to the weekly email list for this class, please contact Pastor Akers.

### **How Do I Consider Membership In This Congregation?**

Twice a year, pastor Akers teaches a 9 week "Inquirer's Class" for everyone who would like to know what we believe, teach and confess.

This class is the entryway into the congregation for everyone who would like to become a member or simply find out more. Please see pastor Akers to sign up now.

### **Annual Congregation Meeting**

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 13. Due to COVID-19, there will be adjustments to the usual way of conducting the meeting. See Newsletter and emails for more information.

### **In The Service Of God's House Today:**

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Acolyte:      | 10:45 Allison Farr      |
| Comm. Assist: | 8:30 Brian Watson       |
|               | 10:45 Dan Callahan      |
| Ushers:       | 8:30 Rick Drageland     |
|               | 10:45 Mo Cote           |
| Cantor:       | 8:30 Sharon Conover     |
|               | 10:45 Steve Farr        |
| Greeters:     | 8:30 The Dragelands     |
|               | 10:45 The Larsen Family |
| Flowers:      | Julie and Sarah Kohl    |
| Altar Guild:  | Amanda Goldsmith        |

### **In The Service Of God's House Next Sunday: 12/20/20**

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Acolyte:      | 10:45 Evan Farr       |
| Comm. Assist: | 8:30 Glenn Carlson    |
|               | 10:45 Mark Larsen     |
| Ushers:       | 8:30 Tyler Wilson     |
|               | 10:45 Wayne Pelletier |
| Cantor:       | 8:30 Jared Goldsmith  |
|               | 10:45 Allison Farr    |
| Greeters:     | 8:30 Sharon Conover   |
|               | 10:45 The Farr Family |
| Flowers:      | Sharon Klipp          |
| Altar Guild:  | Amy Ouellette         |

### **Prayers for Worship:**

For a selection of prayers for worship, please see the inside front cover of the Lutheran Service Book and/or pages 305-318 in your hymnal.

### **Devotion During the Distribution:**

The greatest treasure and the highest comfort we Christians have is the fact that the Word, the true, natural Son of God, has become a man who in every respect has flesh and blood as any other man for our sake that we may be raised to the great glory of having our flesh and blood, our entire body, with all its parts and members, sit in heaven above, like God; that we may boldly defy the devil and whatever assails us. For now we are certain that our bodies belong in heaven and are heirs of the kingdom of heaven. (Martin Luther. Sermon on John 1:14.)

**Daily Lectionary Readings for this Week:** *Read the bible every day.*

**12/13 Isaiah 29:15-30:14 / Revelation 1:1-20**

**12/14 Isaiah 30:15-26 / Revelation 2:1-29**

**12/15 Isaiah 30:27-31:9 / Revelation 3:1-22**

**12/16 Isaiah 32:1-20 / Revelation 4:1-11**

**12/17 Isaiah 33:1-24 / Revelation 5:1-14**

**12/18 Isaiah 34:1-2,8-35:10 / Revelation 6:1-17**

**12/19 Isaiah 40:1-17 / Revelation 7:1-17**

*(Daily lectionary readings taken from LSB #299-304)*

### **Some helpful habits for home devotions:**

- *Keep a journal or make a mental note of one thought that you would like to remember from this reading.*
- *Read and discuss the daily reading with a family member or friend.*
- *Choose one verse to commit to memory, reciting it through the day.*
- *Speak to God in prayer about something from the reading that impressed or confused you.*