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**Divine Service III
First Sunday in Advent
November 30, 2025**

Hymn of Invocation "Prepare the Royal Highway" No. 343



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 should 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, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound-ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Stand

Confession and Absolution

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

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

C: Amen.

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.

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.**

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.

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: righteous and having salvation.

P: Save us, we pray, O LORD!

C: O LORD, we pray, give us success!

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

P: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

C: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

C: you are my God; I will extol you.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

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

P: The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

C: Amen.

Isaiah 2:1–5

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 13:8, 10

"Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. . . . Love does no wrong to a neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

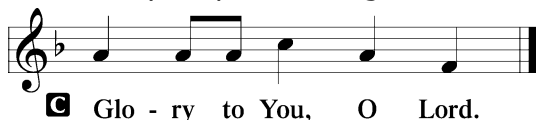
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.



¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on

them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



 Praise to You, O Christ.

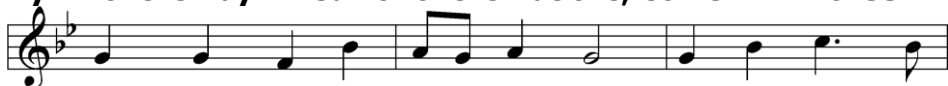
Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day "Savior of the Nations, Come" No. 332



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
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



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:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night.
 Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.

△8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

Sermon

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



It is meet and right so to do.

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

Sanctus



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 (printed on back cover of hymnal) *Matthew 6:9-13*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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



A - men.

Agnus Dei



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 *As we come to the altar, we come confessing our sins, looking to Christ for forgiveness, asking the Holy Spirit to change our sinful lives, and recognizing Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine.*

In faithfulness to God's Word, our congregation practices close communion. We invite to our altar all who have confirmed their faith with us before a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation or who have met with Pastor. Our practice in no way implies that people of other denominations are not Christians but allows us to maintain a clear confession of our faith and affords proper pastoral care of individuals.

Distribution Hymns

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

No. 348

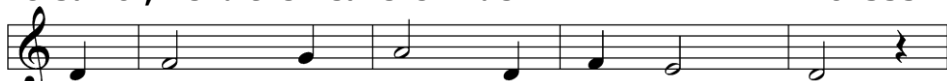
- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.

When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

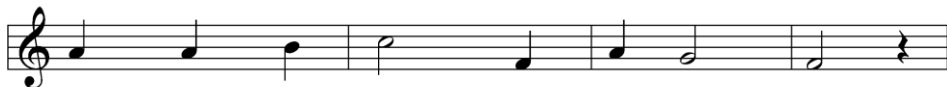
Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925, alt. Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth Text and tune: Public domain

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"

No. 355



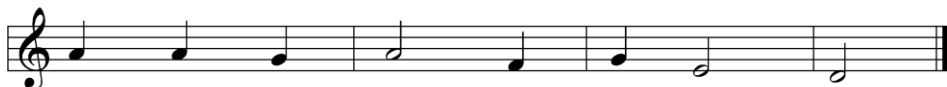
1 O Sav - ior, rend heav - ens wide;
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
 When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring;
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

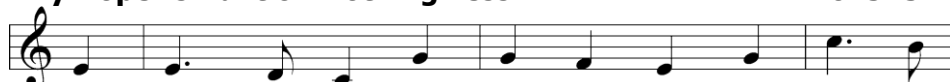
5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
 O Sun, arise; without Your light
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
 O come, lead us with mighty hand
 From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring
 And sing to You, our Savior King;
 There shall we laud You and adore
 Forever and forevermore.

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

No. 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt. Tune: John Stainer, 1840-1901 Text and tune: Public domain

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

No. 570



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

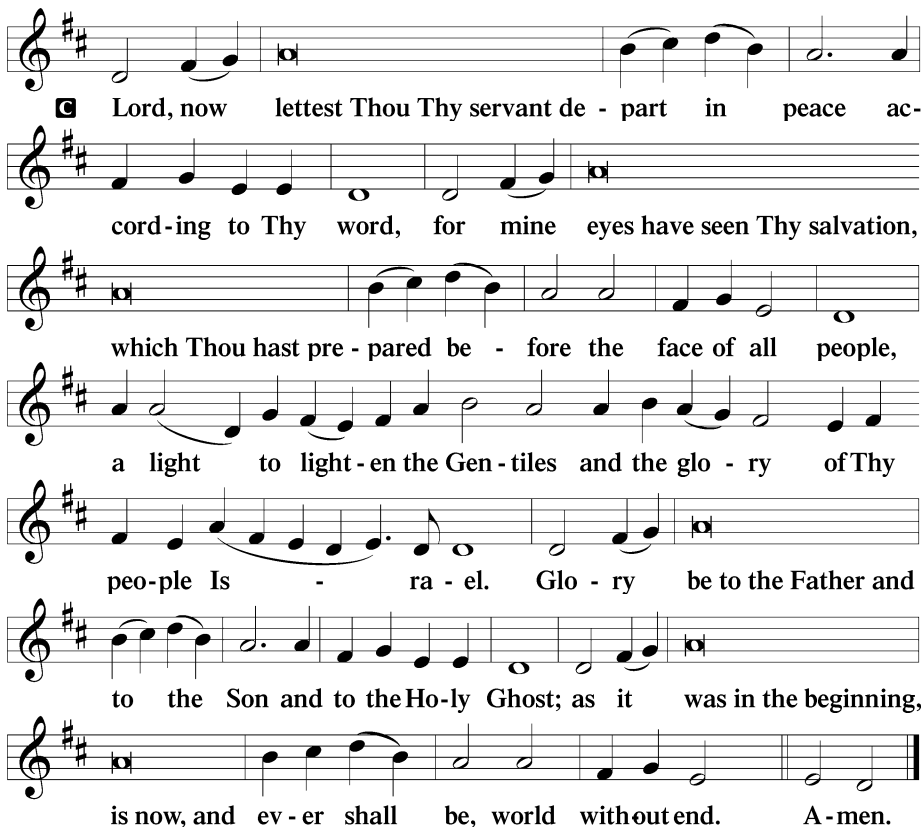
5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68 Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

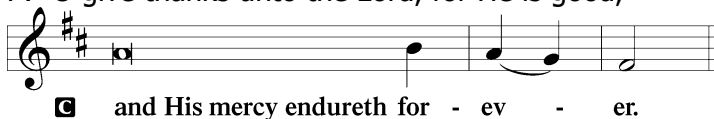
Nunc Dimittis



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 - tles 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 without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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

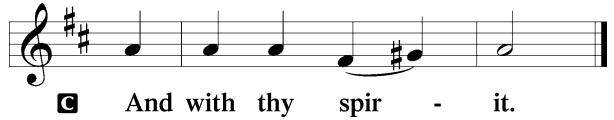


and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

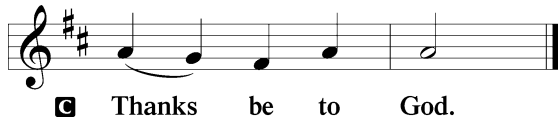
C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with
you.



Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

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 ✠ give you peace.



Sit

Closing Hymn

"Hark the Glad Sound"

No. 349

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✠ **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.

✠ **IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Cindy Griffith, Barb Sweet, Marty Villers, Diana Trent, Randy Sweet, Sue Krueger, Marcie Wellday, Dana Anderson, Janet Shrewsberry, Tyler Voegelé, Deanna Hegedus, Elise Smith, Mark Eckstein, Traci Williams, Vida Rood, Mark Uphoff & Carol Welton (family of Marilynn Marrs), Terry Krueger, Marsha Seals, The Twin Rivers Staff & Colleen, Alberta Kahle (Duane Oestmann's cousin), Chelsy Deets (Pattie Oestmann's granddaughter), Josephine Gonzalez, Larry Junker, Those in the Philippines and their families affected by the recent typhoon.

Due to Thanksgiving being just a few days before, we are not having a 5th Sunday Potluck today. Lots of people will have family from out of town and lots will be traveling to see family.



If you would like to purchase a **poinsettia** to help decorate the church for this Christmas season, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway or contact Cathy at the church in the mornings – 620-442-5240 or secretaryrlc320@gmail.com. Cost is **\$20.00** and the last day to sign up is **December 5th**.



December 14, 2024 - Please come help decorate the church for Christmas! Pizza and Cookies will be served after service. Then the decorating will begin.

If you can stay and help, please let Cathy know or sign your name and how many can help on the sheet on the bulletin board.

We need an estimate so we know how much pizza to bring.

Please bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to share.

Christmas Caroling
 **December 21st** 



We will be going Caroling on December 21st about 1 pm. Please use the sign-up on the bulletin board. We are planning on having lunch after the service so please let us know how many are coming.

Would be willing to make a pot soup, chili, stew, etc. to share, please write on the sign-up sheet. Everyone else can bring finger share.

Volunteers needed after service on the **21st** to prepare Christmas Eve treat bags for the children. The more volunteers we have, the quicker it will be. Thank you, Susan Buckbee

Mark Your Calendar for Advent Services at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Advent 1 – December 3rd - Pastor Warneke – “Jesus, the Son of David”

Advent 2 – December 10th – Pastor Meyer – “Jesus, the Son of Abraham”

Advent 3 – December 17th – Pastor Warneke – “Jesus, the Greater Moses”



The 2026 Flower Chart is hanging in the Narthex (next to the 2025 chart). If you want to get your name on for the coming year in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, you may sign the chart now. Cost of the flowers is \$16.50. Payment can be made when you sign up, or the Sunday your flowers are on the Altar.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1–10

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4–13

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1–12

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

- TODAY:** 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion
- TUESDAY:** 7:00 pm Elders' Meeting
- WEDNESDAY:** 1:00 pm Advent 1 Midweek Service
5:45 pm Catechism Class
7:00 pm Advent 1 Midweek Service
- THURSDAY:** 7:00 pm TRUTH Talk
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion
8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM
10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM

THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER

- Officiating Elder:** Greg Buckbee
- Greeter:** Sue Snider
- Altar Committee:** Sue Snider, Michele Zimmerman,
Cara Zimmerman, Jane Osburn

STEWARDSHIP

November 23, 2025 – Worship – 63

Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,421.94

Home Budget Offering - \$3,765.00

Arkalalah Float - \$700.00