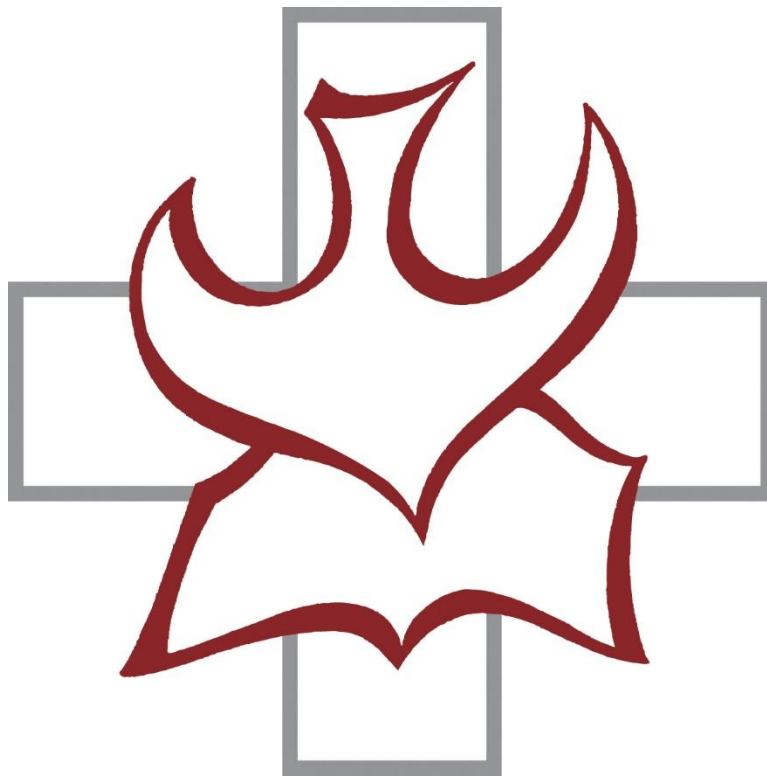


# Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2025



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas

**DIVINE SERVICE***Setting Three***PRELUDE***Stand***OPENING 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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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**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.*Kneel*

**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.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b*



In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;\*  
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

**Seek the LORD | and his strength;\***  
**seek his presence con- | tinually!**

- Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*  
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\***  
**children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

- He is the | LORD our God;\*  
his judgments are in | all the earth.

**He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\***  
**the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.**

In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;\*  
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

### GLORIA PATRI



**G**lo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

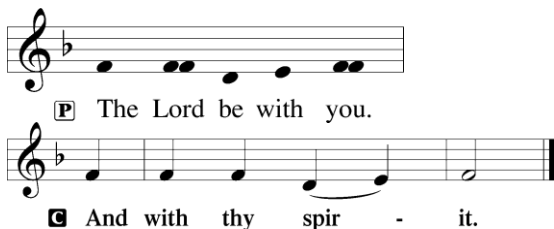
## KYRIE



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

*During Advent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



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

**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*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**ANTHEM:** Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Sadie Olson, Soloist

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954 Tune: Yiddish Folk Tune

*Light two candles to watch for Messiah: Let the light banish darkness*

*He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1–10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

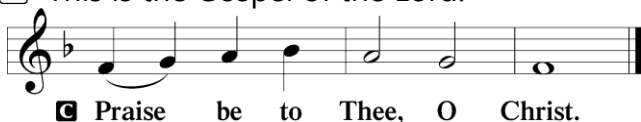
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume 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>10</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>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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



## APOSTLES' CREED

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

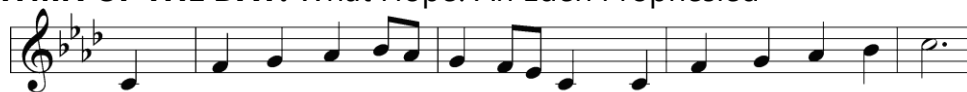
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the 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*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;  
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,  
3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,  
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955 Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth

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## SERMON: A Stump, a Branch, and Fruit ISAIAH 11:1–10

Rev. Craig Meissler

*Stand*

**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

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Our offering is our way of saying, "Thank you" to God for all His gifts to us and to support His work here at Mt. Calvary and around the world. To all our guests this morning, we are happy to have you with us, but **you are under no obligation to give an offering**. But we would request your prayers for our ministry. We ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us.*

## VOLUNTARY

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you.



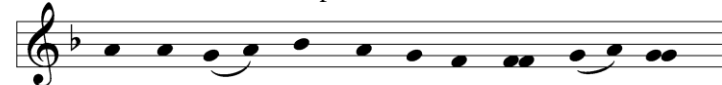
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



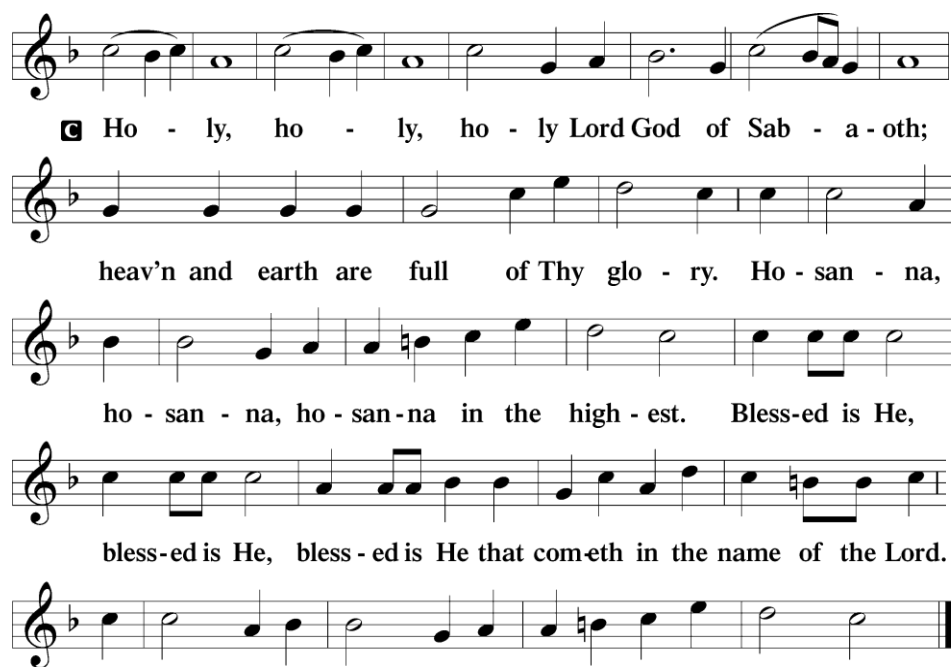
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



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

**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



**G** 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

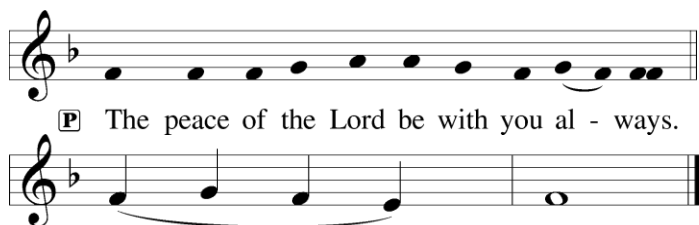
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**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."

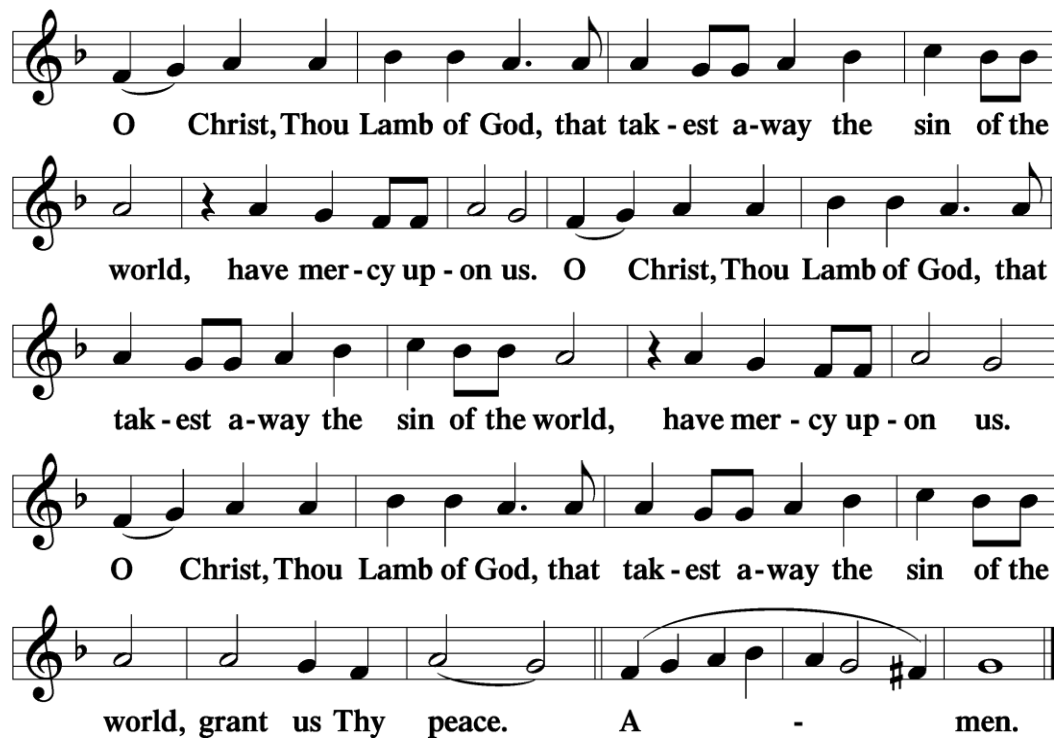
## PAX DOMINI



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**G** 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

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### LSB 345 Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the  
near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -  
works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
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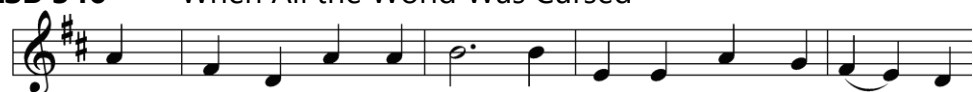
1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
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Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

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# LSB 346 When All the World Was Cursed



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



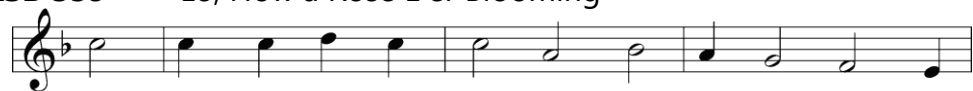
And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.  
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:  
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.  
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.

Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701

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# LSB 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath  
 2 I-sa-iah 'twas fore-told it, The rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten-der With sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav-ior, child of Mar-y, Who felt our hu-man



sprung! Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing As proph-ets long have  
 mind; With Mar-y we be-hold it, The vir-gin moth-er  
 air, Dis-pels with glo-rious splen-dor The dark-ness ev-'ry  
 woe; O Sav-ior, King of glo-ry, Who dost our weak-ness



sung, It came, a flow-'ret bright, A-mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a-right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver-y God, From sin and  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win-ter, When half-spent was the night.  
 us a Sav-ior, When half-spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light-ens ev-'ry load.  
 courts of heav-en, And to the end-less day.

Text (sts. 1–2): tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; (sts. 1–2, 4): German, 16th cent.; (st. 3): Friedrich L. C. Layriz, 1808–59; (st. 3): tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925; (st. 4): tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948

Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln

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# LSB 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way, As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt.

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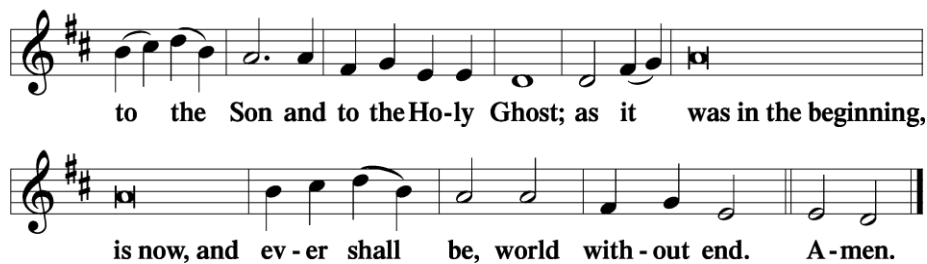
**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## NUNC DIMITTIS



**C** 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



## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and 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.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

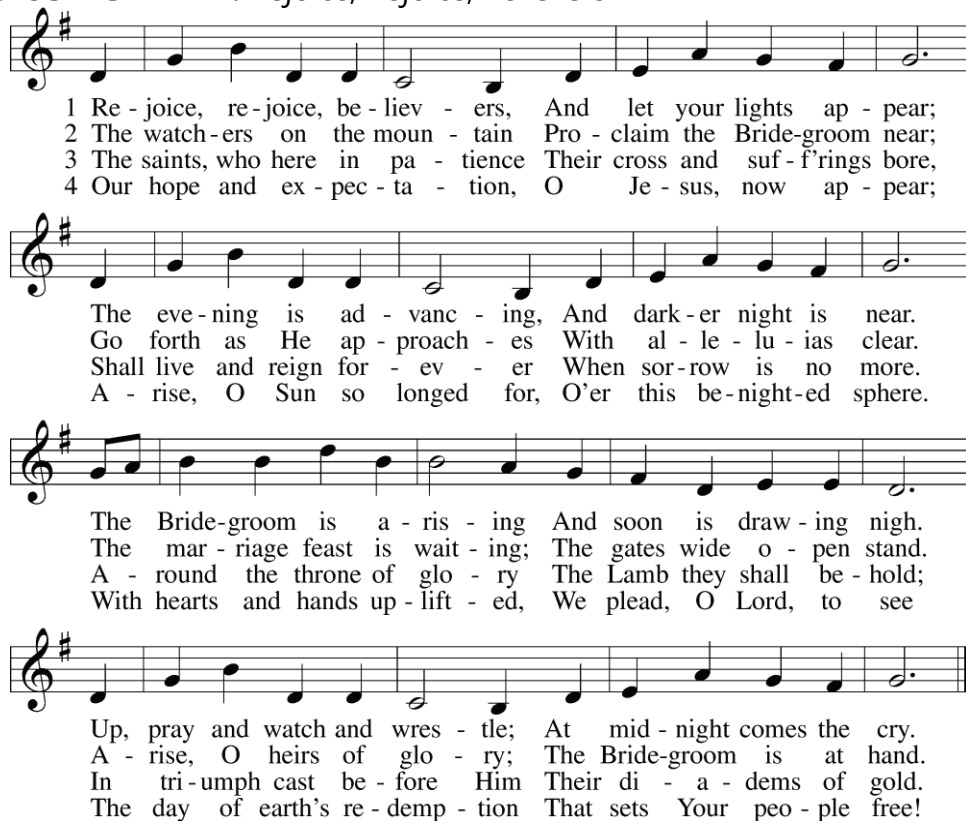
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515



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**CW** (Christian Worship) WELS

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Preacher: Rev. Craig Meissler

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Daniel Ochoa                      Wally Mencke

Greeters: Linda Aguilar                      Judy Hanson

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

- If you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.
- Both the common cup and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, please hold your hands open and the pastor will provide it to you, while the elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assist the pastor.

## **ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE**

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and in the individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and Sacrament, and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- **IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE** a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to **please complete an attendance card** found in the pew and place in the offering plate.
- We ask that you turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him.
- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, **we ask that no other foods or beverages** be brought into the sanctuary.
- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.
- Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please speak with one of the ushers.

**CHILDREN & WORSHIP** We love children and are happy they are here with us! Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors. **Assistance for children with special needs during worship and Sunday school is also available – see an usher for details.** A **nursery** is also available. Parents can use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. **Activity items** are available for your child(ren) in the narthex. Please make sure all items are returned at the end of the service.

## **MIDWEEK STUDIES**

**Tuesday Morning Class** | *Tues* | 10:00-11:30am {Parish Hall} Immediately following Matins (10:00am)

**Men's Study** | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> *Wed* | 6:00pm {Parish Hall} All men are invited! Contact Roman Gomez.

**Men's Study** | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> *Sat* | 8:00-9:30am {Parish Hall} The study of Acts. Led by Daniel Ochoa.

**Women's Study** | 3<sup>rd</sup> *Mon* | 7:30-8:30pm {Meets at members' homes} Contact Shirley Wille.

**Women's Study** | 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> *Mon* | 6:00-7:30pm {Library} We have started *Divine Directions: How God Guides Your Path* (Sharla Fritz, CPH).

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP SERVICES** continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 8:45am with our Divine Service at 10:00am.

**PRAYERS** – Jan Miyauchi, Art Wendt, Michelle Thompson, Marlene Walker, Brad Boeckner, Bill O'Brien, Linda Dietz, Patsy Bond, Jeff Harwood, Darrell Donnell, Heidi Farmer, Christine Prinz, Joshua Gabel, Richard Wieding, Michael Gilg, Debbie Kuehling, Dave Weller, Hayley Trujillo; our home-bound members: Tammy Greinke, Katie Klann, Barbara & Sandy Krywoszej, Olga Mencke, Karen Price.

**LORD'S SUPPER** – If you are physically unable to get to church and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact the church office so that we can schedule a date and time with one of the pastors.

**PASTORAL CARE, VISITATION, & PRAYERS** – If it is your desire to share a health condition, hospitalization, or procedure for which you would like a pastoral visit, it is important for us to know as much information ahead of time as possible. Please contact the church office with all the pertinent information. If you are hospitalized or in rehab, it helps us a great deal to keep us updated as to where you are as well as the room number if possible. If you wish for you or your loved one to be included in the Prayers of the Church on Sunday morning, please contact the church office as soon as you can.

**COME JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR OUR SECOND MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE!** As in the past, we will be doing Holden's Evening Prayer. The service starts at 7:00pm. A meal will be served prior to the service (5:30pm). We are asking for soups and chili by our members! Please bring to the gym kitchen by 5:15pm! Crackers, grated cheese, Fritos, salad, and dessert will be provided. You do not have to contribute a soup or chili to eat! Everyone is invited!

**SAN ANTONIO LIEDERKRANZ WILL** be having their 2025 Christmas Concert, *From Stillness to Celebration*, **TODAY** at 3:00pm here at Mt. Calvary. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Tickets are available at [www.saliederkrantz.org](http://www.saliederkrantz.org), at the door, or from any Liederkranz member. A few complimentary tickets are available through the church office.

**MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS:** If you are not currently a member of Mt. Calvary but would like to know what membership entails and our process for receiving new members, please speak to one of our elders, or one of the pastors. For those coming from a non-Lutheran background we offer new-member adult confirmation classes upon request. For those who are transferring from another LCMS Lutheran Church, the transfer process is often quick, but the pastors would still wish to speak with you, and answer questions you may have about Mt. Calvary. Membership is an important commitment to a local congregation, both to receive spiritual care from, and to give support to, the ministry of a congregation which is a Biblical model we still follow today.

**USHERS NEEDED for** Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve. Please see the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

**SILENT AUCTION IN THE GYM!!!!** This auction benefits our youth group!! This Sunday, December 7, is the last Sunday to donate items for the auction....the auction will close on Sunday, December 14 at noon.

**GREETERS NEEDED!!** Greeters are needed beginning in January. You would normally only have to serve once a month greeting people as they enter the narthex. Please see Rita Storms if you are interested.

**THERE WILL BE A DRESS REHEARSAL** on Saturday, December 20, from 10-11:30am for the Christmas Program.

**POINSETTIA SIGN-UP SHEET IS** available in the narthex. \$10.00 each

**NO BRAILLE** during the month of December. Braille will resume in January.

**PLEDGE CARDS/TIME AND TALENT SHEETS CAN** be brought to the church office or put in the basket in the narthex.



**YOU CAN HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF SANDWICH SUPPLIES BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION IN THE BREAD BOX LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**



**SANDWICHES FOR CAM – JOIN US!** We have been preparing **300 sandwiches** two times per month for Christian Assistance Ministries. (CAM). CAM currently distributes 300 sandwiches **per day** to those in need in our community. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with the sandwich making. Interested? **STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT SANDWICH MAKING DAY.**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO** the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual San Antonio Deutsche Weihnachtsfeier **NEXT** Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The Christmas story told in German through scripture, poetry, music and prayers featuring: The Beethoven Männerchor, the San Antonio Liederkrantz, and organ recital by Dr. David Heller (5:00pm). Margarite B. Parker Chapel at Trinity University in San Antonio. [saweihnachtsfeier@gmail.com](mailto:saweihnachtsfeier@gmail.com) or on Facebook: "San Antonio Weihnachtsfeier" or [www.saweihnachtsfeier.org](http://www.saweihnachtsfeier.org). Admission is free. The Schnitzelbox German food truck will be there.

**FLOWER CHART FOR 2026** is available in the Elders room off the narthex.

**BIBLES NEEDED! CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY** is in need of bibles. If you have any bibles at home that you no longer need, please consider donating them to CAM. Remove any personal information from them before donating. A bin for CAM is available in the Parish Hall foyer.

**CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM)** Needs are canned vegetables, men's jeans, belts, tennis/athletic shoes, casual pants/shorts, diapers (sizes 6,7,8,). Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**THE AGAPE MINISTRY** most needed items: canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, rice, fresh or frozen meat. Other items needed are canned vegetables, canned fruit, mac & cheese, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, soup, beans (dry or canned), spaghetti, cereal, cookies, crackers, laundry detergent, toilet paper, bar soap, pet food. Also accepted are used clothing, household items, linens, shoes, purses, new underwear, socks, etc.

**ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE URGENT NEEDS:** Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food, Blankets, Dog Treats, XL KONG Toys, Bottles, KMR (1st step), Puppy Esbilac, Puppy pads, Miracle nipples, Food scales, Heating pads, and Warming discs. All food items should be unopened. Please separate newspapers and empty medicine bottles into bags.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – December 14<sup>th</sup>, "Pictures of Patience"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Patience can be practiced, tested, strained, and lost. Christians are called to return the patience God in His mercy has shown us, in Christ. (James 5:7-8) Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin).

**READ, LISTEN, WATCH** – 1517.org is a nonprofit organization that exists to declare and defend the Good News that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. 1517 features hundreds of podcasts, articles, and videos all with the purpose of preaching and teaching Reformation Theology and Christ for You. 1517 is a completely free resource thanks to partnership and support from dozens of LCMS churches here in Texas, and around the country. If you have not already, go to 1517.org to access their large library of online resources.



**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** "Children brightly signaled hope in our sin-infested world of old—consider the births of Seth, Isaac, Moses, Samson, Samuel, John, and, finally, of course and paramount, Jesus. And we, too, must become as children." *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

Sunday – 120      Adult Class – 40      PreK-HS – 17      Tuesday Matins – 18

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

December

6      Robert Axtell  
9      Christine Prinz  
10     Bobbi Klein  
12     Remington Griffin

## **MATT WEGNER ADDRESS:**

48368 226<sup>th</sup> St  
Flandreau, SD 57028



### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

Today	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30am	Voters' Assembly {gym}
Monday	6:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00am	Matins (Sanctuary – please enter at Parish Hall doors)
		Followed by Tuesday Morning Class (Parish Hall)
Wednesday	10:00am	Quilting
	5:30pm	Midweek Advent Meal
	7:00pm	Midweek Evening Prayer
Friday	7:00pm	AA – Shook Big Book
Next Sunday	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion



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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm; Friday 8:00am-noon



## **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

### **Midweek Advent Services**

Wednesday, December 10, 17 (7:00pm)

Meals served from 5:30-6:30pm

December 10 – Soups & Chilis brought by members

December 17 – Taco Salad by Mary-Martha Guild

(No reception after the services)

### **Christmas Program**

Sunday, December 21 following the worship service

### **Christmas Eve Services**

Wednesday, December 24 (6:00pm)

### **Christmas Day Service w/ Holy Communion**

Thursday, December 25 (10:00am)

### **December Sunday Morning Schedule**

8:30am: Coffee & Donuts / Fellowship in the gym

8:45am - 9:45am: Sunday School / Bible Class

10:00am: Divine Service each Sunday in December

No Bible class on December 28

### **New Year's Eve Service w/ Holy Communion**

Wednesday, December 31 (12:00pm)

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