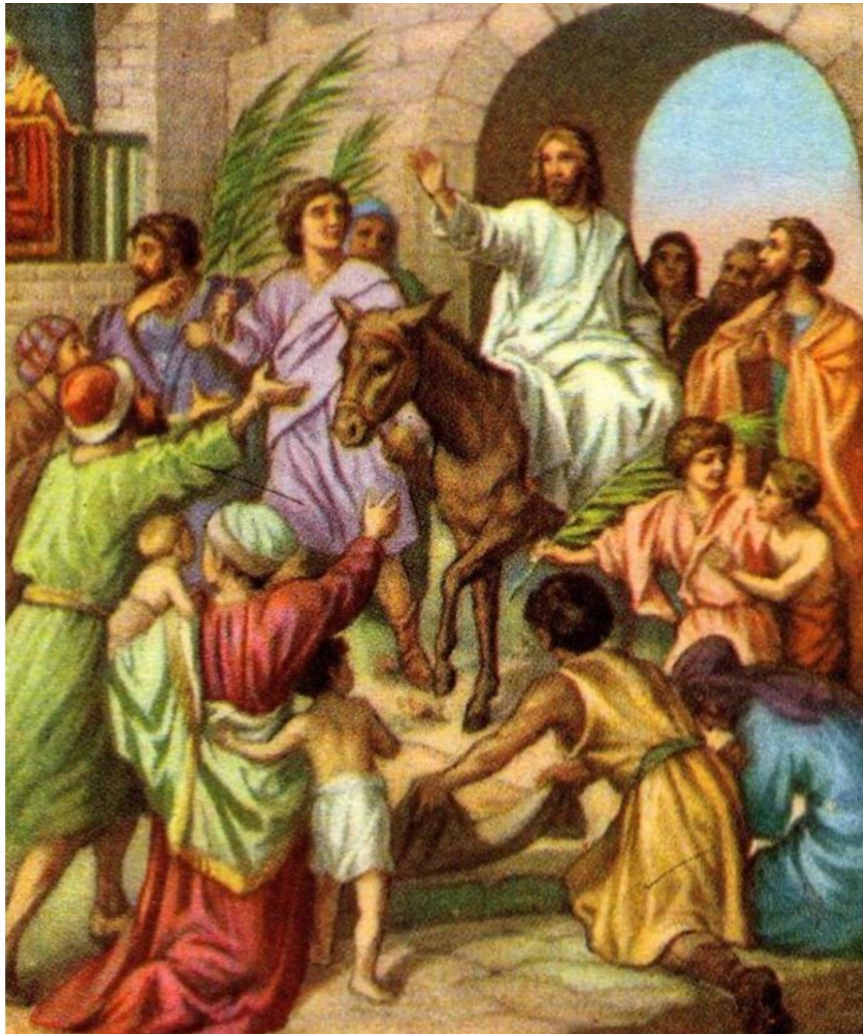


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*Sunday, December 1, 2024*  
*The First Sunday of Advent*

**Service Notes:** Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)**

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLES LIGHTING:** (Cantor) "Light a Candle, in the Night" as the candle is lit: Original Words: Emily E. S. Elliot, 1864; Tune: MARGARET by Timothy R. Matthews, 1876. Both public domain. Edited Words and Arranged Music: Lloyd Larson ©2011 Lorenz Publishing Co. Reprinted, podcast, and recorded with permission under One Licenses: #A722670 and #R101103, respectively. All rights reserved.

Light a Candle in the night, prepare the way of the holy light. God with us Emmanuel,

1. eternal hope with us to dwell, Child of hope,

come in Your glory, heaven's gift, the wondrous story!

Messiah King shall come to earth. Prepare your heart for His holy birth.

**OPENING HYMN #25 'The King Shall Come'** Setting: ©1969

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# The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child To  
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn When  
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the  
 bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry  
 Christ, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some  
 dawn up - on our race The day when Christ in  
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes—  
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.  
 place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
 splen - dor comes And we shall see his face.  
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, abr., alt.

Tune: CONSOLATION (CM) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.

**STAND**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,**

**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**

**God the Father al-mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**

**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**

**sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**

**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**

**you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,**

**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

## **BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> "Behold the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of

Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> in those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 24** Refrain Tune and Setting: Richard Proulx  
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The image shows musical notation for Psalm 24. At the top, the title "Psalm 24" is written in a large, bold, serif font. Below the title, the word "Refrain" is written in a smaller, italicized font. The refrain is written on a single musical staff in treble clef, with the lyrics "Let the Lord en-ter; he is the King of glo-ry." written below the notes. The notes are in a simple, melodic style. Below the refrain, the words "Psalm tone" are written in an italicized font. The Psalm tone is written on a single musical staff in treble clef, with a small asterisk (\*) above the staff. The notes are in a simple, melodic style.

The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,\*  
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas\*  
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?\*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,\*  
he will receive blessing from God his Savior. **Refrain.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?\*

The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?\*  
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

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. ***Refrain***

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY (Cantor)**

Alleluia! He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia! (Revelation 22:20)

## **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*





C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

## GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near— already on the way down the Mount of Olives— the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

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C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son  
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.**

***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #2 “Savior of the Nations Come”** Setting:

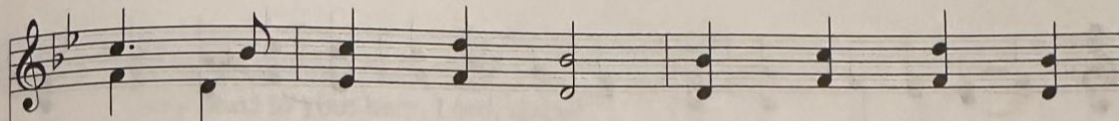
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# Savior of the Nations, Come

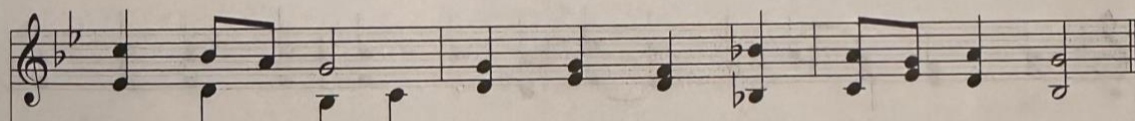
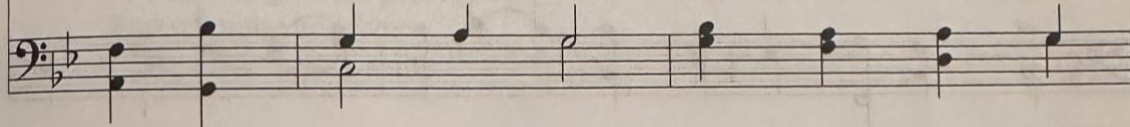
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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the  
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the  
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
 Spir - it of our God Was the Word of  
 vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the  
 cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!  
 death and hell — High the song of tri - umph swell!



5 Praise to God the Father sing,  
 Praise to God the Son, our King,  
 Praise to God the Spirit be  
 Ever and eternally.

## SERMON

### STAND

### PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



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 your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – ADVENT SEASON (p. 123)

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**M:** Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent’s head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**C:** We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

**M:** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”**

**M:** You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

**M:** Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

## **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.

### **BE SEATED**

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

**NOTE:** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

### **STAND**



## **THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)**

### **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



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

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your 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 who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

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C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

## **BE SEATED**

### **DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: (Cantor) 'I Lift My Soul / Thy Holy Wings'**

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1. Thy holy wings, dear Savior, Spread gently over me, And through the long night watches I'll rest secure in thee. Whatever may betide me, Be thou my hiding place, And let me live and labor each day, Lord by thy grace.

2. Thy pardon, Savior, grant me, And cleanse me in thy blood; Give me a willing spirit, A heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping Thy children, great and small, And while we sweetly slumber, Enfold us one and all.

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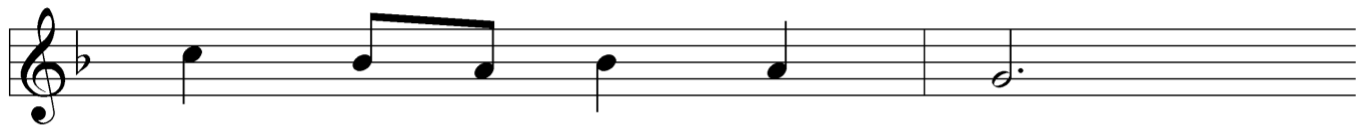
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# 1 The Advent of our King



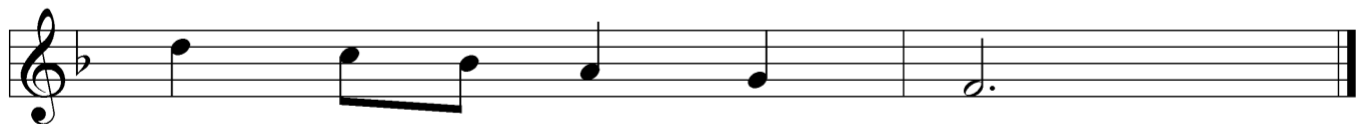
1 The ad - vent of our King Our  
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In -  
 3 O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To  
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He  
 5 Be - fore the dawn - ing Day Let



prayers must now em - ploy,  
 car - nate deigns to be,  
 meet your low - ly King,  
 soon will come a gain  
 sin's dark deeds be gone,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In  
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To  
 Nor let a faith - less heart de - spise The  
 And his true mem - bers all u - nite With  
 The sin - ful self be put a - way, The



strains of ho - ly joy.  
 set his ser - vants free.  
 peace he comes to bring.  
 him in heav'n to reign.  
 new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,  
 Who comes to set us free,  
 With Father, Spirit, ever one  
 Through all eternity.

## 6

## Come, O Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, O long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;  
2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,  
By your 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 your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

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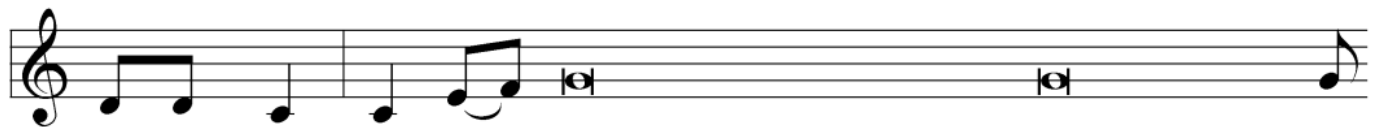
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### STAND

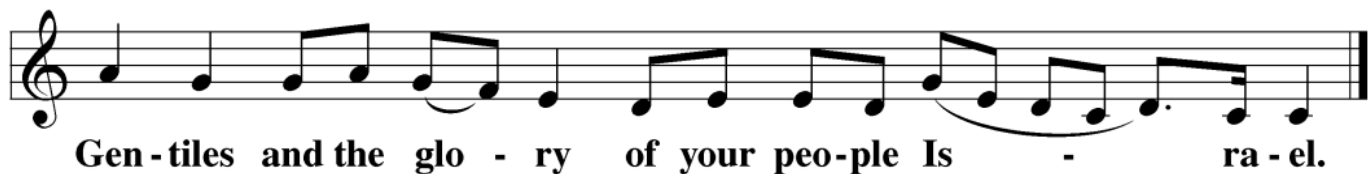
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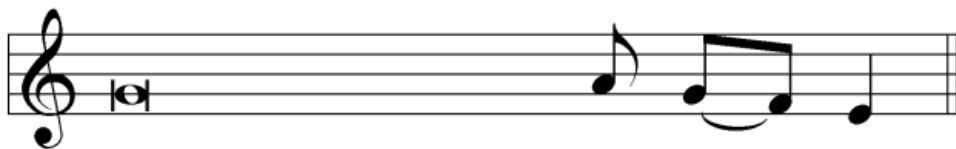
C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-



**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistant: Ron Bude and Mark Castellese  
Organist: Jan Jacobi; Cantor: Stephanie Wright

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-10:30 AM Decorate Church for Advent/Christmas Season  
Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board Meetings except for Elders  
- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting  
Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class  
Thursday – 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-11:00 AM Preschool Advent Service  
Wednesday – 7:00 PM Advent Lessons and Carols  
Serving December 8: Altar Guild – Joy Schaefer ; Ushers – #4  
Serving December 11: Altar Guild – none (Lessons & Carols); Ushers: #1  
Sunday, December 15 – 3:00 PM HCA Band and Choir Christmas Concert,  
Hope Christian Academy, 33740 Cowan Road, Westland.  
Thursday, Dec. 19 – 9:00 AM Cookies/Shut Ins' Christmas packages assembly

**Altar flowers** adorn our altar today in thanks to our Lord always and to our pastor and church family from David and Elizabeth Marlow.

**Cookies needed** for shut ins. Please bring them by Thursday, December 19, 9:00 AM to church basement in time for the package assembly. Join us in assembling!

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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