

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota

The Second Sunday in Advent  
December 8, 2024

At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.

Monthly Memory Verse:

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
John 1:5

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: “When All the World Was Cursed”

LSB 346

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| <p>1 When all the world was cursed<br/>By Moses’ condemnation,<br/>Saint John the Baptist came<br/>With words of consolation.<br/>With true forerunner’s zeal<br/>The greater One he named,<br/>And Him, as yet unknown,<br/>As Savior he proclaimed.</p> <p>2 Before he yet was born,<br/>He leaped in joyful meeting,<br/>Confessing Him as Lord<br/>Whose mother he was greeting.<br/>By Jordan’s rolling stream,<br/>A new Elijah bold,<br/>He testified of Him<br/>Of whom the prophets told:</p> | <p>3 Behold the Lamb of God<br/>That bears the world’s transgression,<br/>Whose sacrifice removes<br/>The devil’s dread oppression.<br/>Behold the Lamb of God,<br/>Who takes away our sin,<br/>Who for our peace and joy<br/>Will full atonement win.</p> <p>4 O grant, dear Lord of love,<br/>That we receive, rejoicing,<br/>The word proclaimed by John,<br/>Our true repentance voicing,<br/>That gladly we may walk<br/>Upon our Savior’s way<br/>Until we live with Him<br/>In His eternal day.</p> |
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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

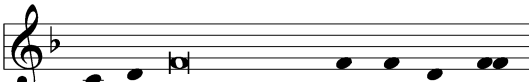
## Absolution

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## Service of the Word

## Kyrie

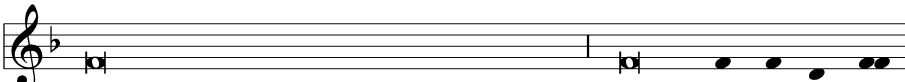
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.




**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



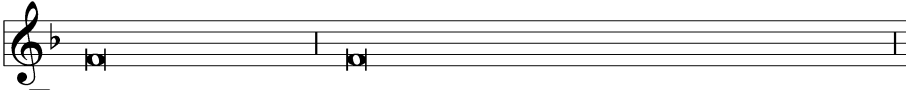
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



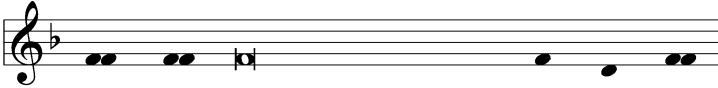
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

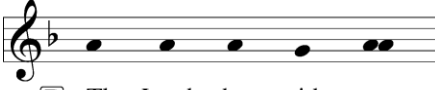


**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**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.



## Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 66:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*

<sup>2</sup>sing the glory of his name;

give to him | glorious praise!

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!\*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.

<sup>4</sup>All the earth worships you

and sings praise- | es to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name.”

<sup>5</sup>Come and see what | God has done:\*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

<sup>6</sup>He turned the sea into | dry land;\*

they passed through the riv- | er on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

<sup>7</sup>who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the | nations—\*

let not the rebellious ex- | alt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O | peoples;\*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

<sup>9</sup>who has kept our soul among the | living\*

and has not let our | feet slip.

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have | tested us;\*

you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>You brought us in- | to the net;\*

you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;

<sup>12</sup>you let men ride o- | ver our heads;\*

we went through fire and through water;

yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.

## Gloria Patri

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**C** 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.

## Epistle

*Philippians 1:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Anthem: “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

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### Alleluia and Verse

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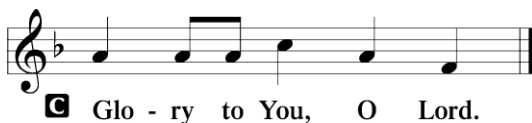


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1–20

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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>9</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>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn of the Day: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

LSB 344

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| <p>1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry<br/>Announces that the Lord is nigh;<br/>Awake and hearken, for he brings<br/>Glad tidings of the King of kings!</p>               | <p>4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand<br/>And make the fallen strong to stand;<br/>Show us the glory of Thy face<br/>Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.</p>   |
| <p>2 Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin;<br/>Make straight the way for God<br/>within,<br/>And let us all our hearts prepare<br/>For Christ to come and enter there.</p> | <p>△ 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee<br/>Whose advent sets Thy people free,<br/>Whom with the Father we adore<br/>And Holy Spirit evermore.<br/><small>Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite<br/>Text: Public domain</small></p> |
| <p>3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,<br/>Our refuge and our great reward;<br/>Without Thy grace we waste away<br/>Like flow’rs that wither and decay.</p>                |  |

## Sermon

### Apostles' Creed

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


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

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

### Prayer of the Church

#### Offertory

*LSB 159*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the





courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160*



**P** The Lord be with you.



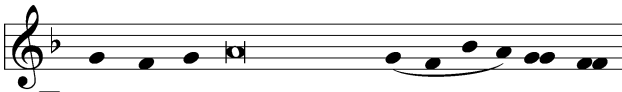
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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

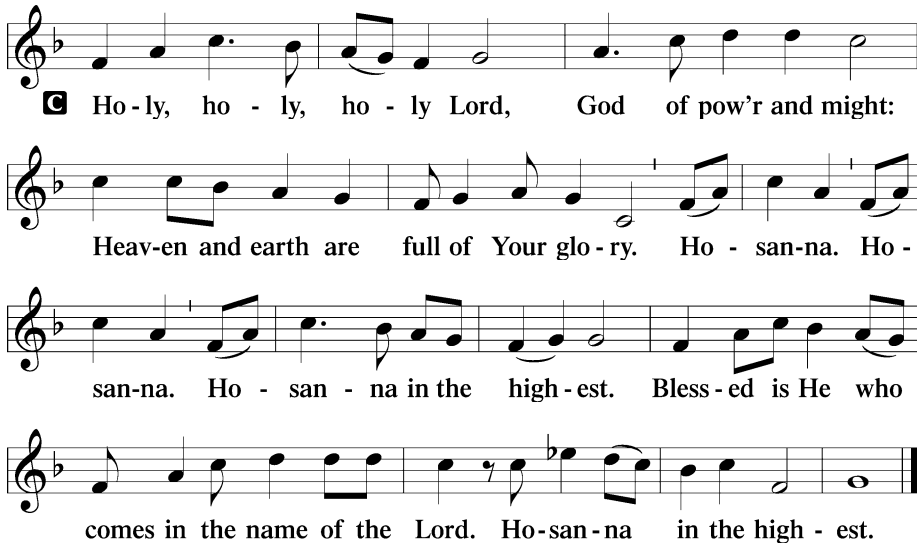


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

## Sanctus

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en 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 who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 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.**



3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in

And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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### “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

### LSB 621

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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### “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

2 What the fathers most desired,  
What the prophets' heart inspired,  
What they longed for many\_a year,  
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

### LSB 352

3 Abram's promised great reward,  
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—  
Him of twofold race behold—  
Truly came, as long foretold.

4 As Your coming was in peace,  
Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me  
Which is Yours eternally.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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## Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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.

## Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn: “Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment”

LSB 511

- 1 Herald, sound the note of judgment,  
Warning us of right and wrong,  
Turning us from sin and sadness  
Till once more we sing the song. Refrain
  
- ref Sound the trumpet!  
Tell the message:  
Christ, the Savior king, is come!
  
- 2 Herald, sound the note of gladness;  
Tell the news that Christ is here;  
Make a pathway through the desert  
For the one who brings God near. Refrain
  
- 3 Herald, sound the note of pardon—  
Those repenting are forgiv’n;  
God receives His wayward children,  
And to them new life is giv’n. Refrain
  
- 4 Herald, sound the note of triumph;  
Christ has come to share our life,  
Bringing God’s own love and power,  
Granting vict’ry in our strife. Refrain

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