## Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

December 4, 2022



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent



#### *Communion Statement* <u>We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service</u>

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term "Communion" describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion; sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not "in communion" with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

\*\* Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water) There is gluten free wafers.

### Lamb of God Lutheran Church

Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.

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2nd Sunday in Advent December 4, 2022 Divine Service IV

### Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the pew and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

## **Pre-Service Music**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Salutation

where you sit.

P The Peace of the Lord be with you alwaysC And also with you.

## Please share the Peace of Christ with a wave of your hand from



Please stand as you are able

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

#### Invocation

- **C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

LSB 203

- $\mathbf{P}$  Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **Confession of Sins**

#### LSB 203

## Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

#### Absolution

#### LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and has raised Him to everlasting life And for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

**P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

## G make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

- **P** Seek the LORD and his strength;
- **G** seek his presence continually!

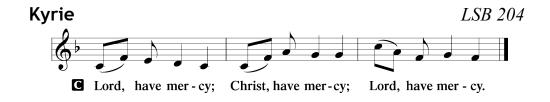
**P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

#### **C** his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**P** O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

#### C children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

- **P** He is the LORD our God;
- **C** his judgments are in all the earth.
- **P** He remembers his covenant forever,
- G the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- 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** In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
- G make straight in the desert a highway for our God.





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated

#### Old Testament Lesson:

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>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.

#### • Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle Lesson:

#### Romans 15:14-13

<sup>4</sup>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."

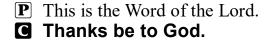
<sup>11</sup>And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

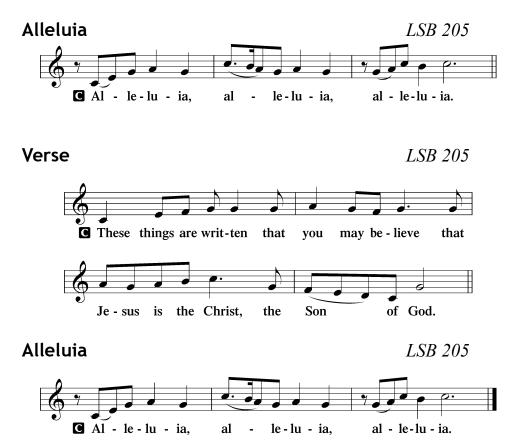
<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

"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.



Please stand as you are able



Alleluia and Verse

#### Holy Gospel:

#### Matthew 3:1-12

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

### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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.

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

Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God.

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

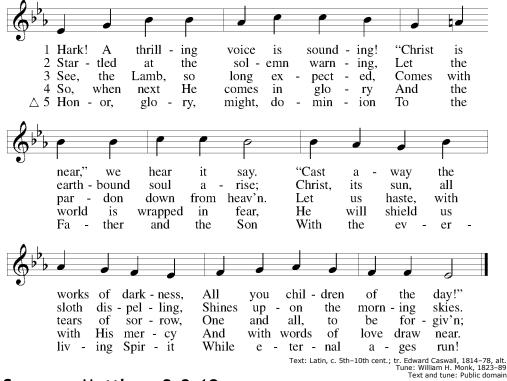
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated* 

Children's Message



345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



Sermon: Matthew 3:8-12

### **Offering and Prayers**

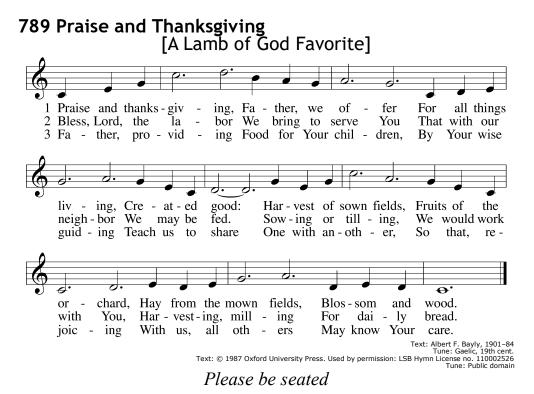
#### **Offering Statement**

P We do not pass the offering plate here at Lamb of God. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, the box across from the Church Office, mail their Offering Envelope in, or use our online giving portal from our website.

#### **Offering Verse:**

#### Matthew 3:8

<sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.



#### Prayer of the Church

P Heavenly Father, You stir the hearts of Your faithful to prepare us for the advent of Your Son. We implore You, feed us continually with Your Word and Sacraments as we look for His return. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **G** hear our prayer.

- ▶ O Lord, by the ministry of Your Holy Church prepare the way for Your Son's return in glory. Send forth faithful pastors to proclaim Your Law and Gospel, and grant hearers ears to listen and hearts to receive their words in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

#### **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,

#### • hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, grant that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### **C** Amen.

### Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able

#### Preface

LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



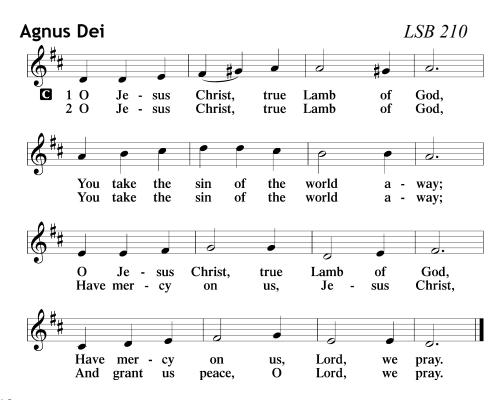
#### The Words of Our Lord

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 + 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 + 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 always. **C** Amen.



Please be seated

#### Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

#### **Right Column**

The true body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** 

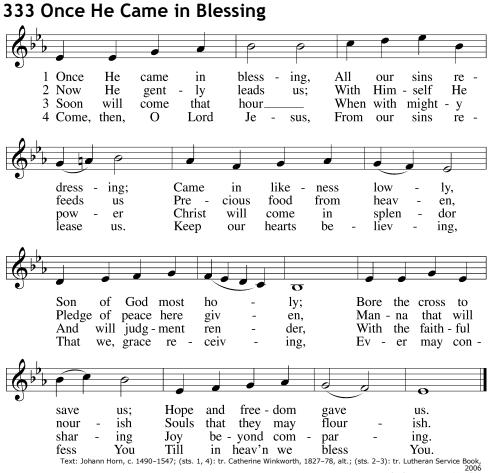
The true blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.** 

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

#### **Table Dismissal**

**P** Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.





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### 346 When All the World Was Cursed

| 1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con - dem - na - tion,<br>2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,<br>3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,<br>4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,    |
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| Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.<br>Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.<br>Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.<br>The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing, |
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| With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,<br>By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,<br>Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,<br>That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav-ior's way  |
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| And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.<br>He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:<br>Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.<br>Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.   |
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347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People ye My God will "Com - fort, com - fort ye peace," thus 1 peo - ple, Speak 2 Yea, her sins our par - don, Blot ting out each 3 Hark, her - ald's the voice is cry - ing In the des - ert 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er in dark-ness, saith our God; "Com-fort those who sit Mourn-ing dark mis-deed; All that well de-served His an - ger He no and near, Call - ing re - pen-tance, Since the far sin - ners to plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -'neath their Je - ru - sa - lem sor - rows' load. Speak ye to hath suf - fered man - y a day, more will see or heed. She King - dom is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey! now His ly reign. For the fits ho glo - ry of the Lord Of the that waits for them; Tell her that her peace Now griefs have passed God change will her her a - way; Now pre - pare for God а way; Let the val - leys Now o'er earth shed a - broad, And all flesh shall is And her war - fare now o - ver." sins T cov - er is er - spring - ing glad - ness. pin - ing sad - ness In to ev to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him. rise see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken. Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

#### The Dismissal

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.

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Please stand as you are able

#### Post-Communion Collect

**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.

#### Benedicamus

*LSB 212* 

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction

**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 + give you peace.

C Amen.





#### Sharing of the Peace

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- **C** And also with you
- The love and the Peace of Christ Jesus, Your Savior, has been poured out upon you richly and abundantly this day. In the same manner as He has shared these with you, pour out these gifts upon those around you who need to hear the Gospel from your lips and by the work of your hands. In doing so we serve in the world as His Church.

#### **Closing Peace**

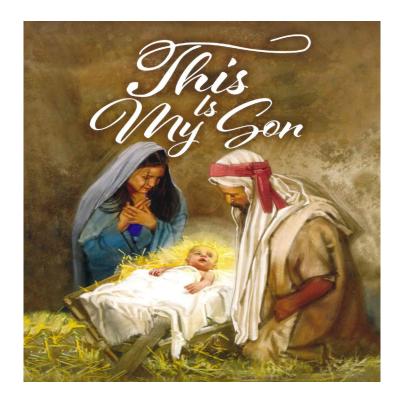
P Go in peace, serve the LordC Thanks be to God

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#### **Fellowship Time**

All who are with us this morning are cordially invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following our worship services this morning. Refreshments will be served for those wishing to stay. This is a good time to get to know one another – plan to stay if you can.

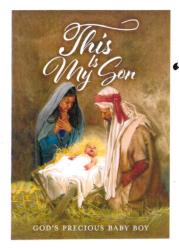
## "This Is My Son" Children of All Ages Christmas Service Sunday, December 11, 2022 10:00 pm





# PANCAKE BRUNCH SUNDAY

## DECEMBER 11, 2022



Following the "Children Of All Ages" Christmas Service



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