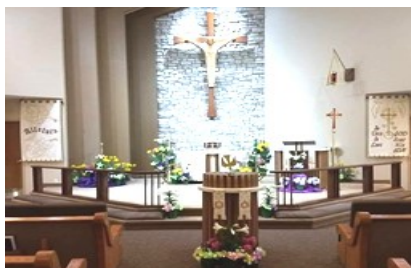


Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

December 1, 2019



First Sunday in
Advent

As In the Days of Noah



Communion Statement

We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

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.**

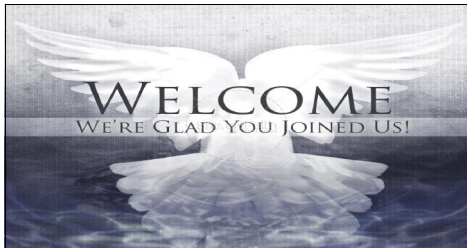
This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please 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. There is gluten free wafers.

*** 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)*

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

2051 West Maple Ave.
Flint, MI 48507
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Pastor Mark Pretznaw



WORSHIP

10:00 am

Divine Service IV

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Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder 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 & Announcements

Please stand, as able.

☐ The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

 **And also with you.**

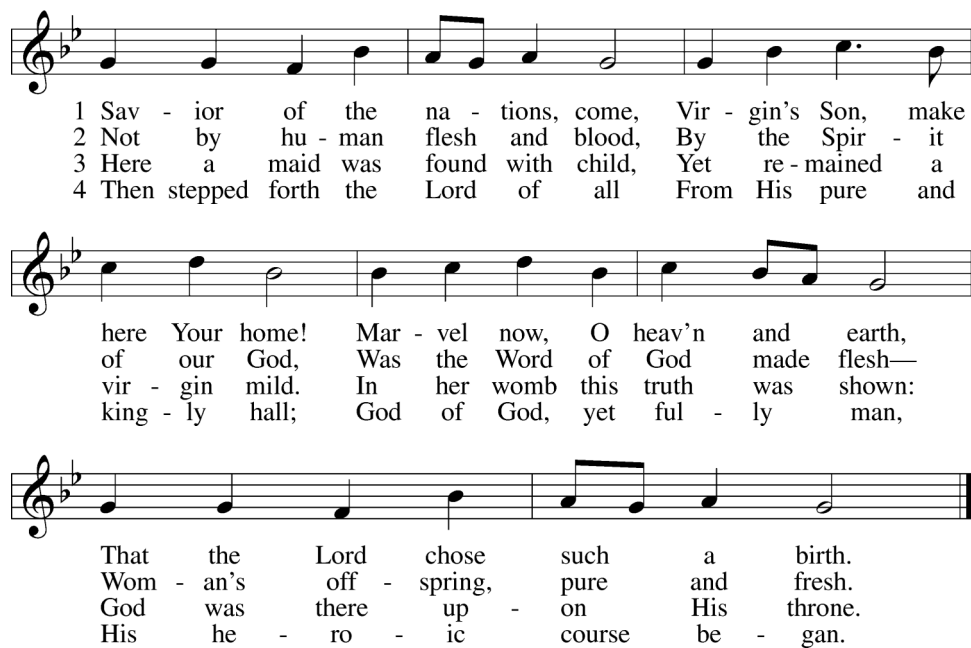
(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)

Congregation may be seated after Sharing the Peace.

Opening Hymn + LSB 332 vs 1-4

A Lamb of God Favorite

Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,

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

Please stand, as able.

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

☐ In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 **Amen.**

☐ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

 **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.**

- 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.

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

- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☩ **Amen.**

Introit + Ps. 118:25-28; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.

- Behold, your king is coming to you;
☩ **righteous and having salvation.**
□ Save us, we pray, O LORD!
☩ **O LORD, we pray, give us success!**
□ Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
☩ **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**
□ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.
☩ **Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

- You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 ☹ **you are my God; I will extol you.**
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.
- Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn + 332 vs 5-6
A Lamb of God Favorite

Savior of the Nations, Come

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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you.

~ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

~ **Amen.**

Please be seated.



*Old Testament
Isaiah 2:1-5*

Reading +

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle + Romans 13:8-14

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

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let


us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

Alleluia and Verse



The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It contains the melody for the Alleluia, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." written below. The second staff is also in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. It contains the melody for the verse, with the lyrics "These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that" written below. The third staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. It contains the melody for the verse, with the lyrics "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." written below.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Holy Gospel + Matthew 24:36-44

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th



chapter.

 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisi-

ble.

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.

Hymn of the Day Hymn + LSB 345

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



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
 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.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Sermon + Matthew 24:36-39 *"As In the Days of Noah"*

Offering

Offering Verse + Isaiah 2:3

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob,
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths."
 For out of Zion shall go the law,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Please stand, as able.

Offertory Hymn + LSB 894 vs 1-2
For the Fruits of His Creation



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.

For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our

plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,

Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

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Please be seated.

Prayer of the Church

- ☐ Let us pray to the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need.
(each petition will conclude:)

- ☐ Lord, in Your mercy,

✠ **hear our prayer.**

- ☐ Holy and mighty God, You have shown to us more mercy than we deserve, and in Your great love You have redeemed us from all our sins. Make glad the hearts of Your

people, that we who know Your salvation may live in peace and quietness all our days. All these things and all other things which we need, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ **Amen.**

Please stand, as able.

Service of the Sacrament

☐ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☩ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

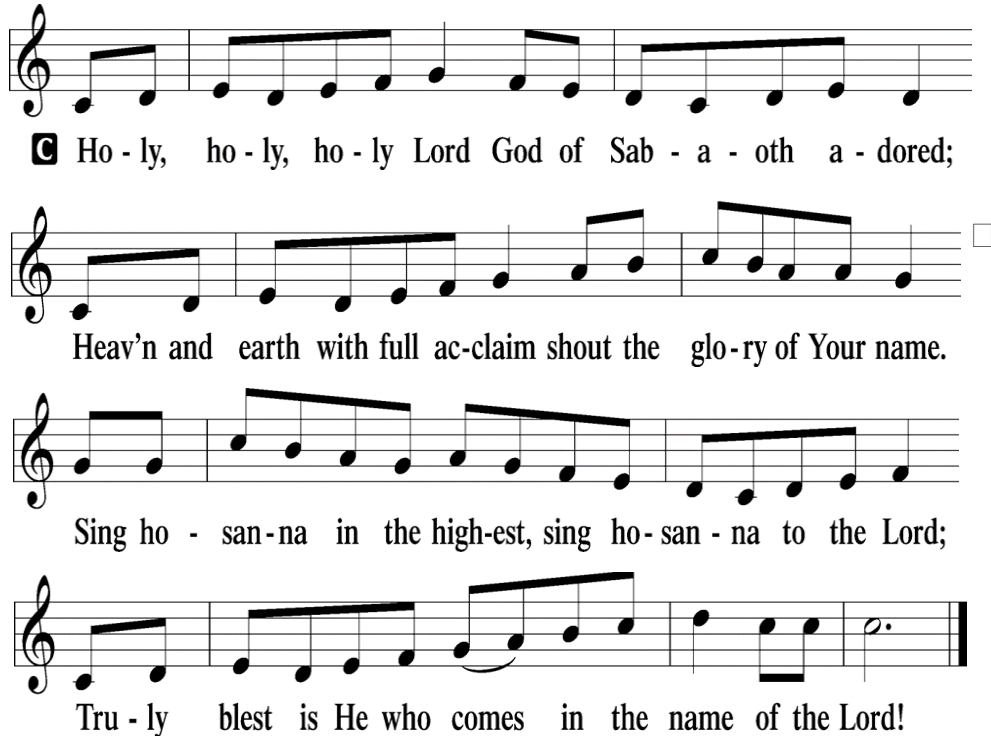
☩ **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary...with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying.

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving



☒ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

+ *Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament* +

Distribution Hymn + LSB 515

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re-joyce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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Distribution Hymn + LSB 620
Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour___ In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



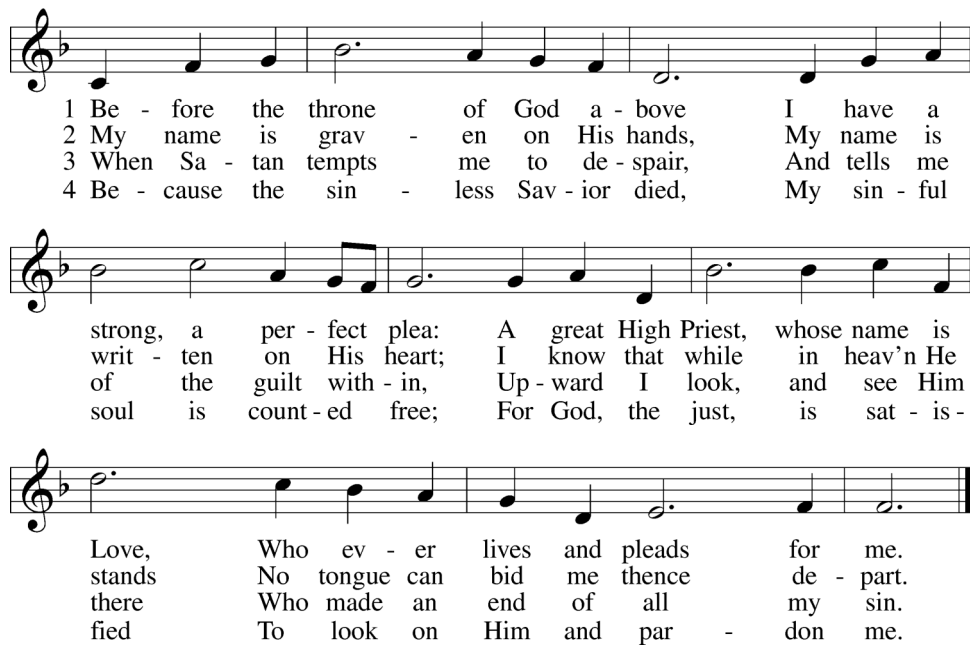
in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Distribution Hymn + LSB 574
Before the Throne of God Above



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2 My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is
 3 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me
 4 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful

strong, a per - fect plea: A great High Priest, whose name is
 writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He
 of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look, and see Him
 soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is -

Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
 stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 there Who made an end of all my sin.
 fied To look on Him and par - don me.

The Hymn continues on next page.

5 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!
 My perfect, spotless righteousness,
 The great unchangeable I AM,
 The King of glory and of grace!

6 At one with Him, I cannot die,
 My soul is purchased by His blood;
 My life is hid with Christ on high,
 With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Table Blessing

Please stand, as able.

Nunc Dimittis + LSB 211

+ Collect for Grace +



The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first part of the Collect, and the second staff contains the melody for the second part. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a '1' and '2' indicating the two parts.

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

 **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

☐ Let us bless the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

- ☐ 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.

 **Amen.**

Closing Hymn + LSB 332 vs 7 & 8
A Lamb of God Favorite

Savior of the Nations, Come

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

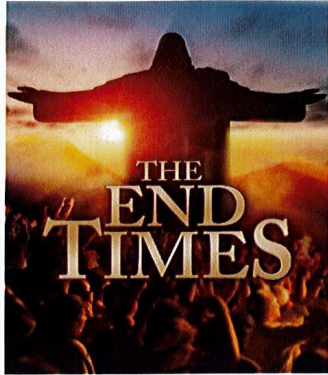
8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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- ☐ Go in peace, serve the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Mid-Week Advent Sermon Series



**Preparing for Jesus'
2nd Advent: What Will
Happen Between
Now and Then?**

Wednesday December 4th: "No One Left Behind"

The Errors of a Secret Rapture and Literal 1000 Year
Reign of Christ on Earth

**Wednesday December 11th: "Correctly Interpreting
End Time Passages"** A look at Scripture Passages that
are misinterpreted regarding the End Times including
Romans 11:25-27, The Book of Revelation (especially
Chapter 20), and the prophetic chapters in Daniel

**Wednesday December 18th: "What Scripture
Actually Revels About End Times"** What should we
expect leading up to Jesus' 2nd Advent-His return on
the Last Day

5:00-6:30 PM: Soup/Supper

7:00 PM Advent Worship



**"BUT
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...
ONLY
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FATHER."**

**MATTHEW/
24:36, NIV**