

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

December 22, 2019



Fourth Sunday in Ad-
vent



she will
bear a son
and you are
to name him
Jesus. for he
will save
his people
from their sins.

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.

*** 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 are gluten free wafers .*

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

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WORSHIP
10:00 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

Divine Service Five

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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 Christmas Hymn Sing

Welcome & Announcements

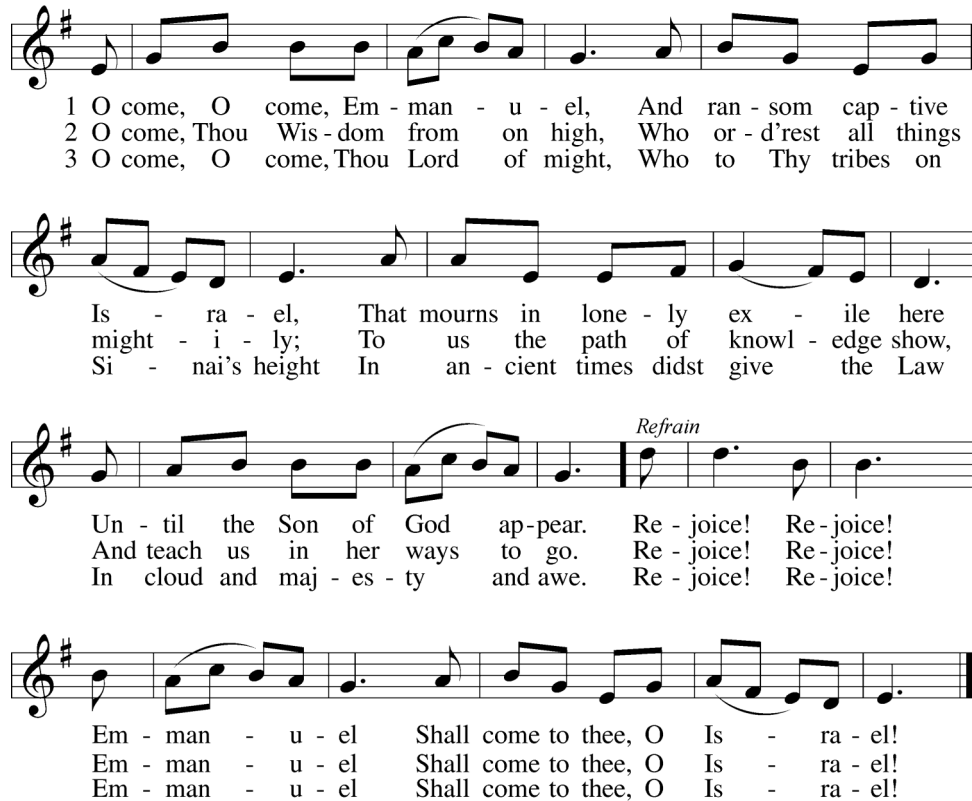
☐ The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



And also with you.

(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)

Opening Hymn + LSB 357 vs 1-3
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Please stand, as able.

Confession & Absolution + LSB 213

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

 **Amen.**

☐ 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.

□ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

u **who made heaven and earth.**

□ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

u **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

□ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

u **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.**

□ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

u **Amen.**

Hymn + LSB 357 vs 4

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel






4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's

tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,

Refrain
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re-joice!

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Psalm + Ps. 130:5-8; antiphon: Is. 64:1

- ☐ Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
-  **that the mountains might quake at your presence.**
- ☐ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
-  **and in his word I hope;**
- ☐ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
-  **more than watchmen for the morning.**
- ☐ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
-  **and with him is plentiful redemption.**
- ☐ And he will redeem Israel
-  **from all his iniquities.**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-**
- ly Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will**

be forever. Amen.

- ☐ Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

Kyrie + LSB 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day



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



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

- ☐ The Lord be with you.

~~~~~ **And also with you.**

- ☐ Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

~~~~~ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

*Old Tes-
Reading
Isaiah*



Children's Message

*tament
+
7:10-17*

¹⁰Again

the LORD

spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle + Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through

whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,
⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God

*Special Music + Hallelujah Ringers
"What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby?"*

Please stand, as able.

Holy Gospel + Matthew 1:18-25

□ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

 Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”
(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he
did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,
²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called
his name Jesus.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☪ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostle's Creed

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

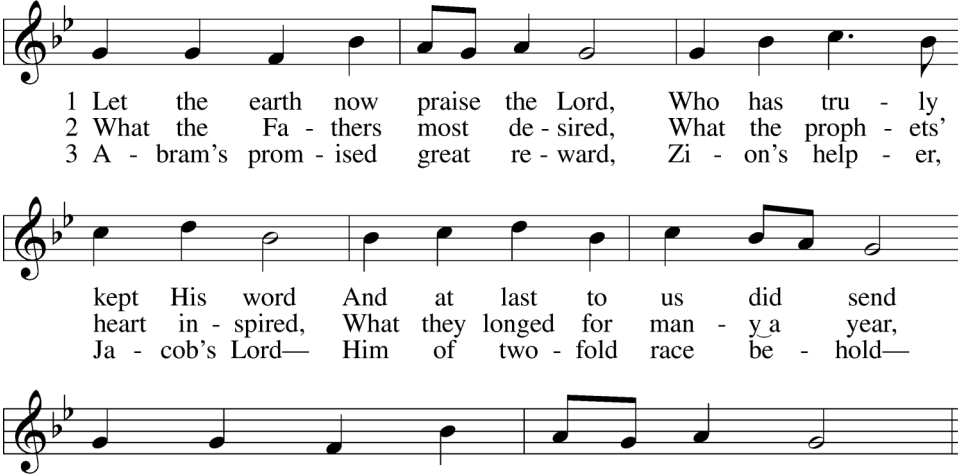
**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried. He descended into hell. The
third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven and sits at the right hand of God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

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day + LSB 352 vs 1-3, 5 & 6

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
 2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,

kept His word And at last to us did send
 heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
 Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—

Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.

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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Sermon + Isaiah 7:14 and Romans 1:2-4
"A Promise Only God Can Keep"
The Tithes & Offerings
Offering Verse + Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

Offertory Hymn + LSB 789 vs 1 & 3
Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -





or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blos - som and wood.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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The Prayers of the Church

- ☐ Lord, You have taught us to pray and encouraged us to open our hearts to You on behalf of ourselves and all those in need. Hear us now as we come to You in Jesus' name.

Brief silence

- ☐ Lord, in Your mercy
 **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy to provide us all things as we have need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
 **Amen.**

Please stand, as able.

Holy Communion
Preface + LSB 216

☐ The Lord be with you.

 **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

 **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.


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

Proper Preface + Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, ... To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

 **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**

☐ In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

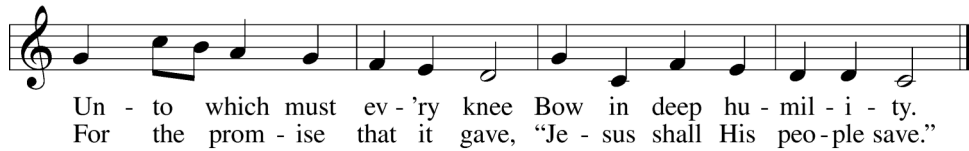
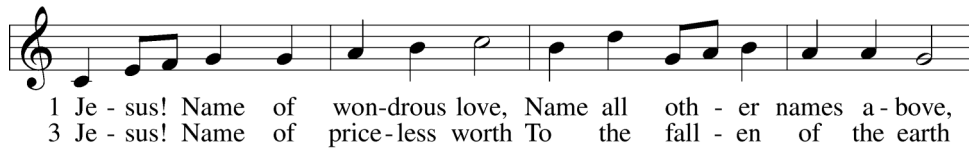
Words of Institution

Pax Domini

□ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☪ **Amen.**

Hymn + LSB 900 vs 1 & 3
Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love



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Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn + LSB 395
A Lamb of God Favorite
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright





1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-s
In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-
Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!



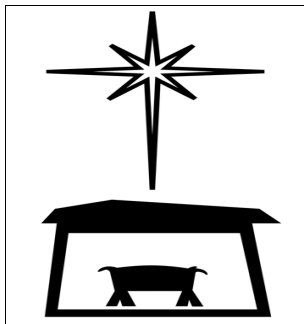
Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,
Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!
And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

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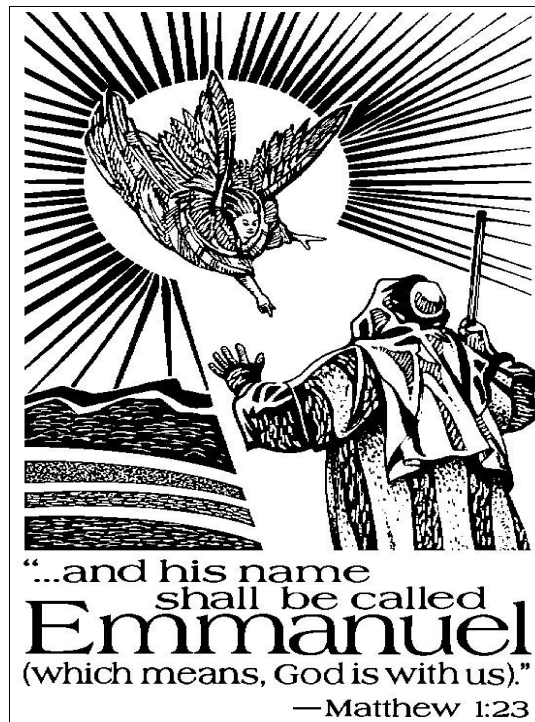
- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
 Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
 This is Your great salvation.
 Alleluia!
 Christ the living,
 To us giving
 Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!



6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place
 Beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 For the day of Your returning!

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Distribution
**Come,
 cious Ran-**



Hymn + LSB 350
**Thou Pre-
 som, Come**

1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our

sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,

O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er

let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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Distribution Hymn +
O Come, All



LSB 379
Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



Refrain
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Table Prayer

Please stand, as able.

Past Communion Hymn + LSB 900 vs 5 & 6

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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Post Communion Collect

□ 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.

 **Amen.**

Benedicamus & 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 357 vs 5-7
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to mis - er - y. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The hymn continues on next page.

- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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□ Go in peace, serve the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God**





She will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him
the name Jesus, because
he will save his people
from their sins.

M a t t h e w 1 : 2 1



**Look, the young woman is with
child and shall bear a son, and
shall name him Immanuel.**

Isaiah 7:14, NRSV

...THE GOSPEL



**concerning his Son,
who was descended from
David according to the flesh...**

ROMANS 1:3, NRSV

