✢ First Sunday in Advent ✢

"The Hanging of the Green"
November 29, 2026
8:00, 9:30, and 10:45 a.m.

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

O bride of Christ, rejoice; Exultant raise thy voice
To hail the day of glory Foretold in sacred story.
Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee.

A humble beast He rides, Yet as a King presides;
Though not arrayed in splendor, He makes the grave surrender.
Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee.

Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;
Thy garments spread before Him And honor and adore Him.
Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee. *LSB* 335

✢ Divine Service – Setting Two ✢

Lutheran Service Book (LSB), p. 167

Choral Prelude **"Creator of the Stars of Night"**

Text: See LSB 351

Prophetic Voice *Isaiah 64:1–9*

Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make Your name known to Your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at Your presence!

When You did awesome things that we did not look for, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides You, who acts for those who wait for Him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

Preparation of the Chancel

Processional Hymn **"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"** *LSB* 341

The Processional Cross leads us into worship
as the long-awaited "King of kings is drawing near."

All: **Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.**
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.

Please be seated.

The Candles follow the Cross of Christ to symbolize the Light of the world
that only Jesus can bring.

Choir: A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.

The Lectionary and Altar Book are brought into the church
to symbolize the Word of God. Jesus is the "Word made Flesh."

The Altar Flowers follow these symbols for the Presence of Christ in worship.
We have not gathered of our own accord. Christ has called us together.

The flowers represent the joy of God's people in the life He gives
in this world—and our sure hope of eternal joy.

All: **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.

The Christmas Trees are decorated next. Evergreens symbolize our assurance of life everlasting.
The white Chrismons are symbols of the Christian faith.

Choir: 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!

The Christmas Rose Banner reminds us of the wild rose blooming in the desert heralding Jesus' birth in the fulfillment of the prophecies as we await with joy His Kingdom of Glory.

All: **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.

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

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *1 John 1:8–9*

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.

Confession of Sins *LSB*, p. 167

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 *John 20:19–23*

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you 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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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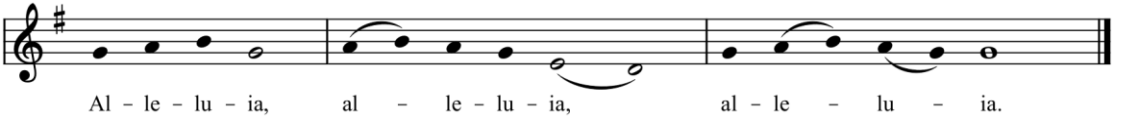


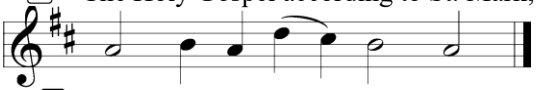
Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. *Psalm 24:7*

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

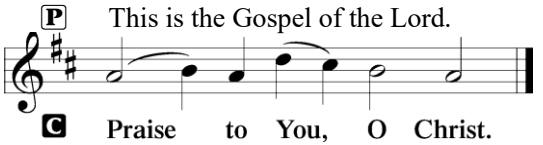
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that He is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."



Preparation of the Chancel

Hymn **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** *LSB* 357

The Christmas Wreaths are placed in the nave to symbolize the "evergreen" quality of eternal life for all who worship the Savior. The wreaths are decorated with holly, whose red berries remind us of the blood of Christ shed for the forgiveness of sins.

Choir: O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

All: O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Advent Wreath, symbolizing the "evergreen" of eternal life, is brought in. The holly reminds us again of Jesus' crucifixion. The one candle is lighted to represent the growing nearness of both our celebration of the Promise fulfilled and the eternal Promise which awaits us in Jesus.

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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

The Lighting of the Nave occurs as we sing "Rejoice!" All the Christmas and chancel lights are lighted to remind us to "Arise, shine, for your light has come."

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

Nicene Creed *LSB*, p. 192

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.

(8:00, 9:30) **Sermon** **"Watch for the Signs"** *Mark 13:24–37*

Prayer of the Church

Anthem at the Offering **"Zion, at Thy Shining Gates"**
George Guest

Zion, at thy shining gates Lo, the King of Glory waits,
Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet, Strew thy palms before his feet.

Christ, for thee their triple light, Faith and hope and love unite;
This the beacon we display To proclaim Thine advent day.

Come and give us peace within, Loose us from the bands of sin,
Take away the galling weight Laid on us by Satan's hate.

Give us grace Thy yoke to wear, Give us strength Thy cross to bear,
Make us Thine in deed and word, Thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So, when Thou shalt come again, Judge of angels and of men.
We with all Thy saints shall sing Alleluias to our King. *B.H. Kennedy*

(10:45) **Sermon** **"Watch for the Signs"** *Mark 13:24–37*

(10:45) **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** *See page 12*

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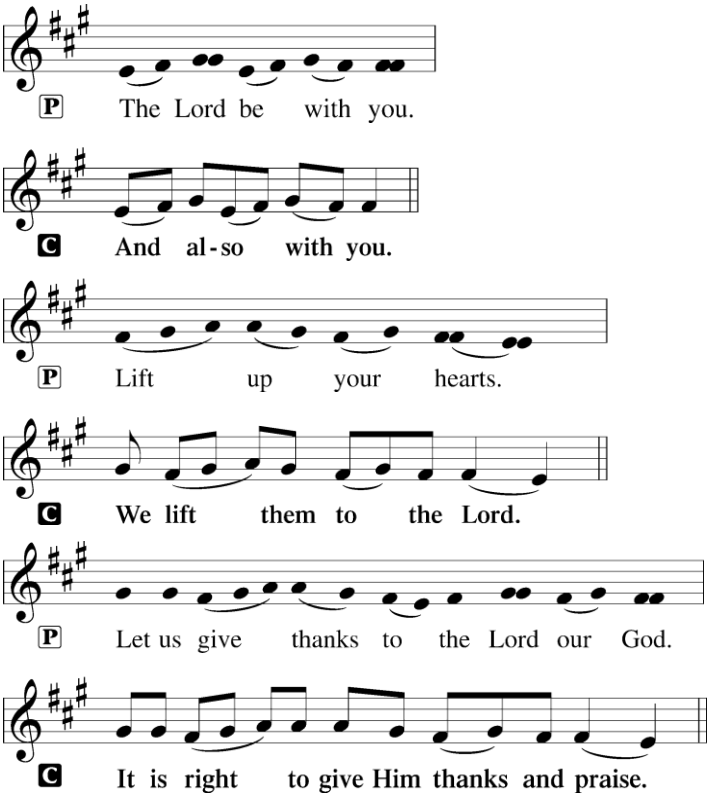
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB, p. 177

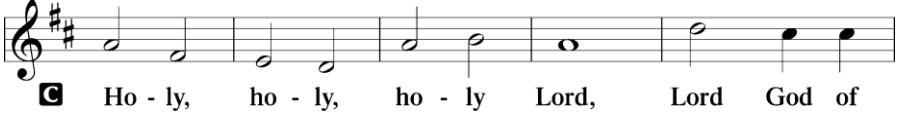


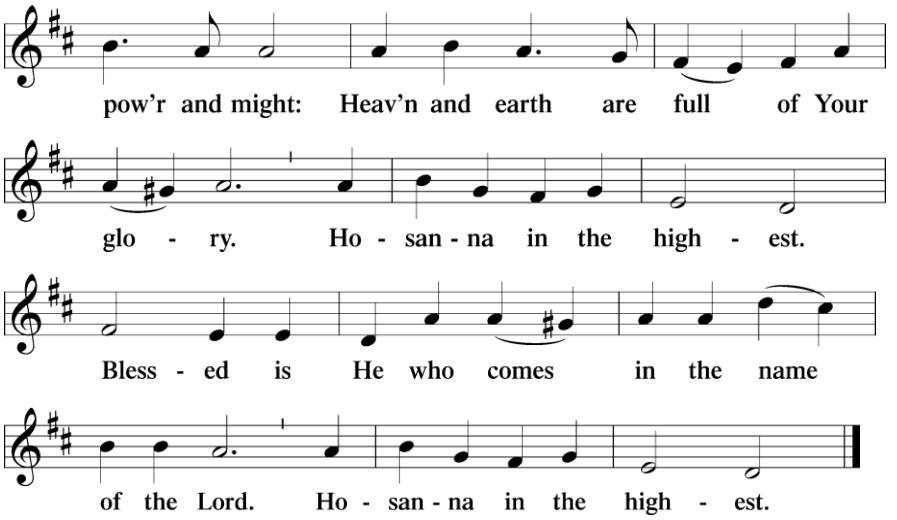
Proper Preface

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 sins 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 — "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB, p. 178





Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13; LSB, p. 179

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB, p. 179

Pax Domini — "The Peace of the Lord"

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.** *John 20:19*

Agnus Dei — "Lamb of God"

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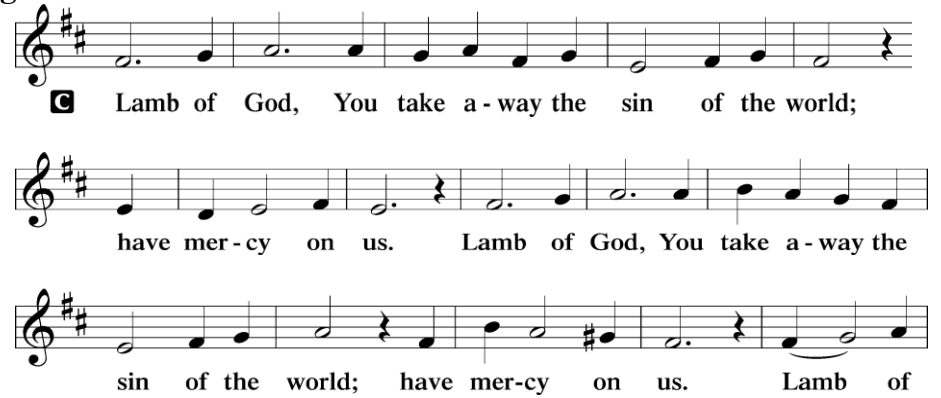
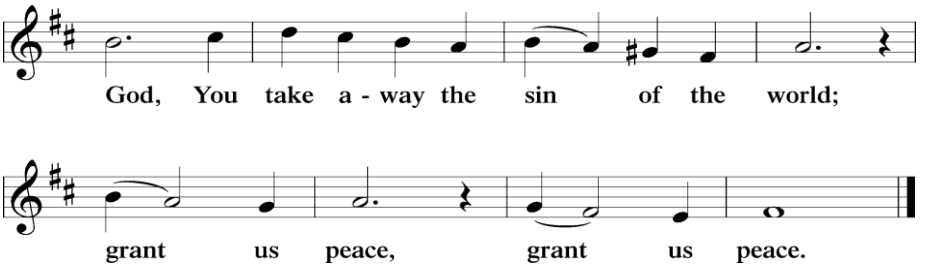
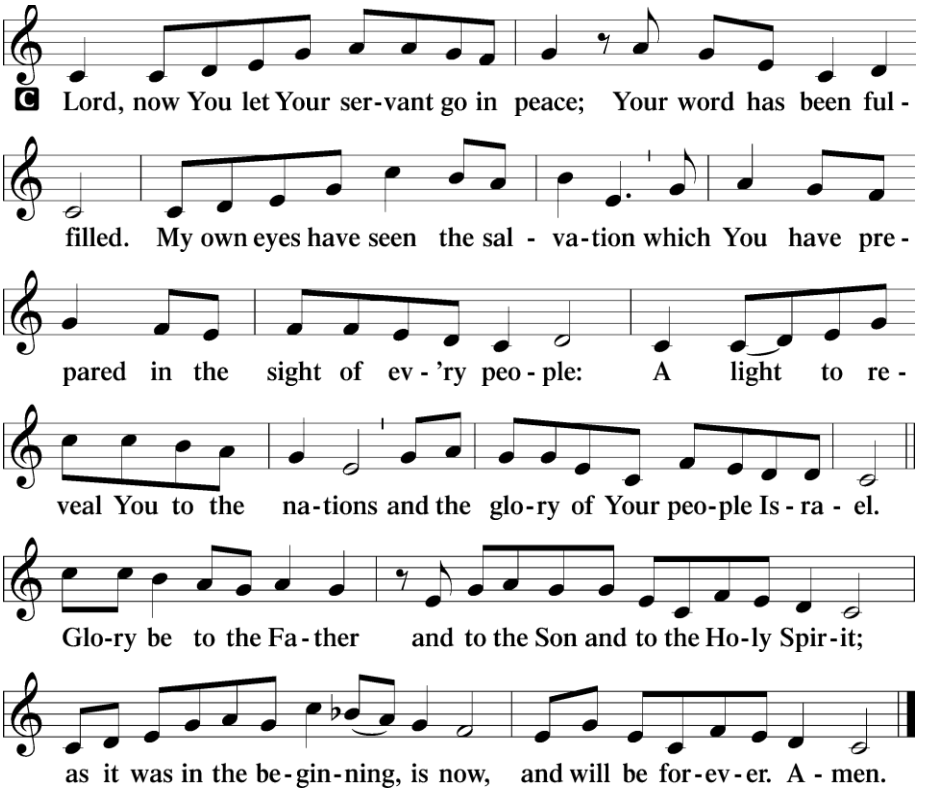




Distribution Hymns **"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"** *LSB* 348

(Hymn of the Month) **"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"** *LSB* 334

"Nunc Dimittis" *LSB*, p. 182



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.**

Post-Communion Collect *LSB*, p. 183

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.**

Benediction *LSB*, p. 183

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"** *LSB* 336

Silent Prayer

Postlude **Chorale Prelude on "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland"**
Johann Sebastian Bach

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Preacher	**Pastor Schlund**
Celebrant	*(10:45)* **Rev. Craig Muehler**
Prophetic Voice	**Pastor Paul Prange**
Altar Candles	*(8:00)* **Greg and Adrienne Polk**
	(9:30) **John, Becky, Owen and Emilia Kinder**
	(10:45) **Jeff and Shelley Herzog**
Lectionary and Altar Book	*(8:00)* **Rev. Dr. Glen and Anne Thomas**
	Bob and Jeanne Grone
	(9:30) **John and Cindy Handy**
	(10:45) **John and Karen Krause**
Altar Flowers	*(8:00)* **Joe and Judy Ostermann with Tabby (St. Paul's Comfort Dog)**
	Rob and Marsha Lewis
	(9:30) **Brent and Julie Natzke**
	Emily, Brynley and Hudson Hunt
	(10:45) **Louis, Francine and Miriam Vandeloecht**
	Bruce and Sheryl Schuchard
Tree Decorators	*(8:00)* **William, Alicia and Artemis Jackson with Jill Kellum**
	Ian, Emilie, Miles, and Selah Kirby with Carla Kirby
	(9:30) **Brett, Kaitlyn, Avery and Senna Stewart**
	Matthew, Tiffany, Henry, Elliott, and Charlotte Bowen
	(10:45) **Joel, Emily, Jacob, Ezra, Lily, and Elias Heckmann**
	Kevin, Rebecca, Meredith, and Jordan Spisak
Advent Banner	*(8:00)* **Kim Temme**
	(9:30) **Jerry and Sharon Lutz**
	(10:45) **Alan and Carol Karberg**
Advent Wreath	*(8:00)* **Carol Prange**
	(9:30) **Joy, Olivia Atkison, Cooper, and Brynn Silinsky**
	(10:45) **Erica and Adeline Ziemann**
Coordinator	**Julie Schowe**
Choir	**St. Paul's Choir**
Organist	**Kantor Stoppenhagen, Kantor Gerhardt**

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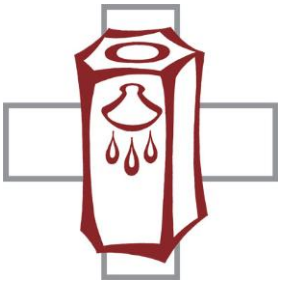
The Service of Holy Baptism



The Invocation

The Scripture and Holy Gospel

Named with the Sign of The Cross

The Address to Parents and Sponsors

The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C **I do renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C **Yes, I believe 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.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, 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.**

The Baptism

The Gift of the Candle

The candle given to the child is a visible reminder that Christians are to be the "light of the world." Even newborn Christians are reminded that they are to grow up to let their "light shine before men that they may glorify our Father in heaven."

The Prayer

The Welcome

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father and an heir with us of the Kingdom of God.**

The Blessing

C **Amen.** *LSB, p.* 313

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