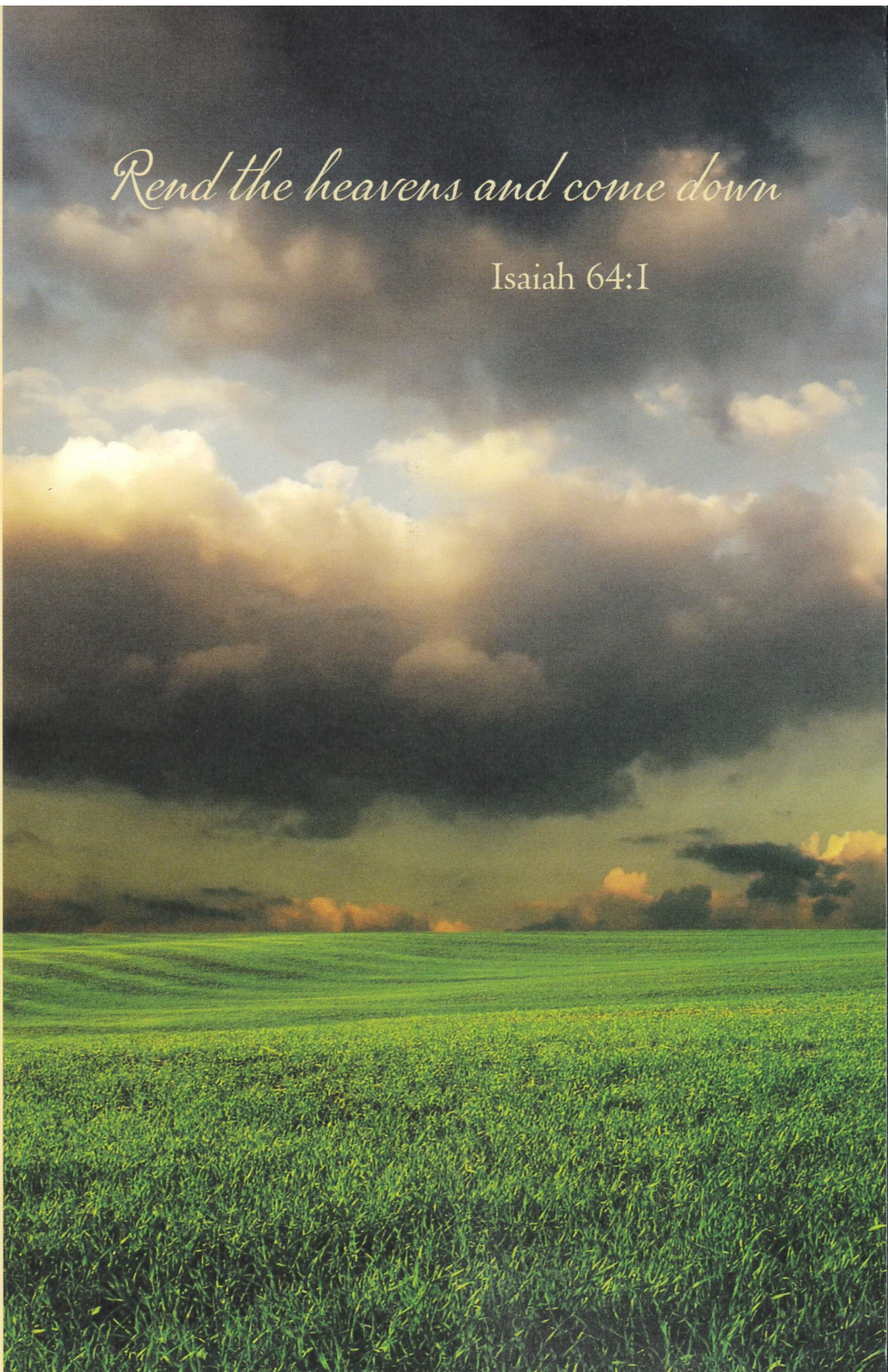


**Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
Plano, Texas**

*Rend the heavens and come down*

Isaiah 64:I





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### Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

### A Prayer before Worship

*Dear Lord Jesus Christ, the Gospel is suffering. Your name is profaned. Christians are persecuted and murdered. The right doctrine is suppressed. The devil's rule of wickedness is spreading. All the blessed departed Christians and saints who lie forgotten in the earth have returned to dust and ashes. Come and show forth Your glory in Your church. Avenge Your name and the blood of martyrs, and bring them again into their glory. Amen. (Martin Luther, 1483-1546)*

### Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

### Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

### For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

*"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1 Corinthians 11:27-29*

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

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# First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service I – *LSB 151*

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## Prelude

*Stand*

## Entrance Hymn

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

*LSB 348*



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth

## Children’s Message (10:45AM only)

## Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

*LSB 151*

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

*Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]*

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

**C** Amen.

*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.*

**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.

*[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+++

## Introit

*Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

**To you, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.**

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\***  
**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**

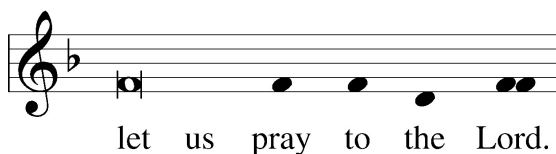
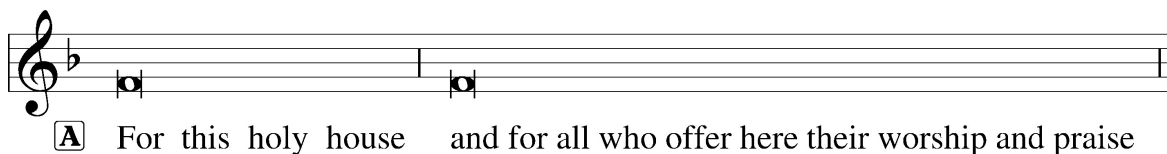
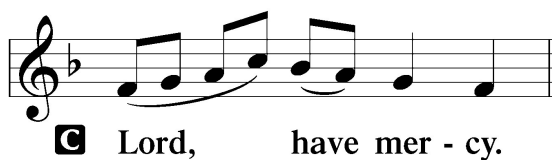
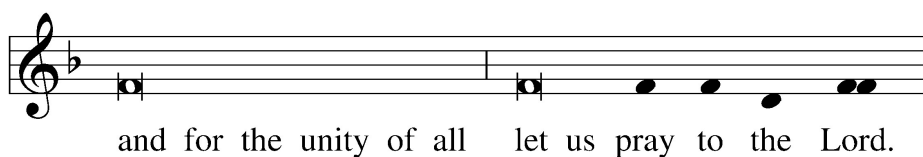
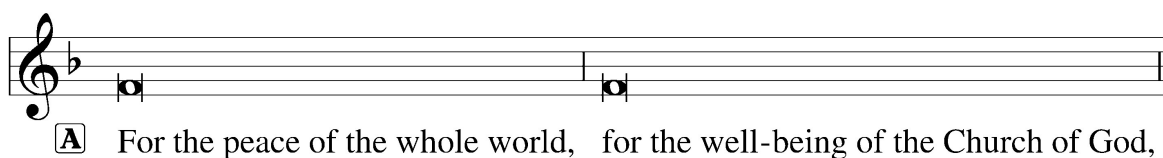
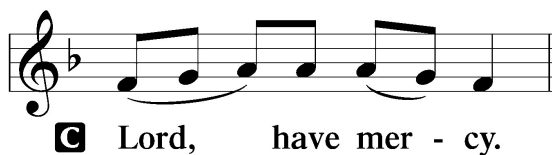
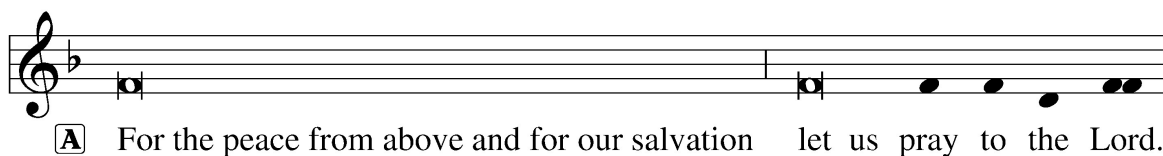
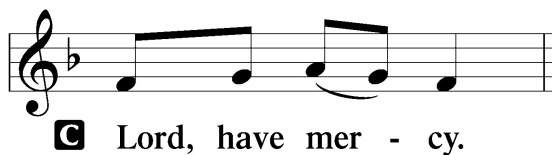
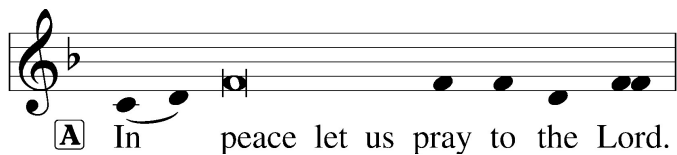
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.



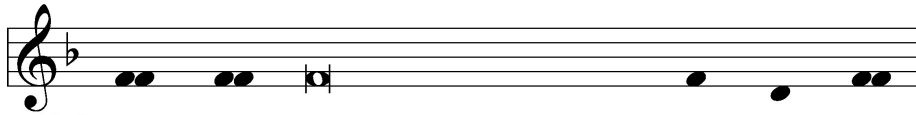
# Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 152





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



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



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 156*

**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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup>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!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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?

<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>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.  
<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
 and remember not iniquity forever.  
 Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Choral Anthem

“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

*LSB 355 sts. 1, 5–6*

*O Savior, rend the heavens wide; Come down, come down with mighty stride;  
 Unlock the gates, the doors break down; Unbar the way to heaven's crown.*

*O Morning Star, O radiant Sun, When will our hearts behold Your dawn?  
 O Sun, arise; without Your light We grope in gloom and dark of night.*

*Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
 O come, lead us with mighty hand From exile to our promised land.*

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## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



## Alleluia

LSB 156



## Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

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



<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>“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. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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



## Hymn of the Day

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332



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.

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.

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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## Sermon

Stand

**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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

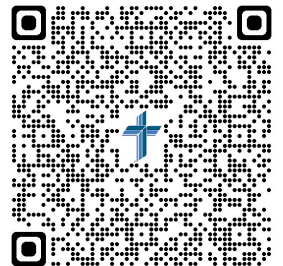
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### 2024 Pledges Brought Forward

*(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. (This QR code points there.)*

**[10:45 AM New Member Welcome]**

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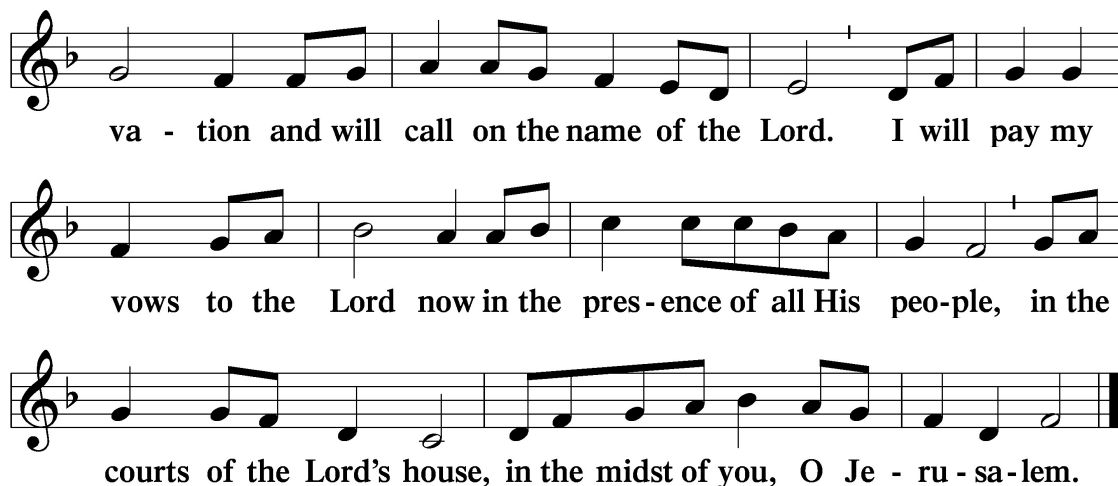
## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 159*

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like.

**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-



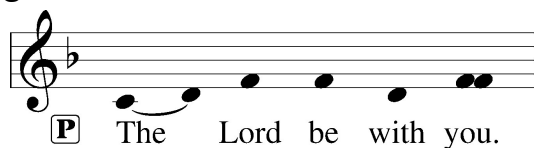


va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### +++Service of the Sacrament+++

#### Preface

*LSB 160*

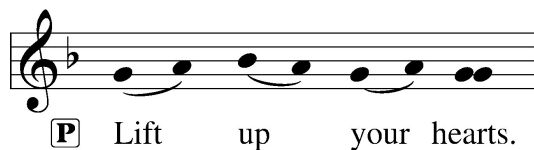


**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



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

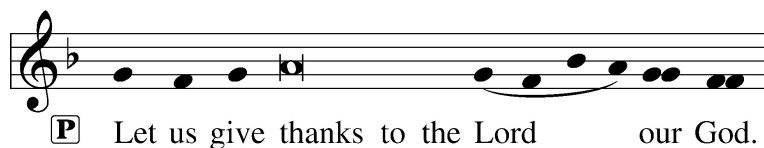


**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colosians 3:1]*

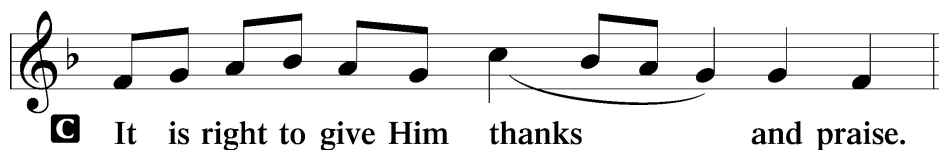


**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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

*[Psalm 136]*



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

## 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 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

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9, 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 162*

- 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  $\text{✙}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P** 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  $\text{✙}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Proclamation of Christ

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

*Revelation 22:20*

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- 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.

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19; LSB 163*

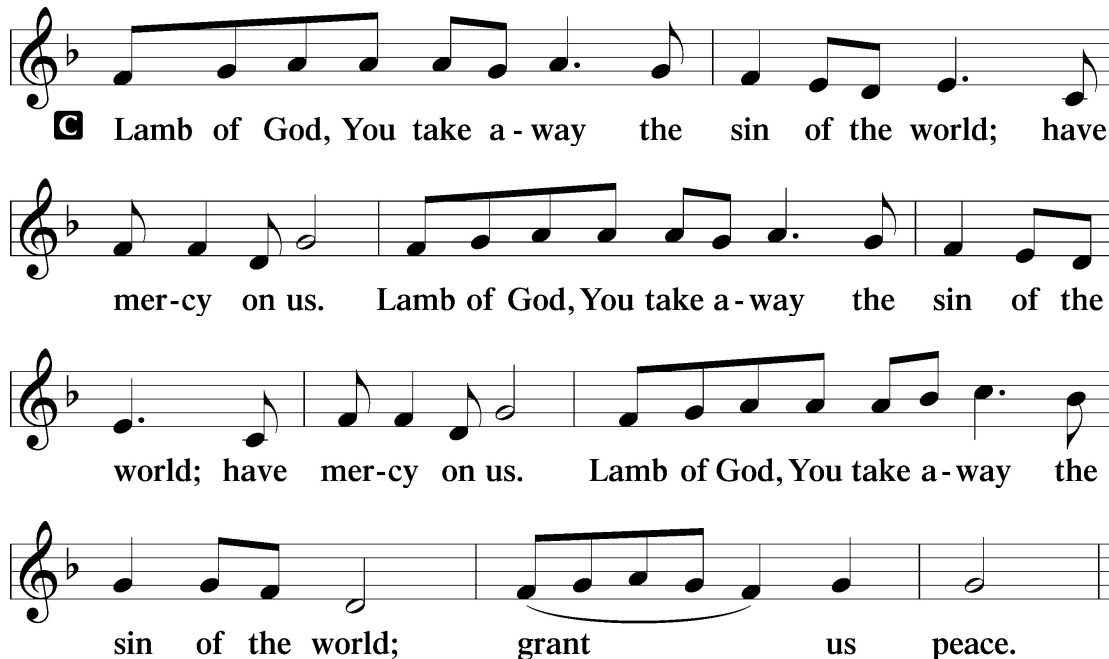
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*



## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution

*Communicants are asked to hold their hand open to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it. If you take an individual cup, please keep it visible; otherwise the Pastor will offer you the common cup.*

## Distribution Hymns

The *Lutheran Service Book* is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

### A Multitude Comes from the East and the West Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

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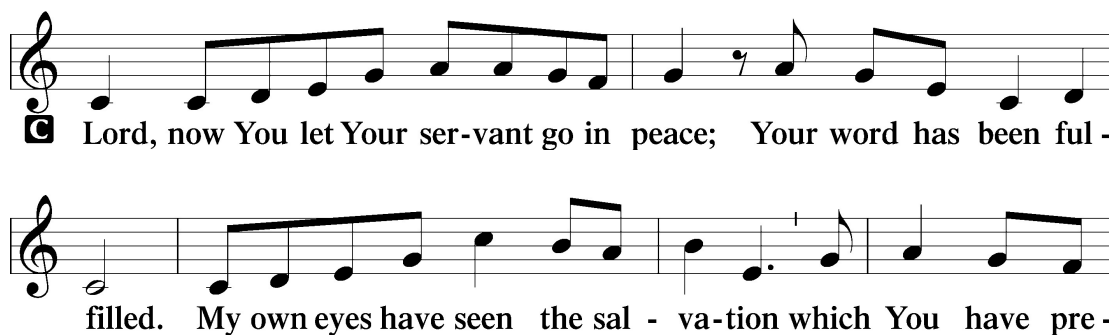
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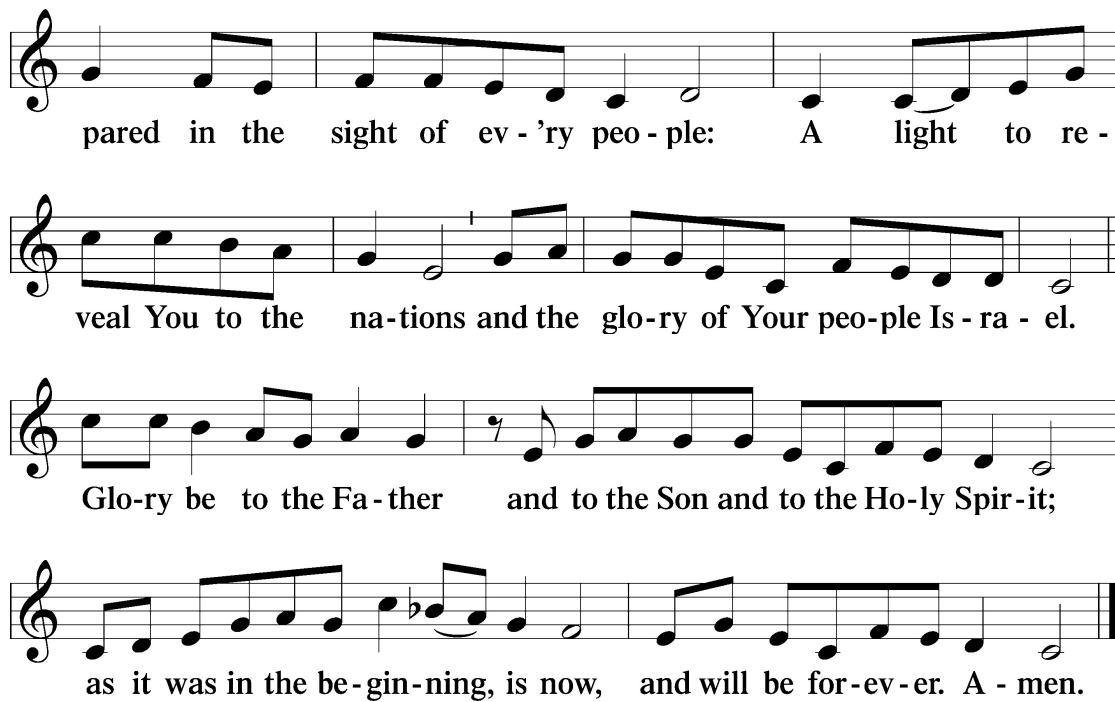
## Post-Communion Canticle

“Nunc Dimittis,”

LSB 165



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

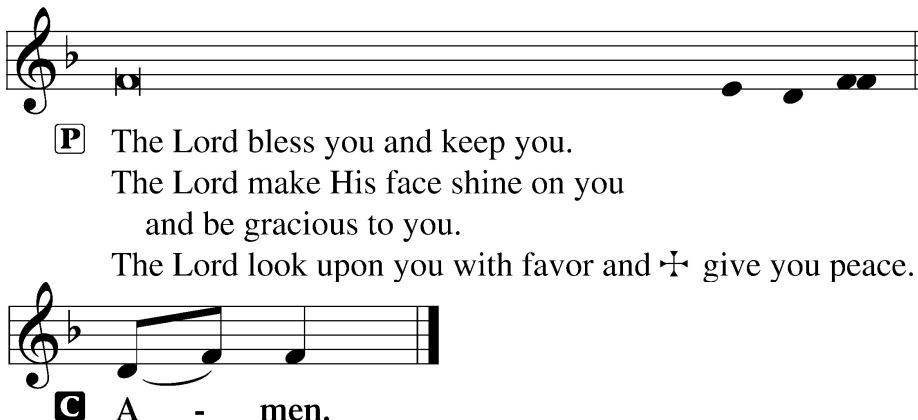
## Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

- 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

Numbers 6:24–26



**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** A - men.

# Recessional Hymn

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

LSB 336



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.  
Tune: Thomas Olivers, 1725–99

## Announcements



## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

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## A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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*We are pleased to be receiving into membership during the 10:45 AM worship service this morning:*

*Richard & Sally Barr*

*Margaret Chambers*

*George Munden*

*Gary, Sarah, Remmy, and Kristof Nuschler*

*Please join us in welcoming them.*

*Thayne Rector*

*John Sullivan*

*Cecy Solano*

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## Sunday School - Children K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K – 5th graders from Room 113.

## Jr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet in Room 119 with Scott Peters for a study entitled "Images of the Church."

## Sr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet in Room 122 with Catherine Borck for a study entitled "Face 2 Face" which discusses our relationship to others as Christians.

## Special Needs Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 with Sandy Ehrett in the Library.

## Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study on the book *(Dis)ordered: Lies about Human Nature and the Truth That Sets Us Free* in the fellowship hall.

## **Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative**

Karen Lund leads a study called, "The Cross" at 9:30 am in Room 115.

## **E-Kids Giving Tree**

Please remember to return your gifts **by next Sunday, December 10th.**

## **Poinsettias Available for this Christmas Season**

Poinsettias are available to dedicate in "thanksgiving for" or "memory of" someone you designate, for \$12 each. You may then take a poinsettia home after Christmas. Please sign up in the narthex.

## **Advent Soup Suppers**

Advent soup suppers are on Wednesdays, December 6, 13 and 20 at 5:45 PM. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. This is a great time to try delicious soups, and enjoy some relaxed time with one another. Sign-up categories are soups, breads, desserts, set up, and clean up. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie George (972-814-5653).

## **Thank You**

Sincere thanks to all of our friends and family here at Lord of Life for the outpouring of love and support we have received following Dave's recent heart surgery. We sincerely appreciate all of your prayers and the meals we have received. We are so blessed to be a part of such loving and caring Christian friends. God's blessings to all. Dave & Dee Peters

## **Tony Hernandez is Retiring**

Tony has been Lord of Life's full-time custodian and handyman for more than 15 years and is retiring. He has been a valuable colleague and dear friend, performing above and beyond normal expectations. As a "Thank You" we will present Tony with a cash gift to show our appreciation. This is the last Sunday to contribute, if you would like to. Please notate that it is for "Tony's Retirement Gift."

## **2024 Flower Chart is Available in the Narthex**

The flower chart consists of monthly pages in a "Flower" binder on a table in the narthex. Each monthly page has the Sundays listed with space for your name and the occasion you wish to recognize for each arrangement. A suggested donation of \$40 per Flower arrangement may be made when the occasion is near by placing a check in the offering plate with a "flowers" notation.

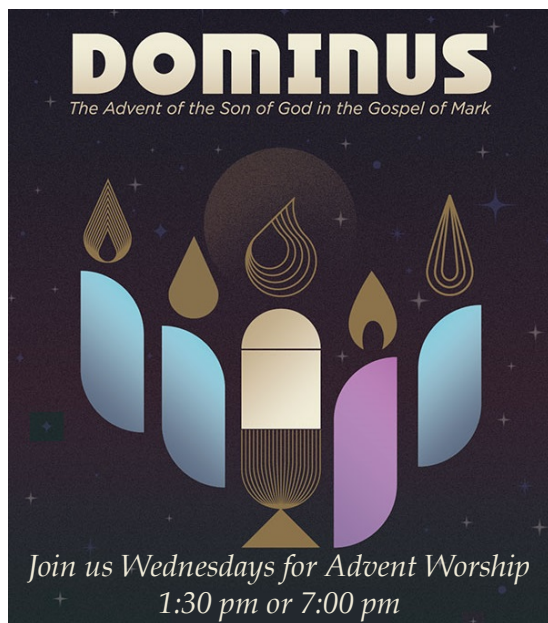
## **A Life Thought in the Church Year**

Surprise pregnancy intimidates, and terminal diagnosis terrifies because they darken the future. But Jesus the Savior looks through walls and sees around corners (Mark 11:2-3). He has promised abundant and everlasting life as the one who both secures the ends and supplies the means. God is faithful and will sustain (1 Corinthians 1:9); can we confirm it with our testimony (1 Co. 1:6)?

## **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org**

Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs December 24 - January 6. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and Melancthon's Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (12/9 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Hear your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUO Radio app!

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## Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:	Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organists:	Victoria Frinsko, Sebastian Shaltanis
Acolyte:	Ana Scarth, Margaret Duff
Altar Guild:	Clarice Lundquist, Mary Ravitz, Joanna Smith
Elder:	Tim Ozlowski
Greeters:	Scarth Family and Duffy Family
Ushers:	Ben Scarth, Jeff Loewecke
Sound:	Brian Wolf, Ben Slater

## This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Dec. 3, 2023

8:00 am	Early Worship Service
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School (K-5 <sup>th</sup> Gr, Room 113) Jr IMPACT Class (Room 119) Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)
10:45 am	Late Worship Service
12:00 pm	Voters' Assembly
4:30 pm	Young Family Christmas Event

Wednesday, November 29

1:30 & 7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Services
7:40 pm	Adult Choir

## Next Sunday's Readings December 10, 2023

Old Testament:	Is. 40:1-11
Epistle:	2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel:	Mark 1:1-8



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Mary Ravitz; and by the Elders.



Advent

About the Cover: Isaiah saw the dark clouds of judgment rolling in to hang over Judah in exile. But he also saw the promises of the Lord's coming mercy and victory. Indeed, the Lord has come. Though His first coming was humble, by faith we see that heaven has been opened to all who trust in the crucified and risen Lord, who continues to come by Word and Sacrament. He will come again at the glorious completion of the Lord's plan for the world on the Last Day.