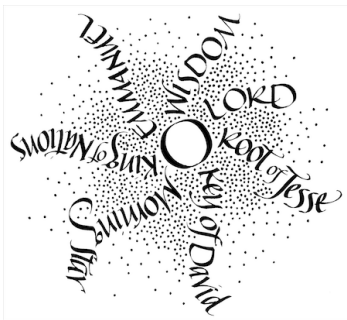


You are to name him

Jesus

MATTHEW 1:21



GATHERED BY THE LONG ARMS OF THE CROSS

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2025

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Welcome to St. Peter!



Guests to our community are welcome here. We greet you warmly and invite you to ask an usher or one of our members for any assistance you may require.

*Please use the **Record of Fellowship** to indicate your presence with us this morning and provide us with up-to-date contact information.*

***Prayer requests** may be added to the green-colored form, “Our Gathering Prayers,” next to the guest book near the front entrance.*

***Personal Assisted Listening Devices** with adjustable volume control are available from the usher.*

***Doxological Hymns** conclude with a doxological verse (words of praise addressed to the Triune God) and are so indicated with a Δ . Children are invited to pick up a hand bell from the greeters at the entryway to ring on these verses.*

***Bible story bags** are available for young children to use during the service. They can be found on the “tree” in the narthex.*

***A Special Welcome to Children** Please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don’t feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. Peter. We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all. We rejoice in Jesus’ words, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Luke 18:16).*

*Should you need a quiet space, we have a **Cry Room** at the back of the sanctuary available for use by parents with small children. For parents needing more space, a larger **Family Room** is partitioned off in the Sunday School Wing where the service is streamed on a television monitor. Just ask an usher for assistance.*

***Restrooms** are located to the right of the front entrance through the coatroom.*

***Electronic Devices** You are invited to disconnect from the world and be open for God’s connection with you. Please turn off your devices during the worship service.*

AS WE ARE GATHERED BY THE CROSS

It is still Advent. Matthew is already telling of the birth of Jesus Christ: it is not yet the account we look forward to hearing on Christmas Eve, but it is heavy with the promise Jesus' birth fulfills. We hear of Joseph's own angel visit, of the name that shall be given to this child, and of His birth to save His people from their sins. God is with us, to keep His Word, to save us from our sins, and to keep us in His hand so that we may be His eternally. None of this was obvious either to Mary or to faithful Joseph, and yet the Lord was at work through it all to deliver His Son to be our Savior. We worry when things do not go as we plan, and we struggle with doubts and fears. Still God's presence is with us in His only-begotten Son, whose work is our salvation.

P—PASTOR; **C**—CONGREGATION; **A**—CANTOR/CHOIR; **L**—LECTOR/LEADER

Lutheran Service Book: Divine Service – Setting Three pp. 184ff

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

GATHERING

PRELUDE (ORGAN)

Veni Emmanuel — arr. Charles Callahan

Stand

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

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

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P 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.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

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

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

Stand and turn toward the processional cross

GATHERING HYMN

Arise, O Christian People – LSB 354

1 Arise, O Christian people!
Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior,
Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone
The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven
To all the world is shown.

2 Prepare the way before Him;
Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what would offend Him,
This great, this heav'nly guest.
Make straight, make plain the way:
The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing,
His path all even lay.

3 The humble heart and lowly
God raises up on high;
Beneath His feet in terror
The haughty soul shall lie.
The heart sincere and right,
That heeds God's invitation
And makes true preparation—
It is the Lord's delight.

4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus;
Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You
This blessed Adventtide.
From stall and manger low
Come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing Your praises gladly
And forth Your glory show.

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607–62; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.

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Sit

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT VERSICLES

L The Spirit and the church cry out:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

L All those who await His appearance pray:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L The whole creation pleads:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLE (CANTOR)

Waiting – arr. Thomas Keesecker



(Four candles are lighted.)

*We are waiting,
we are waiting for the Lord to come down and be with us.
“Come, Lord Jesus, come!”*

Text: Finnish song; tr. Olav Lee, 1859-1943, alt.

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Kneel/sit

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



P *Let us pray to the Lord.*



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



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

*(In anticipation of the angels' announcement to the shepherds at Christmas,
the Gloria in Excelsis – the Song of the Angels – is silenced during Advent.)*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY *(sung)*



P *The Lord be with you.*



C And with thy spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22



P *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.*



C A - men.

WORD

Sit

READINGS AND RESPONSES

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 7:10–17

The Sign of Immanuel

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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord:

C Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT HYMN

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord – LSB 935

1 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings,
give my spirit voice;
Tender to me
the promise of His Word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of His name!
Make known His might,
the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure,
from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

**3 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of His might!
Pow'rs and dominions
lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn
wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**4 Tell out, my soul,
the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise,
and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!**

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SECOND LESSON – Romans 1:1–7

Greeting

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord:

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE (CONGREGATION & CANTOR)



CANTOR:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel. (Matthew 1:23a)*



HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 1:18–25

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 1st chapter:



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Birth of Jesus Christ

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN MEDITATION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The meditation this morning is based on the Advent hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and the Great O Antiphons. The meditations following the ancient Advent O Antiphons were originally prepared by the late Robert Bertram. The congregation sings the corresponding verse of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357) for each antiphon.

O Sapientia - O Wisdom (CANTOR)

Carl Schalk

*O Wisdom proceeding from the mouth of the Most High,
pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering | all things:**
Come, and teach us the way of | prudence.

Is there anyone here this morning for whom all things are not “mightily and sweetly ordered,” someone who is unable to make sense of their situation, someone who cries to themselves, “the trouble with me is that I do not know who I am,” someone who understands many things a little but nothing enough to live on - then let us say to that one as our brother or sister in Christ: The highest wisdom about yourself and about God has now come down very near, “reaching from one end to the other,” from way up there to way down here, down in the manger, down on the Cross (which is the “Wisdom of God”). And this Emmanuel, this all-wise, all-understanding God-With-Us is with you, too. So rejoice.

**■ O Come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**



O Adonai – O Lord (CANTOR)

Carl Schalk

*O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on I Sinai:**
Come with an outstretched arm and re- I deem us.

If there is someone here this morning who has stayed behind in slavish Egypt, who is afraid to brave the desert of his or her responsibilities, whose sea of obligations comes rushing in upon that person and threatens to overwhelm them: someone who sees no one to lead them past Sinai to the Promised Land beyond - then let us say to that one as our brother or sister in Christ: That God who was born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who are under the Law, is Emmanuel - the God-With-Us and with you, too. So rejoice.



**■ O come, O come, our Lord of might,
Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

O Radix Jesse – O Root of Jesse (CANTOR)

Carl Schalk

*O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples,
before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do I homage:**
Come quickly to de- I liver us.

If there is someone here this morning for whom this hectic life is a killing pace, someone who is left sighing, "I am just dead" or "I feel like the devil," and for whom these are not mere figures of speech but the very symptoms of Satan's tyranny, the depths of hell, and the grave - then let us say to that one as our brother or sister in Christ: The God whose anger like a forest fire burns sinners to the ground has raised up out of the charred stump the stubborn little twig, the root, the rod of Jesse: this Emmanuel, this God-With-Us, with all His lasting life and vitality, is with you, too. So rejoice.



**☐ O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
that trust Your mighty power to save.
Bring them in vict'ry through the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

O Clavis David – O Key of David (CANTOR)

Carl Schalk

*O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel,
You open and no one can close, You close and no one can | open.*
Come and rescue the pris'ners who are in darkness and the shad- | ow of death.*

If there is some outcast here this morning for whom all the doors to home have seemed to close, someone who has lost the key to life, someone who has forgotten the combination to heaven - then let us say to that one as our brother or sister in Christ: The Combination is the God who combines Himself with our flesh and our misery. He is the Key who opens wide His house to us; and this Emmanuel, this God-With-Us, is with you, too. So rejoice.

**☐ O come, O 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 you, O Israel.**



O Oriens – O Dayspring (CANTOR)

Carl Schalk

O Dayspring, splendor of light ever- | lasting.
Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death.*

If there is here this morning some shady character who dares to practice his or her pleasures only under the cover of darkness, who (like the darkness around them) has become gloomy and has lost all the splendor of their humanity - then let us say to that one as our brother or sister in Christ: There is no darkness too dark for the dawning Sun of righteousness who comes to make you splendid with His splendid humanity; this God-With-Us is with you, too. So rejoice.



**☐ O come, our Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by Your drawing night;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

O Rex Gentium – O King of Nations (CANTOR)

Carl Schalk

*O King of the nations, the ruler they long for,
the cornerstone uniting all | people:**
Come and save us all, whom You formed | out of clay.

If there is someone here this morning whose foundations have been shaken; someone who has never had a firm footing at all because of a broken home or poor training or an inadequate church; someone who longs for something more solid than his or her own feet of clay - then let us say to that one as our brother or sister in Christ: Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Because He is the God-With-Us and with you, too, the gate of hell shall not prevail against you. So rejoice.

**■ O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be Yourself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**



O Emmanuel – O God-With-Us (CANTOR)

Carl Schalk

*O Emmanuel, our king and our law-giver,
the anointed of the nations and their | Savior:**
Come and save us, O | Lord our God.

If there is anyone here this morning who is the captive of someone other than Christ, someone who has sold themselves, or sold out, to their lust, their private resentments, their secret grudges, their work, their family, the tyrannical crowd, someone who no longer has the price to buy themselves back from their lonely exile from God - then let us say to that one as our brother or sister in Christ: The Son of God has now appeared and has redeemed us from our captors with His supreme sacrifice. And He is determined not to let that ransom go to waste. That is why He is Emmanuel, God-With-Us and with you, too. So rejoice.

Stand

**■ 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 you, O Israel.**



Sit or Kneel

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition is said:

- P** Lord, in Your prayer,
C come, hear our prayer.



GREETING OF PEACE *Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

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

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you,"
as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace and in preparation for reception of the Holy Supper.*

Sit

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

*(Please **STAND** as the elder and usher bring the gifts forward to the altar.)*

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P *Lift up your hearts.*

[Colossians 3:1]



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P *Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*

[Psalm 136]



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ~ *Prayer of Thanksgiving*



- Q** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for the salvation You have granted to us through Jesus, the Word made flesh, the child of Mary, the Son of the Father, the Light of the world, our Emmanuel. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that as Your beloved children we may welcome our Savior who comes to us in His body and blood.
- R** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (see LSB 162)

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- Q** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- R** 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 ~ *Peace of the Lord* (sung)

John 20:19

- Q** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

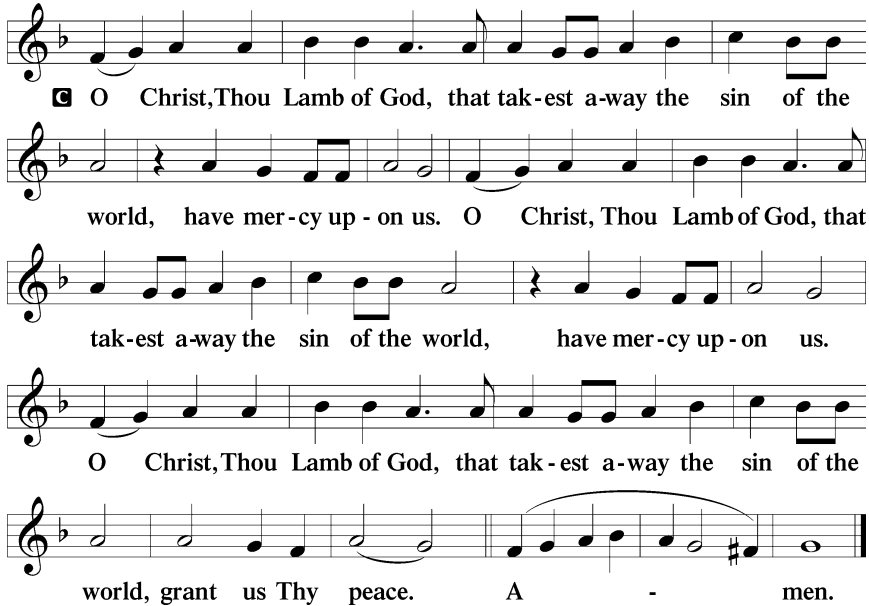


R A - men.

Please remain standing for the Agnus Dei.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Distribution Notes



The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a tremendous gift. His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and embodies our unity with one another. Accordingly, in 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul cautions Christians to receive the Supper together only when they are united in a common faith and love. If you are new to our congregation, please see the pastor before communing.

Please fill in around the altar accordingly: **Fellowship Hall Side**: fill in from the back to the front; **Sunday School Side**: fill in from the front to the back.

- * Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.
- * Those communing will receive the host from the pastor and may receive the consecrated wine by Common Cup OR Individual Cup.
 - Common Cup: Offered by the elder, by guiding the base of the cup with your hand.
 - Individual Cup: Available as you process down the center aisle from the individual cup dispenser. Twist and pull upward to receive an empty cup. An elder will fill your cup at the altar. Place the used individual cup in the collection basket.

After receiving the elements you may return to your pews. Please inform an usher if you want the elements to be brought to you.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come – LSB 350

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|---|---|
| <p>1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.</p> <p>2 Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,
Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When Thou art my guest divine!</p> | <p>3 My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.</p> <p>4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King.</p> |
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The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came – LSB 356

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| <p>1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
With wings as drifted snow,
with eyes as flame:
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady.”
Gloria!</p> <p>2 “For know a blessed mother
thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee;
Thy son shall be Emmanuel,
by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady.”
Gloria!</p> | <p>3 Then gentle Mary
meekly bowed her head;
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify
God's holy name.”
Most highly favored lady,
Gloria!</p> <p>4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world
will ever say:
“Most highly favored lady.”
Gloria!</p> |
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Stand

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION (sung)

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS NECESSARY

The CALENDAR OF EVENTS highlights this week's meetings and activities.

Announcement Forms located on the slat wall are to be placed on the Celebrant's chair.

Stand

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE (ORGAN)

Tell Out My Soul (Mary's Song) — arr. Paul Manz

☩ Glory to God Alone ☩

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY:

Celebrant/Meditation: The Rev. Dr. Adam Clark,
Senior Pastor

Meditation: The Rev. Bryan Borger,
Associate Pastor

Crucifer: Henning Luppens

Organist: Anne Mangelsdorf

Music Director: Emily Ruch

St. Peter Choir

Cantors: Dave Homann and Alex Homann

Elder: John Schroeder

Lector: Mike Fonck

Usher: Matt Rockwell

Altar Guild: Megan Rockwell

Sound Board: Marty Orlowski

Video Streaming: Jan Orlowski

Greeters: Dan Hertel and Tom Birdsell

Doorkeeper: Cindy Matthews

Please update the Sunday Servant sign-up sheet on the slat wall.

✠ **DAILY LECTIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR** ✠

*Daily Lectionary and Psalms for Daily Prayer
for the week of Sunday, December 21 - Saturday, December 27
are available in your Lutheran Service Book (LSB), on pages: 299-304*

CHRISTMAS READINGS FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE EARLY

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 110:1-4 (antiphon: Psalm v. 2a); 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 1:18-25

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96 (antiphon: v. 2); Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

CHRISTMAS DAWN

Isaiah 62:10-12; Psalm 98 (antiphon: v. 2); Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-14) 15-20

CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 2 (antiphon: v. 7); Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12); John 1:1-14 (15-18)

ADDITIONAL READINGS FOR THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26TH – ST. STEPHEN, MARTYR (RED)

2 Chronicles 24:17–22; Psalm 119:137–144; Acts 6:8–7:2a, 51–60; Matthew 23:34–39

DECEMBER 27TH – ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Revelation 1:1–6; Psalm 11; 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 21:20-25

DECEMBER 28TH – HOLY INNOCENTS (RED)

Jeremiah 31:15–17; Revelation 14:1–5; Revelation 14:1–5; Matthew 2:13–18

READINGS FOR FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, DEC 28

Isaiah 63:7-14; Psalm 111 (antiphon: v. 9a, b); Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:13-23

JANUARY 1ST: CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS

Psalm 8; Galatians 3:23–29; Luke 2:21

READINGS FOR SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, JAN 4

1 Kings 3:4-15; Psalm 119:97-104 (antiphon: v. 99); Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

JANUARY 6TH: THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1–11-15 (antiphon: v. 18); Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Christmas Worship Schedule

IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM AT SPLCM.ORG/WORSHIP



Wednesday evening, December 24th, at 7:30pm

*Christmas Eve Worship
Festival of Lessons and Carols*

Thursday, December 25th, at 10:00am

Christmas Day Worship – The Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 28th, at 10:15am

1st Sunday after Christmas – Feast of the Holy Innocents

NOTE: NO EDUCATION HOUR

Sunday, January 4th, at 10:15am

2nd Sunday after Christmas (with Epiphany Reading)

NOTE: NO EDUCATION HOUR

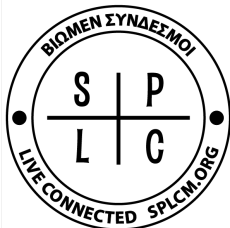
(Education Hour resumes Sunday, Jan. 11, 9:00-9:50am)

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<u>Sunday Schedule:</u>	Education Hour (All Ages)	9:00-9:50am
	Sunday Worship	10:15am