



# Advent

***O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel***

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**“Prophet’s Candle”**

**December 8, 2024**

**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church**

## **The Second Candle: Peace or Bethlehem Candle**

The second Advent candle represents peace and is commonly known as the "Bethlehem Candle." This candle embodies the tranquil anticipation of the Prince of Peace, whose birth was foretold in the town of Bethlehem. As it is lit on the second Sunday of Advent, it serves as a gentle reminder of the profound peace that Jesus brings to the hearts of believers, fostering a sense of serenity amidst the busyness of the season.

## **Daily Scripture Readings for the Week of December 8th**

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Dec. 8<br>Colossians 1:6    | Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. |
| Dec. 9<br>2 Corinthians 9:8 | And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.                 |
| Dec. 10<br>James 2:13       | For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.   |
| Dec. 11<br>Colossians 3:13  | Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.                       |
| Dec. 12<br>Romans 5:21      | So that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.         |
| Dec. 13<br>Ephesians 2:8-9  | For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.                    |
| Dec. 14<br>John 15:13       | No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.   |



## Litany:

P: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

**All: Prepare us for your coming.**

P: We gather together to get ready for what? Only heaven knows. O Emmanuel,

**All: Prepare us for your coming.**

P: We wait for the day when God will create a prevailing peace on the earth, and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends. O Emmanuel,

**All: Prepare us for your coming.**

P: We get ready for God to come close by laying our lives open to Jesus, asking him to sort through all our mixed motives. O Emmanuel,

**All: Prepare us for your coming.**

P: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

**All: Amen.**

*Light the two candles.*

## Song:

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

Verse 6

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

P: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn*



Verses 1, 2, and 4 Large print words found on page 21



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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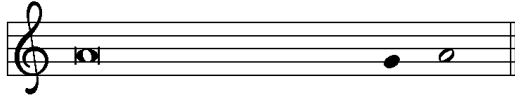
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

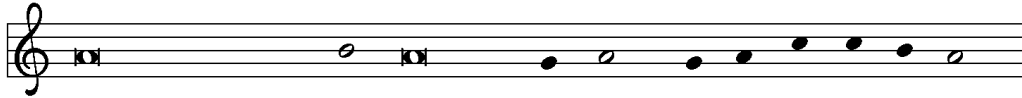
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



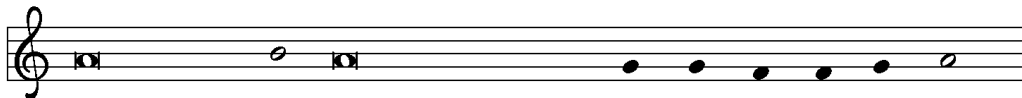
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# This is the Feast

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



## Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

## First Reading:

### Malachi 3:1-4

### Assisting Minister

*God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.*

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

### Luke 1:68-79

### Read responsively by whole verse

*In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)*

AM: <sup>68</sup> Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

All: <sup>69</sup> **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

AM: <sup>70</sup> Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, <sup>71</sup> from the hands of all who hate us,

**All:** <sup>72</sup> to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

AM: <sup>73</sup> This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup> to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**All:** free to worship you without fear, <sup>75</sup> holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

AM: <sup>76</sup> And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**All:** <sup>77</sup> to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

AM: <sup>78</sup> In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**All:** <sup>79</sup> to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## Second Reading

## Philippians 1:3-11

*The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.*

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

<sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gospel reading*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

## Gospel Luke 3:1-6

*John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.*

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

P: The gospel of the Lord,  
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Pastor Mitch

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Hymn of the Day*

Hymn of the Day

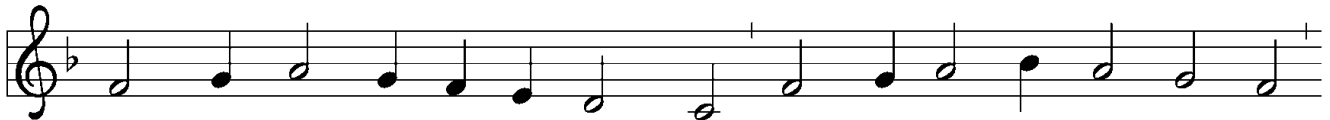
“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

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1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God’s ho - ly reign.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**AM:** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creations.

**AM:** *Each prayer will end with:* Lord in your mercy,

**All:** **Receive our prayer.**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sharing of the Peace*

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All:** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## **MEAL**

**Offering Music**

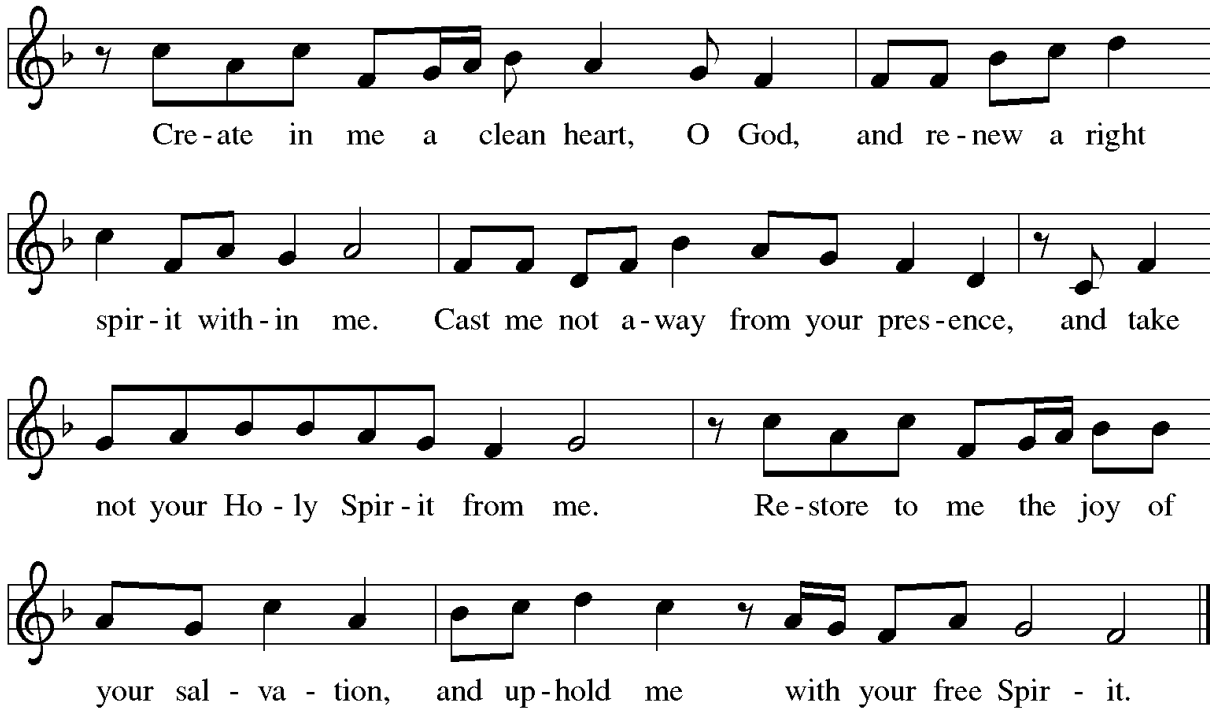
**"All Earth is Hopeful"**

**arr. Curt Oliver**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Offering Song*

## Offering Song

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



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 your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## Offertory Prayer

P: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

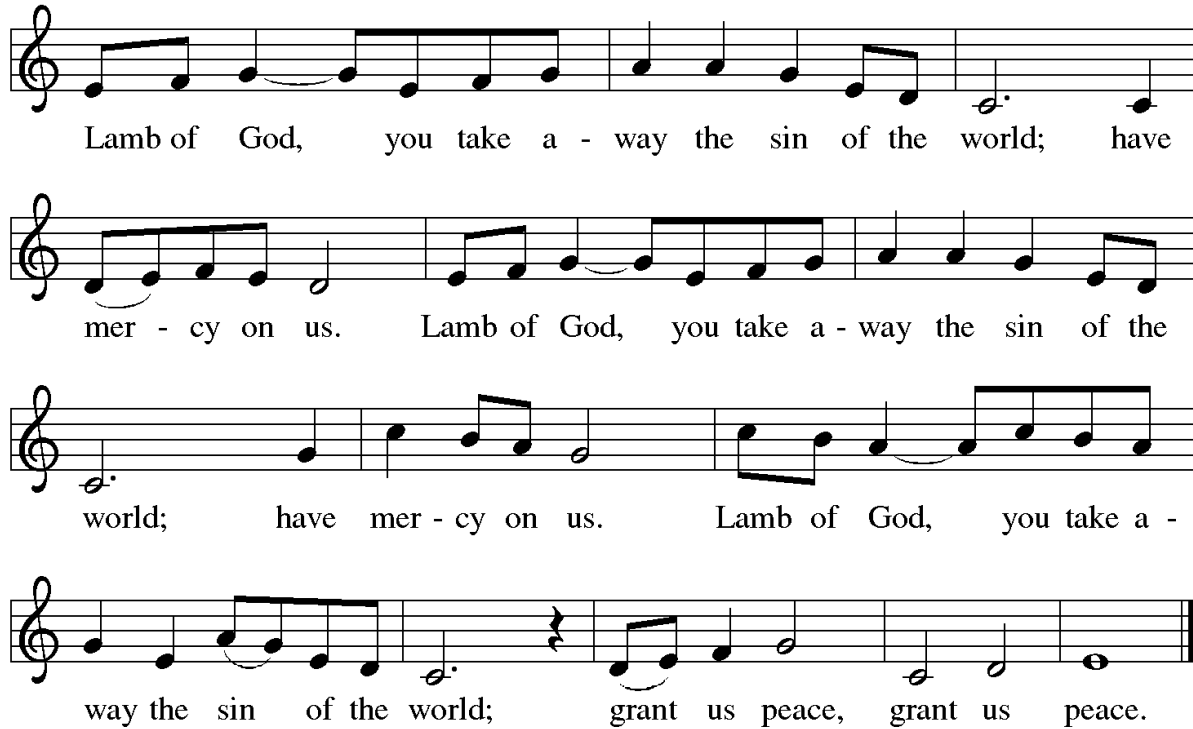
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

P: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.



## Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

## Communion

*As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.*

*Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.*

*Please feel free to say "Amen" after you receive each element if you wish.*

**Communion Anthem "There's a voice in the Wilderness" arr. Richard Lind  
(ELW# 255)**

## Table Blessing

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

**All: Amen**

## Prayer after Communion

P: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

All: Amen.

## Sending

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sending Hymn.*

### Sending Hymn “On Jordans Bank the Baptist’s Cry” ELW# 249

Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5 – Large print words found on page 23



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

All: Amen.

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

## Postlude

**“Prepare the Royal Highway” arr. Paul W. Hofreiter**

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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## Leading Worship Today

**Pastor:** Dr. Rev. Mitch Kinsinger

**Music:** Barbara Rossow

**Assisting Ministers:** Diane Allmendinger and Cheryl Hollman

**Communion Assistants:** Roger and Diane Allmendinger

**Song Leaders:** Janine Almquist, Paul Kowitz or Linda Strohkirch

**Ushers:** David Almquist and Wayne Hansen

**Hospitality:** Jon and Karen Helgason

**Livestream Producer:** Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon

## **PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Dean Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Pamela Boldt, Carol Brockway, Linda Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan and Wayne Frankenberg, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Gene Linderkamp, Marilyn Nelson, Paul Patton Jr., Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Marnie Rose, Betty Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

**Stop Gun Violence – Community Discussion for the Healing of our Community.**

**Host: Pastor Richard Pittman. Date: December 12, 2024 Time: 6:00 p.m.**

At: Arlington Hills Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall. All are invited, refreshments will be served.

**New Release – “Let it Snow” – by Bend in the River Big Band.** You can order the music online from Spotify, Apple Music or YouTube. Chuck will also have cd’s available next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> for sale for \$20.00 after the service of Lessons and Carols.

**HOP – Christmas Concert – Saturday, December 14, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. featuring Tonia Hughes Kendrick in our sanctuary. Free will offering.

## ***This Week....***

|                           |                  |  |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday, December 8</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Worship Service</b>   |
| Monday, December 9        | 8:00 a.m.        | Alley Shoppe Volunteers Toy Give Away Set UP   |
| Tuesday, December 10      | 8:00 a.m.        | Alley Shoppe Toy Give Away   |
| Wednesday, December 11    | 7:30 a.m.        | Romeo Breakfast at Perkins   |
| Wednesday, December 11    | 5:00 p.m.        | Finance, Property and Admin. Meeting   |
| Thursday, December 12     |                  | Office Closes at Noon  |
| Thursday, December 12     | 6:00 p.m.        | <b>Stop Gun Violence Community Discussion</b> for the Healing of our Community – Fellowship Hall |
| Friday, December 13       |                  | Office Closed  |
| Saturday, December 14     |                  | Office Closed  |
| Saturday, December 14     | 6:00 p.m.        | <b>HOP Christmas Concert</b> featuring Tonia Hughes Kendrick – Sanctuary                         |

**Prepare the Royal Highway**

1 Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:

*Refrain*

Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!

2 God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

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**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

- 1 "Comfort, comfort now my people;  
tell of peace!" So says our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness  
mourning under sorrow's load.  
To God's people now proclaim  
that God's pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their war is over;  
God will reign in peace forever.
  
- 2 For the herald's voice is crying  
in the desert far and near,  
calling us to true repentance,  
since the reign of God is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way.  
Valleys, rise to greet the Savior;  
hills, bow down in humble favor.
  
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crooked,  
and the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits God's holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
now on earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that God's word is never broken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635-1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!
  
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.
  
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
  
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

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