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***“I was glad when they said to me  
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’” Psalm 122:1***

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# *The Last Sunday after Pentecost*

November 20 & 21, 2021

Service of Prayer and Preaching

## OPENING HYMN

816 *LSB* "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and  
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand*↑

## OPENING VERSICLES

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** Teach me Your paths.

**P** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** Your Word is truth.

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

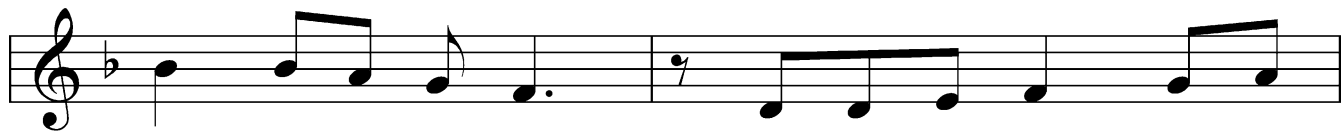
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**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."



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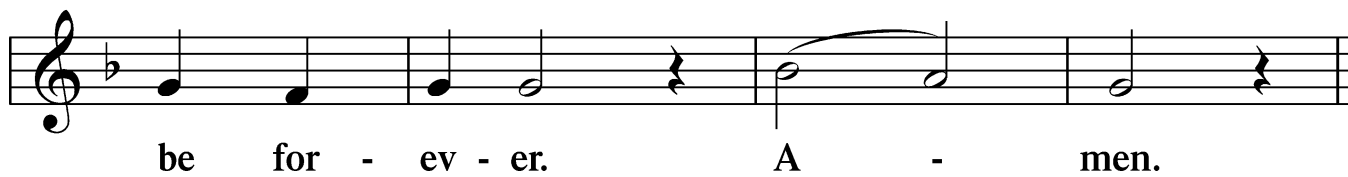
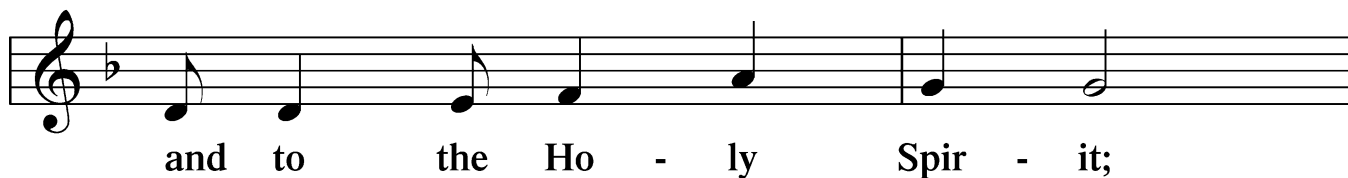
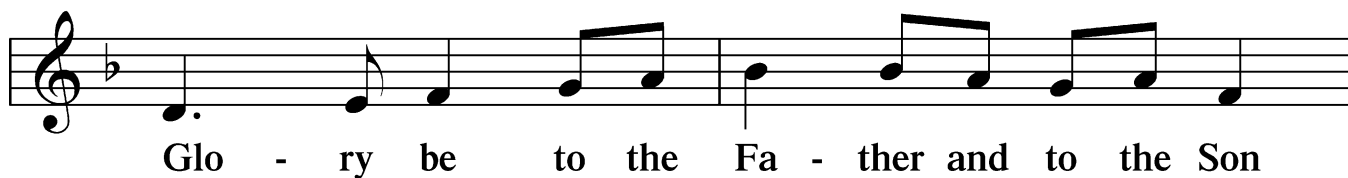
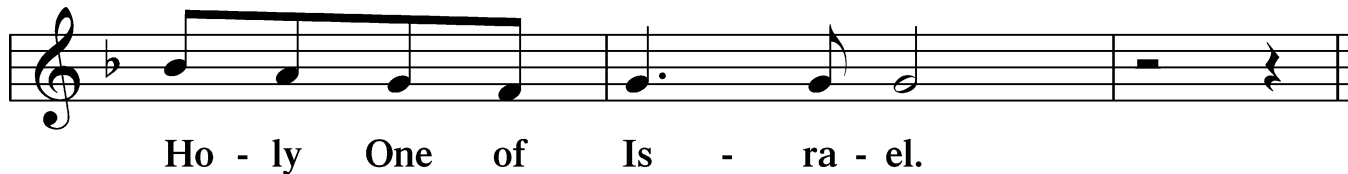
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

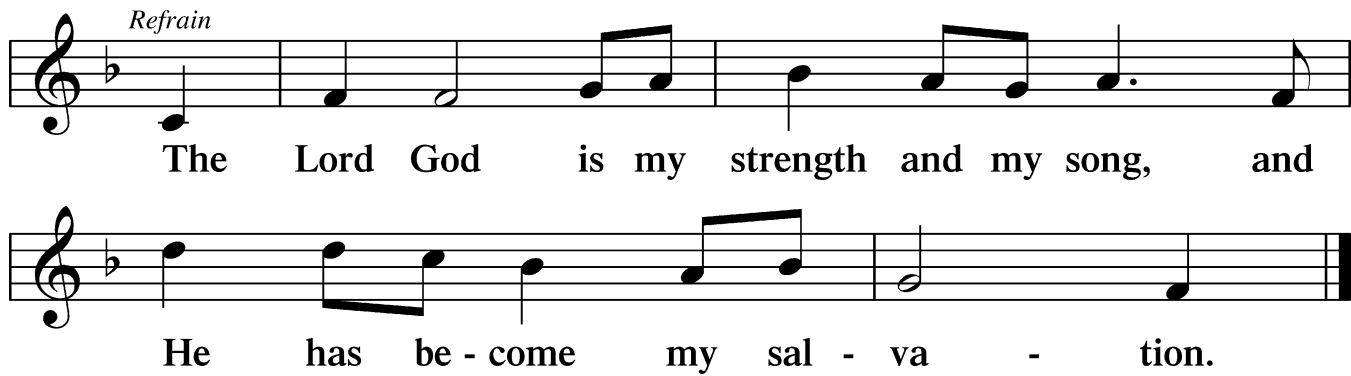


Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the





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## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 51:4–6*

<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

**R** This is the word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

## INTROIT *(spoken responsively)*

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
**the home of righteousness.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

**let me know how fleeting I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
**and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

**My hope is in you.**

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

**Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

**hold not your peace at my tears!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
**the home of righteousness.**

## EPISTLE READING *Jude 20–25*

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by

snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

<sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

**R** This is the word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Psalm 103” *Choir*

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**HOLY GOSPEL READING** *Mark 13:24–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C** Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “But 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 Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

## RESPONSORY

**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**☐** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**☐** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

*Sit↓*

**SERMON** “Allures, Alerts, Assures” *Mark 13:24-37*

*Pastor Paul Sundbom*

**HYMN** 508 *LSB* “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” Vv. 1-5



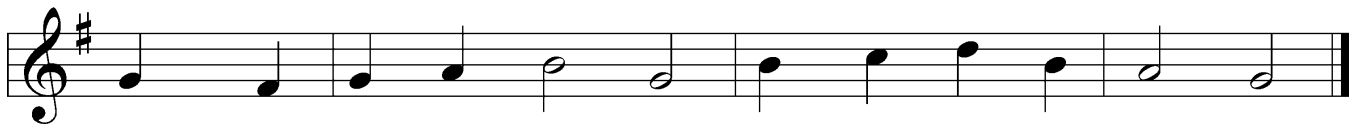
1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -  
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!

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*Stand*↑

## PRAYERS

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer are inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### **COLLECT** (*prayer*) **OF THE DAY** (*spoken together*)

**C** Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **EVENING PRAYER** (*Saturday service*)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that

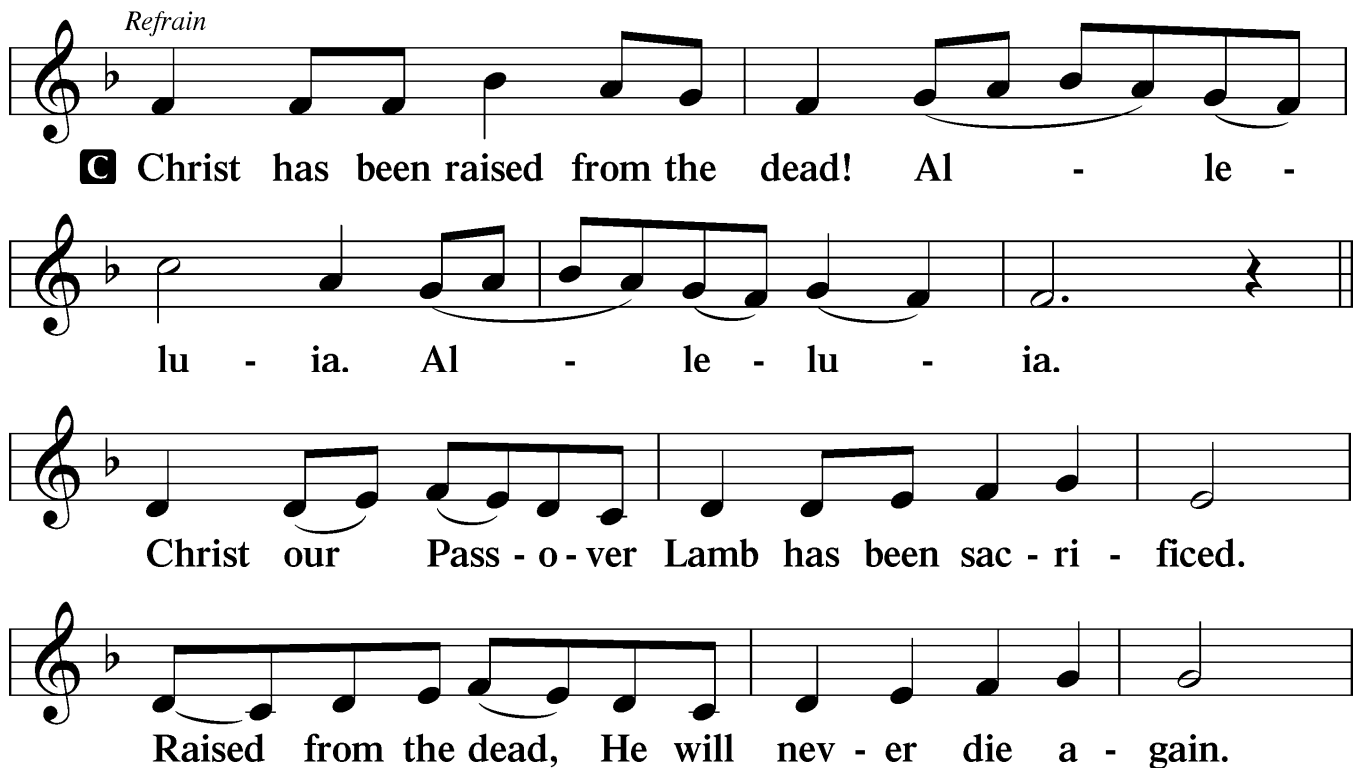
You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## MORNING PRAYER *(Sunday service)*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

*Refrain*



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



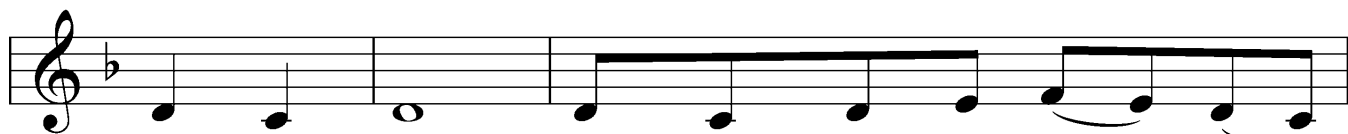
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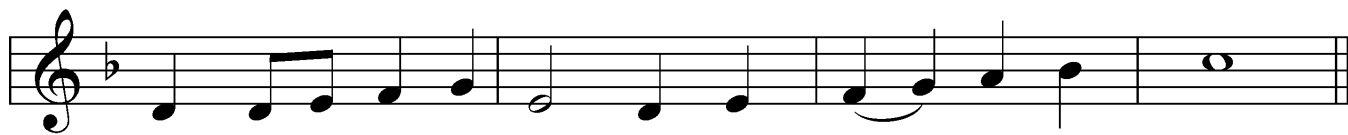
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Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to



sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## BLESSING

**P** Let us bless the Lord

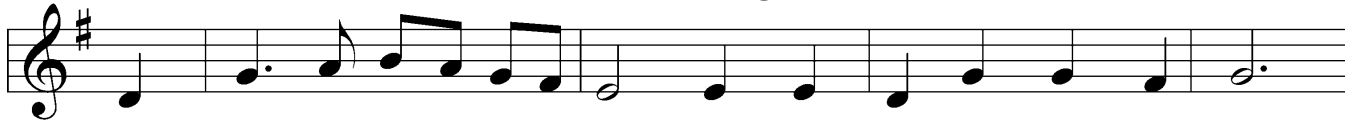
**C** Thanks be to God

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you

**C** Amen.

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## CLOSING HYMN 893 *LSB* "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"





## ***Those Who Serve This Weekend***

Proclaimer: Pastor Paul Sundbom

Organist: Marlyss Sekki

Special Music: *Choir*

Counters: *Jeff Troutman*

Altar flowers are given this weekend by Gretchen Tracy  
to wish her daughters Renée and Robin birthday blessings.

## ***In Our Prayers This Week***

Harold & Margie (Pete) Dennison, Casey DeRito, Cheryl deWit, Andy Kujala, Eddie Kujala, Judy Ladany, Brenda Lawson, Kay Lucas, Don Luther, Harriett McConnell, Frank McVan, Bradley and Lisa Miller, Diane Rothaermel, Marie Rusnak, John Schmikla, Family of Larry Sekki, Shut-ins:  
Noel Benoit

## ***Attendance & Contributions***

Worship Attendance (Nov 13 & 14, 2021): 47

Weekly Financial Update:	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Last Week (Nov 14)	3,400	2,195	(1,205)
Year-to-date (20 Week)	68,000	63,105	(4,895)

## ***Calendar for the Week of November 22 – 28***

**Monday 22** – No Preschool – Teachers Conference

**Tuesday 23** – No Preschool – Teachers Conference

Choir Practice 7:00pm

**Wednesday 24** – Thanksgiving Break – No Preschool

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7:00 pm

**Thursday 25** – *Happy Thanksgiving*

Church Office Closed

Thanksgiving Break – No Preschool

**Friday 26** – Church Office Closed

## Saturday 27 – Advent Begins

Decorating of Sanctuary 10:00 am

Worship Service w/ Communion 6:00 pm

## Sunday 28 – Adult Bible Study 8:30 am

Worship Service w/ Communion 9:30 am

Children's Sunday School 10:45 am

Adult Bible Study 10:45 am

# *Announcements*

## An Opportunity to Serve!

We are looking for someone to help with counting the offering. Terry Wakelee and Jenn Drake are currently 2 of the secretaries, we are looking for a 3rd person. He/she would be responsible for leading the counting of the offering for about 4 months of the year. Counting occurs after the Sunday service and takes approximately 20 minutes. You are also responsible for depositing the money at the bank night deposit. If you believe this is a way you can serve the Lord than please talk to either Terry or Jenn about your interest or questions.

## It's Poinsettia Time

Poinsettias will again be used to decorate the altar for Christmas. As in the past you will be able take them home after Christmas. The cost for each is **\$6.25**. The colors available this year are: red, white, pink, marble (pink & white), and jingle bells (red & white). The order sheet has been posted on the doors at the back of the sanctuary. Please place your check in the offering plate marked "Poinsettias". The last day to order is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that the price per poinsettia has increased due to a price increase in pot covers.**

## Greeting Cards

There are still greeting cards available to help support Outreach's greeting card fundraiser. You can purchase a card for friends or family members having special events such as a Birthday or Anniversary. There are uplifting Christian cards for those in need of encouragement and prayers. There are also boxes Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. Individual cards are 50 cents apiece. The box sets are priced as marked. Just place your payment in an offering envelope supplied on the greeting card rack and add it in the Offering plate during church service. Proceeds will go toward building an Outreach budget for future Outreach event expenses.