

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday in Advent

Opening Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343



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!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.

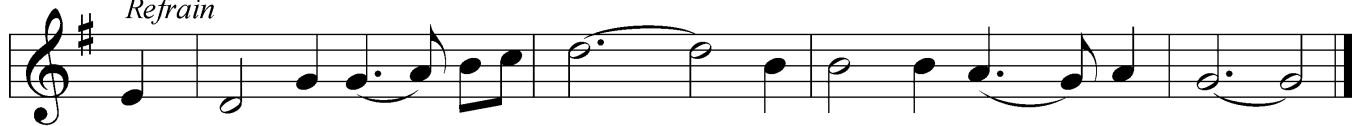


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



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!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23] LSB 203

- 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.

Advent Hymn of Praise: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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3 I lay in fet-ters, groan-ing; You came to set me free.
4 Love caused Your in-car-na-tion; Love brought You down to me.

I stood, my shame be-moan-ing; You came to hon-or me.
Your thirst for my sal-va-tion Pro-cured my lib-er-ty.

A glo-rious crown You give me, A trea-sure safe on high
Oh, love be-yond all tell-ing, That led You to em-brace

That will not fail or leave me As earth-ly rich-es fly.
In love, all love ex-cel-ling, Our lost and fall-en race.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-7b

A The Old Testament Reading is from Malachi, chapter 3.

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But 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. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

Philippians 1:2-11

A The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 1.

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Luke 3:4b, 6

P Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

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

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we,

what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

[C] I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

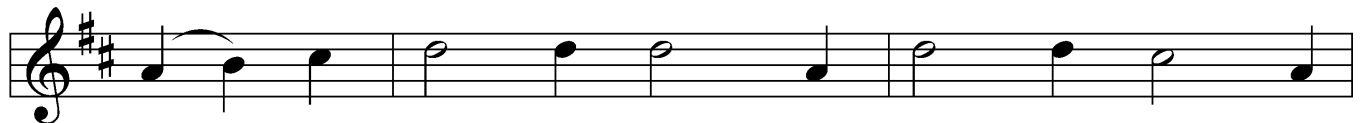
Announcements

Hymn of the Day: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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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 Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, 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.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Offering

Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P O Lord, our God, You declared Israel to be Your people and brought them out of Egypt. You desired their salvation even when they would not listen to Your voice. Since You have called and gathered us also to be Your people, open our hearts to listen and gladly submit to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, send forth pastors and missionaries to declare Your saving Word to the nations. Preserve them from temptation, protect them in suffering and equip them with every good gift to make known the Christ who still comes to save. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, as You call and gather us into Your family, so bless the households of this congregation. Bless husbands and wives, fathers and mothers as they go about their work of strengthening marriage and raising children. Let their love abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, and fill their homes with the righteousness that comes through Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, St. John the Baptist counseled penitent soldiers to go about their military duties according to Your Word. Remember those who serve in the armed forces [especially _____]. Protect them from harm, give them wisdom and courage, and grant that they fulfill their duties honorably. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, Your forerunner prepared the way for the One who is mightier than all: Your Son, Jesus Christ. For His sake, we entrust to You those in need of healing, comfort and rescue [especially _____]. Have mercy upon them, deliver them according to Your will and strengthen them in faith, that they might be assured of Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, You sent St. John the Baptist to prepare all flesh to see the salvation of God. Prepare also the hearts of all who kneel at Your altar today to receive worthily Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, You sent Your Son to purify us, that we might be righteous and holy before You. Deliver us from the love of sin, which defiles us and stains our works. Cleanse our hearts by Your grace, so that we may delight in Your promises and our works would be pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

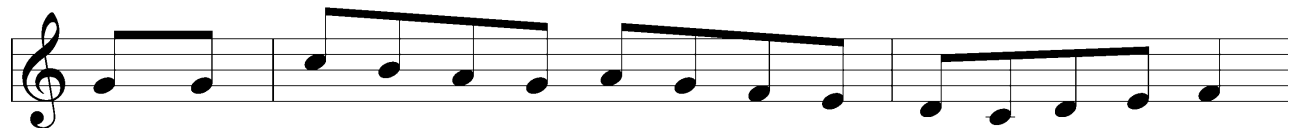
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 208



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, 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.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord’s Prayer

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

The Words of Our Lord

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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

- If—for any reason—you prefer to receive communion while remaining at your seat, please let an usher know as you arrive so that we can bring communion to you.
- Directions
 - Ushers will dismiss the congregation beginning from the back of the sanctuary.
 - Fill the communion rail beginning from the lectern side (left).
 - Kneel or stand as you are able.
 - Pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by the assistants with the blood of Christ (individual or common cup).
 - Once you have received the body and blood of Christ, dismiss yourself and return to your seat via the Fellowship Hall through the side door.
 - If you have received an individual cup, place it in the basket provided on your way out the door.

- Gluten-free communion bread is available. Simply ask pastor for this option as you come forward for communion.
- A low/no-alcohol option is also available. On the tray of individual cups are several plastic cups that contain juice with a drop of wine included. This diluted amount of wine uses the element with which the Lord's Supper was instituted (wine) while providing an alternative if needed. Please feel free to see Pastor or an Elder if you have any questions.

Distribution Hymn: When All the World Was Cursed *LSB 346*



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,
 2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,
 3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.
 Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.
 Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

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Distribution Hymn: Hark the Glad Sound

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1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

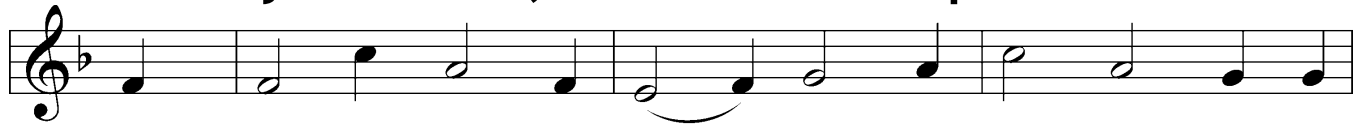


throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Distribution Hymn: Arise, O Christian People

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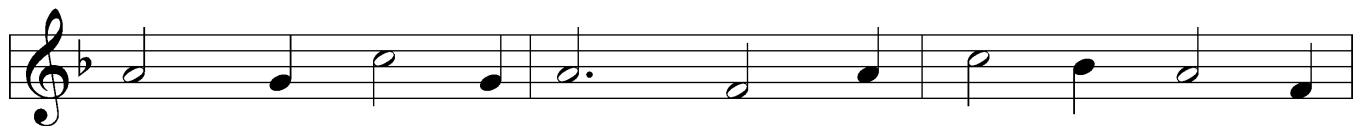
1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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 Amen.

Closing Hymn: Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star *LSB 872*



1 Come, Thou bright and Morn - ing Star, Light of Light with -
2 Let Thy grace, like morn - ing dew Fall - ing soft on
3 May Thy fer - vent love de - stroy Our cold works, in
4 Ah! Thou Day - spring from on high, Grant that at Thy
5 Light us to those heav'n - ly spheres, Sun of grace, in



out be - gin - ning; Shine up - on us from a - far
bar - ren plac - es, Com - fort, quick - en, and re - new
us a - wak - ing Ar - dent zeal and ho - ly joy
next ap - pear - ing We who in the graves do lie
glo - ry shroud - ed; Lead us through this vale of tears



That we may be kept from sin - ning.
Our dry souls and dy - ing grac - es;
At the pur - ple morn's first break - ing.
May a - rise, Thy sum - mons hear - ing,
To the land where days un - cloud - ed,



Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.
Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev - er - more.
Let us tru - ly rise ere yet Life has set.
And re - joice in our new life, Far from strife.
Pur - est joy, and per - fect peace Nev - er cease.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today	8:00 AM	Worship Service
Today	9:15 AM	Sunday School Dress Rehearsal
Today	9:30 AM	Bible Study
Today	10:30 AM	Christmas Program Service
Today	11:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Christmas in the Valley
Monday	6:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Monday	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Trail Life & American Heritage Girls
Tuesday	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Walk-in Communion
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Advent II - Morning Worship
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Potluck Supper
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Advent II - Evening Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today in honor of Charlie Djordjevic's birthday.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TODAY is the last day to place your order! Order forms are at the Welcome Center. To place your order, please complete a form and place it along with your remittance into the drop box. Poinsettia plants are \$10 each. Purchases help to further beautify the sanctuary for Christmas and your plants may be taken home after Christmas Day Worship.

LWML BAKE SALE There is a bake sale TODAY during our Christmas in the Valley after the late service until 4:00pm. Baked goods brought in today should be wrapped, priced and ready for sale! All monies will go to Orphan Grain Train and the current flooding victims in southern United States.

PASTORAL CARE Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor. Or visit spvc.org to book an individual time or send a message to Pastor.

PRAYER REQUESTS – To submit a prayer request or join the Prayer Chain, visit our website, spvc.org under Prayer. You can also do both by filling out the back side of the attendance slip or sending an email to prayer@spvc.org.

TITHES & OFFERINGS are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis. This is often a free service of your bank.
4. Visit www.spvc.org and click on "Give Online" - you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES Pastor is providing individual communion opportunity for the foreseeable future. Check the posted times for “walk-in” communion below.

“Walk-In” times at Church: Sundays, 12:00 – 2:00pm & Tuesdays, 5pm - 7pm

Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

To schedule a time other than the walk-in times you may call Pastor Zielinski at 440-458-0189 or, visit www.spvc.org and click “Book with Pastor” to see available times for appointments.

WATCH WORSHIP LIVE OR ON-DEMAND 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM.

ONLINE DIRECTORY UPDATE If your mobile app needs updated and it’s asking for an “online code” please use “SPVC” and that should reconnect the app.

HEARING AIDS? Do you wear hearing aids? If they’re able to connect to your phone we have an app to help you hear the spoken-word parts of the worship service (readings, prayers, sermon, etc.). Download the “Audiofetch” app then connect to the “Audiofetch” wifi here at church. See Rev. Streeper if you need help getting set up.

HEALTH & SAFETY There is a black First Aid bag hung in the vestibule containing emergency supplies. Some of the contents include bandages, instant glucose, breathing barriers, and blood pressure equipment. Please see Beth Bremke if you would like training in the use of these supplies.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS are available in the Narthex hallway, please take a copy home today.

PORTALS OF PRAYER The 2025 January-March devotion booklets are available on the Welcome Table and in the Narthex hallway, please take a copy home today.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES offers a wonderful daily devotion with Scriptures & Reflection Questions. Go to www.lhm.org and click on Today’s Devotion.

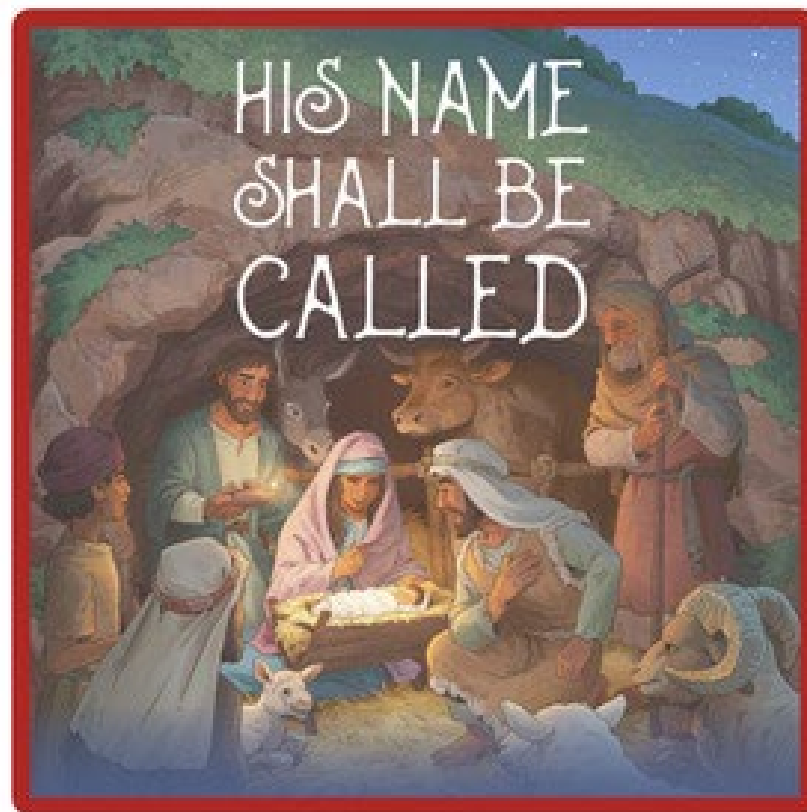
SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE, ISRAEL & FOREIGN MISSIONS We continue to take offerings to provide relief to Lutheran church partners who suffer calamity in these areas. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

WIGGLE BAGS Please help yourself to these goody bags that hold activities kids may engage and participate in the worship service. Hopefully this will help alleviate stress for parents who are worried about their child making it through the whole service, but more importantly, they help teach kids that “big church” is for them too. Please take a moment to collect all the contents of the Wiggle Bags and return it to the “Used Wiggle Bag” plastic bin after the Worship Service. We continue to be thankful for Sandy Turner, Jean Wadle and the others who are keeping up with providing clean Wiggle Bags each week. Donated supplies may be given to Sandy or Jean. Thank you.

RECYCLING BULLETINS You are encouraged to take both your regular and large print worship bulletins home with you to use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions and for the updated schedule and announcements. If you would like, you may drop bulletins in the blue recycle bin in the Narthex hallway upon exiting the service. It is not necessary to disassemble the large print bulletin before taking it home. The recycle bin is only for bulletin materials – please, no garbage. ***Thank you!***

= December 2024 =						
	SERVICE	1-Dec SUNDAY	8-Dec SUNDAY 8AM - Communion 10:30AM - Childrens Christmas No communion	15-Dec SUNDAY Communion	22-Dec SUNDAY Communion	29-Dec SUNDAY Communion
ELDER	8am	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Chris Duran
	10:30am	Dave Hesketh	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Jim Jackson	Dave Hesketh
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Mike Scahel	Steve Kato	Mark Gordon	Mike Scahel
	10:30am	Eric Gottl	Rich Proeschel	Brian Dearth	Eric Gottl	Rich Proeschel
GREETERS	8am	David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke	Steve & Colleen Kato	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	David & Mackenzie Duran
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Barb Pijor	Joe Bennett	Steve Kato	Barb Pijor
ELDER INFO	Stephen Kato 330-242-7183	Tim Wadle 216-214-7109	Jim Jackson 330-391-6393	Chris Duran 216-577-5164	Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076	Dave Hesketh 330-410-6150

	SERVICE	December 4 WEDNESDAY	December 11 SUNDAY	December 18 SUNDAY	December 24 TUESDAY	December 25 WEDNESDAY Communion
ELDER	11:30am	Tim Wadle / Jim Rafter	Tim Wadle / Jim Rafter	Tim Wadle / Jim Rafter	Steve Kato / 11:30am Chris Duran	10AM Steve Kato
	7PM	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Jim Jackson	4pm Steve Kato / Sam Jakabcic 7pm Steve Kato / Jim Jackson	
USHERS	8am				Elders to find volunteers	Elders to find volunteers
	10:30am					
GREETERS	8am				Elders to find volunteers	Elders to find volunteers
	10:30am					



**Wednesdays
in Advent**

11:30 am & 7:00pm
(study @ 10am) (supper @ 6pm)

December 4, 11, & 18

Christmas Tea

2pm, Sunday, December 1

**Sunday School
Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 8
10:30am**

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Lessons and Carols

11:30am 11am Carols by Request
4:00pm & 7:00pm
3:30pm & 6:30pm Carols by Request

Christmas Day 10:00am

www.spvc.org

Prayers for Worship

On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

After worship

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

Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Before communing

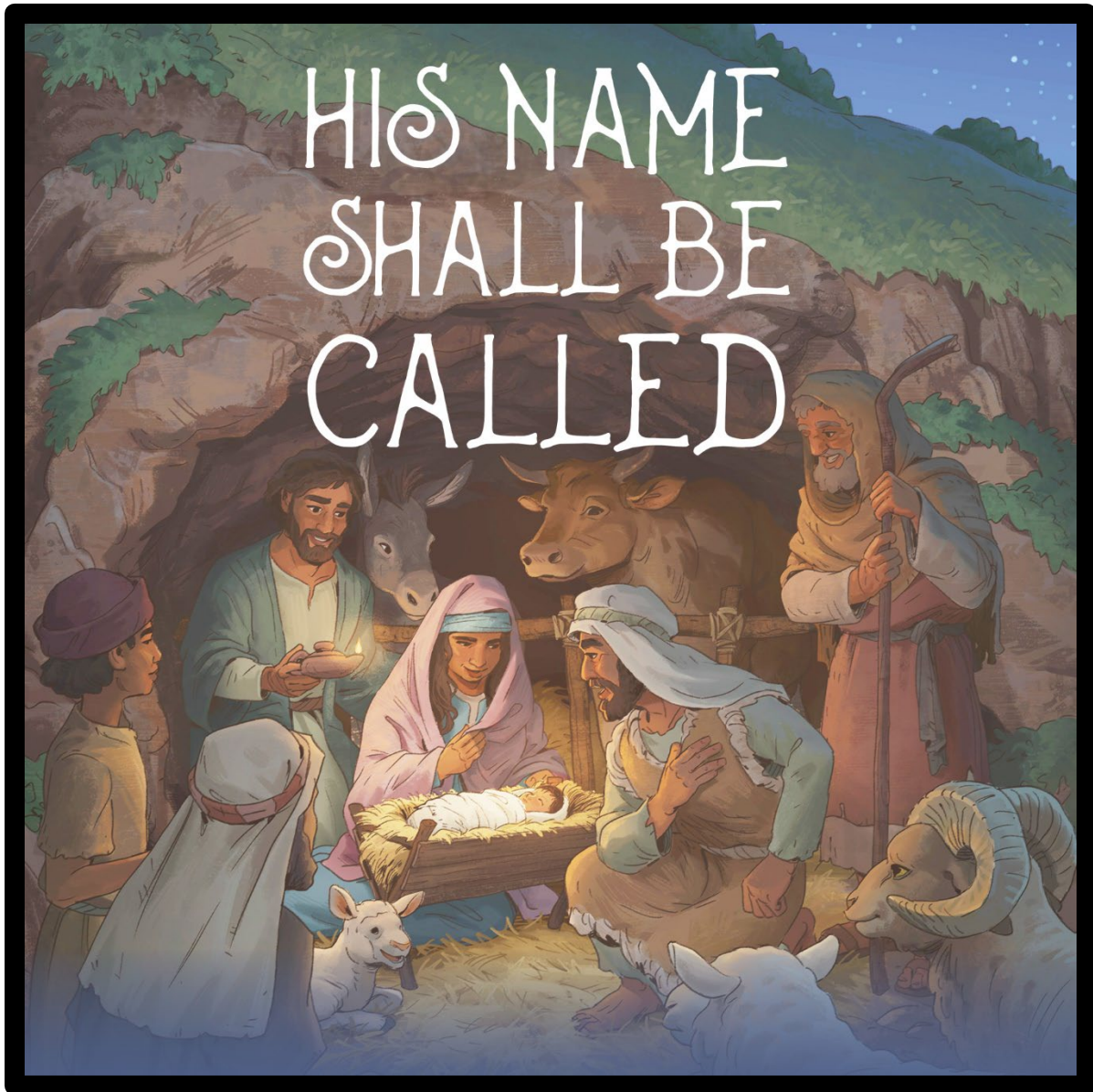
Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



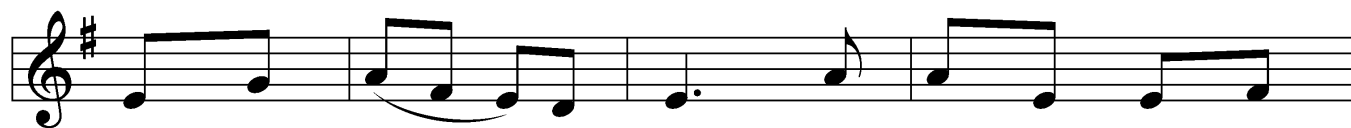
Sunday School Christmas Program
December 8, 2024
10:30am

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

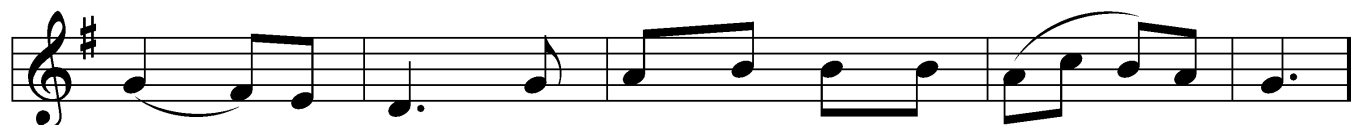
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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

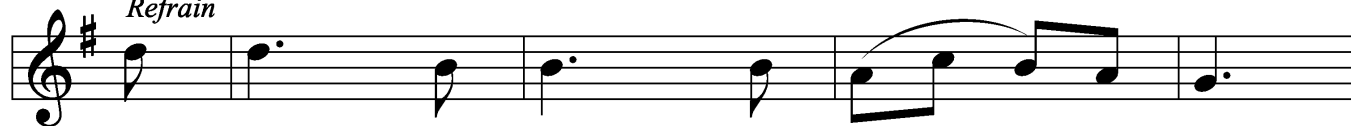


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

Opening Responses

Isaiah 9:6

- P** To us ...
C a child is born!
P To us ...
C a son is given!
P His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor
C **Mighty God,**
P Everlasting Father,
C **the Prince of Peace.**

- P** Creator. Heavenly Father. Good Shepherd. Lamb of God. Holy Spirit. Jesus. These are just a few of the many names of God that we read in the Bible. Each name describes our one true God and what He does for us. At Christmastime, we hear five special names of God from the prophet Isaiah: Immanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. But what do these names mean, and why does Isaiah use them to describe the promised Savior? Today, our Sunday School children and youth will help us find out!

We Three Kings

Sung by all

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
Refrain

Refrain

Oh __, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

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THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN

In Old Testament times, God sent the prophet Isaiah to unbelieving King Ahaz and God's people living in Judah. Ahaz and the people did not trust that God could save them from their enemies. They had turned away from God, just as people have done since the time of Adam and Eve and the first sin in the garden.

But God would not give up on His people! He had promised Adam and Eve that He would send a Savior to bring all people back to Him. Through the many years that followed, God continued to remind His people about the Savior He would send.

When you walk in the darkness without a lantern, it is hard to see where you are going. You could easily get hurt or lost. Walking in darkness is how Isaiah describes people who don't trust and believe in God. But God doesn't leave us in the dark! Jesus came to be the light that shines in the darkness. Isaiah 9 verse 2 tells us: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." Jesus is the light of the world!

The light of the world would come as a baby, born of a virgin. Isaiah tells about the birth of this baby, a new king who would come from David's kingly line and who would rule over an everlasting kingdom. The new king is the promised Messiah, Jesus.

Isaiah describes the Messiah using names that show us His power and authority: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".

SONG: **Wonderful Counselor**

*For to us a child is born, To us a son is given
And the government, Will be on His shoulders
And He will be called, He will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*

✠ WONDERFUL COUNSELOR ✠

The first name Isaiah gives Jesus the Messiah is *Wonderful Counselor*. A counselor is someone who gives advice, or counsel. The world often gives bad advice that leads us away from God into darkness. Jesus gives wonderful, lifegiving counsel—the Good News of salvation.

We hear this wonderful counsel from Jesus in His words recorded in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

SONG: For All Have Sinned/For God So Loved the World

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory, the glory of God.

For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son. That whoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

✠ MIGHTY GOD ✠

✠ IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US ✠

The second and third names Isaiah gives to Jesus are *Mighty God* and *Immanuel*.

God sent Isaiah to King Ahaz and the Israelites, telling them to repent of their sins and turn back to the Lord. Only the one true God could deliver them from their enemies. And one day, God would deliver all people from our greatest enemies: sin, death, and the power of the devil.

God gave them a sign to show He would do this. Isaiah 7 verse 14 says, “The Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” The name *Immanuel* means “God with us.” The child born of a virgin would be God Himself! God Himself would come to earth and be born a human baby in order to save us and to bring us back to Him.

Before Jesus was born, God sent an angel to proclaim this miraculous news to Joseph. Matthew chapter 1 tells the story, “An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,

Gabriel: ‘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. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).”

What wonderful, happy news! Jesus our Savior is true God and true man. Jesus is Mighty God.

SONG: What A Mighty God We Serve

*What a Mighty God we serve! What a
Mighty God we serve! Angels bow before
Him. Heaven and earth adore Him. What a
Mighty God we serve!*

✠ Everlasting Father ✠

Isaiah gives the baby born in Bethlehem a fourth name: *Everlasting Father*. Jesus is the Son of God, but He has the heart of a father toward His people. Jesus rules over His kingdom as a loving father. He is the *Everlasting Father*—Jesus has no beginning and no end, and His kingdom is eternal.

Isaiah 9 verse 7 says, “Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.”

✠ Prince of Peace ✠

Prince of Peace is the fifth name Isaiah gives the promised Messiah. We all want peace in our lives and in our world. Only Jesus gives us true peace—peace with God. Jesus won that peace for us when He went to the cross to pay for our sins. Jesus told His disciples, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”.

SONG: **Peace I Leave with You**

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

The child born in Bethlehem is Jesus, the Messiah. He is our Immanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace! And now this is His story. The nativity story. Of how God came to earth to dwell with us as man. This is the account of the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. From Luke chapter 2:

✝ THE NATIVITY STORY ✝

Joseph: “In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.”

Mary: “[He went there] to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Shepherd: “And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

Gabriel: And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.’

Shepherd: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!’”

SONG: Glory to God in the Highest

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared
with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the
highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.
Glory to God in the highest.*

Shepherd: “When the angels went away from them into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go over to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the
Lord has made known to us.’ And they went with haste and
found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Gabriel: And when they saw it, they made known the saying that
had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it
wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured
up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the
shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they
had heard and seen, as it had been told them” (Luke 2:15–20).

SONG: Away in a Manger / Silent Night

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The starts in the sky look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay*

*Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon’ virgin, mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace*

Jesus Christ came for all people, and all who believe in Jesus as
Lord and Savior belong to His eternal kingdom. God showed His desire
for all to be saved when He placed a star in the heavens to guide us Wise
Men from the East to the Savior of the world.

We read from Matthew chapter 2: “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.’ ” That special star guided us Wise Men to the place where Jesus was.

Star: “The star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

The star led us to the place where Jesus was. Jesus, the Light of World, leads us to God, for He is our salvation and the only way to eternal life in heaven. We are Christians if we believe and accept this true story.

Star: And now it is our turn to be a shining light pointing the way for others to also find Jesus. Our Savior, our Redeemer. Our Immanuel, God with Us. Our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

SONG: This Little Gospel Light of Mine

*This little gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine ... (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine let it shine*

*Hide it under a bushel, NO!...
Don't let Satan (blow) it out...
Let it point the way to heaven...
All around the neighborhood...*

SONG: Joy to the World!

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing*

All children return to their seats.

Hymn: 412 The People That in Darkness Sat *LSB 412 sts. 1, 3-6*



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -
 5 His righ - teous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver
 △ 6 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The
 all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His
 Thine a - lone, Who with the Fa - ther ev - er art And



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.
 reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, one, And Ho - ly Spir - it, one.

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P O Lord, our God, You declared Israel to be Your people and brought them out of Egypt. You desired their salvation even when they would not listen to Your voice. Since You have called and gathered us also to be Your people, open our hearts to listen and gladly submit to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, send forth pastors and missionaries to declare Your saving Word to the nations. Preserve them from temptation, protect them in suffering and equip them with every good gift to make known the Christ who still comes to save. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, as You call and gather us into Your family, so bless the households of this congregation. Bless husbands and wives, fathers and mothers as they go about their work of strengthening marriage and raising children. Let their love abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, and fill their homes with the righteousness that comes through Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, St. John the Baptist counseled penitent soldiers to go about their military duties according to Your Word. Remember those who serve in the armed forces. Protect them from harm, give them wisdom and courage, and grant that they fulfill their duties honorably. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, Your forerunner prepared the way for the One who is mightier than all: Your Son, Jesus Christ. For His sake, we entrust to You those in need of healing, comfort and rescue [especially _____]. Have mercy upon them, deliver them according to Your will and strengthen them in faith, that they might be assured of Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, You sent Your Son to purify us, that we might be righteous and holy before You. Deliver us from the love of sin, which defiles us and stains our works. Cleanse our hearts by Your grace, so that we may delight in Your promises and our works would be pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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

P Heavenly Father, thank You for fulfilling Your promise to send Your Son to be our Savior. You have given us the best gift of all: the Child in the manger who came to live, die, and rise again for us! In His name we pray.

C Amen.

P To us a child is born,

C to us a son is given.

P Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor,

C our Mighty God,

P the Everlasting Father,

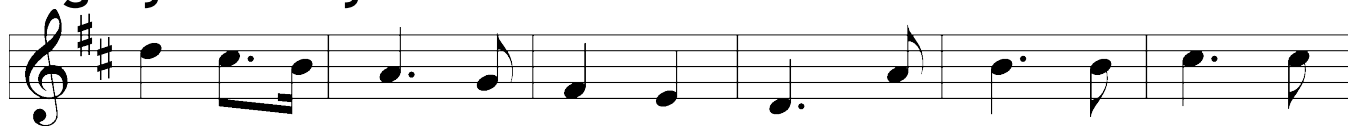
C the Prince of Peace. Thanks be to God!

P The Lord bless and keep you in the joy of Jesus, our Savior. The blessing of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

LSB 387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
joy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today	8:00 AM	Worship Service
Today	9:15 AM	Sunday School Dress Rehearsal
Today	9:30 AM	Bible Study
Today	10:30 AM	Christmas Program Service
Today	11:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Christmas in the Valley
Monday	6:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Monday	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Trail Life & American Heritage Girls
Tuesday	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Walk-in Communion
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Advent II - Morning Worship
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Potluck Supper
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Advent II - Evening Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today in honor of Charlie Djordjevic's birthday.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TODAY is the last day to place your order! Order forms are at the Welcome Center. To place your order, please complete a form and place it along with your remittance into the drop box. Poinsettia plants are \$10 each. Purchases help to further beautify the sanctuary for Christmas and your plants may be taken home after Christmas Day Worship.

LWML BAKE SALE There is a bake sale TODAY during our Christmas in the Valley after the late service until 4:00pm. Baked goods brought in today should be wrapped, priced and ready for sale! All monies will go to Orphan Grain Train and the current flooding victims in southern United States.

PASTORAL CARE Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor. Or visit spvc.org to book an individual time or send a message to Pastor.

PRAYER REQUESTS – To submit a prayer request or join the Prayer Chain, visit our website, spvc.org under Prayer. You can also do both by filling out the back side of the attendance slip or sending an email to prayer@spvc.org.

TITHES & OFFERINGS are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis. This is often a free service of your bank.
4. Visit www.spvc.org and click on "Give Online" - you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES Pastor is providing individual communion opportunity for the foreseeable future. Check the posted times for “walk-in” communion below.

“Walk-In” times at Church: Sundays, 12:00 – 2:00pm & Tuesdays, 5pm - 7pm

Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

To schedule a time other than the walk-in times you may call Pastor Zielinski at 440-458-0189 or, visit www.spvc.org and click “Book with Pastor” to see available times for appointments.

WATCH WORSHIP LIVE OR ON-DEMAND 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM.

ONLINE DIRECTORY UPDATE If your mobile app needs updated and it’s asking for an “online code” please use “SPVC” and that should reconnect the app.

HEARING AIDS? Do you wear hearing aids? If they’re able to connect to your phone we have an app to help you hear the spoken-word parts of the worship service (readings, prayers, sermon, etc.). Download the “Audiofetch” app then connect to the “Audiofetch” wifi here at church. See Rev. Streeper if you need help getting set up.

HEALTH & SAFETY There is a black First Aid bag hung in the vestibule containing emergency supplies. Some of the contents include bandages, instant glucose, breathing barriers, and blood pressure equipment. Please see Beth Bremke if you would like training in the use of these supplies.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS are available in the Narthex hallway, please take a copy home today.

PORTALS OF PRAYER The 2025 January-March devotion booklets are available on the Welcome Table and in the Narthex hallway, please take a copy home today.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES offers a wonderful daily devotion with Scriptures & Reflection Questions. Go to www.lhm.org and click on Today’s Devotion.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE, ISRAEL & FOREIGN MISSIONS We continue to take offerings to provide relief to Lutheran church partners who suffer calamity in these areas. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

WIGGLE BAGS Please help yourself to these goody bags that hold activities kids may engage and participate in the worship service. Hopefully this will help alleviate stress for parents who are worried about their child making it through the whole service, but more importantly, they help teach kids that “big church” is for them too. Please take a moment to collect all the contents of the Wiggle Bags and return it to the “Used Wiggle Bag” plastic bin after the Worship Service. We continue to be thankful for Sandy Turner, Jean Wadle and the others who are keeping up with providing clean Wiggle Bags each week. Donated supplies may be given to Sandy or Jean. Thank you.

RECYCLING BULLETINS You are encouraged to take both your regular and large print worship bulletins home with you to use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions and for the updated schedule and announcements. If you would like, you may drop bulletins in the blue recycle bin in the Narthex hallway upon exiting the service. It is not necessary to disassemble the large print bulletin before taking it home. The recycle bin is only for bulletin materials – please, no garbage. ***Thank you!***

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	SERVICE	1-Dec SUNDAY	8-Dec SUNDAY 8AM - Communion 10:30AM - Childrens Christmas No communion	15-Dec SUNDAY	22-Dec SUNDAY	29-Dec SUNDAY
		Communion		Communion	Communion	Communion
ELDER	8am	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Chris Duran
	10:30am	Dave Hesketh	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Jim Jackson	Dave Hesketh
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Mike Scahel	Steve Kato	Mark Gordon	Mike Scahel
	10:30am	Eric Gottl	Rich Proeschel	Brian Dearth	Eric Gottl	Rich Proeschel
GREETERS	8am	David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke	Steve & Colleen Kato	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	David & Mackenzie Duran
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Barb Pijor	Joe Bennett	Steve Kato	Barb Pijor
ELDER INFO	Stephen Kato 330-242-7183	Tim Wadle 216-214-7109	Jim Jackson 330-391-6393	Chris Duran 216-577-5164	Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076	Dave Hesketh 330-410-6150

	SERVICE	December 4 WEDNESDAY	December 11 SUNDAY	December 18 SUNDAY	December 24 TUESDAY	December 25 WEDNESDAY Communion
ELDER	11:30am	Tim Wadle / Jim Rafter	Tim Wadle / Jim Rafter	Tim Wadle / Jim Rafter	Steve Kato / 11:30am Chris Duran	10AM Steve Kato
	7PM	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Jim Jackson	4pm Steve Kato / Sam Jakabcic 7pm Steve Kato / Jim Jackson	
USHERS	8am				Elders to find volunteers	Elders to find volunteers
	10:30am					
GREETERS	8am				Elders to find volunteers	Elders to find volunteers
	10:30am					

Prayers for Worship

On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

After worship

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

Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Before communing

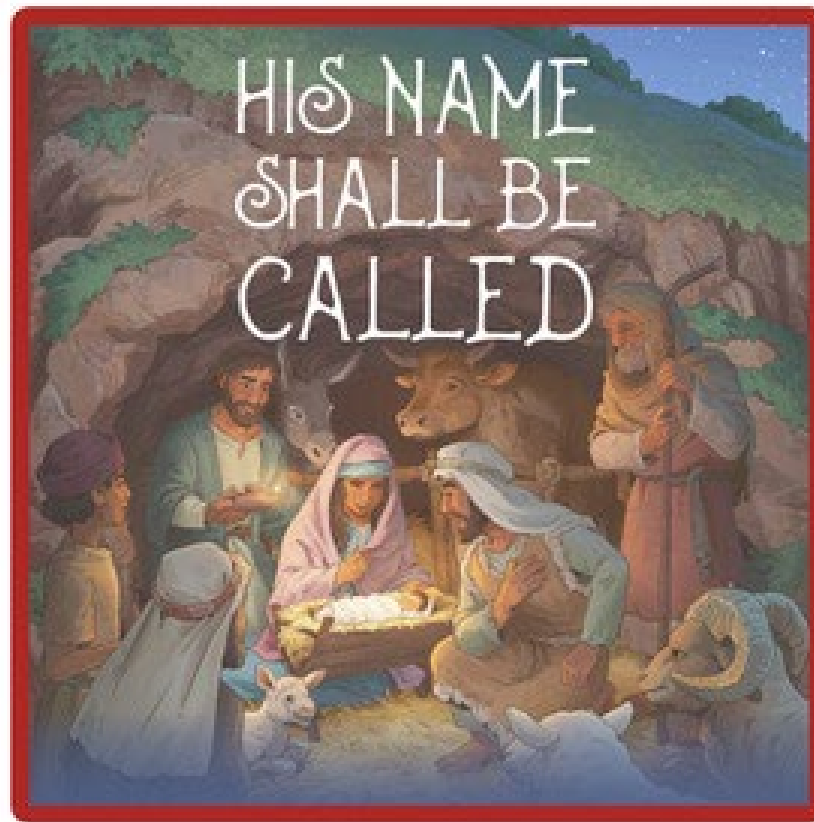
Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



**Wednesdays
in Advent**

11:30 am & 7:00pm
(study @ 10am) (supper @ 6pm)
December 4, 11, & 18

Christmas Tea 2pm, Sunday, December 1

Sunday School Sunday, December 8
Christmas Program 10:30am

Christmas Eve 11:30am 11am Carols by Request
Candlelight Lessons and Carols
4:00pm & 7:00pm
3:30pm & 6:30pm Carols by Request

Christmas Day 10:00am

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