Divine Worship at 10:30



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER

Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

SPECIAL NEEDS

We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

GATHERING TIME

Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

The First Sunday in Advent November 29, 2026

"Stay Awake"

AS WE GATHER
God's desire is to forgive. God's desire is to save. God's desire is that we would repent of our sins, turn from our pride, and receive the gifts that Christ died to give us. God wants us to be with Him in heaven. He has done everything to make it happen, and because He died in our place and took the punishment we deserved, today He pleads with us to repent, stay awake, and watch as God's promise is kept.

+ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE I AT 10:30 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME
During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE PRELUDE: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr. Behnke

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH THE PROPHECY CANDLE

Leader: As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, we recall with thanksgiving the vivid and courageous words and actions of the prophets. Called by God and overtaken by the Word, they spoke forth God's truth and pointed to the coming of the Messiah. Their words still call us to faith and to action. We pray:

People: Lord Christ, come among us, and by Your Spirit, grant us courage to speak and to act as those who have been called to carry Your Word to our world. Raise up among us wise and faithful messengers of your grace and peace. In Your name we pray, Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Hymn 341

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand, as you are able)
THE INVOCATION
Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness** (1 John 1:8-9).

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

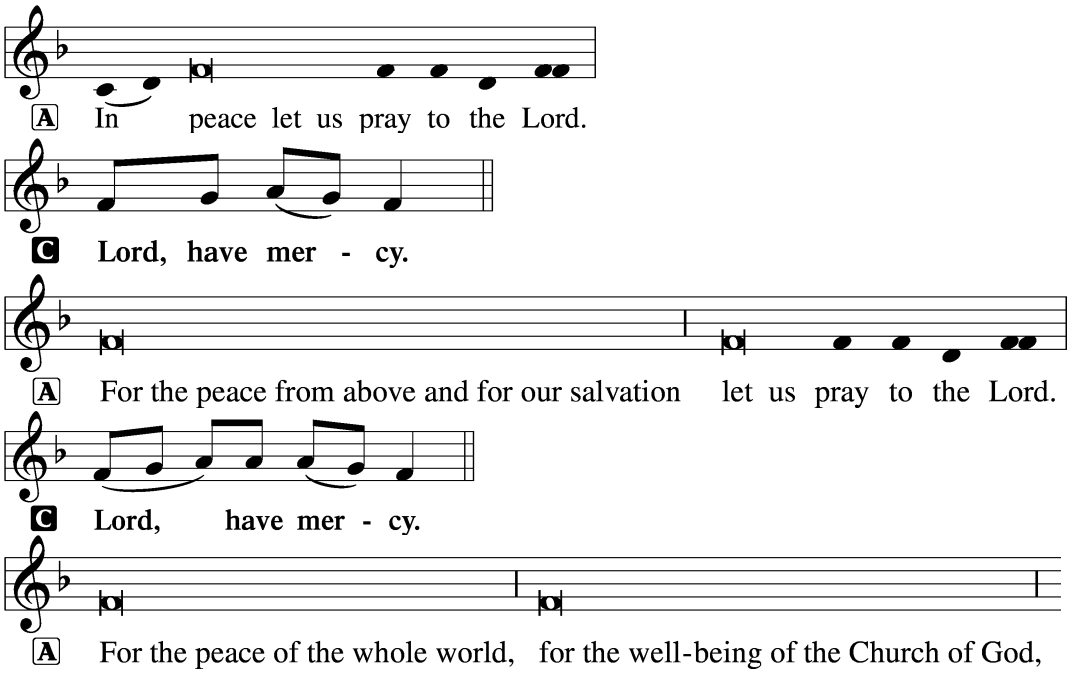
Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

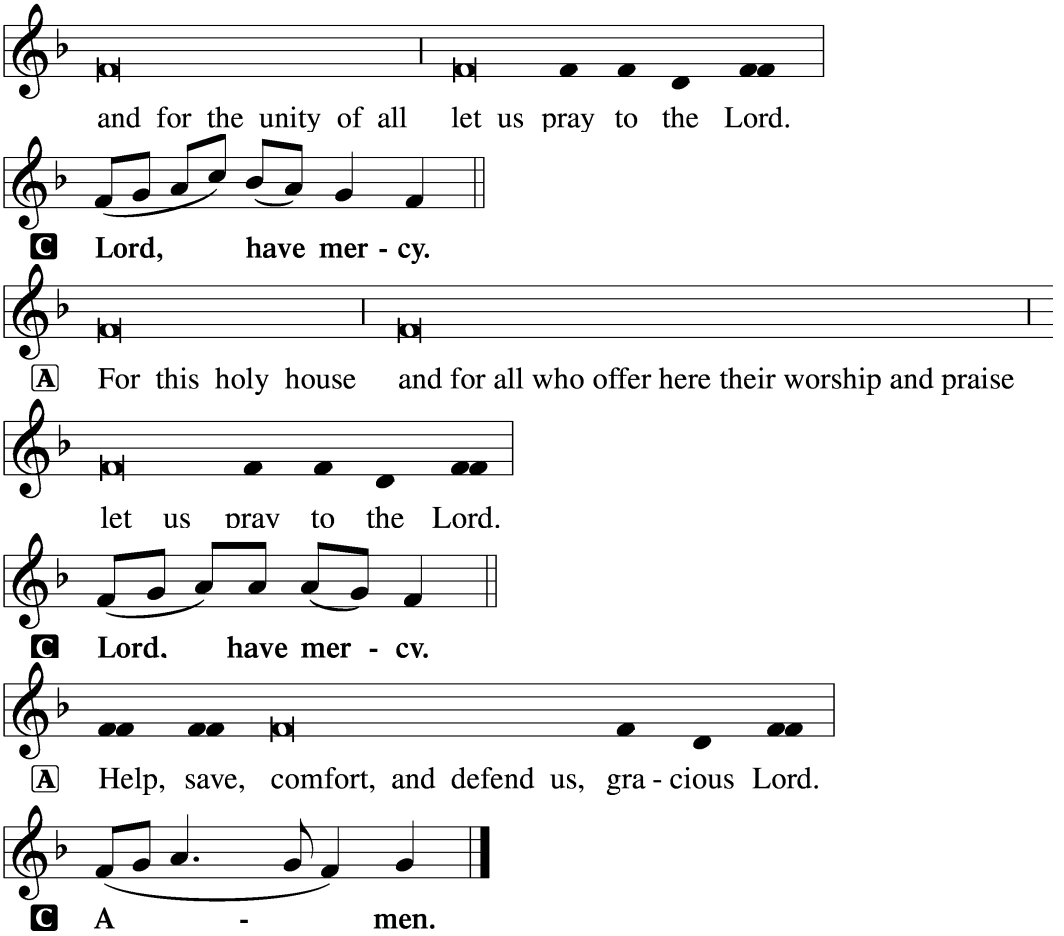
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE KYRIE: **(Congregation sings responsively)** LSB, 152





THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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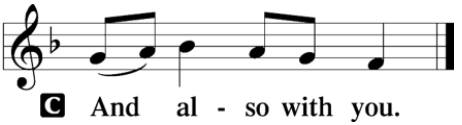
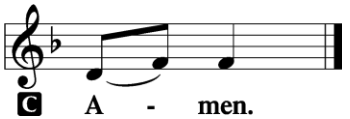


Leader: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:



THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Surely His Salvation" Choir

Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before them
and make their footsteps away.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1–9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake
at your presence— 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to
boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might
tremble at your presence! 3When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4From of old no one has
heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those
who wait for him. 5You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who
remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we
have been a long time, and shall we be saved? 6We have all become like one who is
unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a
leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7There is no one who calls upon
your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face
from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. 8But now, O LORD, you
are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your
hand. 9Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold,
please look, we are all your people.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

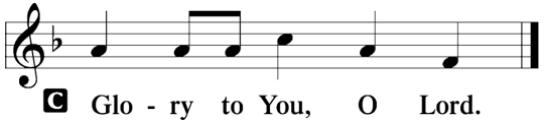
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks
to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ
Jesus, 5that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—
6even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE Choir

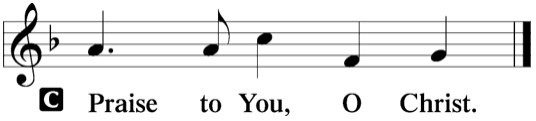
Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love,
O Lord, and give us your salvation. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:24–37
Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.
People:



[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the
moon will not give its light, 25and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers
in the heavens will be shaken. 26And then they will see the Son of Man coming in
clouds with great power and glory. 27And 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.
28"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. 29So also, when you see these things
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly, I say to you, this
generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 31Heaven and earth will
pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32"But concerning that day or that hour,
no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Be
on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34It 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. 35Therefore 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— 36lest he come suddenly
and find you asleep. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People:



THE NICENE CREED **(Spoken together)** Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)
THE SERMON HYMN: **"Savior of the Nations Come"** Hymn 332
**(Verses 1-2-All, Verse 3-Women, Verse 4-Men, Verse 5-Choir,
Verses 6-8-All; Please stand for verse 8)**

THE SERMON Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info.
We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Prepare" J. Paige

(Please stand as you are able)
THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: For the Lord's grace and peace as we enter another Church Year, that God who is faithful would confirm the testimony about Christ among us as we wait for His revealing, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That the Lord would renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians, that we may be enriched in all speech and knowledge, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives; for the children entrusted to their care; for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect; and for those who open their homes to children in foster care, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our nation, its leaders and our armed forces, that God would take them under His care and let His blessing rest upon them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the sick, troubled, grieving and dying, that they may receive grace according to God's merciful will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Gracious Father, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the good news of our Savior and receive Your gifts. Preserve Your Church against all her enemies, and lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your paths, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

THE PREFACE: (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

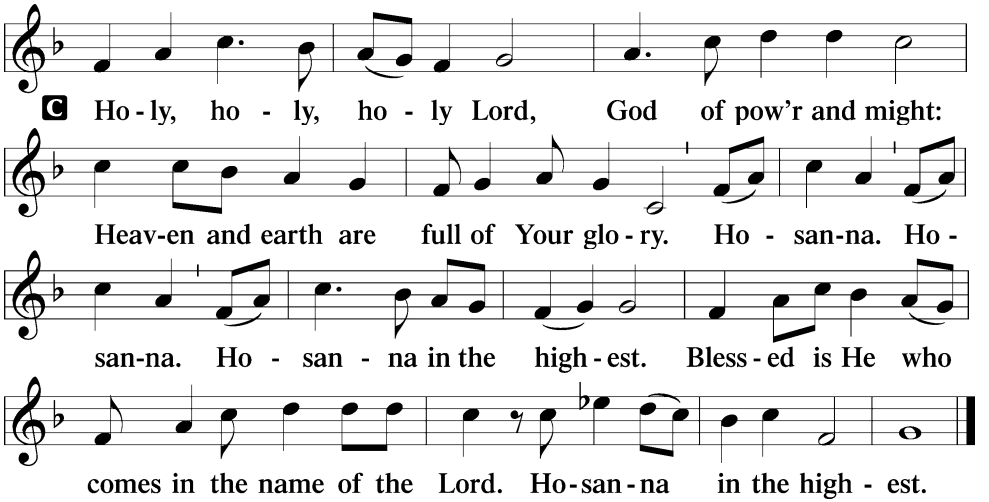
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the long hoped-for Messiah, to bring us salvation. Pour out on us the gift of Your Spirit, that we receive Your blessings with thankfulness. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever:

THE SANCTUS: (Sung by the congregation) LSB, 161



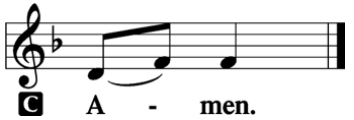
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

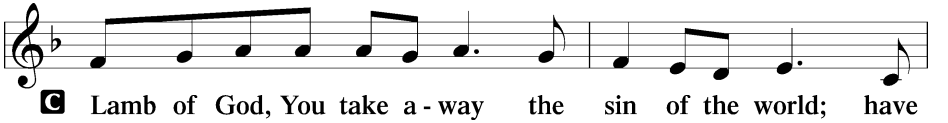
THE PEACE OF THE LORD

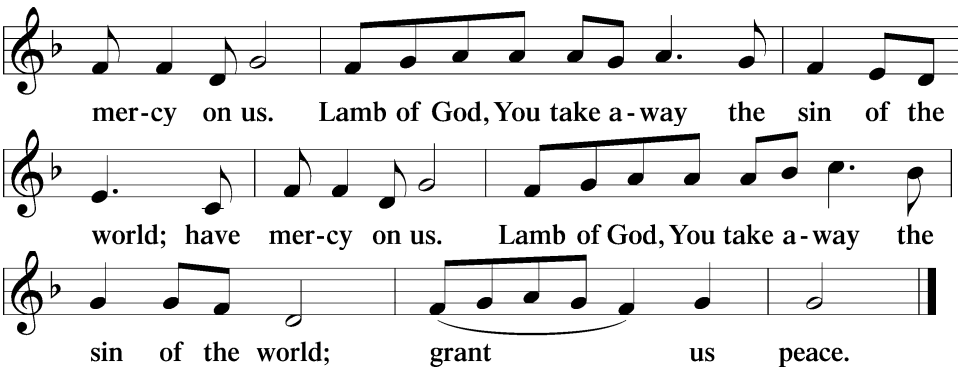
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People:



THE AGNUS DEI: (Sung by the congregation) LSB, 163





(Please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served by stations)

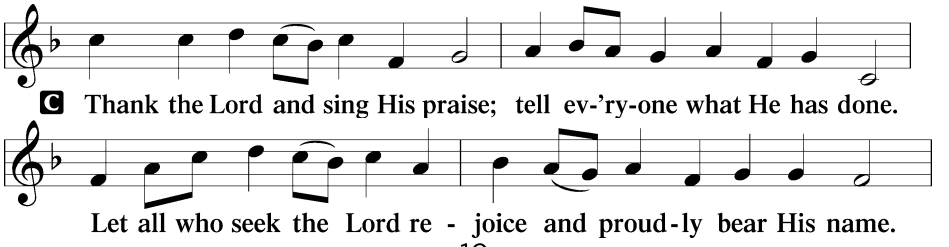
When Jesus said, "This is My Body…This is My Blood," He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus' body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God's love, which we don't deserve, cannot explain, and don't even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord's Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your heart. The individual cups located in the center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

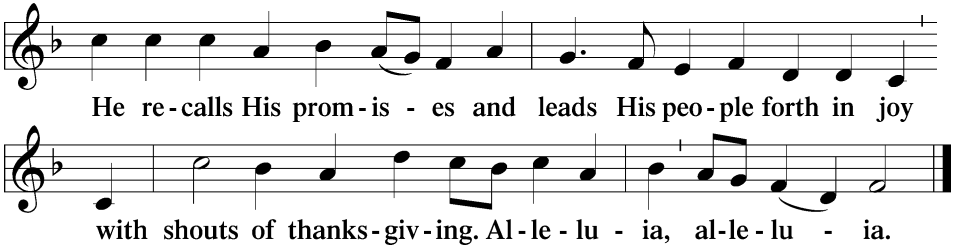
THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors"	Hymn 339
"See That Star"	J. Hunnicutt
"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"	Hymn 353
"Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"	Hymn 529

THE DISMISSAL

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Sung by the congregation) LSB, 165

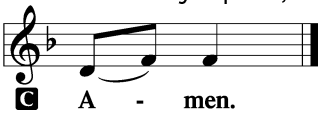




THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB, 166

Leader: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

People:



THE BENEDICTION

Leader: 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.

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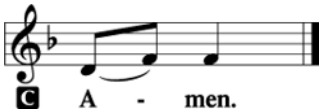

THE CLOSING HYMN: "O Sing of Christ" Hymn 362

THE POSTLUDE: "Savior of the Nations Come" arr. C. Ore

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 40:1-11; Ps. 85; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

THE CHRISTMAS GREENS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Nina Vorich and Jeff Peterson from Larry and Becky VonGunten, Jason Lester and Jacob Lester.

SERVING

Acolyte	Andrew Herber
Organ	Myra Schmidt
Altar Guild	Sandy Ely, Jodi Harwood, Bill and Jewell LaBrash, Aly Wedeven
Usher Crew 4	Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Thomas Bay, Dave Behling, Troy Hockemeyer, Dick Shively, Steve Williams, David Wyss

Communion	Chuck Werth, Justin Arkkelin, Jon Bay, Bill Brace
Closer	Brett and Kirsten Moravec
Audio	Chris Darby

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
    - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Faith Behling, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Renee Bleke, Mark Wasson (brother of Cheri Maxwell), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Kevin Hoffman, Jeff Springer, Jodie Karrick, Jen Harless, Matt Bennett (Ty Bennett's brother), William Kieser (godson of Caleb and Hannah Swor)
    - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Linda Barnes, Caroline Eber, Renee Bleke, Mary Gynn, Bob Dietrich, Pam Bryan, Edna Heckber, Bob Klausmeier, Jen Harless, Karen Wyss, Ed Davis, Nikol Christlieb, Kristen Labahn, Christi Everson
    - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Sherry (friend of Barb and Gary Lesh), Ed and Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Dennis McFadden, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Linda Raatz, Jeff Dunham (brother-in-law of Scott and Christi Everson), Doug Bennett (father of Ty Bennett), Sean Breininger, Herb Schumm, Karen Bickhart (daughter of Barry Doege), Tara Bustos (sister of Sean Breininger), Jeff Bennett (father of Faith Harless), Carol Yeoman (friend of Dave and Joni Scheppele), Amy (daughter of Bruce and Linda Novak), Mark Schmotzer (father of Jacob Schmotzer), Tyrone Woods (friend of Chris Smith), Beverly Fox (Christi Everson's mom), Judy Kalb
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
    - Nick and Kendall LaBrash, Will, Ophelia, and Emma

- Lindsay Lackland, Paityn and Bryson
- Micah Lackland
- Mark LaForest
- Ben and Kassee Lamm, Maya and Easton
- David and Denise Lampkins, Brandy
- Lindasue Landis
- Dawn Languell
- Gene and Susan Languell
- Larry and Valerie Lankenau

- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
  - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf – Ponce, Puerto Rico
  - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
  - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
  - Heidi Wilkinson – Ethiopia
  - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
  - Luther Academy
  - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
  - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
  - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260.616.0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:

Callaghan Miller	Austin Hayward	Calvin Chess	Michael Flanagan
Sean Flanagan	Morgan Flanagan	Mordecai Austin	Theodore Vachon
Emerson Ross	Esther Burns	Cameron Etzler	Niyanni Berry
Callum Dan	Natalie Sheafer	Jacob Wiehe	Shaylee Epperson
Willow Hoffman	Endsley Gabet	Hadley Brimmer	Michael Lasley

The Teaching of the Church

Want Help Growing in the Word? Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website http://www.genesbrunotes.com. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the "Sermon Notes Plus" option.

Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth – Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)

3-5 Year Olds	School Room A4
K-1st Grade	School Room A1
2nd-3rd Grade	School Room B3
4th-5th Grade	School Room B5
6th -7th Grade Confirmation	School Room D3
8th Grade Confirmation	Cafeteria
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Ephesians	Sanctuary
Faith, Life, and Worship	LL Ebenezer

Weekday Bible Classes…

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Monday	5:30 p.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
David – The Anointed One	LL Ebenezer	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
@917 Bible Class	Ebenezer Hall	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Friday	6:30 a.m.

The News of the Church

Advent Resources

This year, our daily Advent devotional from Lutheran Hour Ministries is entitled "Love's Pure Light." Through Gospel passages and selections from the Nicene Creed, it points us to Jesus, the Light of the world, in whom the Father has made His love known. You can subscribe to receive this daily devotion, by scanning the QR code.

The weeks leading up to Christmas can get busy! This Advent, we invite your family to slow down and intentionally prepare your hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Prepare Him Room: Rhythms for Advent is a free resource offering simple ways to create meaningful family rhythms through God's Word, prayer, and everyday moments. Scan the QR code to get started!

Chili Cook-Off Update - Special thanks to everyone who prepared chili, donated gift cards, and joined us for this year's Chili Cook-off and Bingo event! Congratulations to our top three chili chefs: Kelly Daseler (1st place), Andy Barnes (2nd place), and Becki Elonzae (3rd place)! Thanks to your generosity, we raised $3,004.32! All proceeds will benefit students participating in the 2027 EYG servant event in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We are grateful for everyone who helped make this event a success!

Upcoming Events & Ministries

Game On is a group of fun-loving people who enjoy playing no stress games. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. This month, on December 1, our game will be Team Christmas Trivia. We always enjoy adding new people to our group! If you have any questions, contact Diane Campbell at newmoon312@gmail.com.

Visual Faith – Join us on Tuesday, December 1, 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we continue creating our 2027 Gratitude & Prayer Journals! Building on last month's workshop, we'll spend the evening getting creative, enjoying fellowship, and preparing our journals to help us grow in gratitude and prayer throughout the coming year. We'll also sprinkle in a little Christmas cheer! Missed last month's workshop? No problem! Everyone is welcome, whether you're continuing your journal or just getting started. All supplies are provided! Please sign up at the Connections Counter or use the QR Code. We look forward to a relaxing, creative evening together!

Emmanuel's LWM/LWML –Our next LWM meeting will take place on Thursday, December 3 in LL Ebenezer. Judy May will lead bible study from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by a service project. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Lunch Bunch - Those of you around 60 or over are encouraged to join us for our annual Christmas Communion service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Tuesday, December 15th. We look forward to having the Early Childhood Children sing for us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and Matt Johnston who will provide our musical accompaniment for this service. Following the special service, we will be served a Christmas meal at a cost of $10.00, payable the day of the lunch in the LL Ebenezer Hall. Call the church office or stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up by Friday, December 11th. You won't want to miss this special way to begin the Christmas season!

Clay & Iron Fall Family Brunch - Men, bring a friend and your family to our brunch for fellowship, encouragement, and a short recap of our Fall theme: "Balance … in Life" on Saturday, December 5, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. **Please sign up by scanning the QR code!** All of you should be getting weekly devotions as well as updates about upcoming gatherings, service projects, prayer requests, special needs,

and more. If you are not receiving these and you wish to be added, please email Billy at will.hofman@gmail.com.

Missions & Outreach

Diaper Donations – Please help LWM support Lutheran Social Services by donating diapers for families in need. Anyone in the congregation wishing to participate is invited to bring a package of diapers (sizes 4, 5, or 6) to the Emmanuel office by December 2. Your generosity will help provide an important resource to those served by Lutheran Social Services. Thank you so much for your support!

Christmas Giving Tree Update - Thank you for your amazing generosity! If you would still like to contribute, cash donations are always welcome and will be used to provide additional food and paper products. Simply use the "Other" line on your offering envelope and mark it "Christmas Giving Tree." For those who took a tag, please return all unwrapped gifts with their tags securely attached by Monday, November 30, and consider joining us for our Wrapping Party on Friday, December 4, at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping make Christmas brighter for those in need!

Santa Shop for Washington Elementary School – Santa Shop offers students at Washington School the opportunity to "shop" for items that they can gift to family members for Christmas. The shop is seeking donations of $1 to $5 gift items, as well as gift bags in all sizes. Please bring your donation(s) to the church by Friday, December 4. To sign up to help wrap gifts (Monday, December 14 – Thursday, December 17), please contact Diane Witzenman at 260.249.1307. Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity to Washington Elementary School!

King's Community Outreach Christmas Food Distribution - Once again, Emmanuel is partnering with Rev. Lewis King and King's Community Outreach to help provide Christmas meals for families in our community. Last year, Emmanuel generously donated more than 1,000 cans of green beans! This year, we hope to collect 1,000 cans of green beans and 500 boxes of instant mashed potatoes. These donations may be dropped off in Ebenezer Hall throughout November. Volunteers are also welcome to help with the food distribution on Saturday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m., at McMillen Park Community Center. Thank you for helping share Christ's love with our neighbors this Christmas season!

Wellspring's Child's Full Plate Initiative - For many local children, winter break means losing access to the breakfast and lunch they receive at school. Wellspring's Child's Full Plate initiative helps fill that gap by providing free boxes of nutritious, kid-friendly food that children can prepare themselves. Just $50 provides a box of food for one child, helping ensure they have meals throughout winter break. Please consider supporting this important ministry and helping make sure no child goes hungry this holiday season. Donations can be made online at Child's Full Plate or by mailing a check to Wellspring, 1316 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Community Connections

Visit the CTSFW Bookstore on December 5 – On December 5, the CTSFW Bookstore will host its first Fort Wayne Community Shopping Day from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Browse our selection of CPH bestsellers, Christian children's books, Christmas books and cards, and Bibles and devotionals. Admission will also lead campus tours—where you can see the new windows in Kramer Chapel (11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.) Visitors can also enter to win a free book and enjoy refreshments courtesy of CTSFW Advancement. We hope to see you there!

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School (11565 N US HWY 27, Decatur, IN) is hosting a craft show on Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All proceeds are directed towards the Washington D.C. class trips. Vendor booths are still available. If you are interested in a booth or would like more information, please email craftshow@wyneken.org.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: $2,176,850	Anticipated Need Through November: $2,199,305

DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: $120	Year to Date: $13,010

CUP OF KINDNESS

Distributed by Lutheran Social Services to local families who have crisis needs.

Last Week: $135	Year to Date: $4,937

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received:	Mortgage Balance:	Total Cost*
$7,175,605	$300,000	$7,482,494

*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, November 30
6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion
7:30 a.m. Advent Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms

Tuesday, December 1
7:30 a.m. Advent Morning Prayer
5:00 p.m. Mission Meeting
6:00 p.m. Visual Faith
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7:30 a.m. Advent Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
9:30 a.m. ESM Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Advent Church Service

Thursday, December 3
7:30 a.m. Advent Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
1:00 p.m. LWM
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, December 4
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7:30 a.m. Advent Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. Christmas Wrappers

Saturday, December 5
10:00 a.m. Clay and Iron Men's Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Funeral – Pastor Gene Brunow
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, December 6
8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
4:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls
6:00 p.m. EYG Christmas Party

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2026

Weekdays at 7:30 a.m.
Advent Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Advent Worship with Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m
Advent Worship with Evening Prayer
Junior Chorale

Thursday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
ESM Christmas Vespers at Purdue Fort Wayne

Sunday, December 13, at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School's Journey to Bethlehem

Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Advent Worship with Evening Prayer
Handbell Choir

Thursday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

Thursday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship Service
Junior Chorale, Chancel Choir, and Festival Orchestra

Thursday, December 24, at 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
Chancel Choir and Festival Orchestra

Friday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Worship Service
Chancel Choir

Friday, December 25, at 12:00 p.m.
Christmas Caroling at Lutheran Life Villages
(9802 Coldwater Road)

Thursday, December 31, at 7:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve Worship Service
Celebration of Holy Communion

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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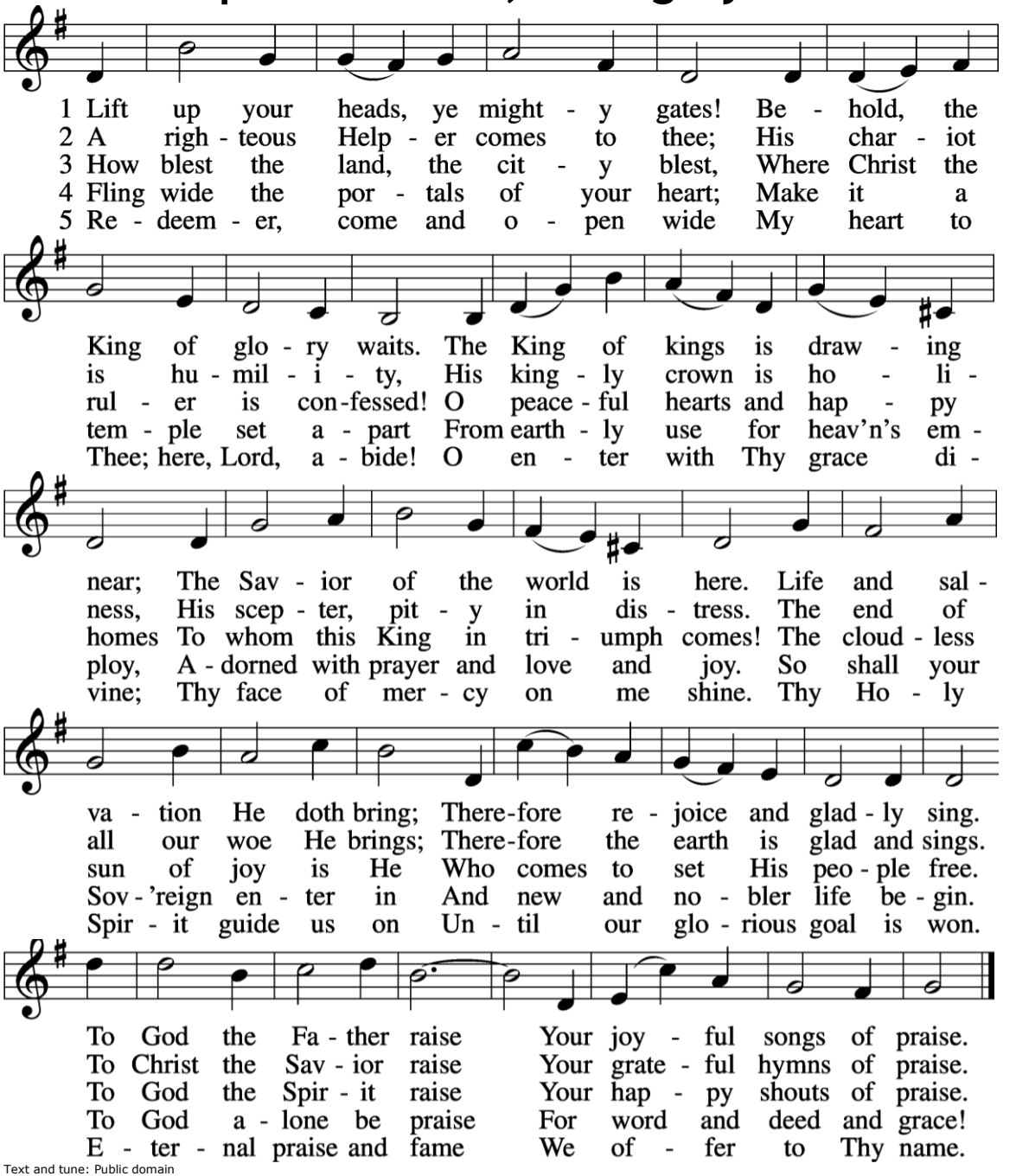

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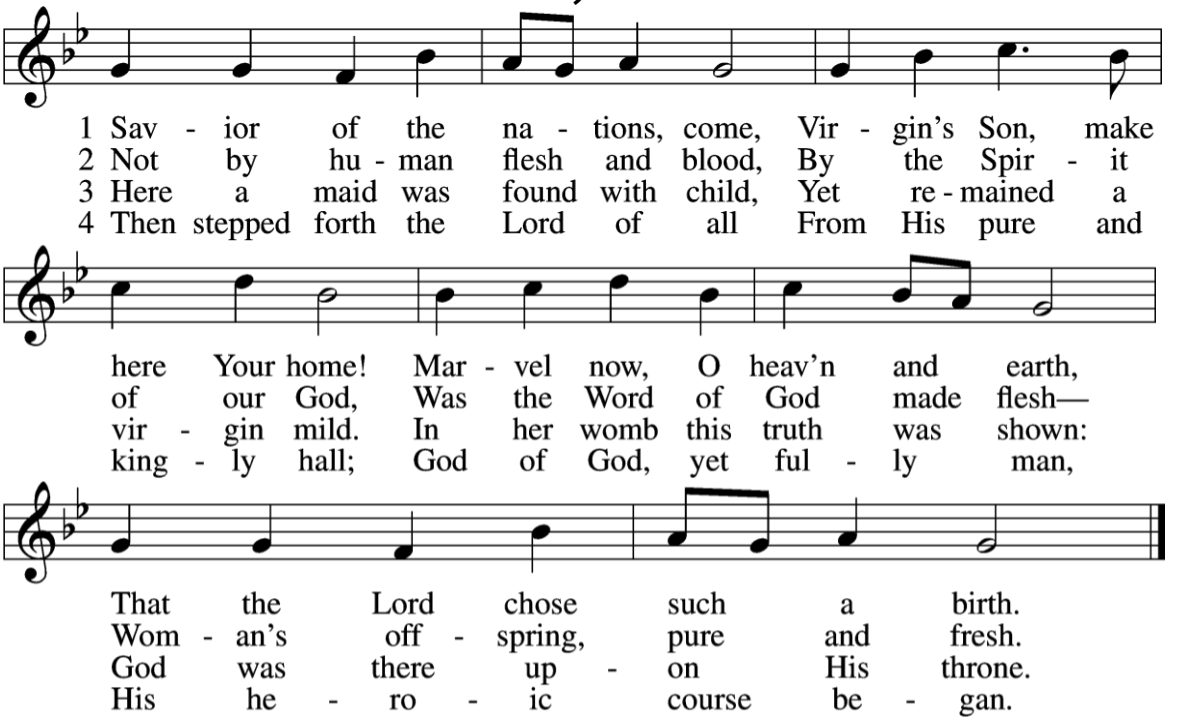

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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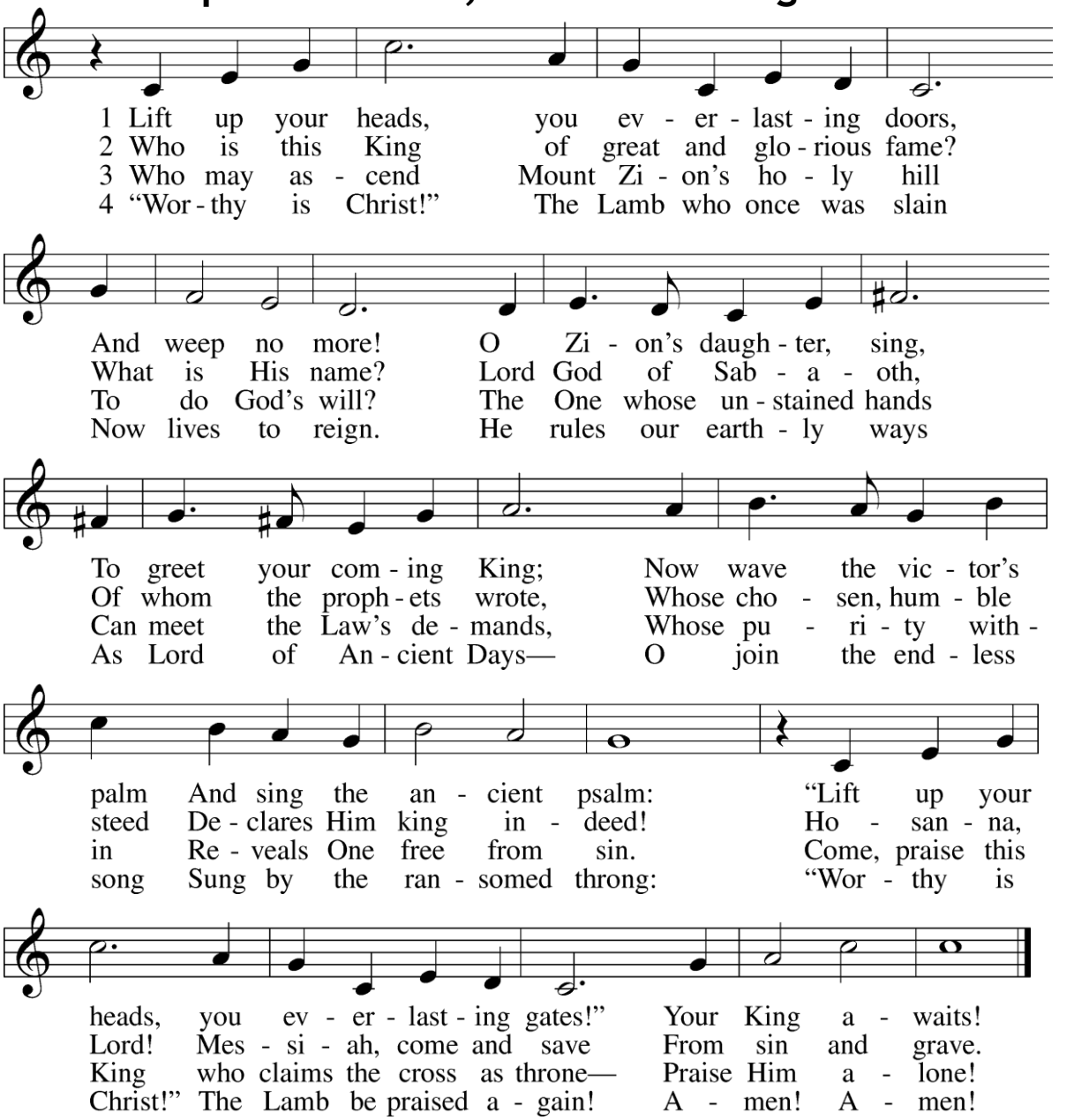

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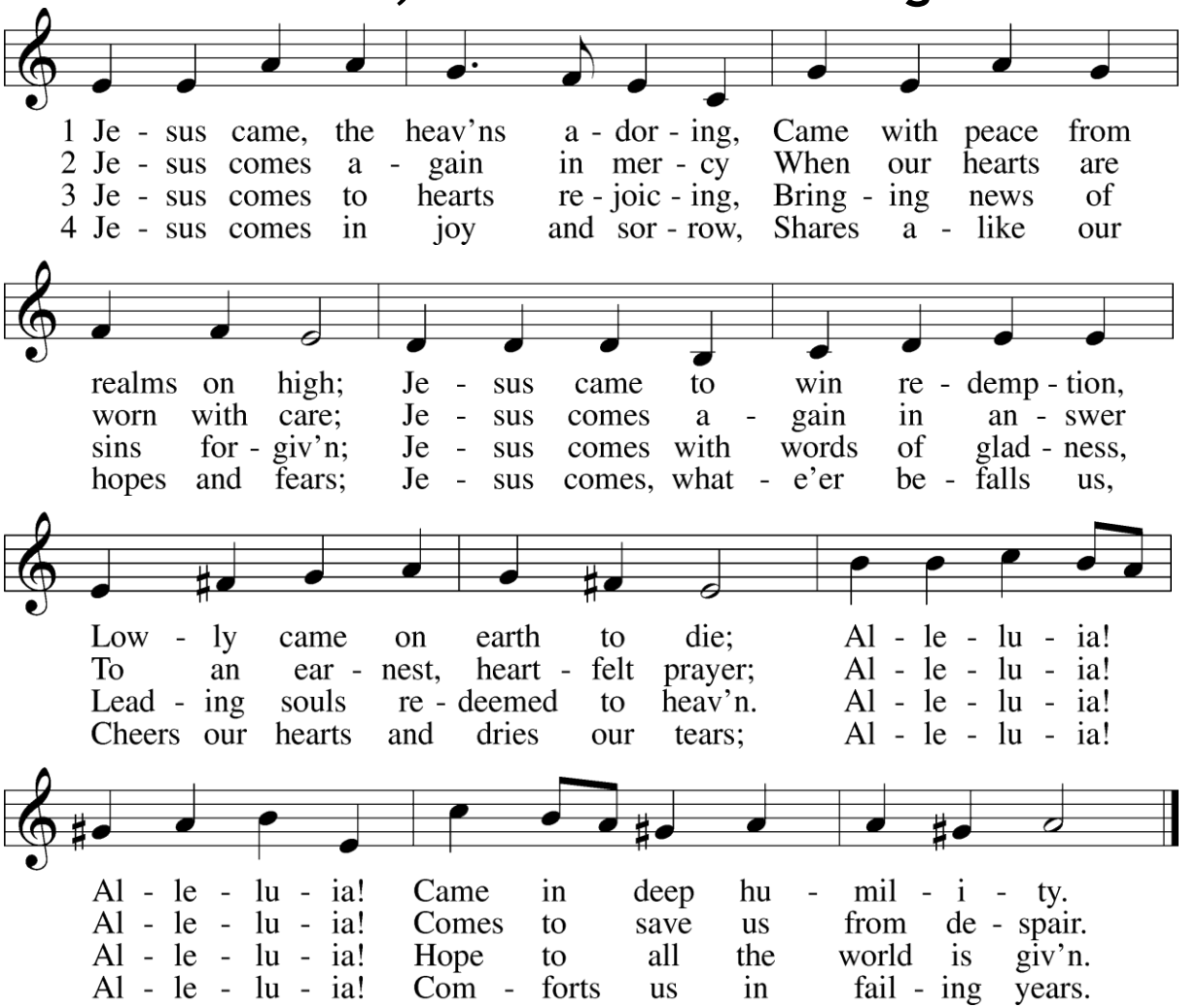

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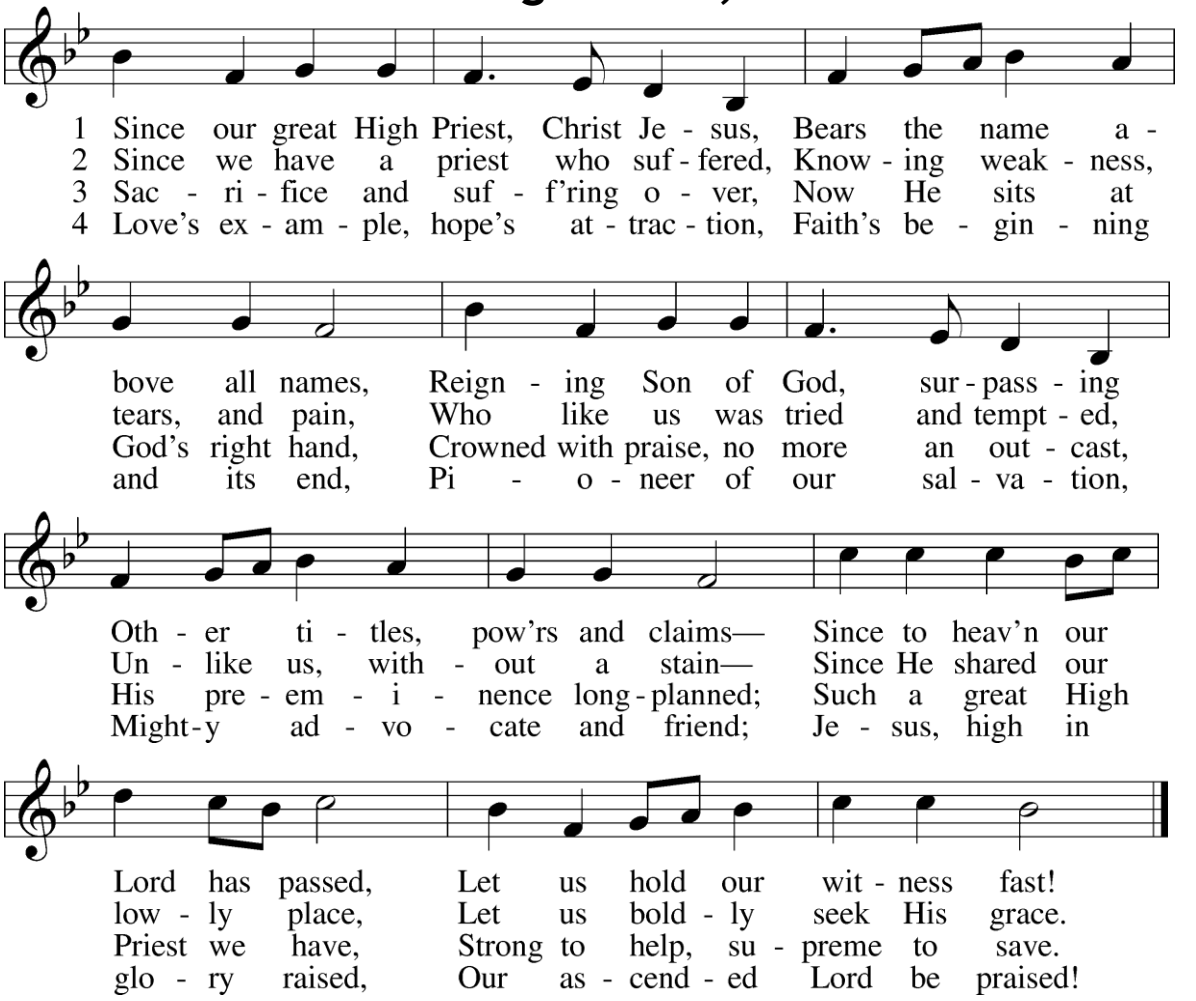

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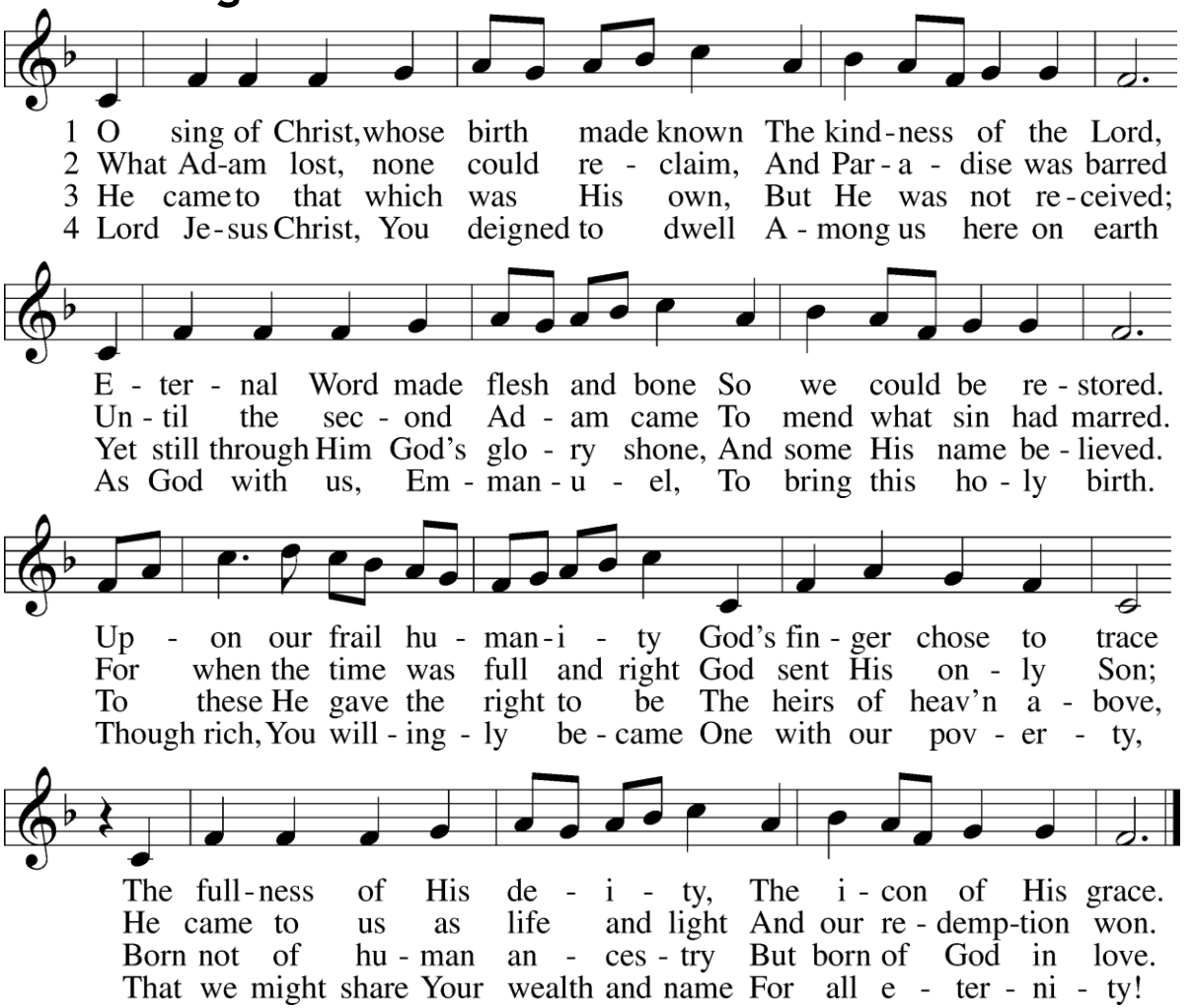

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