

# First Sunday after Christmas

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

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December 28, 2025

10:00am Divine Service One

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Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Prelude-Processional

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen

Johann Gottfried Wlather

Opening Hymn

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

Hymn 389 sts. 1-4, 7

1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our  
Δ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,  
glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His  
we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And  
give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.  
Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

Text (sts. 1, 3–4, 7): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001; (st. 2): tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Text and tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561. Text (sts. 1, 3–4, 7):  
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## Invocation Psalm

Psalm 111:1-6

P: Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

**C: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

P: Great are the works of the LORD,

**C: studied by all who delight in them.**

P: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

**C: and His righteousness endures forever.**

P: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

**C: the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

P: He provides food for those who fear Him;

**C: He remembers His covenant forever.**

P: He has shown His people the power of His works,

**C: in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

## Confession and Absolution

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

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

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

**C: 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.**

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.**

## Introit

Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1

P: When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

**C: Thus says the Lord: “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.**

P: Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”

**C: Thus says the Lord: “Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears,**

P: for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord,  
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

**C: There is hope for your future, declares the Lord,  
and your children shall come back to their own country.”**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

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

P: When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

Hymn 386



1 Now sing we, now re - joice,	Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me;	I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine	The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found?	Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth	Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it,	O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us	Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing	With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth	The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it,	Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us	A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing	In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art!	Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee!	Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there!	May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there!	Oh, that we were there!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

**C: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7-14

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely."  
And he became their Savior.  
In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.  
But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,  
and himself fought against them.  
Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.  
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is he who put in the midst of them  
his Holy Spirit,  
who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,  
who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.  
Like livestock that go down into the valley,  
the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest.  
So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

## Alleluia and Verse

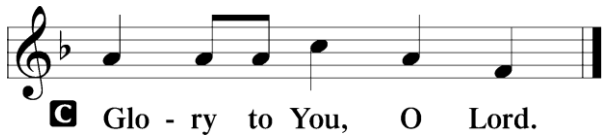
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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

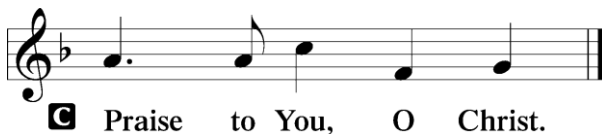
When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated*

## Children’s Message

*Please stand*

## Hymn of the Day

## “From East to West”

Hymn 385

1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry  
2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and  
3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,  
4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -  
△ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the  
heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom  
fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our  
in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -  
bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the  
Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O  
Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.  
mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.  
yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.  
Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.  
Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826–93, alt. Tune: Geistliche lieder, 1539, Leipzig, ed. Valtin Schumann. Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

*Rev. Dr. Arthur Spomer*

*Please stand*

## **Creed**

### **Catechism - The Second Article**

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

**A: What does this mean?**

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:**

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**A: For the renewal of our fellowship as the Body of Christ; and for families, husbands and wives, the single, those who desire marriage, and the lonely who yearn to know the comfort of friendship and family, let us pray to the Lord:**

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**A: For the sick and those who suffer, that the Lord would grant them healing in accordance with His will, and for those who give aid and care to the sick, let us pray to the Lord:**

**C: Lord, have mercy.**



A: For our communion this day in the body and blood of Christ, that we may receive this Sacrament with faith and be strengthened by it; and that the Lord would soon bring unity of faith and doctrine so that all divisions may cease and we may be fully one at the altar, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: That the Holy Spirit would increase our joy and sustain us in this joy and thanksgiving throughout the days of this Christmas season, until that day when at last the Lord returns in His glory as Lord and judge of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Hear us, O Lord, for we are the people of Your promise and the children whom You have redeemed through the salvation accomplished through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*Please place completed Attendance Register in the offering plate*)

**Tithes & Offerings Brought Forward**

**C: Thank you, Lord, for blessing us so that we may be a blessing to others.**

**Service of the Sacrament**

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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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

## “Sing Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

James Pierce  
LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN  
Nicolaus Herman, ca. 1480–1561

1 Sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, The God who  
2 How blessed is He, the com - ing One. Ho - san - na

reigns a - bove; The one e - ter - nal ho - ly Lord Has  
to the Lord. With heav'n a - bove and earth be - low Ho -

giv - en us His Son, Has giv - en us His Son.  
san - nas now we raise, Ho - san - nas now we raise.

The image shows a musical score for a Sanctus. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below the first staff, there are two verses of lyrics. The second and third staves continue the melody with more lyrics. The lyrics are in a mix of English and German, reflecting the historical context of the hymn.

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

### The Lord's Prayer

**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

“O Jesus, Lamb of God, We Pray”

FOREST GREEN

James Pierce      English; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958



O Je-sus, Lamb of God, we pray, Take all our sin a-way.

O Je - sus, Lamb of God, we pray, Take all our sin a-way.

Have mer-cy on us, Je - sus, Lord, And hear our fer-vent plea.

Grant us Your peace, O Lamb of God, Peace that will nev-er cease.

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*Please be seated*

## Silent Prayer 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.*

## Communion Hymns

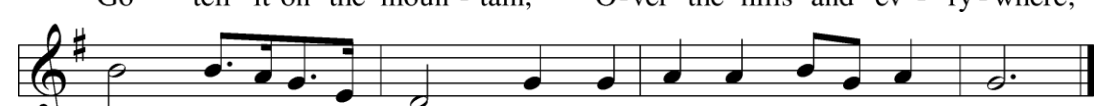
### “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Hymn 388

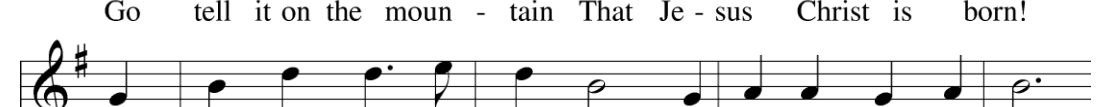
*Refrain*



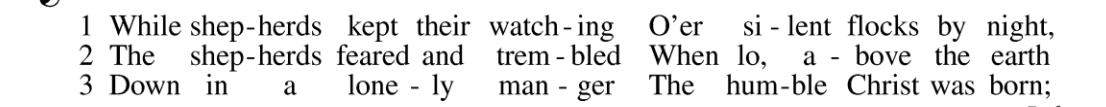
Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;




Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*



Be - hold, through - out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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# “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348–c. 413; (sts. 1–4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–77.  
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# “A Great and Mighty Wonder”

Hymn 383



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:  
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,  
 3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,  
 4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,  
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!  
 And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.  
 Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.  
 The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.  
 And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

## Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: “To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!”

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*Please stand*

## Communion Dismissal

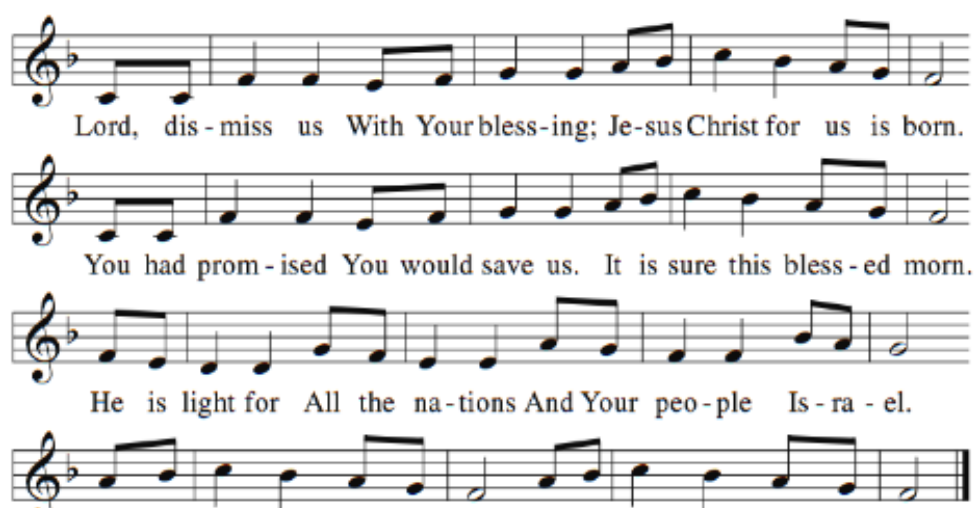
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

## Post-Communion Canticle “Lord, Dismiss Us”

James Pierce W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY  
Polish



Lord, dis - miss us With Your bless - ing; Je - sus Christ for us is born.  
You had prom - ised You would save us. It is sure this bless - ed morn.  
He is light for All the na - tions And Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
“Christ is born!” Tell all the earth. As we go in joy - ful mirth.

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## Benediction

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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****“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”**

Hymn 390



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.  
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude-Recessional****“Lasst Uns Alle”**  
*(“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”)*

Wilbur Held