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# We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

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**December 7, 2025** 



As we celebrate Holy Communion, let's rejoice in the various types of unity that we enjoy in this sacrament.



- According to Christ's own promise we receive his true body and blood along with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of all our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). We are united with him in the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ This meal not only unites believers with the Lord but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Holy Communion declares that unity.
- ♦ When Christians commune together they are jointly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:26).

What wonderful unity we find in the Lord's Supper. How we want to treasure and foster this unity. On the night on which Jesus gave us this meal he prayed that all his followers would come to complete agreement with one another on the basis of God's Word (John 17:11,17).

Out of love for the Lord and love for one another, we want what our Savior wants for us—genuine unqualified unity. For this reason we respectfully ask that only those who have expressed their full agreement with the teachings of our national church body (the Wisconsin Synod) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod come forward to receive the sacrament.

We eagerly desire everyone to share in this divine meal with us. Please speak to the pastor about how we can work together to establish this blessed fellowship.

## **WORSHIP THEME: Imminent Arrival: Live in Repentance**

<u>ADVENT RITE</u> (including 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel')

<u>INVOCATION</u>

**CONFESSION OF SINS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS** 

PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 4:19-37

SUNG RESONSE: Prepare! (Choir)

SECOND LESSON: Acts 3:19-26

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SERMON HYMN: #310 Arise, O Christian People (vs.1-4)

**SERMON TEXT: Matthew 3:1-12** 

<u>THEME</u>: Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is Near!

**OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER** 

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

#### THE SACRAMENT

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>: #312 Comfort. Comfort All My People (vs.1-4)

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center of the tray.

**PRAYER** 

**BLESSING** 

CLOSING HYMN: #316 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (vs.1-5)

### CONNECTION CARD ON OUR APP



Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or QR Code on the left if you prefer to use that. Please fill out any information and submit.

#### **THE OFFERING**

Dear guests, we're glad you're here to listen to the message about Jesus.

If members or guests would like to give an offering electronically, they can do so by using the QR Code on the right or download our App, which is available at any app store. Those that give digitally can place the "Give" cards in the plate during the offering.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>SUNDAY STUDY</u>: IMMANENT ARRIVAL: LIVE IN REPENTANCE During this Advent season our Sunday morning Bible study will explore the three Scripture readings for each Sunday.

THURSDAY ZOOM STUDY: We will be taking a break until the New Year.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRACTICE</u>: Saturday, December 13th & 20th 9:00 - 10:30am "Children of the Heavenly Father" - Our Program will be December 21st @ 9:30am

<u>CALLING ALL YOUTH MUSICIANS</u>: Our Sunday School Christmas program will be on December 21st. Any young musicians of any instrument and skill level who would like to praise our Savior with a preservice piece. Sign-Up link can be found under "<u>volunteer</u>" in our App or contact Marcia Michalik.

SEASONAL ADVENT BOOKLET: Are available to take on either welcome table

<u>NEW DAY MITTEN TREE</u>: Members can pull a mitten(s) off the tree to help support New Day Pregnancy Care Center. Please bring items **UNWRAPPED** and place them in the box provided by the tree.

<u>LADIES' CHRISTMAS GATHERING</u>: Join us **Tuesday**, **Dec. 16th at 6 pm** at Jill Siewert's home: 4335 Fountain Lane, Plymouth. This is a great chance for the ladies to get to know each other! Sign-up available on the Group Life Board.

#### **WEST LUTHERAN:**

- <u>Christmas at West</u>: is coming up! Please mark your calendars for this wonderful concert **Sunday**, **Dec. 14 @ 2 PM**.
- <u>Band Fest</u>: We are looking for host families to house students March 19-22. Scan QR to fill out the interest form.



<u>ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT</u>: **TODAY** @ **4:00p.m.** @ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

MLC AUXILIARY UPDATES: Check out our website to see photos, get details, donate, and experience the joy of MLC Auxiliary. Visit MLC-wels.edu. Click on "Support MLC" and then "MLC Auxiliary."

### **THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED:**

- + Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- + Choir
- + AV Team
- **†** Serving: Flock #1 Tim Russow