



## *Second Sunday of Advent*

*12/10/23*

*Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting One*

### **GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE.**

**HYMNS TODAY: LBW #29, LBW #36 AND LBW #26**  
**PRELUDE AND WELCOME**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 56)

*Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE (LBW p. 66)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*John 20:19-21*

As God has given us peace by the forgiveness of our sins, so let us forgive and share his peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Please, remain standing as you are able for the hymn.*

**GATHERING HYMN “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” LBW Hymn #29**

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus’ name.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (“Lord, have mercy...” LBW pp. 57-58)

Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 62)

Ruth 2:4

**A** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. **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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85 - *Sung responsively with the cantor. (Psalm tone 2)*

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your | land, O Lord,\*  
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people\*  
and blotted out | all their sins.**

<sup>3</sup>You have withdrawn | all your fury\*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful | indignation.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore us then, O | God our Savior;\*  
let your anger de- | part from us.**

<sup>5</sup>Will you be displeased with | us forever?\*

will you prolong your anger from | age to age?

<sup>6</sup>**Will you not give us | life again,\*  
that your people may re- | joice in you?**

<sup>7</sup>Show us your mer- | cy, O Lord,\*  
and grant us | your salvation.

<sup>8</sup>**I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying,\*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to him.**

<sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near to | those who fear him,\*  
that his glory may dwell | in our land.

<sup>10</sup>**Mercy and truth have | met together;\*  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.**

<sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up | from the earth,\*  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>**The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,\*  
and our land will | yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall | go before him,\*  
and peace shall be a pathway | for his feet.

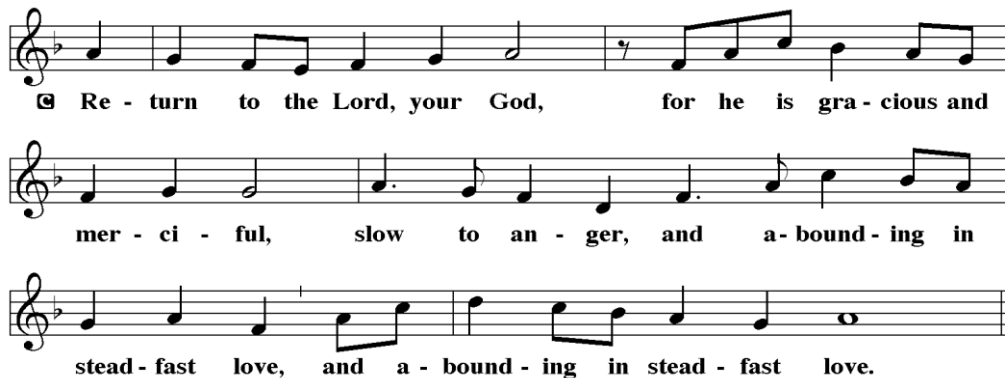
SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 62) *John 6:68*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” <sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



Praise to you, O Christ.

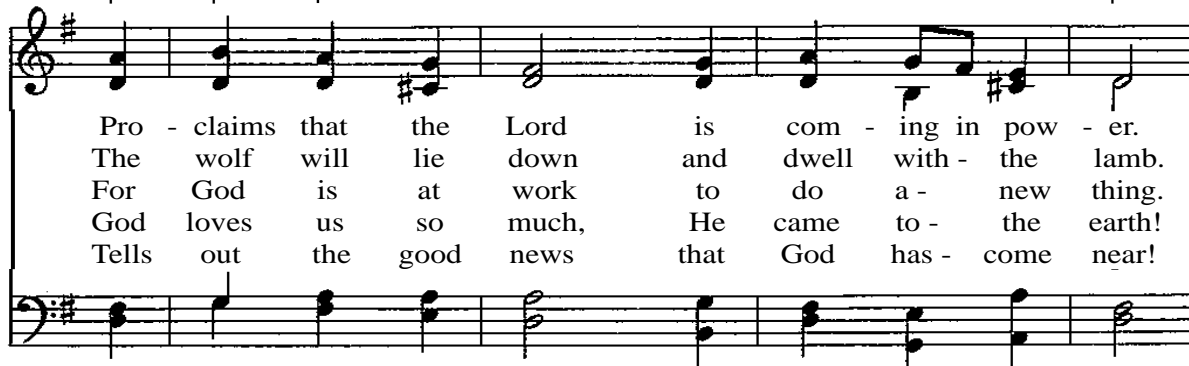
*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON & ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING - *Remain seated to sing together.*

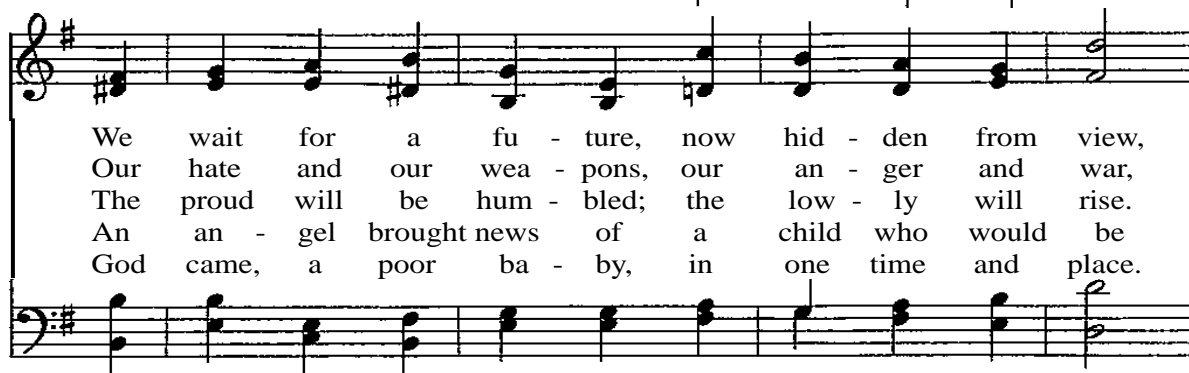
**"The Candle of Hope" VERSE 2 ONLY.**



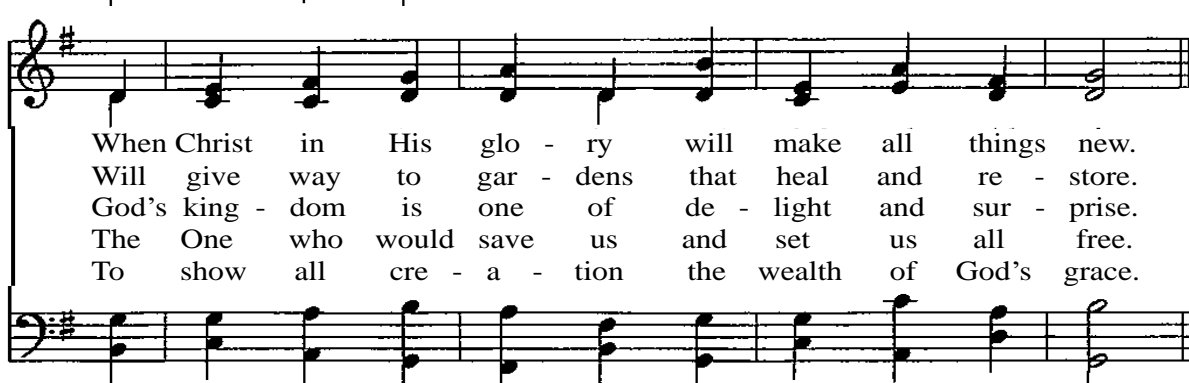
1. The can - dle of hope we light in this hour  
2. The can - dle of peace shines bright with God's plan;  
3. The can - dle of joy re - minds us to sing,  
4. The can - dle of love tells what we are worth:  
5. The Christ can - dle's light that shines for us here



Pro - claims that the Lord is com - ing in pow - er.  
The wolf will lie down and dwell with - the lamb.  
For God is at work to do a - new thing.  
God loves us so much, He came to - the earth!  
Tells out the good news that God has - come near!



We wait for a fu - ture, now hid - den from view,  
Our hate and our wea - pons, our an - ger and war,  
The proud will be hum - bled; the low - ly will rise.  
An an - gel brought news of a child who would be  
God came, a poor ba - by, in one time and place.



When Christ in His glo - ry will make all things new.  
Will give way to gar - dens that heal and re - store.  
God's king - dom is one of de - light and sur - prise.  
The One who would save us and set us all free.  
To show all cre - a - tion the wealth of God's grace.

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HANOVER  
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**SERMON**

*Following the sermon, we observe a time of extended silence to contemplate God's Word.*

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” LBW Hymn #36

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64)

*Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need... *Each petition ends with these words: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.*

*The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC as available

*We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

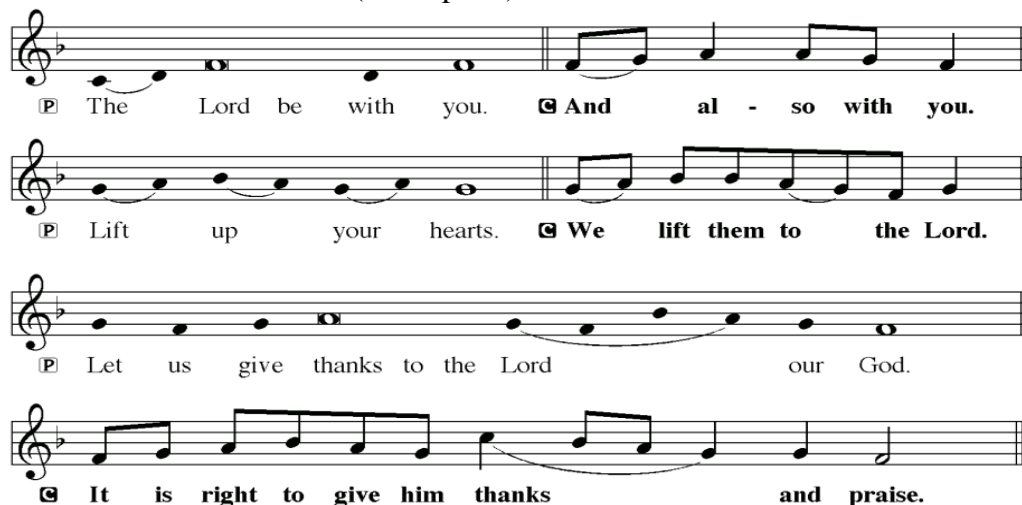
OFFERTORY HYMN “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LBW #565

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray...

**Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



Ⓐ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓐ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

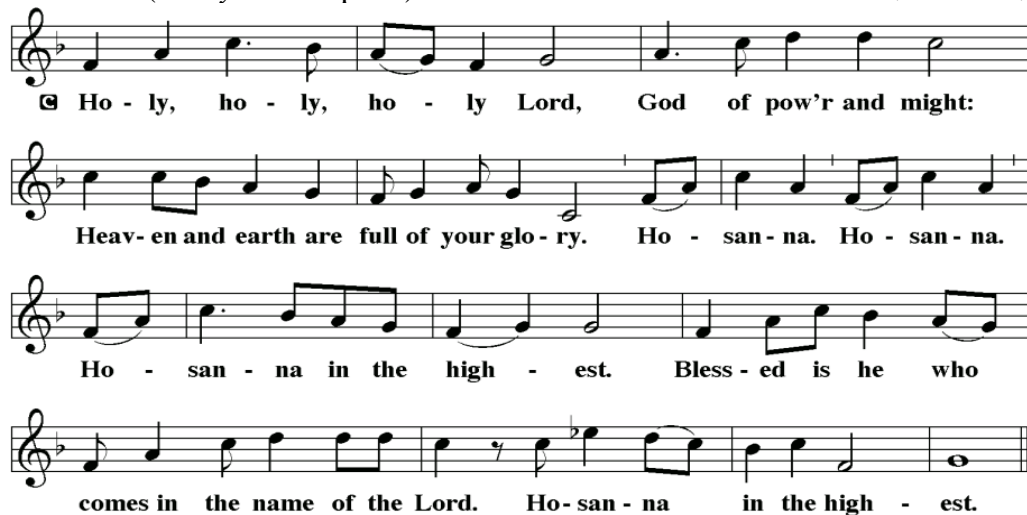
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 69)

*Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 70)

*1 Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

COMMUNION HYMN ("Lamb of God..." LBW p. 72)

John 1:29

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

**GOD GIVES US HIMSELF IN HIS HOLY MEAL.**

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward to commune. The usher will direct you and offer hand sanitizer if you so desire.*

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament, you have full forgiveness of sins by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**



*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 73)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful-filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



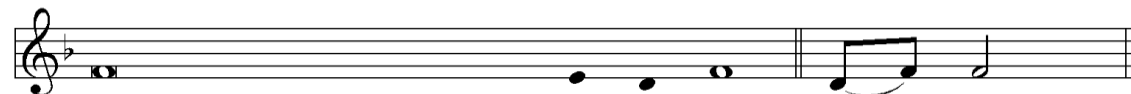
Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BENEDICTION (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray...Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. **A - men**

**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE.**

SENDING HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW Hymn #26

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we strive to be:

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