

We
Celebrate
a Tree



Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022



WE CELEBRATE A TREE

We worship together this Christmas using Scripture, song, and a tree. The picture of a tree can represent different ideas—prosperity, long life, and spring’s new life, for example. Our tree will represent five trees, trees which help us understand what God has done for us through Jesus. These trees are: The Tree of the Knowledge of God and Evil, the Jesse Tree, the Christmas Tree, the Tree of the Cross, and the New Tree of Life in Christ. We invite you to listen, read, and sing along with us as we celebrate a tree.

REGARDING COMMUNION

*Advent calls our attention to Jesus—the Word made flesh who came among us, full of grace and truth (John 1:14)—who comes to us still in the bread of His Body and wine of His Blood in Holy Communion and will come again on the last day. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we celebrate and receive Christ’s Holy Supper for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us so that we might show forth his death and resurrection until He comes. **Since Christian denominations have differing understandings of Holy Communion, if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed here before, we ask that you speak with the pastor or elder prior to communing with us the first time. Those not communing are invited to cross their arms over their chests and approach the pastor for a blessing during the distribution. Also, if certain factors prohibit you from partaking of regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center circle of the tray. If you would like to begin sharing this sacred meal with us on a regular basis, please ask the pastor for a time of faith instruction and formation.***

*If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer for Communion,
please let Pastor or an Elder know.*

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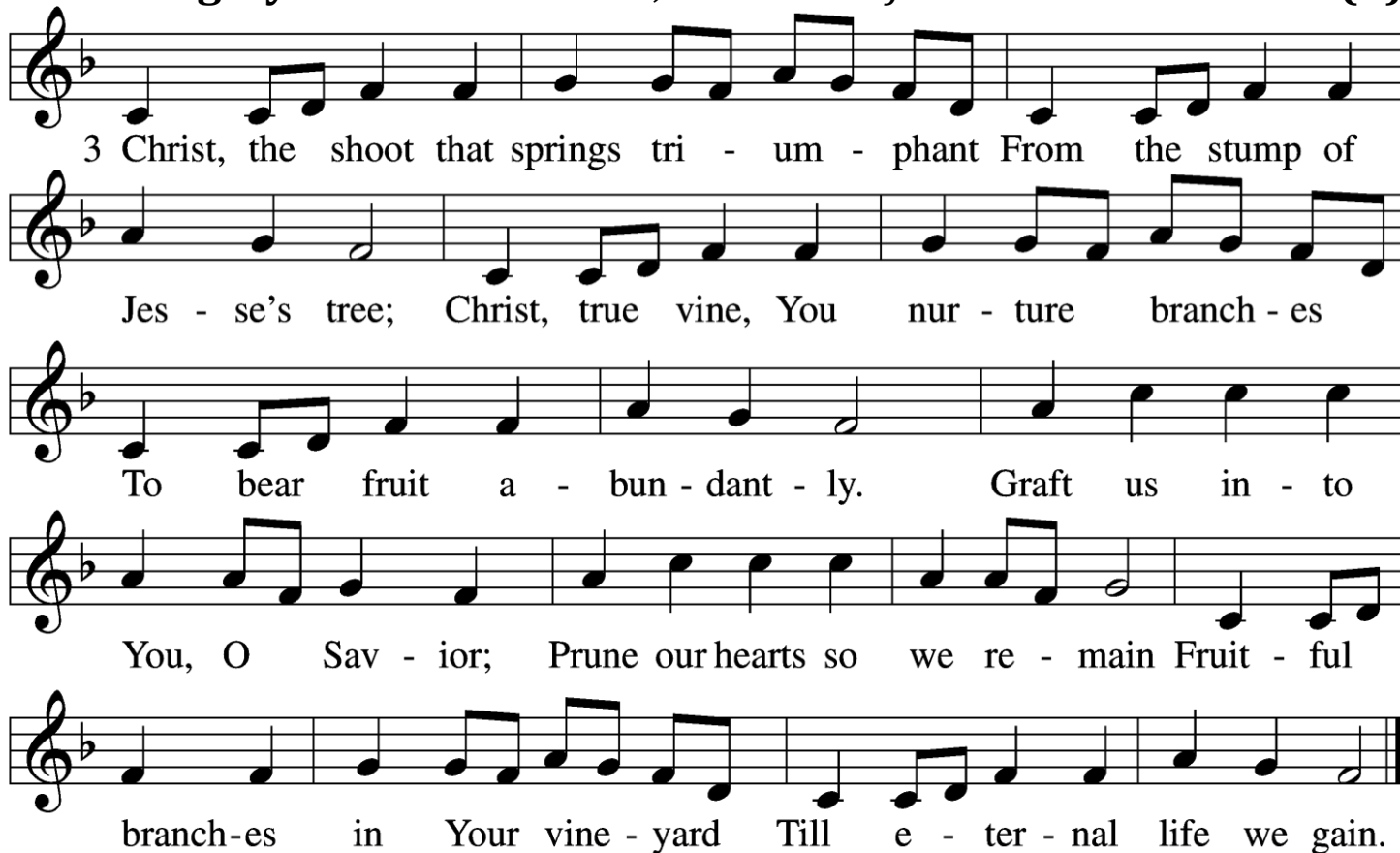
*Blue is the color of water and sky, thus hope, for the baptized who know
Christ came down from heaven to earth and is coming again.*

PreludeRich Vanderburgh

Pastoral Welcome

Please rise

Gathering Hymn "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate" #540 (3)



3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.

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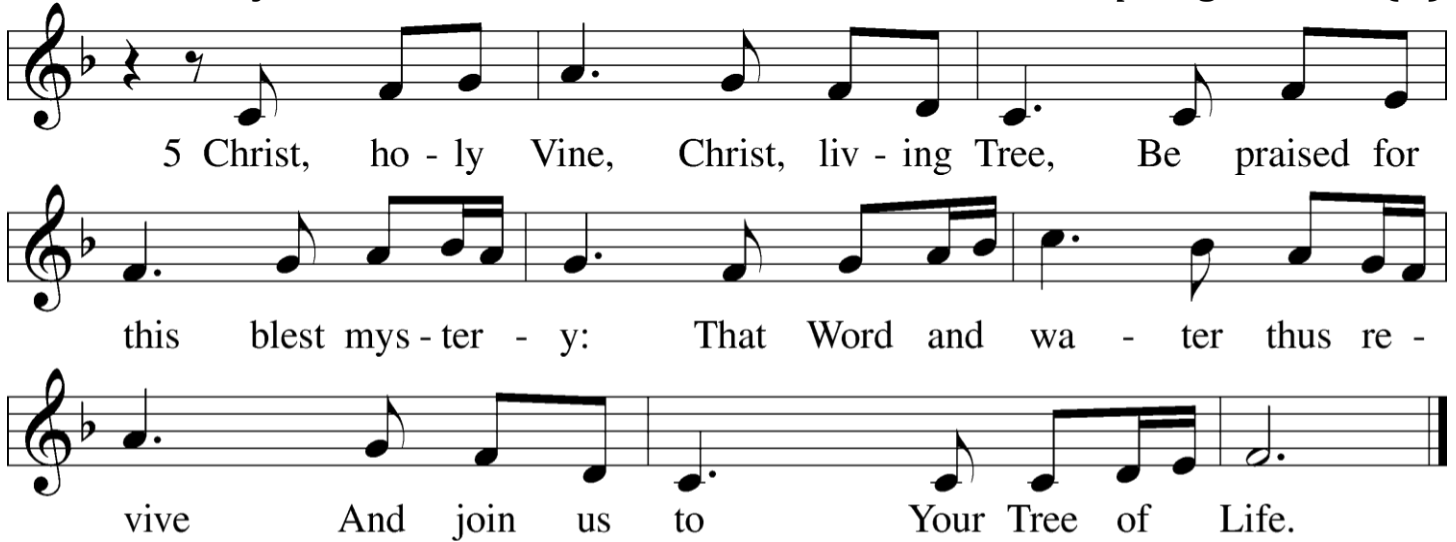
Divine Service, Setting Four **Confession and Absolution**

Invocation and Confession & Absolutionpage 203

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- 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 . . . God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** Almighty God, . . . through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn "O Blessed Spring" #595 (5)



5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for
this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -
vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Salutationpage 205

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

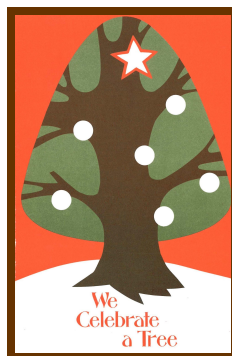
Collect of the Day (spoken in unison)

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us, and in the coming of Your Son as a human being among us yet more wondrously restored us. 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

The Jesse Tree Symbol

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION—WE CELEBRATE A TREE



PART 1: CREATION'S TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL



Speaker.....Aedan Pederson

PART 2: THE JESSE TREE OF PROMISE



Song by Children *"Jesus Is Our Christmas Tree"*

Speaker.....Zach Brown

Song by Children *"Arky, Arky"*

Speaker.....Phil Freeman

Congregational Hymn..... *"Away in a Manger", #364*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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Speaker.....Delaney Clemons

Speaker.....Noah Pederson

A Hymn of David.....(*Psalm 98 TEV*)

- P** Sing a new song to the Lord; He has done wonderful things! By His own power and holy strength, He has won the victory.
- C** *The Lord announced His victory; He made His saving power known to the nations.*
- P** He kept His promise to the people of Israel, with constant love and loyalty for them. All people everywhere have seen the victory of our God!
- C** *Sing for joy to the Lord, all the earth; praise Him with songs and shouts of joy!*
- P** Sing praises to the Lord with harps; play music on the harps!
- C** *With trumpets and horns, shout for joy before the Lord, the King! Roar, sea, and all creatures in you; sing, earth, and all who live there!*
- P** Clap your hands, oceans; hills, sing together with joy before the Lord, because He comes to rule the earth!
- C** *He will rule all peoples of the world with justice and fairness. Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Spirit. As it was in the beginning, so it is now and will ever be until the end of time. Amen.*

Speaker.....Kersten Thomas

Congregational Hymn.....“*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*”, #338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
 2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
 By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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PART 3: THE CHRISTMAS TREE



Speaker.....Kersten Thomas

Song by Children *"God Loves Me Dearly"*

Speaker.....Aedan Pederson

Song by Children *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

Speaker.....Aedan Pederson

Congregational Hymn..... *"Joy to the World", #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
 ploy, 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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PART 4: THE TREE OF THE CROSS



Speaker..... Trevor Thomas

Congregational Hymn..... *"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice", #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 - jice, 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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PART 5: THE NEW TREE OF LIFE IN CHRIST



Speaker.....Zach Brown

Hymn of the Day *"The Tree of Life" #561 (3 & 4)*

3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -

res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -

seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this

tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

Response Prayer *(spoken in unison)*


For the gifts of joy and love, hope and peace;
For our life and friends and loved ones;
And especially for the Babe born in Bethlehem:
We thank You, O Lord.
We thank You for the Tree we celebrate;
For Your plan through Christ to save all of us,
For the hope that is alive in Jesus' birth.
We thank You again.
Now all praise to the Father, Son, and Spirit
We pray that soon all people will know You
And know joy in the Babe of Bethlehem.
For Your goodwill to men,

The Tree of Life Blessing *(Children)*

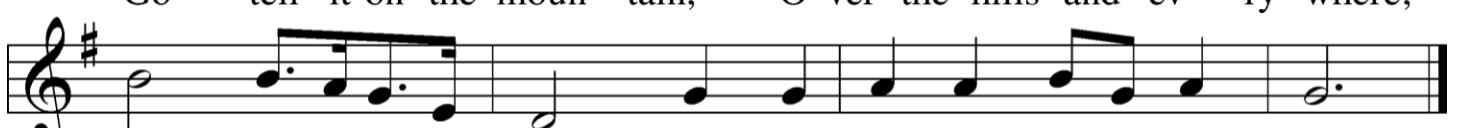
Song by Children/Congregation *"Go Tell It on the Mountain", #388*

(Children will sing the refrain; Congregation will sing the verses)

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.

Holy Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "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). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed.....page 206

**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.

Please be seated

Homily.....“The Forest & the Tree”

*(A great way of exploring this theme further is reading the good and very accessible book **Reforesting Faith—What Trees Teach Us About the Nature of God and His Love for Us**—by Matthew Sleeth, 2019.)*

Please rise

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgypages 208-210

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 beneficial . . . evermore praising You and saying:



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!

Agnus Dei.....page 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.

Please be seated, until motioned to rise & proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing.

Instrumental

Communion Hymn....."What Child Is This" #370

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Communion Hymn *"Once in Royal David's City" #376*



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
 stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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Please rise

Post Communion Canticle *“Nunc Dimittis”* page 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.

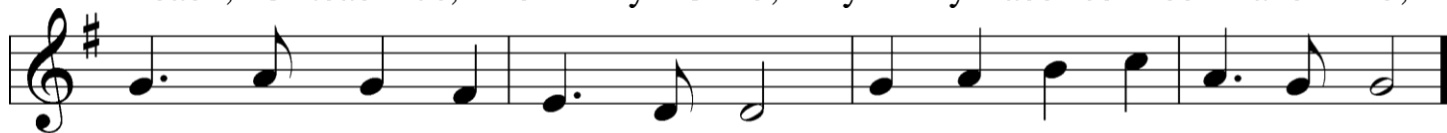
Post-Communion Collect..... page 212

Benedicamus and Benediction..... page 212

Sending Hymn..... "See amid the Winter's Snow" #373 (1 & 4)



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

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Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

P Grow in Christ,

C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude Rich Vanderburgh

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Next week's readings:

OT: Isaiah 7:10-14; Epistle: 1 John 4:7-16; Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Attendance Last Saturday: 30

Attendance Last Sunday: 68

Attendance Midweek: 25

Total Offering: \$12,504.00

Missions: \$82.00

Home Use: \$9,932.00

Benevolences: \$2,490.00

Serving us today:

Elders.....Alan Miller, Caleb Thomas
Musicians Rich Vanderburgh
Altar Committee.....Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Mary Creswell,
Lisa Gulick, Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills
Flower Committee Eunice Cobb (Chair), Penny Humphrey

This Week's Schedule

Today	12:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Party
Monday	11:00 a.m.	Johnny Nichol's funeral
	2:00 p.m.	Moms and Tots
Tuesday		<i>Pastor's Vacation Day</i> <i>Cindy's Vacation Day</i>
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service
Friday		<i>Office Closed-Christmas Eve Holiday</i>
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Communion
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab) <i>No Bible Class, No Sunday School</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day-Holy Communion
Monday		<i>Cindy's Vacation Day</i>
Tuesday		<i>Pastor's Vacation Day</i> <i>Cindy's Vacation Day</i>

Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on December 23 and December 26 for the Christmas Holiday and January 2 for the New Year's Holiday.

Pastor Joel will be on vacation on January 2 and 3. Cindy Smith will be on vacation December 30.

Prayers

For the family and friends of Johnny Nichol on his death this past week. May Christ the Risen Lord fill them with all comfort and peace as they commend him to the Lord's eternal keeping! His visitation will be at Sweeny Phillips & Holdren Funeral Home on **Sunday, December 18 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** and at Bethlehem on

Monday, December 19 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. The funeral will follow at 11:00 a.m.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Paige & Colin Hart as their due date gets closer! The Lord's good provision to all who await the birth of a child (as we remember pregnant Mary this Advent).

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Holli Burge, Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Wilma Gertz, Karen Haase, Mary Johnson, Wanda Kreisel, Judy Pierce, Maryanna Savery, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter and Chance Hillsman.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain, feel free to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Worship Services

Livestream Service will be for Christmas Eve—NOT Christmas Day.

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

The Final Midweek Advent Service will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Plan on setting aside this time for a quiet and contemplative keeping of the short and often crowded-out season of Advent as we focus on "The Fullness of Time."

Advent Midweek Offerings—By using the seasonal envelopes (and those not designated elsewhere), the special offerings will go to the Food Banks at our two denominational seminaries: Concordia—St. Louis and Concordia—Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Thanks for supporting our church-workers-in-training this way!

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Offerings will go to the local Food Center.

A Children's Christmas Party will be held after the Children's Service on **Sunday, December 18. All children are invited.** There will be food, crafts and Christmas activities for kids 0-18.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services will be held on **December 24 at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.** Let others know, invite, and attend as you can! We gather around the very reason this holy day is called Christmas—Jesus, the Word made flesh, coming into our midst! **The early service will be on livestream.**

Christmas Day Service will be held on the regular Sunday time **at 10:30 a.m.** Invite others and join us for a traditional Lessons and Carols! **There will be no livestream.**

Sunday School and Christian Education

There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

There will be no Bible Study on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Wednesday Bible Study—We are just starting to read and discuss our way through the writings of the prophet Zechariah. **Join us in the conference room from 10:30 a.m. to noon** for this biblical journey together! **We will keep meeting through the end of the year and unless the weather is bad or no one shows up.**

Fellowship

Exercise Class happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith. **We will not meet on Friday, December 16 and will take a break until January 4, 2023.**

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff. **Cards will not meet until January 5, 2023.**

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills are needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker. **Quilting will not be meeting again until January 2023.**

This & That

Offering Envelopes—The company we order our contribution envelopes from has said that due to supply chain shortages & staffing issues our 2023 envelopes are not done as of December 15, 2022. The sales staff is asking the production crew to expedite our order but the soonest it will be here is the end of December. It is very likely we will not receive the envelopes until sometime in January. I will get them out to everyone as soon as I get them.

Country Kitchen Cards—We have Country Kitchen Cards. Stop by the office if you would like to purchase one. They are \$10 and you get 10 buy-one- get-one free meal deals. All proceeds go to the youth group. Thanks for your support!

Ongoing thanks to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support!

2022 Elders

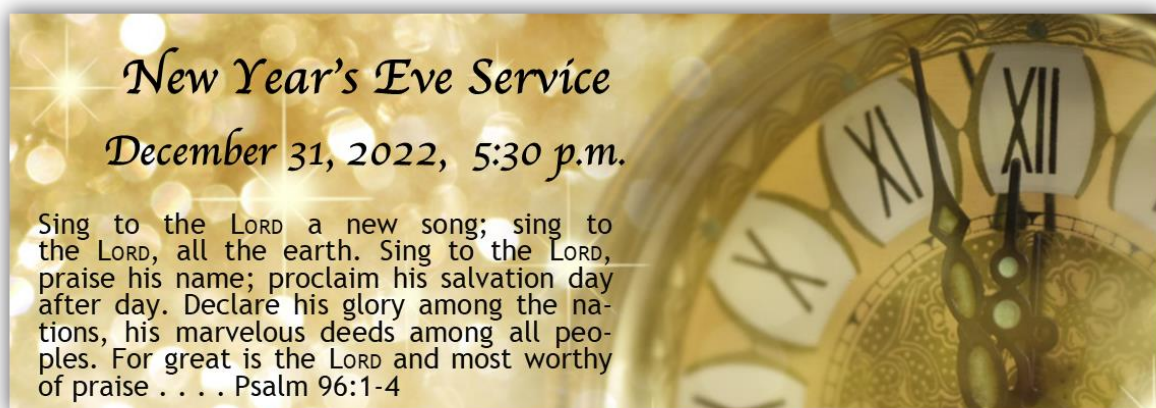
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