

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE** - The theme for our midweek Advent services this year is “This Is My Son.” Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. as we meditate on the theme: “This Is My Son—Ishmael, Son of Abraham”. Come early for supper at 5:00 p.m. (You can also sign up to help with Advent suppers in the fellowship hall.)

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE** - Here are the dates for this year’s special Advent and Christmas services:

- Midweek Advent Service, Wed., 12/7, 6:30 p.m.
- Midweek Advent Service, Wed., 12/14, 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Saturday, 12/24, 5:30 p.m.
- Christmas Day Festival Service (with Holy Comm.), Sunday, 12/25, 9:00 a.m.
- New Year’s Eve Communion Service, Saturday, 12/31, 5:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:	
SUNDAY (12/4)	<b>Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.</b> Education Hour, 10:20 a.m.
MONDAY	Confirmation Class, 3:15 p.m.
TUESDAY	Tuesday Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. Brookview Meadows Service, 2:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m. Advent Supper, 5:00 p.m. <b>Midweek Advent Service, 6:30 p.m.</b>
THURSDAY	Board of Elders, 6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	ELS Circuit 6 Pastors’ Winkel, 9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY (12/11)	<b>Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.</b> Education Hour, 10:20 a.m.

<p><b>OUR MISSION</b></p> <p><i>Christ the King</i> <i>Ev. Lutheran Church</i> <i><b>gives all praise and</b></i> <i><b>thanks to the Triune God</b></i> <i>for His grace received</i> <i>through Word and</i> <i>Sacrament <b>by sharing the</b></i> <i><b>saving Gospel of Christ</b></i> <i>with the people of this</i> <i>community and the world.</i></p>
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY

**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near!** As we wait and watch for the coming of Christ, His forerunner, John the Baptist, prepares us for His arrival through the preaching of repentance. The Root of Jesse (Isaiah 11) will bring swift judgment, but to God’s repentant people He comes with mercy and grace. In Romans 15 Paul directs us to the Spirit-born fruits of repentance in us.

**If you need any assistance,** please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

**Guests and visitors,** thank you for joining us today! Please sign the Guest Book before you leave (the red binder in the front of church). Please, come and worship with us again!

**There is a Parents’ Room** at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From there you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

**For your convenience** the order of service is printed on the following pages. The Service of Holy Communion is also found on p. 15ff in the front of the red hymnal.

**Holy Communion:** We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of “close communion,” communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ministers	Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Preacher; Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen, Liturgist
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Rod Meves
Ushers	Joseph Massie, Joseph Massie, Jr., James Van Kampen
Altar Guild	Sandra Gillaume & Janet Heuser

CLOSING HYMN

*Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* | 60 v. 1, 3, 4

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES/NEW BEGINNINGS** - Thanks to Rev. Robert Fleischmann for proclaiming the Word of the Lord in our midst today. Rev. Fleischmann has been the National Director of Christian Life Resources (CLR) since 1988. He is adjunct to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary where he teaches a pastoral approach to eldercare and related life issues. He teaches an online Master’s certificate course at Concordia University on Bioethics and Biotechnology. He speaks throughout North America on the Biblical approach to various life and family issues and counsels people with God’s Word in correct decision-making. The mission of CLR is to use life and family issues as bridges to convey the love of God and to share the message of salvation through Christ. To learn more about Christian Life Resources, please visit [www.christianliferesources.com](http://www.christianliferesources.com). *Pastor Fleischmann will be sticking around for Bible class today. The Bible study will include a Q&A on life and family issues as well as letting you know about expansion efforts involving CLR’s daughter ministry, New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers.*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - The altar poinsettias have been donated by Allen & Janice Johnson. If you’d like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

**FELLOWSHIP SNACKS** - Thank you to the Van Kampens for donating and serving snacks during this week’s fellowship time. If you’d like to serve treats for our fellowship time on Sunday, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

**COOKIES!** - On Sunday, December 18, please join us after church for fellowship and cookies. For those who like to bake, bring 2 dozen cookies to share. Everyone else should bring their sweet tooth and have fun. There of course will be coffee, juice, and possibly milk to dunk those cookies into; or enjoy your cookies with a side of ice cream.

**THANK YOU** - Thanks to all of you who helped to make our 25th wedding anniversary so special. You humble us with your kindness and love. It is a joy to share these special milestones in life with all of you because you truly are our family in Christ. The Lord bless and keep you all! - *Pastor and Charity Van Kampen*

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** - All members, friends, and family are invited to our Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 11, 2022 1-3 pm. Our program this year is called, O Christmas Tree! Refreshments will follow the program in the Fellowship Hall. (RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.)

THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Musical notation for the first line of the Thanksgiving hymn. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

Musical notation for the second line of the Thanksgiving hymn. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the first line of the Benediction. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Let us bless the Lord.

Musical notation for the second line of the Benediction. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: Thanks be to God.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Musical notation for the third line of the Benediction. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Order of the Holy Communion

*Please stand.*

HYMN

*On Jordan’s Bank, The Baptist’s Cry | 63*

INVOCATION & CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Musical notation for the first line of the Invocation & Confession of Sins. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: A - men.

M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Musical notation for the second line of the Invocation & Confession of Sins. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: Who made heaven and earth.

M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

Musical notation for the third line of the Invocation & Confession of Sins. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are: C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**M:** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

**THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI**

*Isaiah 30:29-30; 62:11, Psalm 80:1-2*

**M:** Daughter of Zion, surely your Salvation is coming. The Lord will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and you shall have gladness of heart. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; Stir up Your strength, and come and save us!



C: Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,



world with - out end. A - men.

*You may be seated.  
During the Distribution, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come | 55  
When Sinners See Their Lost Condition | 65*

*Please stand.*

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

*“Now Dismiss”*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in\_ peace ac - cord-ing to Thy



word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre -



pared\_ be - fore the face of all people,



a Light\_ to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry\_ be to the Father and to the



Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it\_ was in the beginning is now, and

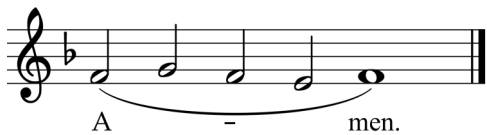


ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE AGNUS DEI ("LAMB OF GOD")



LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

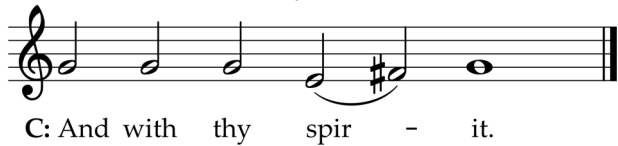
**M:** We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.  
**C:** We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah; John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.  
**M:** We hear his call to repent.  
**C:** We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.  
**M:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.  
**C:** Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

*The second Advent candle is lit.*

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION & COLLECT

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Let us pray: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for Your only Son. By His coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*You may be seated.*

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 11:1-10

The kingdom of Jesse’s Rod and Root is worth waiting for.

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.  
<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup> His delight is in the fear of the LORD,  
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;  
<sup>4</sup> But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,  
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,  
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.  
<sup>6</sup> " The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.  
<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together;  
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole,  
And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.  
<sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,  
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.  
<sup>10</sup> " And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people;  
For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 15:4-13

The hope of Christ in the Scriptures is for all people.

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the  
patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. <sup>5</sup> Now may the God of patience and  
comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that you  
may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>  
Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.  
<sup>8</sup> Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God,  
to confirm the promises made to the fathers, <sup>9</sup> and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His  
mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to  
Your name." <sup>10</sup> And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" <sup>11</sup> And again: "Praise  
the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says: "There shall  
be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall  
hope." <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may  
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the  
high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**M:** 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;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

M: 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 Messiah, the very Lamb of God, 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 saying:

GRADUAL

Luke 3:4,6 (NIV)

M: Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him. All mankind will see God’s salvation. Alleluia.

C: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 3:1-12

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

C: Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.' " <sup>4</sup> And John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

<sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him <sup>6</sup> and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. <sup>10</sup> "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

C: 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

You may be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People | 61

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - Esther 4:1-16

For Such a Time As This

When Mordecai learned all that had happened, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city. He cried out with a loud and bitter cry. <sup>2</sup> He went as far as the front of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. <sup>3</sup> And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup> So Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her, and the queen was deeply distressed. Then she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and take his sackcloth away from him, but he would not accept them. <sup>5</sup> Then Esther called Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs whom he had appointed to attend her, and she gave him a command concerning Mordecai, to learn what and why this was. <sup>6</sup> So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the city square that was in front of the king's gate. <sup>7</sup> And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries to destroy the Jews.

<sup>8</sup> He also gave him a copy of the written decree for their destruction, which was given at Shushan, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people.

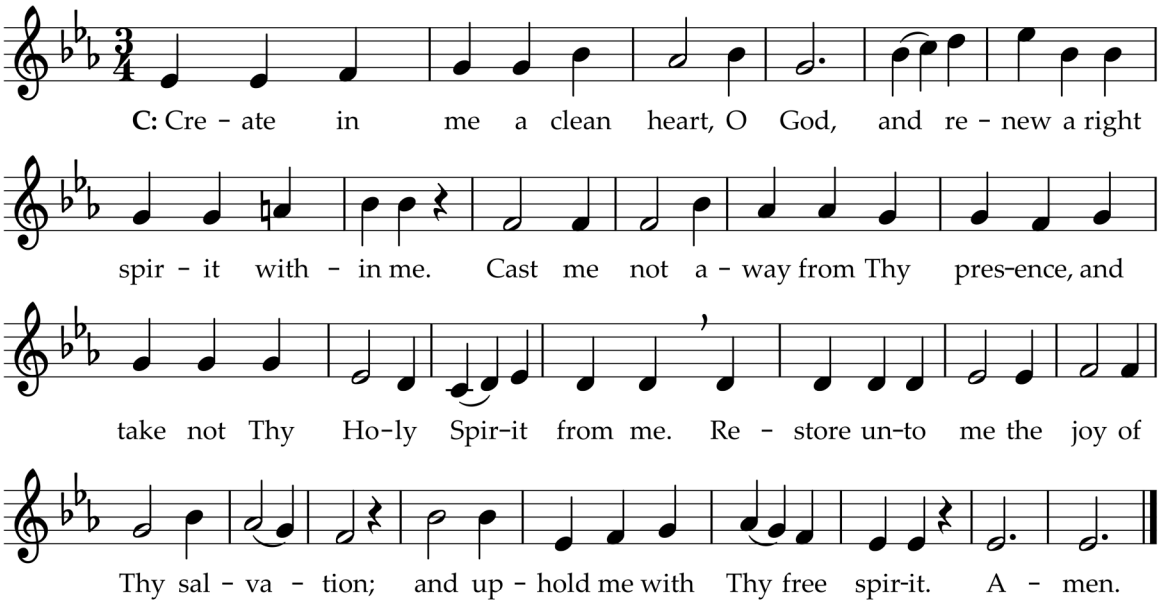
<sup>9</sup> So Hathach returned and told Esther the words of Mordecai. <sup>10</sup> Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him a command for Mordecai: <sup>11</sup> "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days."

<sup>12</sup> So they told Mordecai Esther's words. <sup>13</sup> And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> "For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

<sup>15</sup> Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING