

DECEMBER 31, 2023 | *First Sunday after Christmas/Matins*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as 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 brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

In Jesus' baptism, as prophesied in today's Psalm, the Father marks him as his Son, the promised Messiah, the one who perfectly fulfills the Father's will for our salvation. In our first reading, God's prophet introduces this promised Savior to the world. It is too small a thing for him to be just the Savior of the Jews. "I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49.6). Then our second reading shows us that in Baptism, we are made the beneficiaries of what he came to do. Our lives are fundamentally changed. Romans 6 nicely complements the Gospel in that it connects each of us to the work Jesus accomplished in his baptism and to the One who was baptized. Jesus' baptism shows him as our perfect substitute.

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.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Holtz or an elder.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages. It is based on the Order of Matins, found on p. 32ff. in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister

Rev. Roger C. Holtz

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Sunday: Dan Lindquist

Ushers on Duty

Joseph Massie, Joseph Massie, Jr., Charles Hartwig

Altar Guild

Lila Barlament & Jan Johnson

The Order of Matins

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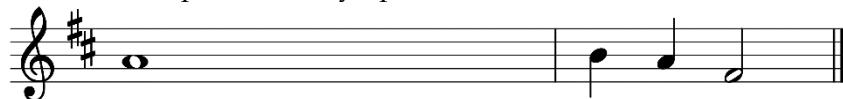
OPENING HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord | 91

VERSICLES

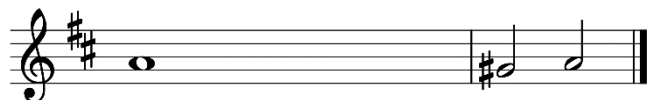
Psalm 51:15; 70:1

M: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

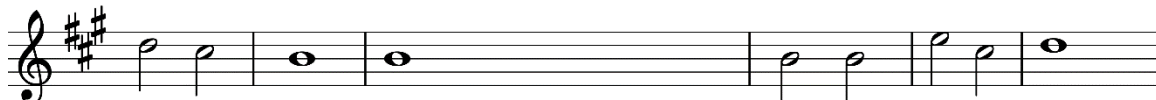
M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



C: Glory 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,

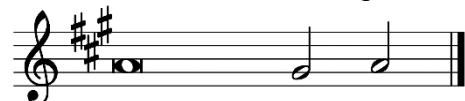


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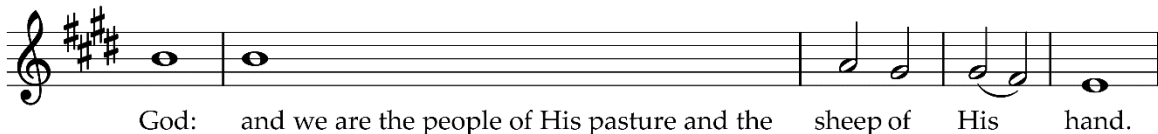
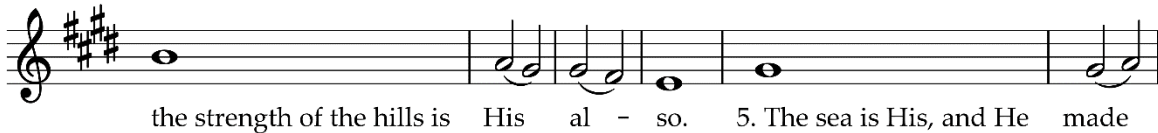
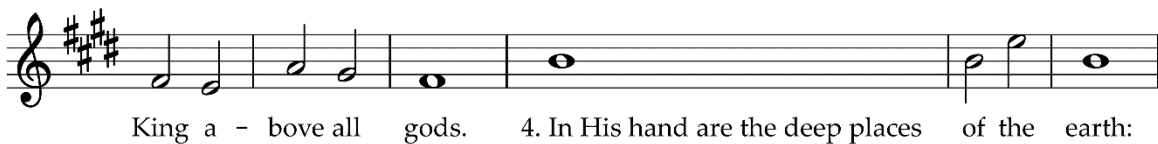
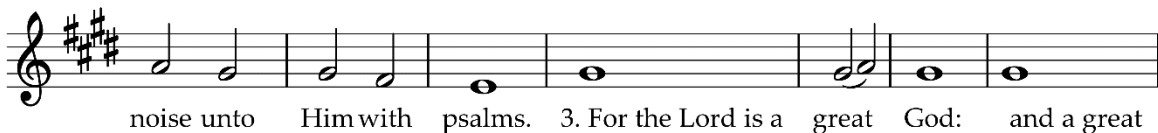
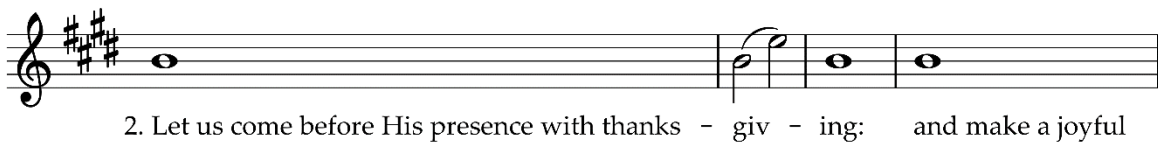
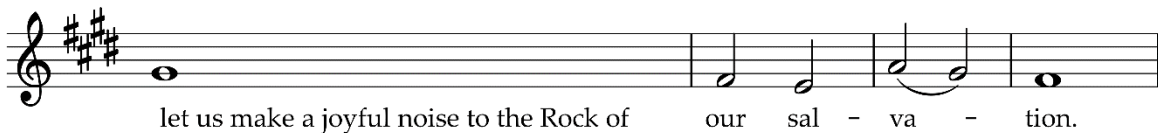
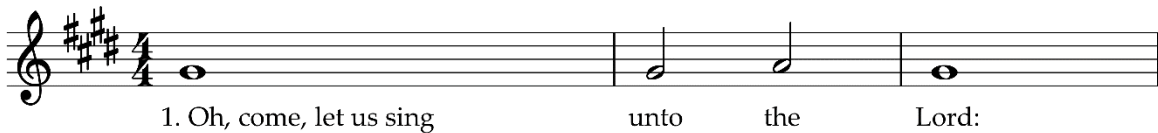
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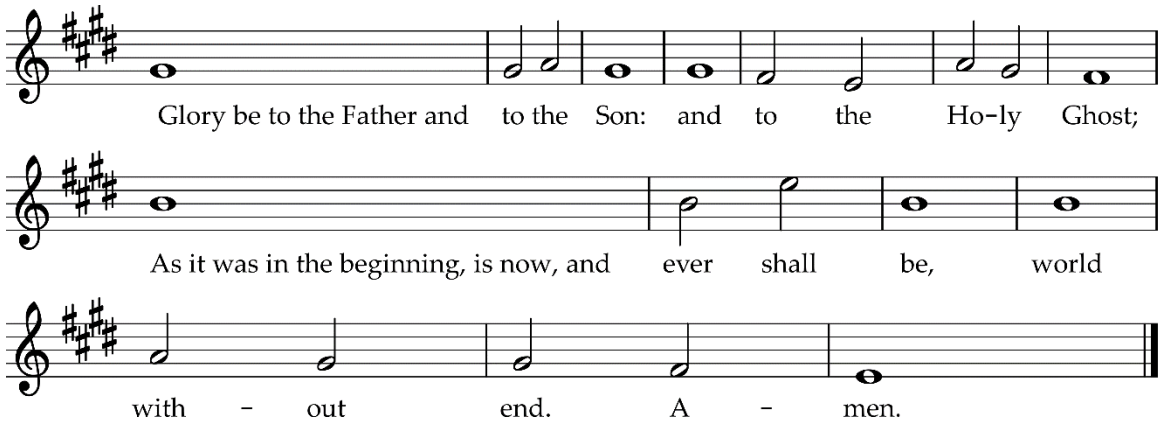
"O Come, Let Us Sing" – Psalm 95:1-7

M: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



C: For He is our Mak - er.





You may be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 111

M: Praise the Lord!

C: I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

M: The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

C: His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

M: He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. He has given food to those who fear Him;

C: He will be mindful of His covenant. He has declared to His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

M: The works of His hands are verity and justice; all His precepts are sure.

C: They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

M: He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever:

C: Holy and awesome is His name.

M: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

C: A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:20-25

²⁰ “Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. ²¹ Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.

²² “Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. ²³ By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. ²⁴ They will say of me, ‘In the Lord alone are deliverance and strength.’” All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. ²⁵ But all the descendants of Israel will find deliverance in the Lord and will make their boast in him.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 2:25-40

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.

When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss^[a] your servant in peace. ³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." ³³The child's father and Mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.^[b] She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

You may be seated.

CHOIR

God Will Take Care of You

HYMN

In His Temple Now Behold Him | 139

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – LUKE 2:25-40

Let Us Live Lives in the Peace of Christ

1. As Simeon
2. As Anna
3. As the Redeemed of Christ

THE OFFERING

THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

God, We Praise You



1. God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'-reign
 2. True a - pos - tles, faith-ful proph - ets, Saints who set their world a -
 3. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er - last - ing Son of
 4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will judge the world You



Lord! Might-y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,
 blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one
 God, Hum - ble was Your Vir - gin Moth - er, Hard the
 made; Lord, in mer - cy help Your ser - vants For whose



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your
 grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con -
 lone - ly path You trod: By Your cross is sin de -
 free - dom You have paid: Raise us up from dust to



glo - ry; Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing,
 fess - es One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther,
 feat - ed, Hell con - front - ed face to face, Heav - en
 glo - ry; Guard us from all sin to - day. King en -




"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"
 Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.
 o - pened to be - liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.
 throned a - bove all prais - es, Save Your peo - ple, God, we pray.

Please stand.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE KYRIE (“LORD, HAVE MERCY”) & THE LORD’S PRAYER



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first line contains two measures of music. The first measure is for the text 'Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.' and the second measure is for 'Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.' The second line contains one measure of music for the text 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second line.

C: 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 SALUTATION & THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a single measure of music for the text 'C: And with thy spir - it.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the measure.

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger, that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICAMUS & THE BENEDICTION

M: Bless we the Lord.



M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



CLOSING HYMN

Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing | 129

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS – 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 –If you’d like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

POINSETTIAS – If you donated a poinsettia, you may take one home after the service today.

LIVESTREAM VOLUNTEERS – The sign-up sheet for January and February 2024 is posted. Please sign up for a Sunday(s) you are available. Thank you.

PASTOR TRENT SAARI – At our call meeting, voting members selected Pastor Saari of Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, WI. Please keep Pastor Saari and his family in your prayers as he considers this Divine Call. Pastor Saari would like to hear from you. Email: pastorsaari@hotmail.com OR Cell: 608-208-3188.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (12/31)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.
New Year’s Eve	Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 5:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (1/3)	<i>Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.</i>
SUNDAY (1/7)	Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.
	Fellowship, 10:05 a.m.
	Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.