

□ FOR THOSE WHO □

THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION



□ ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. ROMANS 8:1

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 31, 2021

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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## TODAY'S SERVICE

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 90:1-12*

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God. <sup>3</sup> You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in Your sight *Are* like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup> You carry them away *like* a flood; *They are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up: <sup>6</sup> In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. <sup>7</sup> For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance. <sup>9</sup> For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. <sup>10</sup> The days of our lives *are* seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. <sup>11</sup> Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath. <sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #570 "Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God and King"

by Henry Baker, 1821-1877

1. Praise, oh, praise, our God and King,  
Hymns of adoration sing;  
For His mercies still endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

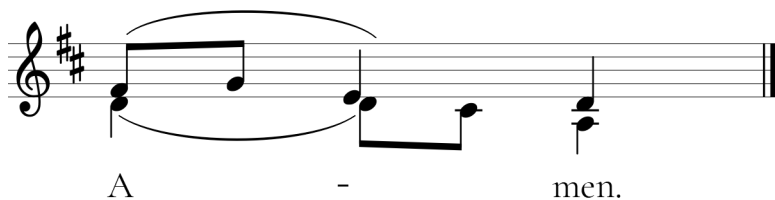
6. Praise Him for our harvest store,  
He hath filled the garner floor;  
For His mercies still endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

7. And for richer food than this,  
Pledge of everlasting bliss;  
For His mercies still endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

8. Glory to our bounteous King,  
Glory let creation sing;  
Glory to the Father, Son,  
And the Spirit, Three in One!

## INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

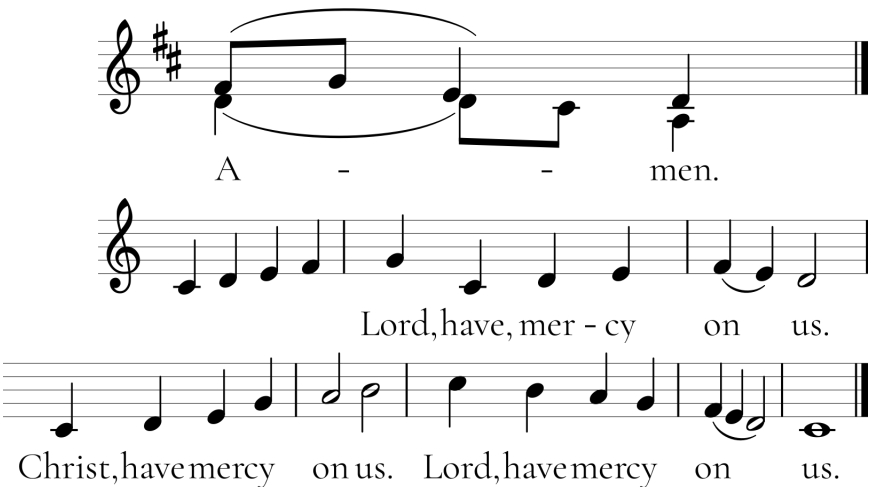


## CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.



A - - - men.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

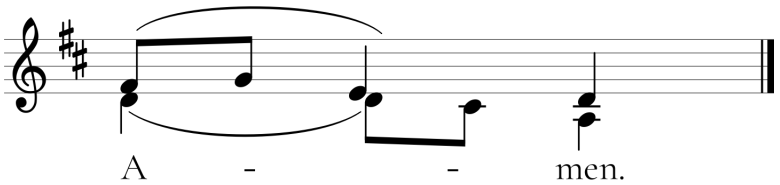


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE READINGS

**Romans 8:31-39** If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is



even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." <sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Luke 12:35-40** <sup>35</sup> "Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; <sup>36</sup> "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. <sup>37</sup> "Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> "And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find

them so, blessed are those servants. <sup>39</sup> "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are written that we may believe that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!' are placed below the first line. The second line continues the melody with the lyrics 'These words are written that we may believe that'. The third line features a half note followed by a quarter note, with the lyrics 'Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' below it. The fourth line concludes the piece with a double bar line and the lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'.

# THE NICENE CREED

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 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.

# #123 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

1. Our God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope for years to come,  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal Home!

2. Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.


8. Our God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our Guard while troubles last  
And our eternal Home!

# SERMON

**Hosea 3:1-5** Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman *who* is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love *the* raisin cakes of *the* pagans." <sup>2</sup> So I bought her for myself for fifteen *shekels* of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley. <sup>3</sup> And I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man-- so, too, *will I be* toward you." <sup>4</sup> For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or *sacred* pillar, without ephod or teraphim. <sup>5</sup> Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

## THE LORD'S FAITHFUL LOVE COMMITMENT TO YOU: "TIL DEATH NEVER PART US."

1. Our commitment quotient means death.
2. The Lord's commitment quotient means death never parts us



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-  
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-  
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-  
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## OFFERING HYMN #127:3

3. As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!

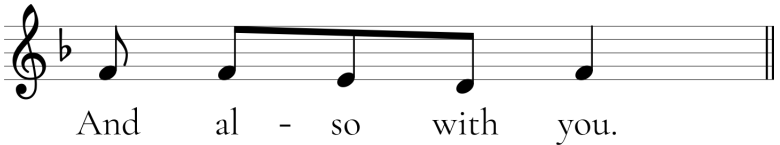
## PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all      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.



# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

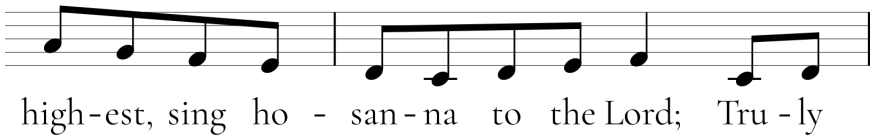
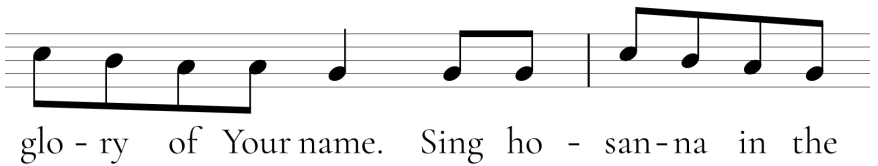
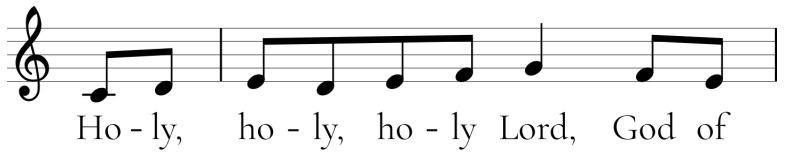
p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ our Lord for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love; Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

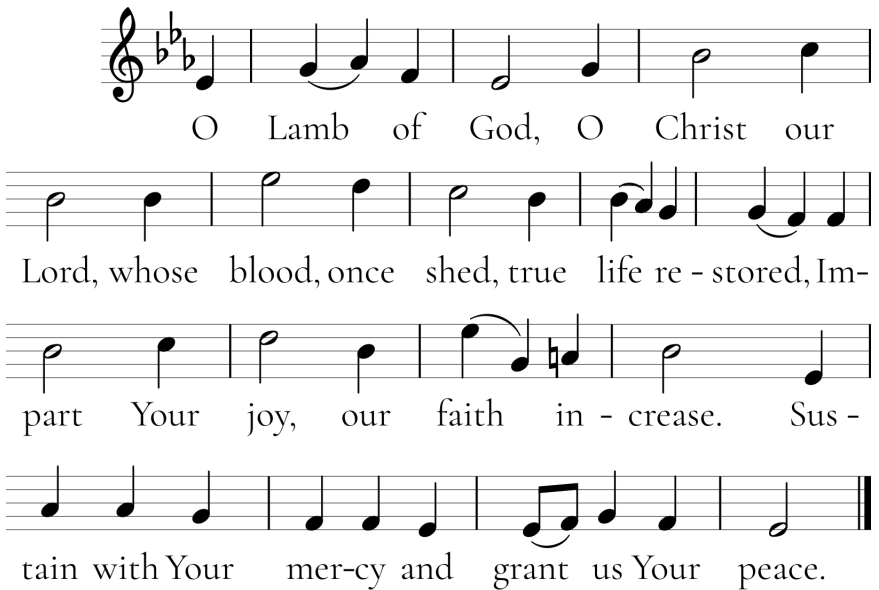


*p* Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, say-

ing, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way 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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our  
Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

# THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
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-deeming grace: A light to lead the  
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.  
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

# THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## #53 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

by Josua Stegmann, 1628

1. Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Thy grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.

2. Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Thy Word  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.

3. Abide with heavenly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Thy truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.

4. Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Thy Word.

5. Abide with Thy protection  
Among us, Lord, our Strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

6. Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Thy love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.



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