



**The Fourth Sunday In Advent  
December 22, 2024**

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### 354 Arise, O Christian People



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the  
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your  
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this  
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty  
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The  
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way; The  
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That  
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from  
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -  
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -  
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.  
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.  
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.  
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

Introit

*1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b–7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47*

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.**

There is none holy like the LORD;  
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

**The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.**

The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

**The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.**

## 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray st. 3

3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: "3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need, Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!"

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Micah 5:2–5a*

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;

then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

<sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might  
and come to save us!

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

<sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 10:5–10*

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

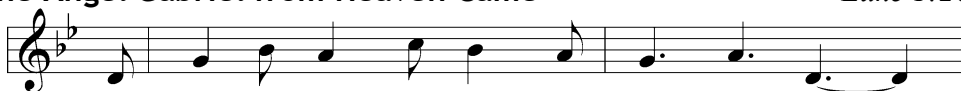
<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),<sup>9</sup>then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

*Luke 1:26-38 {1}*



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.  
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”  
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–45

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

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

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 953 We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,  
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;  
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;  
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.  
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, that our ever-faithful and all-powerful God would give us grateful hearts that His Son has come in the flesh to save us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For proper fear and love of the Lord, that the mighty God who has exalted us to be His children would preserve us by His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace, that our Father who sent Christ to be our peace would preserve us in repentance, so that we would live in peace with one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For congregations where numbers are small and resources scarce, that God, who raised up the King of all from little Bethlehem, would provide for their needs also and remind them that the same King dwells among them in His Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For women unable to conceive or who suffer the heartbreak of miscarriage, that God would be their rock against despair, provide them with consolation and purpose in Christ, and restore them to exult in His salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our leaders, that Christ Jesus, who shepherds His flock to the ends of the earth, would grant them wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations, that they may have peace and that we may dwell secure, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For [                     and] all who suffer in mind or body, that Christ, our Immanuel, would be with them in their trials and grant health and healing in accord with His perfect will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune, that God, who sanctified us through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all on the cross, would prepare our hearts to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins this day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**



Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is truly the King of the nations and their desire. He who formed us of clay took on our human nature that He might save us. He came to His own and was rejected by them, yet You established Him as the true cornerstone, tested and precious, that whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; for You live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Offertory

### 956 Create in Me

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.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

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# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*LSB 216 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.**

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

## The Words of Our Lord

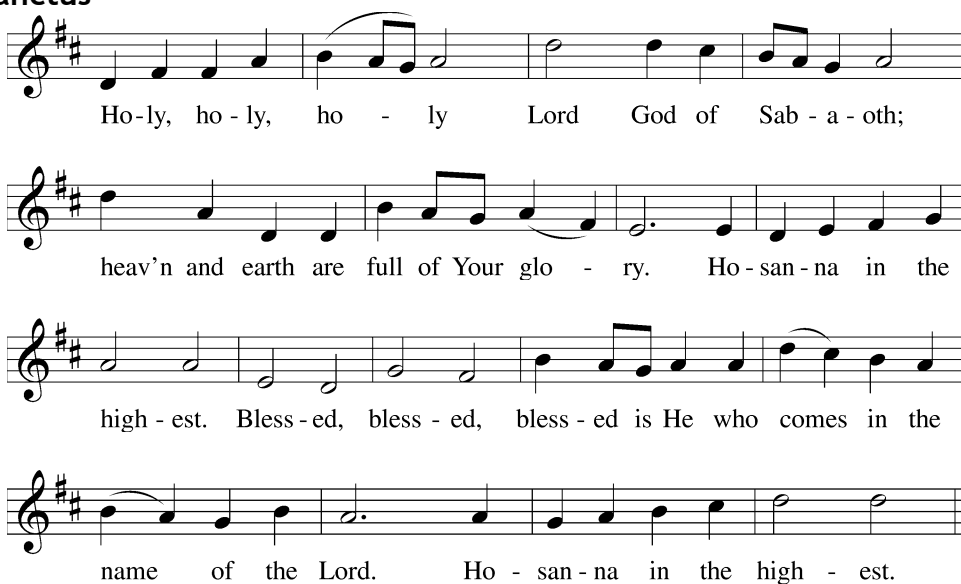
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*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “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, and when He had given thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## 961 Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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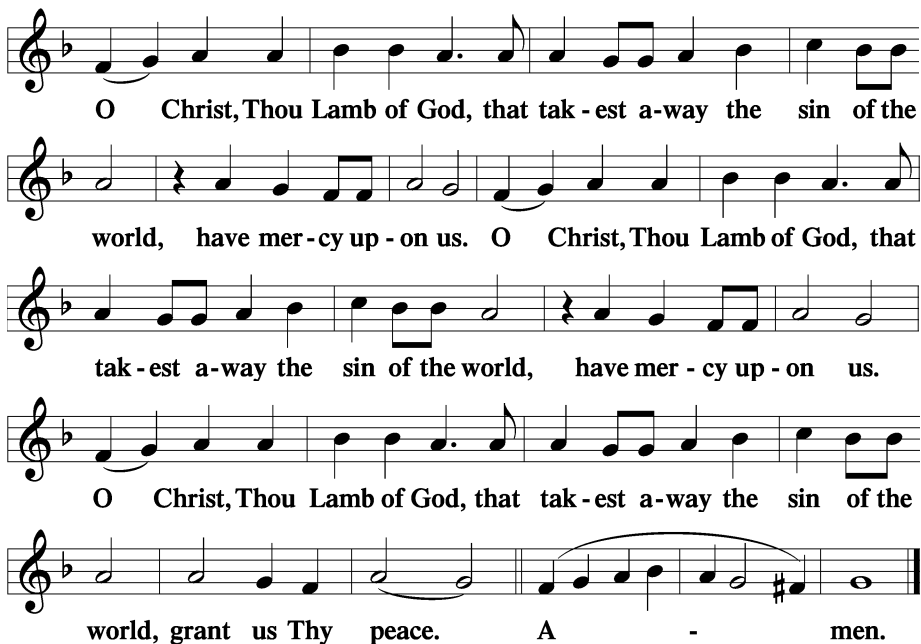
## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

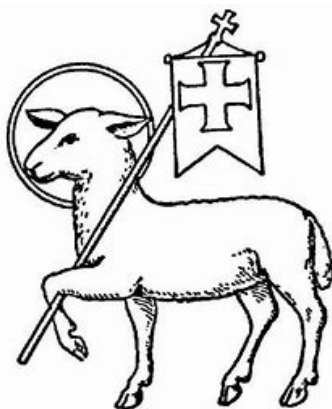
C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 198 John 1:29*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



# Distribution

## 342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied



1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;  
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,  
3 As ban-ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,  
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

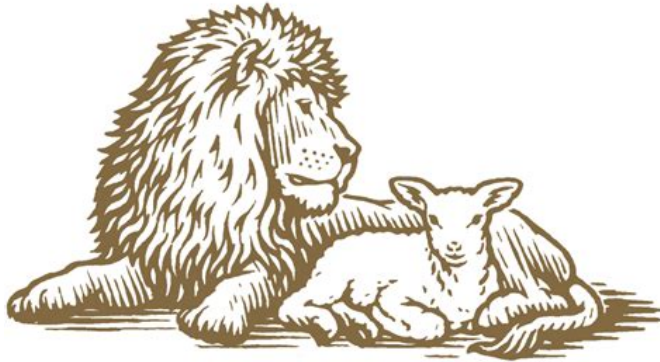
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### 339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors



1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,  
 2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?  
 3 Who may as - cend Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill  
 4 "Wor - thy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain



And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,  
 What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,  
 To do God's will? The One whose un - stained hands  
 Now lives to reign. He rules our earth - ly ways



To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's  
 Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble  
 Can meet the Law's de - mands, Whose pu - ri - ty with -  
 As Lord of An - cient Days— O join the end - less



palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your  
 steed De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,  
 in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this  
 song Sung by the ran - somed throng: "Wor - thy is



heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!  
 Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.  
 King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!  
 Christ!" The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

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*Stand*

## 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

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3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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### Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 218 Psalm 103:1

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## 935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Luke 1:46-55 {1}



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;  
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.  
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.  
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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## What's Happening at Grace This Week

Sunday/Today	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Fellowship Coffee
24 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	6:45 pm	Christmas Eve Music
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship
25 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10:00 am	Christmas Worship

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH SOMETHING?** Call Janet Borchard (541-579-1467) or Elaine Barbisan (541-343-0452) and they will work to find a church member to help you with house and yard needs you might not be able to do yourself.

## **POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:**

The Altar Guild is requesting poinsettias for the altar for Christmas.

Contact Donna Geisler or another guild member if there are questions.

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....**

**MEMBERS:** Betty Libke, Luda Wiesert, Marc Burgess, Don Dove, Lloyd Davis  
Corenne Jackson, Dorothy Vetter-Akins, Lee Bess, Mary Jenkins  
Donna Geisler, John Stoecker, Barbara Best, Sharon Gee  
Rose Krumdieck, Carole Davis, Elisabeth Hahn

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:** Vern Gleaves, Inge Smith

**ALL MEMBERS AND BELIEVERS:** We all need to remember and lift up every member of the Body of Christ. We know not what others might be going through.

**WORLD:** For our nation and all of God's world dealing with health issues, unrest and violence, weather-related damage, hunger and drought in many countries.

**MILITARY:** For our military serving around the world, some who continue to serve in harm's way. Keep them safe and trusting in Your protective care.

**FOOD PANTRY:** The blessing of the UO Student Food Pantry housed here at Grace.

## **WE ARE MEMORIZING BIBLE VERSES:**

Last week's verse was Philippians 4:4-5

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.**

The verse for 12/22/2024 is John 1:1-3

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.**



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# **Grace Lutheran Church**

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We believe, teach, and confess the Lord's Supper is given for those who believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins and by faith, our sins are forgiven. We believe that the Lord's Supper delivers what God has promised in Jesus: forgiveness of sins, the promise of eternal life, and salvation. Through the Lord's Supper, our faith is strengthened, and by the Holy Spirit, we live our lives as followers of Jesus.

All are welcome to come forward. If you will not be taking the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms in front of you. If you are unable to come up to the altar because of physical limitations, please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

Who should refrain from taking the Lord's Supper today?

- You have not been baptized with a Christian baptism.
- You do not believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- You have no desire to repent of or turn from your sins.
- You are a member of a church/denomination/organization that believes, teaches, and confesses differently regarding the Lord's Supper than is outlined above.

*Any questions you may have regarding the above statement and our communion practices can be directed to Pastor Joe Baumgarten at [pastor@glchurch.org](mailto:pastor@glchurch.org) or call the office at 541-342-4844*