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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD

✝ *As We Gather* ✝

"And He shall be their peace." That is how the prophet Micah described the coming Messiah. God's people will not find their peace in a big bank account, or in being part of the right social circle, or in a political party or ideology. Nor will peace be found in living good and upright lives. Our peace is found in the Messiah, in Jesus, in the Good Shepherd whose strength is the Lord. The angel's announcement of Mary's pregnancy had to be quite a surprise for her. Pondering all these things in her heart, she found peace in God, who blessed her. So she sang God's praises, a song that we sing still today, the *Magnificat*, a powerful reminder that "He shall be their peace."

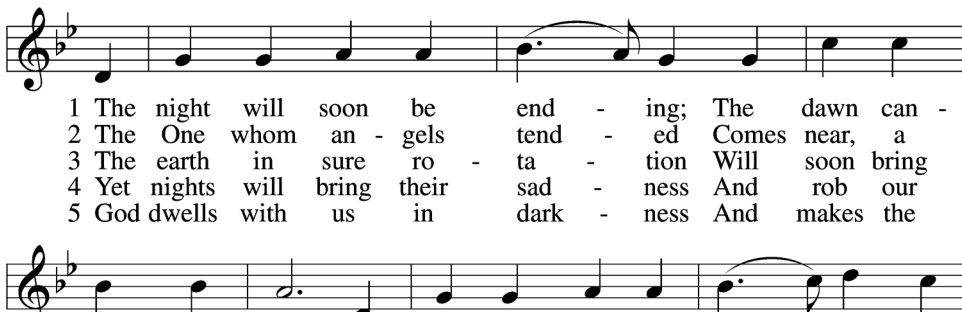
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✝ *Preparation* ✝

OPENING HYMN

The Night Will Soon Be Ending

LSB 337



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the

not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is -
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - dant
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.
demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.
new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.
still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8-9

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Pastor Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your**

present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His only 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

✠ *Service of the Word* ✠

INTROIT

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

Pastor My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
People **My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.**

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

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

Pastor The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
People **The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.**

ALL **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIE

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Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

ALL 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2-5a

² 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.

- ³Therefore 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.
⁴And 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.
⁵And he shall be their peace.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

- ⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

⁸When 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), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.
¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

ALLELUIA & VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

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

People Glory to You, O Lord.

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

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**ALL 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,**

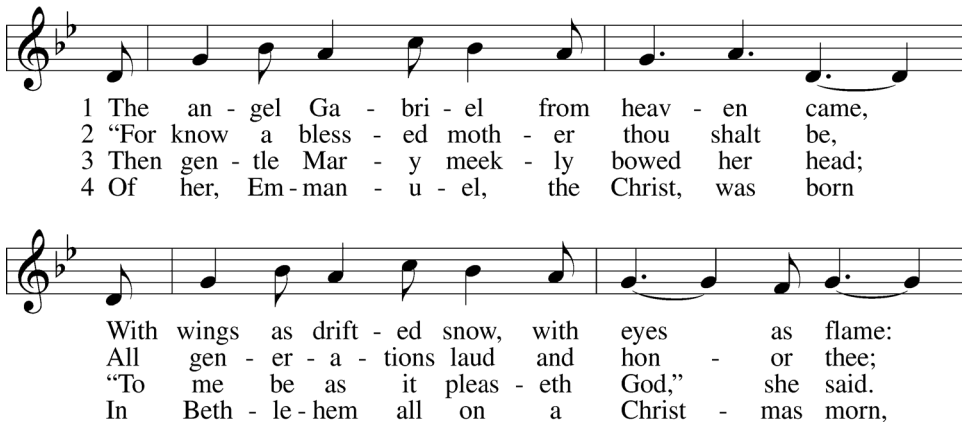
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 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 \div of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

LSB 356



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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SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

PRAYERS

† *Service of the Sacrament* †

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

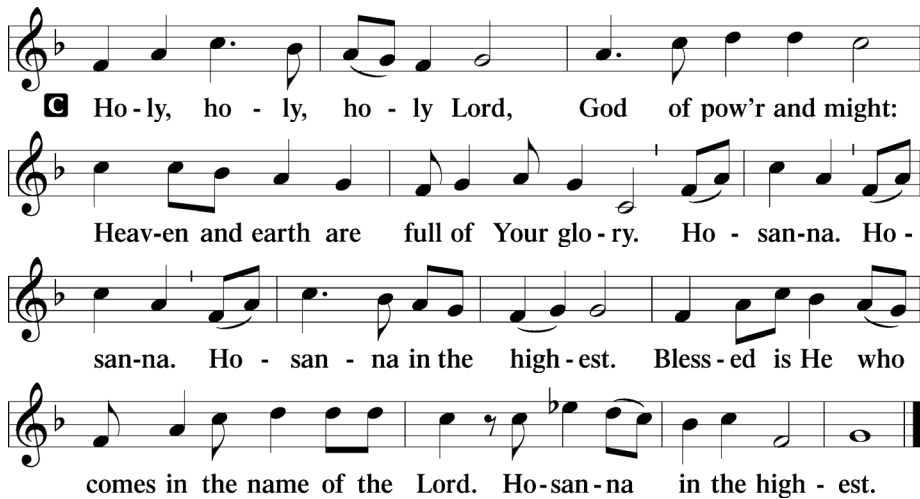
People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor 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, who made peace between God and humanity by dying on the cross and being raised by the Father. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are 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. You sent Your Word into the world that all may see Your grace and truth in the flesh of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We rejoice to give You thanks that You abide with us in His true presence by giving us to eat and to drink of His very body and blood in this Sacrament. Grant that we receive Him now in joy and reflect the light of His grace to our world today in lives of holy living. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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John 20:19

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

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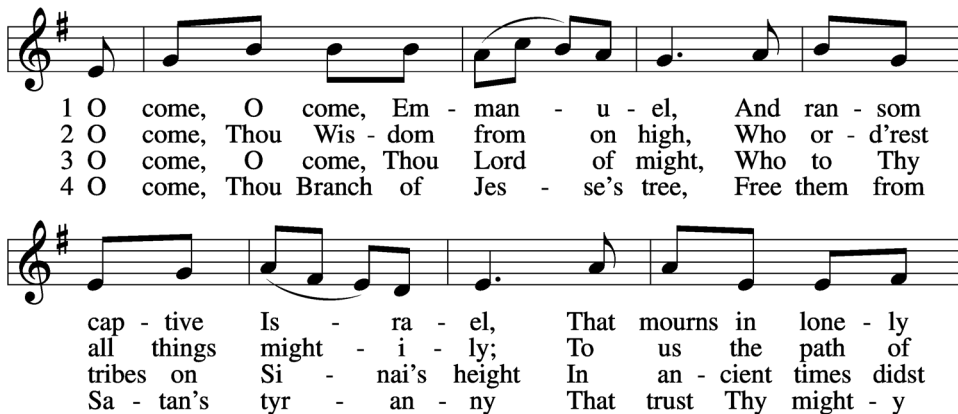
G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table. (An usher will direct you.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som
2 O come, Thou Wis-dom from on high, Who or-d'rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes-se's tree, Free them from
cap-tive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly
all things might-i-ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si-nai's height In an-cient times didst
Sa-tan's tyr-an-ny That trust Thy might-y

ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor Lord God, we give You thanks for the peace that comes to us through Christ's body and blood. Help us to leave Your Table so filled with Your peace that it overflows to our homes, our church, and our community; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor 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.

People **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LSB 359



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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Go in peace

✠ Join us for our Adult Bible Study class at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary led by Pastor Deterding.

✠ Sunday School for children and youth begins at 9:30 AM in the upstairs classrooms.

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving is an act of grace through which we gratefully respond to God's kindness to us in Jesus Christ. Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering box at the Sanctuary doors as you exit. Contributions can also be given through your banking institution's online bill pay service, our website, or the *Givelify* mobile app.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers beautify the Sanctuary and edify our worship services. They are also a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one. If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers one week during the year, please sign up on the new 2022 calendar in the Narthex.

Contributions can be placed in the offering box marked "Altar Flowers". See Susan Gabbard, Altar Guild Chair, with any questions. *Thank you!*