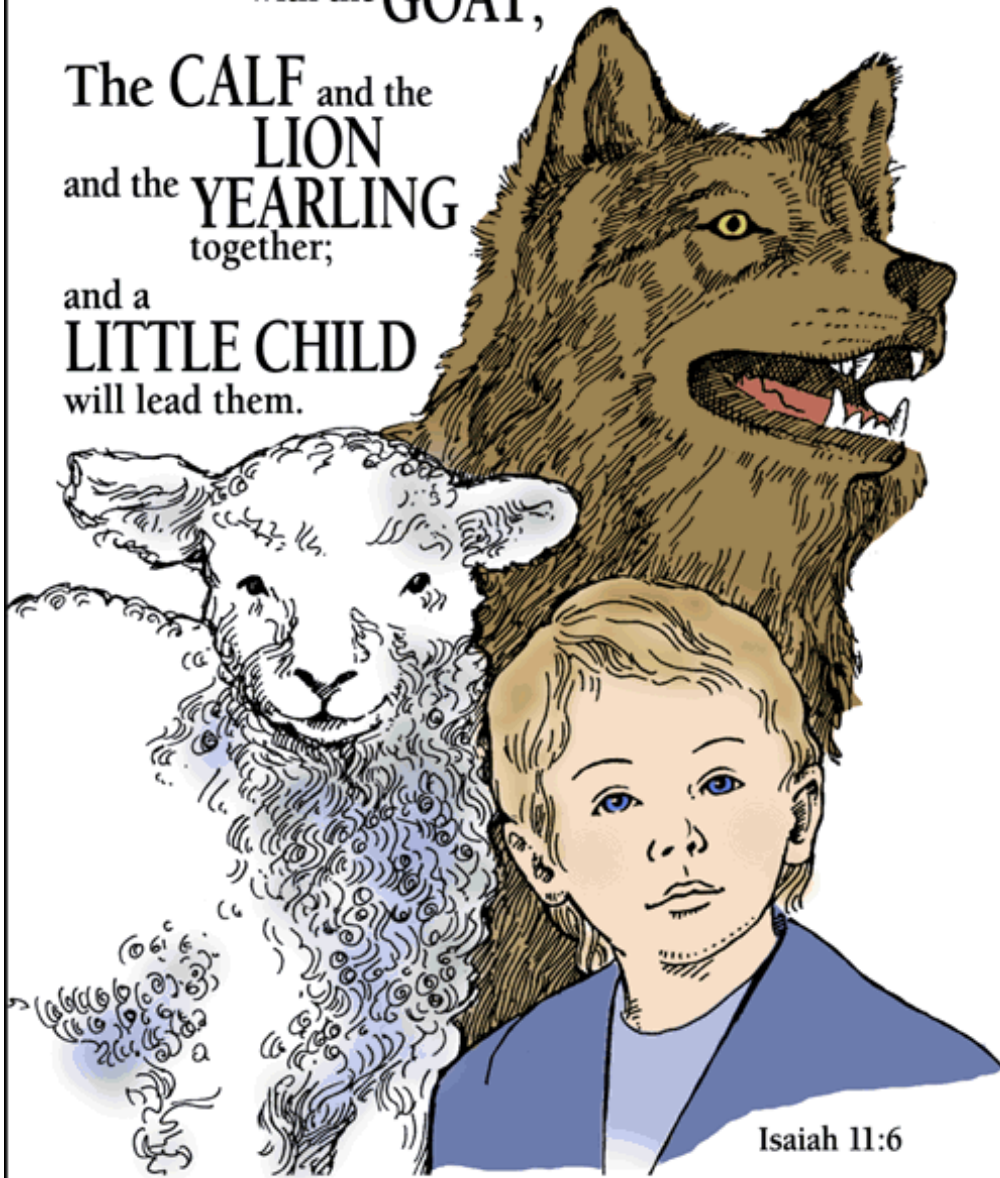


The **WOLF** will live  
with the **LAMB**,

The **LEOPARD** will lie down  
with the **GOAT**,

The **CALF** and the  
**LION**  
and the **YEARLING**  
together;

and a  
**LITTLE CHILD**  
will lead them.



Isaiah 11:6

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
**December 7, 2025**

*Welcome to*  
**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Lakewood, Colorado**

**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests!** We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

**To Our Guests Seeking an Altar at Which to Commune:** We believe that those who partake of the Lord's Supper together are giving expression to the close-knit bond of fellowship God has created among them in *all* that the Bible teaches. For this reason we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us, by membership here or at another CLC church, to come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith but an expression of ours. If you have the desire to commune with us in the future, please speak with the Pastor at your convenience. We'd love to have you!



Note

Today we are using a new bulletin format different from what we had been using previously (only one hand out, with the entire service printed inside, instead of two). This change is being made with the thought that the new format may be a bit more user-friendly, especially for first time visitors and worship guests. You are invited to share input and comments on this new format with one of the elders (Ed, Mike or Derek) or the pastor. Thank you.

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

*based on Worship Supplement 2000 (pp. 12-21)*

## Opening Prayer

## Hymn

LSB 354 "Arise, O Christian People"

## The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

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.

C: **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.

C: Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy

*The Kyrie*

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff also has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a melody of quarter and half notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staves.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## Glory to God in the Highest

*The Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

## First Lesson

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 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. 3 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; 4 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. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist. 6 "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. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 9 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. 10 “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.”

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 130*

P: Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD:

**C: Lord, hear my voice!**

P: Let Your ears be attentive:

**C: To the voice of my supplications.**

P: If You, LORD, should mark iniquities:

**C: O Lord, who could stand?**

P: But there is forgiveness with You:

**C: That You may be feared.**

P: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope:

**C: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.**

P: O Israel, hope in the LORD:

**C: For with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.**

## Second Lesson

*Matthew 3:1-12*

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” 3 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.’” 4 Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him 6 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 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? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 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. 10 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. 11 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. 12 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.”

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



## Confession of Faith

## *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 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 of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

## LSB 359 *"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"*

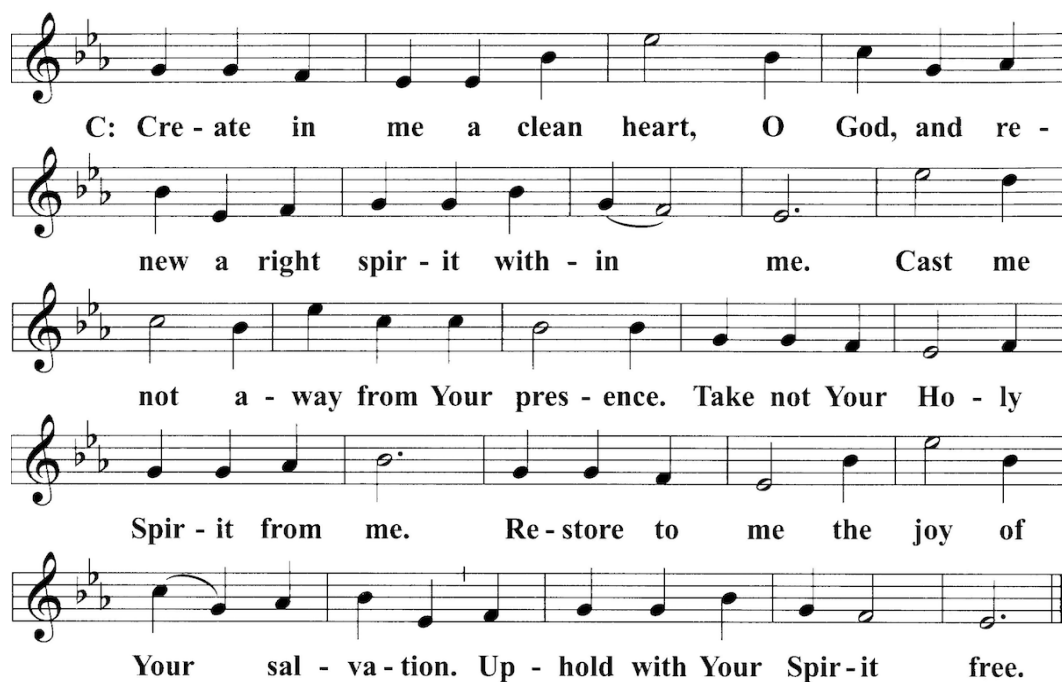


### *May the Christ Child Bring Us True Unity*

1. Unity that glorifies God.
2. Unity that reaches out to others.
3. Unity that fills us with spiritual blessings.

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8 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, 9 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.”* 10 And again he says: *“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!”* 11 And again: *“Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!”* 12 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.”* 13 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.

### 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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

### Offering of Thankful Hearts

## Prayer of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### Hymn

LSB 617 *"O Lord, We Praise Thee"*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**


P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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 ... therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Words of Institution

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, saying, '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

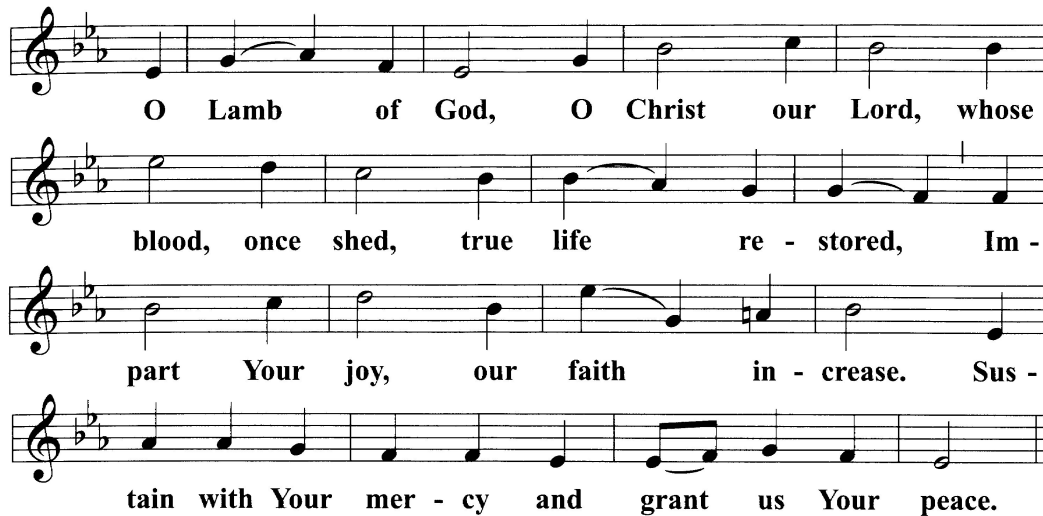


you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei*

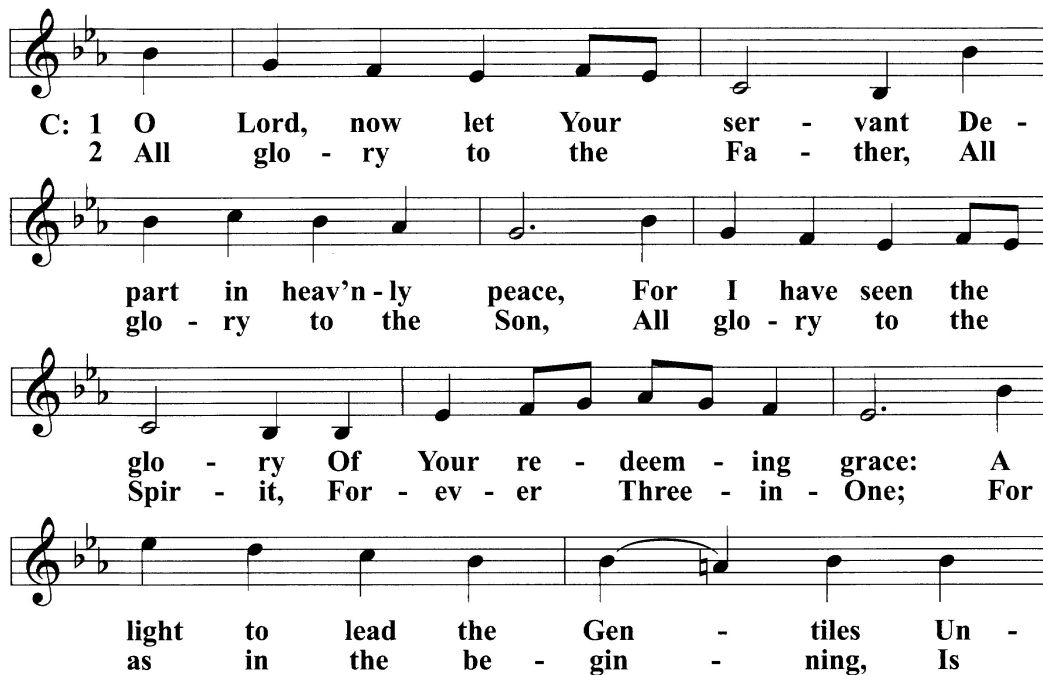


O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

## Distribution of the Sacrament

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

*Nunc Dimittis*

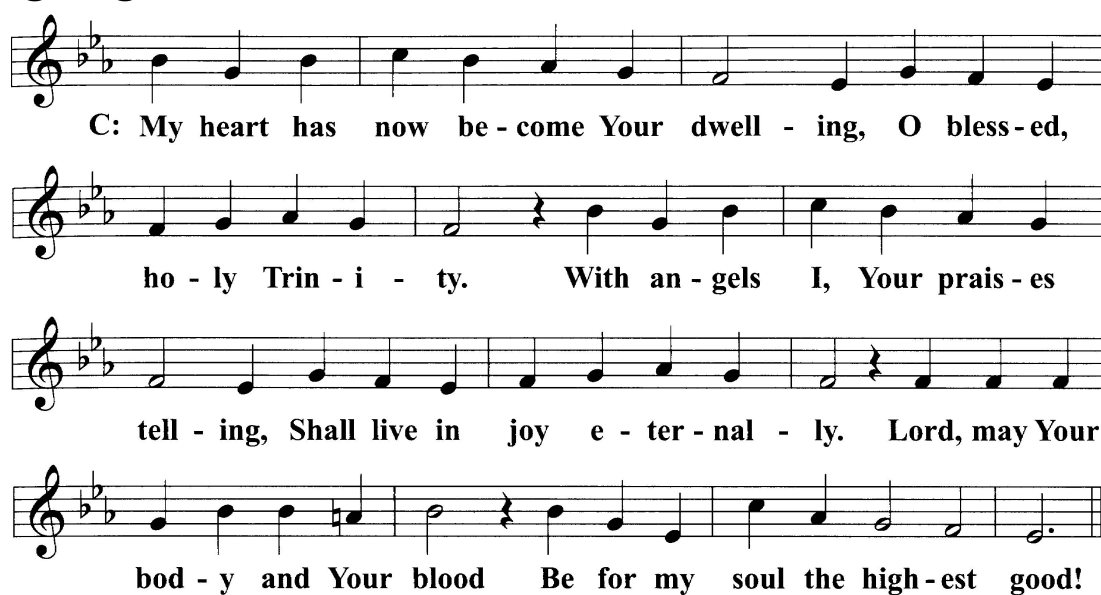


C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
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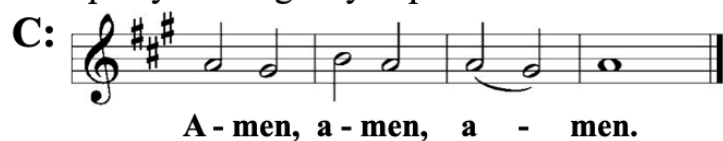
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving



## 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.



## Closing Hymn (tan hymnal)

#705 "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (12/7)	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal
	10:45 am	Christmas Potluck
Sun (12/14)	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal
	10:45 am	Gift bags assembly

### **Extended Calendar**

- Christmas Bible School: Sat., Dec. 20, 9 am to 2 pm
- Christmas Eve Service: Wednesday, December 24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Service: Thursday, December 25, 9:30 am
- New Year's Eve Com. Service: Wednesday, December 31, 6:30 pm

**In Our Prayers:** We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members Ruth Claeys, Mark Hartmeister, Doug Tiefel, and Jerry Wamboldt, and for the family of Pastor John Hein of Fridley, MN, who is undergoing cancer treatment and was hospitalized last week after suffering two falls at home.

**Christmas Bible School:** We are making plans to host a one-day "Christmas Bible School" here at St. Paul on Saturday, December 20, for children ages 5-12. Hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Advertising flyers for sharing with friends and neighbors are available in the tract rack. Help yourself!



**Shut-In Gift Bags:** The St. Paul Mary & Martha group has started collecting items for Christmas gift bags for our shut-ins. We are collecting for 6 people this year & will assemble the bags next Sunday after the service. If you would like to contribute to this effort there is a list of suggested items on the bulletin board. We request no perishable or fresh fruit items. There is a box on the kitchen counter marked "Shut-Ins" & you can put your donation in the box anytime. Thank you so much.

**Kinship Seminary Student Sponsorship:** The St. Paul Mary & Martha group continues to sponsor our African seminary student, *Asukwo Asukwo Usuyak*. Our sponsorship is an annual fee of \$600 & is always due in January. We already have \$200 toward this effort. If you would like to help, please put your donation in the offering plate marked “Mary & Martha Kinship”. Anything helps!! Thank you!!



### Synod News & Notes

- ◆ The November CLC World Missions Prayer List, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. Please read and remember, with thanks to God: *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"* (James 5:16). Missionary Ohlmann has also provided a QR code (at right) that you can scan that will take you to the [online version](#) of the prayer list.
- ◆ A National CLC Women's (Virtual) Retreat will be held via Zoom on January 31, 2025, 10:00 am to Noon (Mountain Time). To register visit: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>. This is a free event.
- ◆ Mission Helper Trip: The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC–Tanzania, CLC–Kenya, CLC–Zambia, and CLC–Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org).
- ◆ Missionary Bruce Naumann posted a new update to his Tanzania mission blog, which you can see here: [clc-tz.blogspot.com](http://clc-tz.blogspot.com)



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### December 8-13

**Mon Luke 21:25-36** Jesus points to the fear and fainting of the unbelieving world when He comes in power and glory. But for His own it is a time of blessing (v28) to look forward to and to stay ready for!

**Tues Romans 15:4-13** The purpose of prophecy was to give us hope, that in that hope we may accept one another as Christ also accepted us. The God of hope gives joy and peace to both Jew and Gentile believers.

**Wed Micah 4:1-7** The prophet Micah looks forward to the time when the whole world looks to the mountain of the House of the Lord, whose word goes forth from Zion with peace and healing for all mankind.

**Thurs Psalm 91** The Almighty promises protection to all who live in His presence. They will fear no terror by night or day, for He pledges to rescue those who find shelter in Him. Yes, Lord, You are my refuge (v2,9)!

**Fri Psalm 42:1-5** As a hunted deer pants for cool relief, so the believer longs for God. People may say, "Where is your God?" But the beleaguered believer finds his hope in God and salvation in His presence.

**Sat Psalm 42:6-11** When the evils of this world seem to have caught up to and overcome the believer, he remembers the Lord's mercy by day and at night. He knows that he will again praise Him for his salvation.

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