

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Christian

Education

Sun. 9:15 am

Sat. 5:30 pm

Sun. 8:00 am

Sun. 10:30 am

***Proclaim the
Christ.***

***Grow the
Family.***

***Love the
Neighbor.***

Pastors

Mike Burdick

Trey Dille

Dec. 8, 2024

2nd Sun in

Advent

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Offerings are placed in the boxes at the North and West doors, before or after worship.
- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Trey Dille.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Ms. Jerry Starner	Organist
Mrs. Amy Kohnert	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Maddux Wyckoff, Ava & Gage Wernsing, Jenna Bohnhoff.....	Acolytes
Mr. Ray Hartman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. David Wall.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland (217-343-4366)	Elder on Duty for December 8 - 14
Chatelain School & Baja School	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins.....	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until

He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. Thank you.

You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.

"Even So Come"

Preservice #1

*All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon*

*Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come*

*There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come*

*So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come*

"Even So Come" written by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jess Cates © S. D. G. Publishing Scripture Reference: Revelation 22:12 CCLI Song: 7036288 CCLI License: 51072

"Breath Of Heaven (Mary's Song)"

Preservice #2

*I have traveled
Many moonless night
Cold and Weary
With a babe inside
And I wonder
What I've done
Holy Father
You have come
Chosen me now
To carry Your Son*

*I am waiting
in a silent prayer
I am frightened
by the load I bear
In a world as cold as stone
Must I walk this path alone
Be with me now
Be with me now*

*Breath of Heaven
Hold me together
Be forever near me
Breath of Heaven*

*Breath of Heaven
Lighten my darkness
Pour over me, Your Holyness
For You are Holy Breath of Heaven*

*Do I wonder
As you watch my face
If a wiser one, should of had my place
But I offer all I am
For the mercy of your plan
Help me be strong
Help me be
Help me*

*Breath of Heaven
Hold me together
Be forever near me
Breath of Heaven*

*Breath of Heaven
Lighten my darkness
Pour over me, Your Holyness
For your holy*

*Breath of Heaven
Hold me together
Be forever near me
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"Breath Of Heaven (Mary's Song)" written by Amy Grant, Chris Eaton 1992 Clouseau Music Ltd Scripture Reference: Leviticus 19:2, Job 33:4, Luke 1: 26-38 CCLI Song: 1128784 CCLI License: 51072

Divine Service 3

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #733

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

“Lead Us Back”

(10:30) Opening Song

Lead us back where we belong

Call us as Your very own

Lead us back

Safe into Your arms

"Lead Us Back" written by Tai Anderson, David Carr, Mark Lee, Mac Powell @2015 Songs Of Worship Scripture Reference: John 1:29-4, Mark 1:37-38 CCLI License: 51072

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.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent,
as we wait until Christmas for the fullness of its joy.*



*The Advent Wreath is lighted while we reflect on the prayerful hymn
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1–7b

¹"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 66:1–12

¹Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

²sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

³Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

⁴All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”

⁵Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

⁶He turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him, ⁷who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

⁸Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net;

you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

¹²you let men ride over our heads;

we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

Epistle

Philippians 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn # 344

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

(10:30) Sermon Song

*O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God ap-pear*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

*O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's tree
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

*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.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

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Offertory (5:30 & 8:00)

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 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.

Offering Presentation / Collection of Cards

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (5:30 & 8:00)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

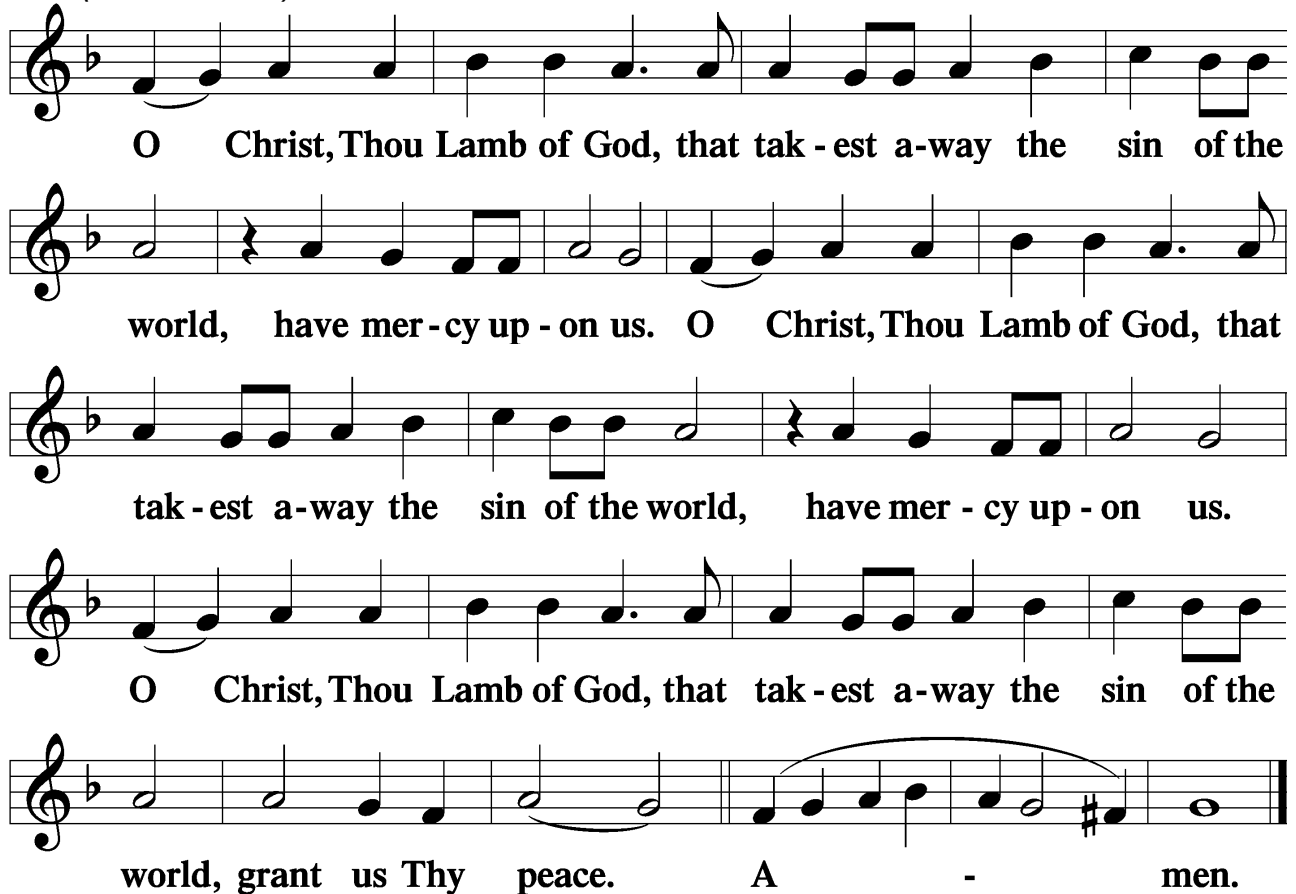
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (5:30 & 8:00)



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

Hymn #633
Hymn #411

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(10:30) *Communion Song*

*Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be*

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me*

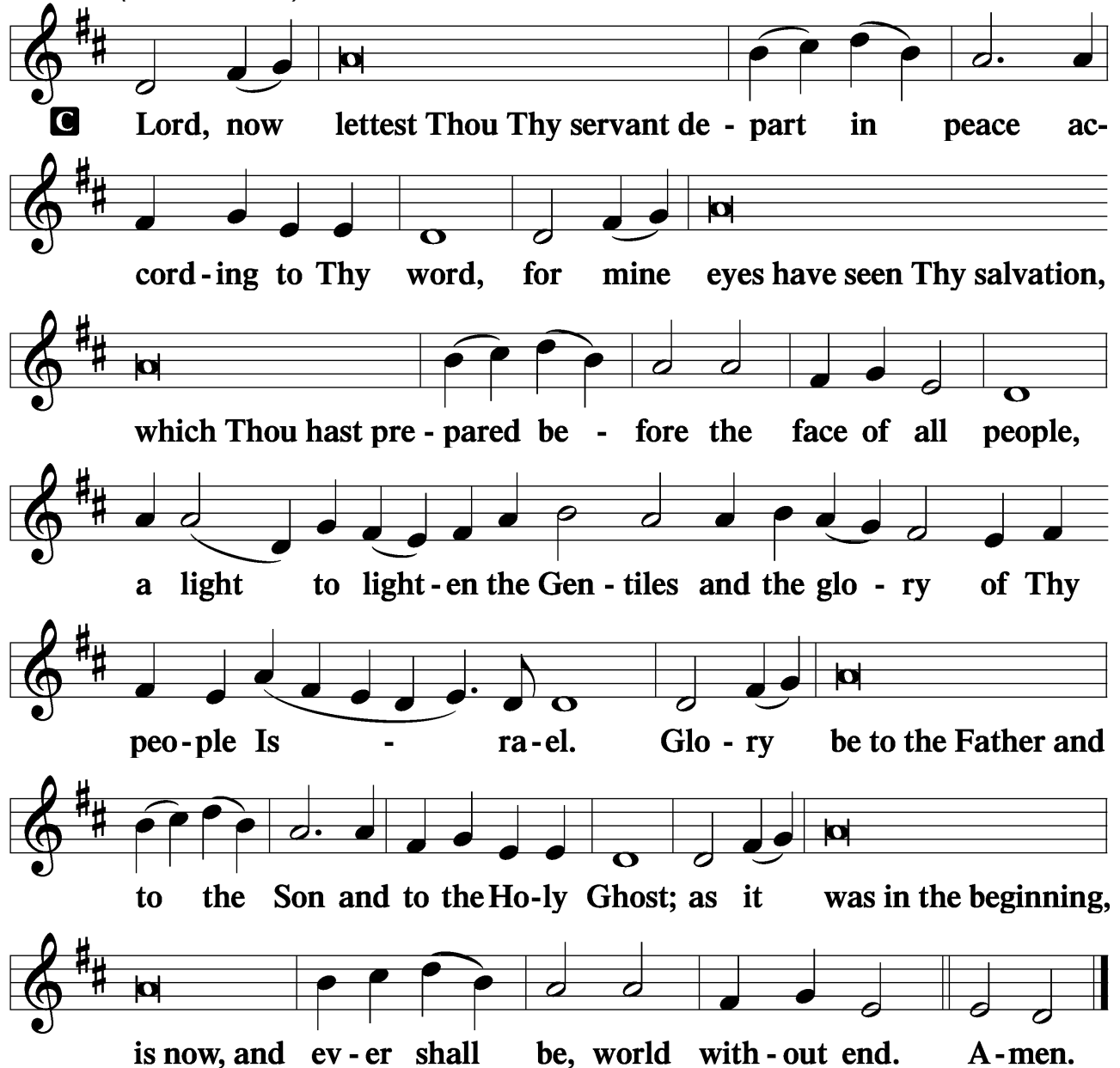
*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love Refrain*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside Refrain*

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Blessing

Nunc Dimittis (5:30 & 8:00)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn #349	Hark the Glad Sound
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"Angels We Have Heard On High"

(10:30) Closing Song

*Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.*

Gloria In excelsis deo

Gloria In excelsis deo

Shepherds, why this Jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria In excelsis deo

Gloria In excelsis deo

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;*

Come, adore on bended knee

Christ, the Lord,

the newborn King

Gloria In excelsis deo

Gloria In excelsis deo

See Him in a manger laid

Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,

With us sing our Savior's birth.

Gloria In excelsis deo

Gloria In excelsis deo

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Postlude

Advent Midweek Services

Wednesdays: Dec 11, 18
12:15pm & 6:30pm

Christmas at St. John's

Sunday School Christmas Program:
Sun, Dec 22 10:30am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day Service: 9:00am

Come, Let Us Adore Him!

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