

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

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**Welcome to our guests & visitors.** We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

**We want you to feel welcome and comfortable.** Here are a few notes to help with that:

**Large print worship folders** are available. You'll find them at the entryway table. Please ask if we can be of help with this.

**Connection cards** are also located on the entryway table. We'd love the opportunity to get connected with you in additional ways – either in person or digitally. **You can hand the card to Pastor Glende, or simply place it into the offering box.**

**Restrooms** are located down the hallway on the right.

*And please ask if there are any other questions we can answer for you.*

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## MORNING PRAISE

### Gathering Hymn

*choral duet*

### “Lift Up Your Heads”

*Lift up your heads, lift up your eyes;  
Keep watch with joy o'er darkened skies. The Son of Righteousness is near.  
The earth may quake, the nations rage, fulfillments of this evil age.  
For faithful hearts there is no fear.*

*Lift up your heads, pray constantly;  
Do not be troubled when you see the famines, drought and pestilence.  
For Jesus Christ still walks beside, through darkest watches will abide,  
Compassion in your vigilance.*

*Lift up your heads and search the skies,  
The light eternal will arise when our Redeemer comes again.  
Then we shall see his radiant face who stands triumphant in his grace.  
Lord Jesus, quickly come. Amen.*

*text by Sarahlambrechtmusic.com*

*Please stand*

### INVOCATION

*The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.*

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [✝] and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with an honest heart and confess our sins to him asking him for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: O most holy and righteous Lord, I am a sinner whose thoughts, words, and actions testify to the evil that lives in me. Be merciful to me. Take from me the sin that I have inherited and the sins that I have committed, for the sake of your holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.**

*Luke 18:13,14)*

*(Romans 7:18-20, Romans 5:19,*

**M:** The Savior's work is finished. The price is paid in full. Our Lord says, "Come, let us reason together: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool, for I will forgive your sins and remember your wickedness no more." According to the Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in

the name of the Father and of the Son [†] and of the Holy Spirit.

*(Isaiah 1:18, John 20:23)*

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*(Romans 7:24-25)*

*The forgiveness extended by the pastor to the congregation is that special power and right which Christ gave to his Church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).*

M: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: Let us worship him!

**OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD**

*(taken from Psalm 95)*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout with joy to our saving Rock; come, enter in with our songs of praise, come, enter in with thanks-giving." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. You are a great and a wondrous God, cupping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
You made the hills and the mountains high, you made the seas and the dry land.

Refrain

2. Come, let us worship and bowing low, kneel before the One who has made us all.  
You are the God whom we call our own, we are the flock that you shepherd.

Refrain

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning. Even though we do not deserve your goodness, provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us your Holy Spirit that we may humbly acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. **10** A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. **13** “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. **14** He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

### VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

*Please stand for the words of our Risen Lord*

### GOSPEL LESSON

**Matthew 25:31-46**

**31** “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. **34** “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ **37** “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ **40** “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ **41** “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes

and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ **44** “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ **45** “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ **46** “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY 834

**“Still, My Soul, Be Still”**

### SERMON

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**13** Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. **14** For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD** - *The Te Deum Laudamus has been sung since the 6th century AD (the words date back as early as the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD). We join our voices to Christians who have gone before us. The words serve as a confession of faith.*

**The congregation is invited to join in the Refrains and to respond with “We praise you,” where noted in bold. Please Stand.**

*Refrain:*



**You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.**



**To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.**

*Verses*

1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**  
 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,

**praise you!** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**  
 You be - came a man to set us free;

**praise you, we praise you!** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**  
 You have ris - en to free us;

**praise you, we praise you!** With the mar - tyrs and your  
 To the Trin - i - ty most  
 And with all your saints in

ho - ly Church,  
 bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*  
 glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*  
*to Final Refrain*

**Final Refrain**

**You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.**

**To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,**

**all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.**

**OFFERING** - Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offering goes to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

## Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie*

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*(Psalm 27:7)*

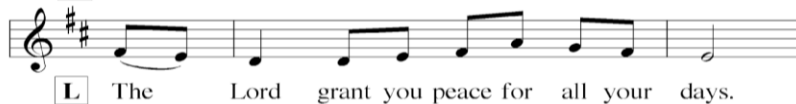
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING



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**Schedule**

<b>TUES</b>	<i>Women’s Gathering</i>	<i>10am</i>
<b>WED</b>	<i>NO Youth Confirmation / Catechism class</i>	<i>6:15pm</i>
<b>SAT</b>	<i>Men’s gathering</i>	<i>10am</i>
	<i>Christmas Decorating</i>	<i>11am</i>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>Bible Hour, with classes for all ages</i>	<i>9am</i>
	<i>Worship -</i>	<i>10am</i>
	<i>Potluck &amp; Presentation</i>	<i>following worship</i>

**Other upcoming events / happenings ...**

- ***Potluck, and cultural presentation on Guyana: next Sunday.*** *Would you like to learn about Albert’s home country of Guyana? You’re invited.*
- ***Christmas Caroling date set: Wed Dec. 13th. More details TBA.***
- ***Special Christmas Services***  
 Dec.17 - Children sing in the service to share the Christmas news  
 Dec.24 Christmas Eve Candlelight worship 6:30pm  
 Dec.25 Christmas Day worship 10am

**Are you interested in a potluck, with an optional "white-elephant" gift exchange?**

This event could be added on the calendar for after the worship on Dec.17. The white-elephant gift exchange would be for whomever wanted to take part in it. But even for those who wouldn't choose to do the gift exchange, all would be welcome for the potluck. If there is enough interest, we'll add it to the calendar.

- **Would you like this event added to the upcoming congregational events? Send a quick reply with a note of "yes" if you would. Thanks!**

**Ongoing Volunteer opportunities:**

***Weekly Cleaning*** - signup sheet is out. A whiteboard checklist of basic cleaning tasks is on the inside of the far hall closet. You can coordinate to team up with someone, or you can check off a task or two independently. Questions? Contact Susanna (208-794-1489).

***Weekly snacks*** – signup posted above the refreshments/snacks counter.