

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Divine Service 1, p. 151)

HYMN #803

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun-tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1852-1933, alt. Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

Stand

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

C 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

**Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.**

**Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

**who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**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.**

**Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.**

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.



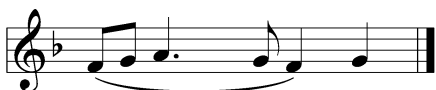
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Zephaniah 3:14–20

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Philippians 4:4–7

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:18–28

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

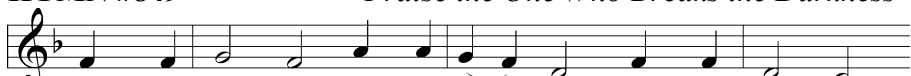


C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN #849

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, 1955 Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia

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HYMN #331

"The Advent of Our King"



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
 Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
 And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away,
 The new self now put on.

△ All glory to the Son,
 Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one
 Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt. Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ 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.**

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.



C A - men.

HYMN #345

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"



- 1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 15, 2024

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors this day! Thanks for joining us at church or online. If you are looking for a church home, please talk to Pastor Lee. We hope you will join us again!

WORSHIP PREP

Today is the “Joy” Sunday of the Advent season. The pink candle is lit on the Advent wreath. The readings and hymns speak of the joy that the coming of the Savior brings. May this service and season bring you joy.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Order of Service Divine Service 1, pg 151
Hymns: 803, 849, 331, 345
Sermon: “The Joy of Redemption” Zephaniah 3:14-20
Organist: Saturday: Gloria Hollatz Sunday: Maureen Diedrich

PARISH PRAYERS

God’s healing for Ivy McKane, Roger Wallner, Paul Peterson, Darrel Eggert, Bruce Wiitanen, Jerry Lee, Al & Diane Riedel, Lois Zimmerman, Gene Payne, Mary Springer, Dennis Karger, Mike McDaniel, Deb Marquard, Steph Wilde, Bryce Cook, Aiden Schwarz, Joan Drevlow, Luke Shamp, Tom Lenz (br-Linda Maughan), Kevin Scott (son of Cheryl), Ed Bridwell (uncle M. Wilde), Elaine Springer, Pam Richter (f. of M. Pooler), Kim Doering, Naomi Lahman and Bill Weniger (f of Lisa Koehn).

God bless Gary & Connie Diekow (12/20) on their 55th anniversary.

We give thanks with Joseph & Ashley Dumpprope on the birth of Adaline Grace.

We ask God to bless the wedding of Michael & Bea Thomas.

THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 14

7:00 PM Worship

Sunday, December 15

9:00 AM Worship, also Livestreamed

10:00 AM Coffee

10:30 AM Sunday School & Christmas Practice until noon

2:00 PM St. William’s Service (Vicar Joe)

7:00 PM Service on Cable Ch 14

Monday, December 16

6:00 PM Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 AM Bible Breakfast

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 AM Bible Class

3:30 PM 6th Grade Confirmation

5:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Caroling

5:45 PM Live Nativity & Carols

6:00 PM Supper

7:00 PM Advent Service

Thursday, December 19

11:00 AM St. William’s Communion

Saturday, December 21

9:00 AM ACT/JCT Skiing

7:00 PM Worship

Sunday, December 22

9:00 AM Worship, also Livestreamed

10:00 AM Coffee

10:30 AM Sunday School & Christmas Practice until noon

4:00 PM Children’s Christmas Program, Livestreamed

7:00 PM Service on Cable Ch 14

WORSHIP HELPERS

December 14: Jeff & Nicole Meissner Family and Elliana Hammack.

December 15: Kevin & Sherry Wendt, Dar & Franchesca Grattan Family

and Alexzander Castro. December 18 (Wed 7 PM): Holly Downing, Paul

& Hannah Downing and Madisyn Fahlin. December 21: Joyce Malmgren

and Kaitlyn O’Brien. December 22: Rhonda Pooler, Chad & Heidi DeBoer

Family and Aiden Moran. December 22 (4 PM): John & Linda Barrows,

Alan & Darcy Peppersack and Tenley Westad.

Sign up at the narthex to serve coffee after worship.

INFORMATION FOR YOU

From Our Library: Need a book for a child or adult for Christmas? Check out our Library Boutique for some great ideas of Christian books for your gifts. Feature Book: First Festivals Christmas by Lois Rock. Celebrate by decorating, by making gifts, cards & decorations. May these things help you focus on Jesus, the Savior who lies at the heart of Christmas. Code: Blue 263.91 OVERSized

Next Sunday's Lutheran Hour is "Does It Matter If Jesus Is God?" with Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus sets a good example, but good examples can't help dead people. Only God's Son can make us alive again. (Luke 2:10-11)

Watch Main Street Living on TV, a service led by local LCMS pastors. See it Sundays on Ch 15 KVRR Fargo (Ch 10 on Arvig) at 9 am, on Ch 29 WFTC at 9:30 am from the Cities (including on DISH if you have the Twin Cities stations or on Selective TV 9.2) or at mainstreetliving.com anytime. Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of LCMS, preaches Dec 22.

If you have a Thrivent grant available for 2024, please let the office know.

If you would be interested in helping with occasional small handyman projects at church, let pastor or the office know.

Needed: \$731 to meet our TIM Mission goal by the end of the year. Designate "TIM" on your envelope.

Monetary Donations are needed for the Parkers Prairie School food backpack program. Donations can be brought to the Elementary School.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Attend 12-4	39	Offering	\$1,301.00
TIM	\$10.00		
Attend 12-7	16	Communed	14
Attend 12-8	98	Communed	83
Offering	\$1,596.00	Home Use	\$75.00
TIM	\$100.00	Total	\$1,671.00
Offerings for December			\$5,467.00
Offerings Needed each Month			\$21,848.00
Sunday School Attend	52	Offering	\$9.00
TIM Goal: \$3,000		Receipts:	\$2,269.00



Children's Christmas Program is December 22 at 4 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is December 24 at 3 & 5
Christmas Day Carols and Communion is December 25 at 9

OUR MISSION:

Empowered by God's Word; we know, love and share Jesus Christ.

INFORMATION FOR TODAY

Who can I tell about the joy of Jesus?

We are having a door offering this weekend for Christmas candy bags.

Portals of Prayer for January are available in the narthex.

We are taking pictures for a new church directory. Sign up today at the narthex counter, sign up at ucdir.com or call the church office. The church code is MN528 and password is photos. Pictures will be taken December 27, 28 and 30 as well as a day or two in January yet to be scheduled.

Our last Midweek Advent Service is Wednesday at 7 PM with supper at 6 PM. "Everlasting Father" is the theme.

If you would like to help with the Advent supper December 18, sign up at the narthex counter to bring hot sandwiches, salads or bars.

Live Nativity with Carols will be December 18 at 6 PM. Come at 5:45 to view the nativity. Join in carols at 6 PM and then come inside for hot sandwiches and stay for worship at 7 PM.

Christmas cards are available outside the office. \$1 per card.

Children's Christmas Service will be December 22 at 4 PM.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be at 3 and 5 PM. Christmas Day Carols and Communion will be at 9 AM.

Greg Wachter will be here December 29 to tell about the work our circuit is doing to build a school in Malawi.

Pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in the coat area. If you would like 2025 envelopes and haven't received them in the past, or if you would like to sign up for electronic giving for 2025, let the office know.

We are in need of "facilitators" for several work groups. This can be a husband & wife team. Please contact the office if interested.

We are looking for another person to join the Altar Guild in 2025. Contact the church office if interested.

Thank you from ACT to everyone who supported the Christmas Brunch and Silent Auction last weekend. \$1,100 was raised.

If you'd like to join ACT/JCT skiing at Andes on December 21, names and money must be turned in by **December 18**. Cost is \$20 to ski and \$8 if you want to rent a helmet.

Volunteers needed to help with the church directory. Contact the church office if interested.