

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
December 5, 2021  
with hymn **GRAPHICS**

**Welcome to Village Lutheran Church!** We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Joel Biermann or Vicar Drew Oswald would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

**The Lord’s Supper** We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

### **In Our Prayers:**

**Strength and healing** Al and Marilyn (grandparents of Angela), Alison (friend of Charlotte), Audrey (mother of Lexine), Ava, Cemantha (niece of Dan), Cindy (friend of Scott and Cheryl), Dan, David, Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan (mother of Paul), Jill, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), John (friend of Sharon), London (friend of Linn), Luke, Michael (son of Mary) Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Rebecca (niece of Dan), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Tammy (friend of Linn), Valerie (wife of Jack), Wayne; **Those suffering from disasters; Christians suffering persecution; Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn; Those in the military**, especially Tom and Aaron; **Those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith**, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; **Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families** Director Nicole, teachers Kristi, Kim, and Berkley, and aids Blair and Dawn; **All Seminary students and Washington University students** that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; **All missionaries**, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); **The community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed or underemployed.**

### **Serving Us Today**

Celebrant: Pastor Joel Biermann

Preacher: Vicar Drew Oswald

Assistants: Seminarian Benjamin Heinz

Coffee Hour: (no one has signed up)

*NEXT WEEK:* Steve & Jerri Bryant

Altar Guild: Merle Millar

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.

Canticle (8:15 only)  
Schola Cantorum

Isaiah 11:1-7, para  
setting by Hal H. Hopson

*Dance and sing for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.  
Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.  
Clap your hands and sing. Glory, hallelujah.  
Joyful voices ring. Glory, hallelujah.*

*Soon a Son will come through Jesse. His delight shall be the Lord.  
He shall reign with truth and justice. Come, O Savior, come.*

*Wolf and lamb shall rest together; calf and lion shall join as friends.  
Peace shall come to all the nations. Come, O Savior, come.*

345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding (10:45 only)

LSB 345



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!

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 66, para.*

**A** Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

**C** **Sing the glory of his name, give him glorious praise!**

**A** Declare to God: "How awesome are your deeds;

**C** **So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.**

**A** All the earth worships you,

**C** **All the earth sings praises to your name."**

**A** Come and see what marvels God has done for us.

**C** **He turned the sea into dry land;**

**A** His people passed through the river with dry feet.

**C** **So let us rejoice in him who rules by his power forever.**

**A** His eyes keep watch on the nations;

**C** **Let no rebel raise his head!**

**A** You nations, bless our God

**C** **Make his praise resound.**

**A** He keeps us among the living,

**C** **He does not let our feet slip.**

**A** You have tested us, O God, and refined us like silver;

**C** **You let us fall into the net, and laid a crushing burden on our backs.**

**A** You let men ride over our heads, we went through fire and water.

**C** **But the ordeal is over, and you have brought us to a place of abundance.**

**C** 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

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Candlelighting Hymn

"Light the Candle"



Light the can-dle of PEACE to-day, the Gi-ver of PEACE is



here! Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but



on - ly Christ can give. Flick-er and flame and



glow with peace, light up the world a - round you.



Flick - er and flame and glow with peace,



light up the world a - round you.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008  
Tune: Carl F. Schalk, 1929-2021

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 3:1-7b*

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>But 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. <sup>3</sup>He 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. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“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.

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Canticle (8:15 only)

*Isaiah 2:2,4-5*

*Schola Cantorum*

setting by Jody Lindh

*Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation.*

## Gradual (10:45 only)

*Psalms 50:2-3, 5*

*Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.*

*Our God comes; he does not keep silence;*

*before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.*

*“Gather to me my faithful ones,*

*who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>It 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. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

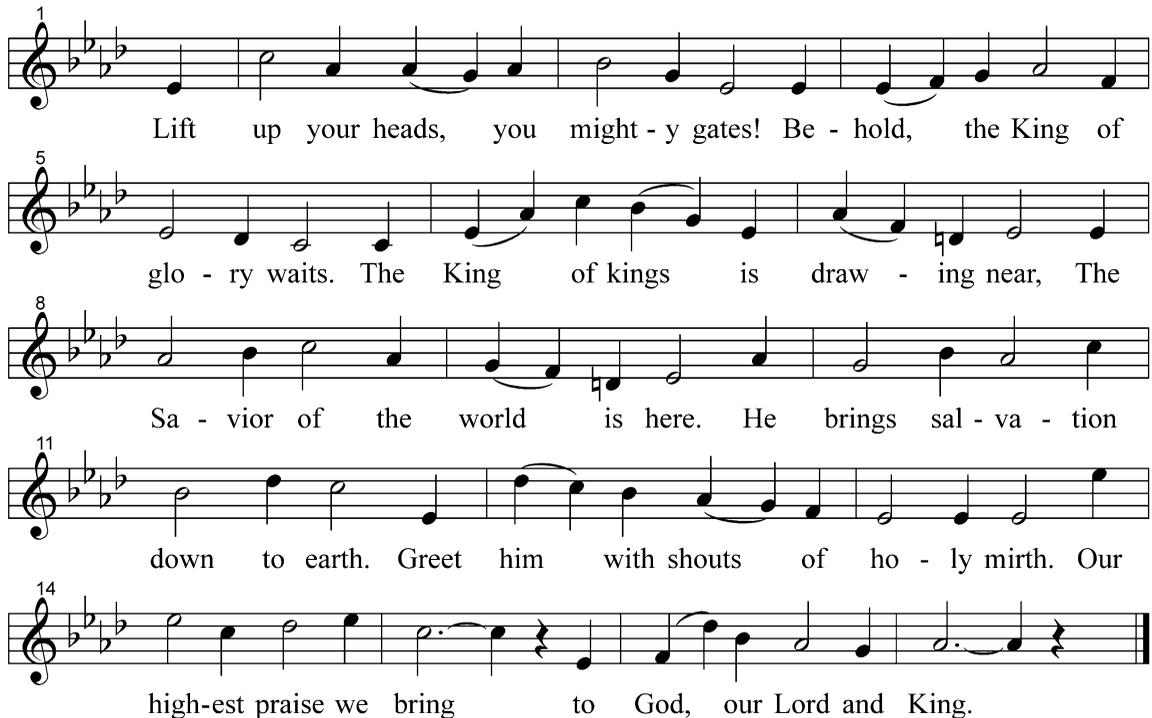
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Advent Verse

*Ps. 24:9-10, para.*



1  
Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of

5  
glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near, The

8  
Sa - vior of the world is here. He brings sal - va - tion

11  
down to earth. Greet him with shouts of ho - ly mirth. Our

14  
high-est praise we bring to God, our Lord and King.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:1–20*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John 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. <sup>17</sup>His 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.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But 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, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344

St 1 – all; St 2 – men; St 3 – choir (8:15), soloist (10:45); St 4 – women; St 5 – all (standing)



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory**

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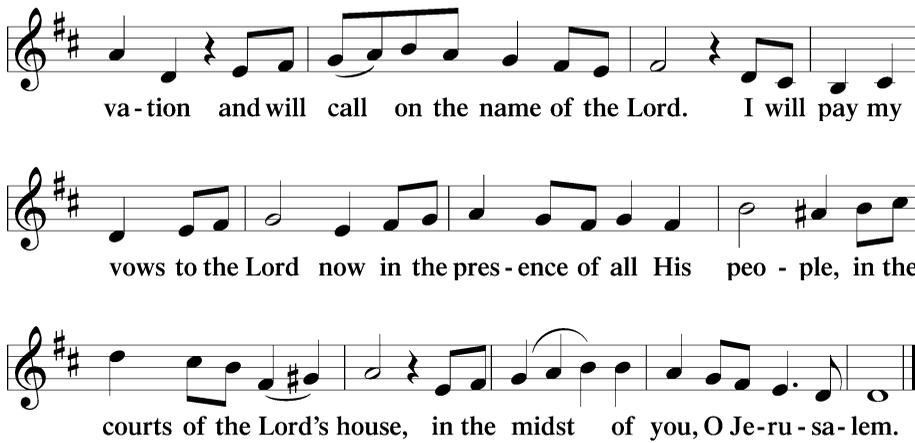
☐ What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

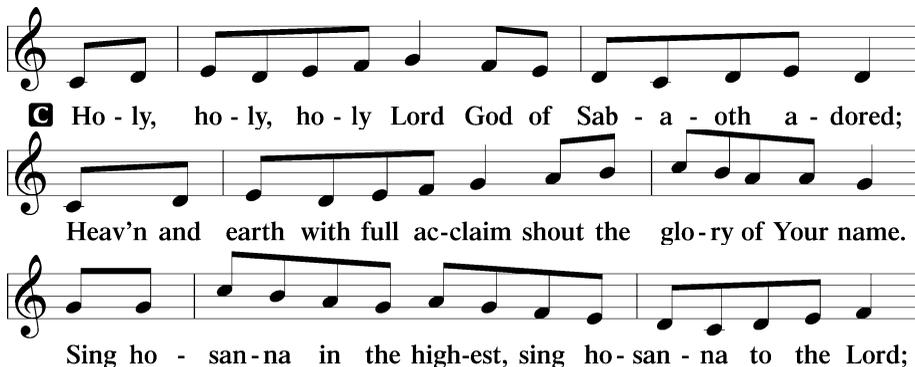
**Preface**

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- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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**

LSB 208



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



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** 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.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord’s Prayer

#### 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

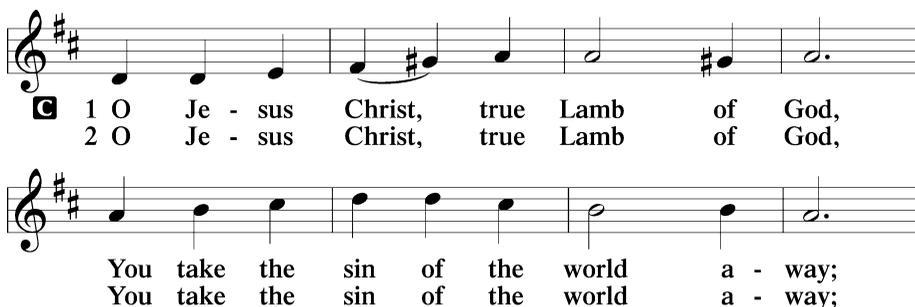
### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 210



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

LSB 347

1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er  
 saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -  
 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord  
 Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall  
 sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

### 346 When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,  
 2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,  
 3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,  
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.  
 Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.  
 Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.  
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,  
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,  
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,  
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.  
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:  
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.  
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

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### 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel-come You a-right?  
 2 Your Zi-on strews be-fore You Green boughs and fair-est palms;  
 3 I lay in fet-ters, groan-ing; You came to set me free.  
 4 Love caused Your in-car-na-tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo-ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de-light!  
 And I too will a-dore You With joy-ous songs and psalms.  
 I stood, my shame be-moan-ing; You came to hon-or me.  
 Your thirst for my sal-va-tion Pro-cured my lib-er-ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais-es new  
A glo-rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em-brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
And from Your name shall nev - er With-hold the hon - or due.  
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Cannot His love erase;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
His children thus securing  
Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations  
And blessèd hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
And guide us safely home.

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*Stand*

Nunc Dimittis

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to 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:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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.

Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart

LSB 343



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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# Family Altar

Village Lutheran Church – Ladue, Missouri  
A resource for families gathered around God's Word

The Week of Dec 5 -Dec 11, 2021  
Preparing for Advent 3 (Dec 12)

**Sunday:** Reflect upon the sermon & service

**Monday:** Old Testament – *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

God's people cry aloud in joy (v. 14). Why? (v. 15)

Describe what Christ will do for His people at His return. (vv. 19-20)

**Tuesday:** Epistle – *Philippians 4:4-7*

Since the Lord is at hand (v. 5b), how ought we live? (v. 6)

What does the peace of God do for you? (v. 7)

**Wednesday:** Gospel – *Luke 7:18-28*

Who is blessed? (v. 23) Consider how shocking it is that Jesus says such are blessed rather than those He healed (vv. 21-22).

Who is John? (v. 26)

Christ's kingdom follows on the heels of John. Why is the least in Christ's kingdom greater than John? (v. 28)

**Thursday:** *Psalms 85*

Describe God's favor. (vv. 1-3)

To whom is the LORD's salvation near? (v. 9)

**Friday:** Small Catechism – Sixth Commandment & explanation

When are you tempted to not be chaste in word or deed?

What else is a violation of this commandment? (Matthew 5:27-28)

How might you honor marriage?

**Saturday:** Hymn – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding (LSB 345)

How does Christ come to us and how should we respond? (st. 3)

What will Christ do for you when He comes in glory? (st. 4)

Our Family's Prayers:

**Seasonal Insight:** Blue now appears on the altar and pulpit in testimony to the royalty of Christ who comes as our King.

**What Lutherans Believe:** If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our Christian confession within the Lutheran tradition or just reviewing the basics of belief, plan to join Pastor Biermann Sunday evenings in December and January. We will use Luther's *Small Catechism* as a springboard into thinking about and discussing the core doctrines of our faith. While this class serves as preparation for becoming a member at Village, it will also be a great time of fellowship and learning for lifelong members. The class will meet at church starting tonight, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Come and bring a friend or two.

**Help Make the Sanctuary Bloom:** Village will be adorned with poinsettias in December leading up to Christmas. All are welcome to dedicate poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one. Cost is \$15 per poinsettia plant. The signup sheet is in the lounge through Wednesday, December 8.

**Luke 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” ’ ”** God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

**Katie Luther League:** Katie Luther League: We do not officially meet in December, but please remember to bring in your items for our December service project by Sunday, December 19. For more information or to sign up to bring another item, please see Marilyn Daughette or Karen Bogad. Thank you.

### **Chrismon Christmas Tree Returns to Village Lutheran Nave**

In recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Village Lutheran Church, we have brought back the historical tradition of a single Christmas tree in the nave decorated with Chrismon ornaments handmade by women of Village. Intricately fashioned in white & gold, the ornaments are based on monograms & symbols of Christ. In 1957, Frances Kipps Spencer created the first Chrismon ornaments for Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA. In 1965, Clarissa Start, longtime columnist for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, publicized the Chrismon tree at Salem Lutheran Church. Many of our women visited that church during the Christmas holidays; “their enthusiasm led to the formation of a group who worked under the direction of Mrs. Rothaus & Mrs. Vogt in Mrs. Schaefer's activity room once a week for 11 months. Fortunately, Mrs. Schaefer has a daughter who was adept at cutting out the basic designs & decorating some of the more complex ornaments.” The women of Village Church held an open house Tuesday, December 23, 1966 from 1-4 in the first chapel to display the Christmas tree. The first dedication of our present sanctuary occurred on Christmas Eve, 1967, with the Chrismon tree in the southeast front corner.

**Regular Quarterly Voters' Meeting** is scheduled for next Sunday, December 12. All members eighteen or older are eligible to vote. A light lunch will be served.

**Special Voters' Meeting is today** to review the survey results and to make nominations for District President and First Vice President. Since the meeting will be short, no lunch is being served.

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## Sunday, December 5:

8:15 AM Divine Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:45 AM Divine Service  
Noon Special Voters' Meeting  
12:30 PM Youth Group Christmas Party  
6:30 PM What Lutherans Believe class

## Monday, December 6:

5:00 PM Bd of Ed  
6:00 PM Board Meetings  
7:15 PM Bd of Directors

## Tuesday, December 7:

7:00 PM Quarterlife

## Wednesday, December 8:

Noon Advent Service  
4:00 PM Schola Cantorum  
5:00 PM Meal  
6:00 PM Faith Formation  
7:00 PM Advent Service  
7:45 PM Psallite

## Friday, December 10:

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

## Sunday, December 12:

8:15 AM Divine Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:45 AM Divine Service  
Noon Voters' Meeting  
6:30 PM What Lutherans Believe class

**Listening to Village---**You can listen to Village's 8:15 service with these easy steps:

- 1) Call 1-800-457-9860
- 2) When prompted, enter passcode, 8109865#

Or, **listen on online** by clicking on *Livestream during worship services* on [villagelutheranchurch.org](http://villagelutheranchurch.org)