

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Divine Service 4, p. 203

### HYMN #352

*"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"*



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly,  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - ya year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620-59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter

*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** 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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**INTROIT**                    *1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b–7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47*

**My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.  
There is none holy like the LORD;  
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.  
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.**

**My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

### KYRIE



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

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Micah 5:2–5a**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE

**Hebrews 10:5–10**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39–45

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, 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 #384

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348-c. 413; (sts. 1-4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-77 Tune: Plainsong, 13th cent., mode V

SERMON

"Blessed Joy"

Luke 1:39-45

# HYMN #933

# "My Soul Rejoices"



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955 Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622

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## OFFERING

*Stand*


## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### NUNC DIMITTIS



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.

## 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 ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN #349

*"Hark the Glad Sound"*



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51 Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 22, 2024  
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## 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

We hear of the visit by Mary to Elizabeth when both are expecting. There is special joy and blessings due to the identities of these babies. These babies are also a blessed joy to each of us.

## WORSHIP INFORMATION

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Hymns: 352, 384, 933, 349  
Sermon: "Blessed Joy" Luke 1:39-45  
Organist: Saturday: Gloria Hollatz Sunday: Laurie Krueger

## PARISH PRAYERS

God's healing for Ivy McKane, Todd Lucht, 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, Kevin Scott (son of Cheryl), Ed Bridwell (uncle M. Wilde), Elaine Springer, Pam Richter (f. of M. Pooler), Kim Doering, Naomi Lahman, Woodrow Peery (b of Elmyra and Julia) and Bill Weniger (f of Lisa Koehn).

We ask God to comfort the family of Tom Lenz (br-Linda Maughan), Rita Decker (s of Elmyra and Julia) and Helen Everson (gr C Deboer).

We pray for the goodness of Christmas to reach every person.

We pray for all mothers who are expecting.

## THIS WEEK

### 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

### Tuesday, December 24

3:00 PM **Christmas Eve Candlelight, Livestreamed**  
5:00 PM **Christmas Eve Candlelight**

### Wednesday, December 25

9:00 AM **Christmas Day Carols w/Communion  
also Livestreamed**

### Friday, December 27

2-9:00 PM Directory Photos

### Saturday, December 28

10-4:00 PM Directory Photos  
7:00 PM **Worship w/Communion**

### Sunday, December 29

9:00 AM **Worship w/Communion, also Livestreamed**  
10:00 AM Coffee  
7:00 PM Service on Cable Ch 14

## WORSHIP HELPERS

December 21: Joyce Malmgren. December 22: Rhonda Pooler, Chad & Heidi DeBoer Family and Sophia Warzecha. December 22 (4 PM): John & Linda Barrows, Alan & Darcy Peppersack and Tenley Westad. December 24 (3 PM): Matt & Nancy Erwin, Lynn & Bonnie Adam and Katie Pexsa. December 24 (5 PM): Tony & Tonya Woodworth, Tom & Bobbie Duberowski and Tenley Westad. December 25 (9 AM): Dennis & JoAnn Stende, Tiffany Springer Family and Kellen O'Brien. December 28: Jesse & Mindy Meissner family and Braedyn Tvrdik. December 29: Josh & Alexandra Wilde, Scott & Ashley Iverson Family and Antonio Castro.

Sign up at the narthex to serve coffee after worship. Every Sunday is available!

## INFORMATION FOR YOU

From Our Library: Check out our many Christmas movies. They are mostly listed under the Chri section. Feature Movie: Christmas Oranges - a delightful story in which a young girl is an orphan and taken to an Orphanage with a director who is cruel and mean in dealing with the children. Only one day is special when each child is given an Orange of their own. A great family movie with lovable characters.

Next Sunday's Lutheran Hour is "No Getting Better Than This" with Dr. Chad Lakies. The Good Life-what is it? Pastor Chad Lakies says life is truly good when it's life the way God meant it to be. (Colossians 3:12-17)

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](http://mainstreetliving.com) anytime. Rev. Daniel Voth, Grand Forks, preaches Dec 29.

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

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

Circuit Epiphany Service is Sunday, January 5 at 6:30 PM at Trinity, Carlos.

Wednesday Bible Class will begin a study of John on January 8.

Needed: \$581 to meet our TIM Mission goal by the end of the year. Designate "TIM" on your envelope.

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Attend 12-11	39	Offering	\$2,585.00
Attend 12-14	4	Attend 12-15	61
Offering	\$775.00	Home Use	\$225.00
Total	\$1,000.00		
Offerings for December			\$9,052.00
Offerings Needed each Month			\$21,848.00
Sunday School Attend	46	Offering	\$20.00
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**

## **Thank you to those who gave flowers to decorate our church!**

They are given in memory of:

- Bob Kalpin, Wilbert & Leona Kalpin, Elmer & Clarice Lehmann and Avee Hunter by Joanie Kalpin and Family
- Laverne & Suzy Kalpin, Duane & Eleanor Thompson by Donny, Karla, Michael & Mitchell Kalpin
- Hilton & Dottie Henschen by Kirk & Karen Lee
- Kenny Thoennes by Ashley Stende
- Rhonda Thoennes by Ashley Stende
- Luther & Barb Westad by Tenley & Ella Westad
- Norman & Ardith Barge by Owen & Henry Westad
- Peggy Duberowski by Taylor Duberowski
- Myrtle Schultz by Marisa Duberowski
- Marvin Duberowski by Isaiah Duberowski
- Jean Ratajesak, Teckla Ratajesak by Ratajesak Family
- Judy Ahrens by Julie O'Brien
- LWML Members now in heaven, by LWML

### OUR MISSION:

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

### INFORMATION FOR TODAY

Who can I invite to our Christmas Services to hear about Jesus' birth?

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](http://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.

Children's Christmas Service is today at 4 PM.

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

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.

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

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

Volunteers needed to help with the church directory. Sign up at the narthex counter to check members in.