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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in Word and Supper.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

**GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

*Sonatina*

Beethoven

\* WELCOME AND ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts. Faithful God, **we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.**

God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God. **Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*  
(Sung by leader)

ELW 241

## \*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## \*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Holy are you, God of power and glory; you promised to make your mighty presence known among the nations, and to strengthen your people to the end, when Christ will come in clouds to gather his people. As we light this candle, open our eyes to see the sin that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again, that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Stir up your might and come save us.

**Reveal your face to us, and give us life. Amen.**



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Jesus, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Prayed responsively.*

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.*

The Gospel of our Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

\*CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with expectation and longing, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Let us pray for the visible unity of the church; for increasing and abounding love among Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians; for our own denomination and its leaders. Strengthen our bonds. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the creation—the sun, the moon, the stars, the roaring seas, the icy streams, the clouds, and all the trees. Heal what we have damaged. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for nations in distress; for soldiers and civilians; for world leaders and local governments; for refugees and prisoners; for farmers and small business owners. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all whose hearts are weighed down with the worries and illnesses of this life, especially... Bring them hope that your redemption is drawing near. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the youth, the working parents, the single persons, the shut-ins, and those anticipating life changes in our congregation. Keep us alert for your coming. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions maybe be offered in speech and silence.*

Let us give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith, especially... Keep us in communion with the saints who now see you face to face. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and in your mercy grant us all we need, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

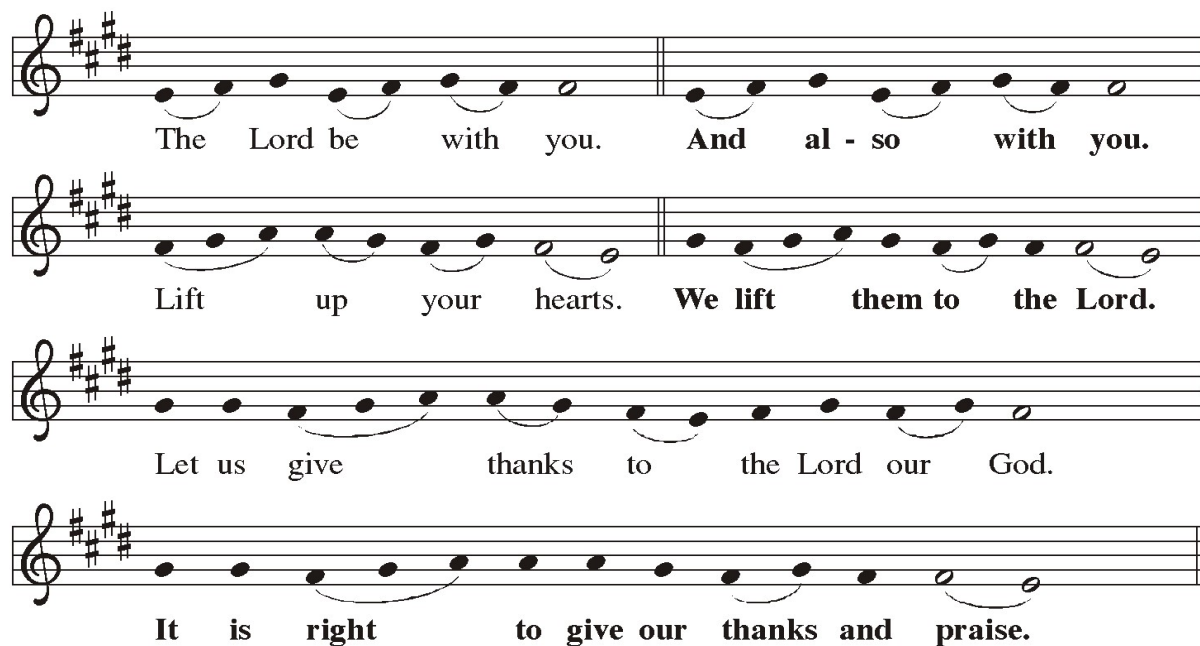
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## \*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

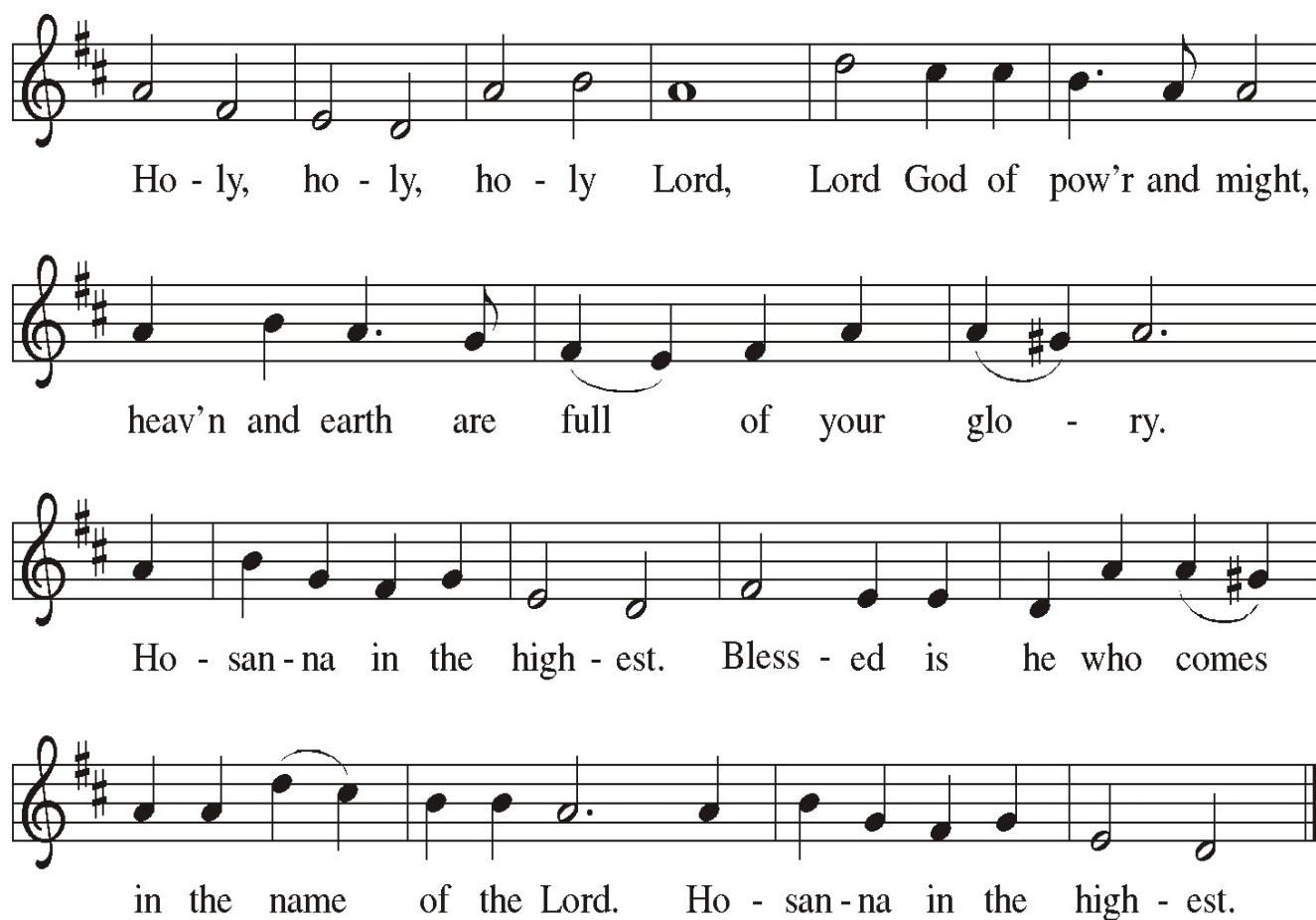
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Dialogue section consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The 'Holy, Holy, Holy' section consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is more complex than the Dialogue section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,', 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.', 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes', and 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Schmücke dich*

Brahms

**\*BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### \*BLESSING

The Lord direct your ways in peace,  
make you abound in love for one another and for all,  
and strengthen your hearts  
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen**

### \*SENDING HYMN

*The King Shall Come*  
(Sung by the congregation)

ELW 260

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Wachet Auf*

J S Bach



## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Carrie Watkiss

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

John Broussard

LECTOR

Fred Kuzel

GREETER

Ann Kmet

USHER

Walter Cudecki

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Esther Meksto

## PRAYER LIST

*Members of the Congregation:* Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Dot Myers, George Pagurko, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel

*Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Mary Costello, Ramona Daus, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bob Hicks, Bill Holmes, Marjorie Hudnall, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Celia Martinez, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Patricia Pfeiffer, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, John Racek, Bill Redis, Sue Renville, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Rev. Dave Stefanson, Harvey Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Mark Van Scharrel and Taz Zajac.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in memory of **+William Boor+** on the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his birth on November 22<sup>nd</sup> by remembering sons William R. and Richard T. Boor; and in loving memory of beloved mother and grandmother **+Anna Stastny+** on the anniversary of her death by remembering daughter Audrey Bucz and her family, and granddaughter Adrienne Gana.

**The 2022 offering envelopes** are delayed and expected to be delivered in late December. When these arrive they will be available in the lower hallway adjacent to the dining hall for those attending in-person worship. Envelopes may also be delivered directly to your home if you are not able to pick them up due to on-going virus conditions. If you or your relatives would like to have your envelopes mailed to you, please contact Karen in the church office.

If you would like to **order a poinsettia** to help decorate the chancel of the sanctuary for the Christmas liturgies, a sign-up sheet is available beginning today in the dining hall. You may also contact the church office to place your order. The cost per plant is \$17. The deadline for payment and sign-up is Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Lux Cantorum Chicago* will present its **Christmas concert entitled "Holiday Blessings,"** featuring favorite choral music of the season, at Sts. Peter and Paul next on Sunday afternoon, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. More information about the concert is available at [luxcantorum.org](http://luxcantorum.org). Sts. Peter and Paul members Brandon Michaels, Jane Lauritsen and Pastor Dennis sing with *Lux Cantorum*.

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Andrew, Apostle*

*Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>*

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

*Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552*

*Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

*John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749*

*Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>*

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.



### **Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2021:</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$1,130.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$1,370.00