

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Founded 1856*  
*1343 Penniman Avenue*  
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*Sunday, December 5, 2021*  
*The Second Sunday of Advent*

**Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)**

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Light the candle of peace today; the Giver of peace is here!  
Welcome the peace we fight and cry for, but only Christ can give.  
Flicker and flame and glow with peace; light up the world around you.

**OPENING HYMN #13 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"** Contributors: Tune - Henry Hugh Bancroft; Text - James L. Milligan. Tune and setting: © 1938,

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# 13 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, A  
 2 O Chris - tians, you bring good ti - dings; Get  
 3 But the Word of our God is e - ter - nal; The



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong. He stands in the midst of the



high - way, A high - way for our God! The  
 peo - ple The com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, And he shall right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, The lof - ty  
 flow'rs of the field they per - ish; Like grass their  
 feed his flock like a shep - herd, The lambs shall



hills brought low; Make straight all the crook - ed  
 works de - cay. The pow'r and pomp of  
 gent - ly hold, To pas - tures of peace shall



pla - ces Where the Lord our God may go!  
 na - tions Shall pass like a dream a - way;  
 lead them, And bring them safe to his fold.

**STAND**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

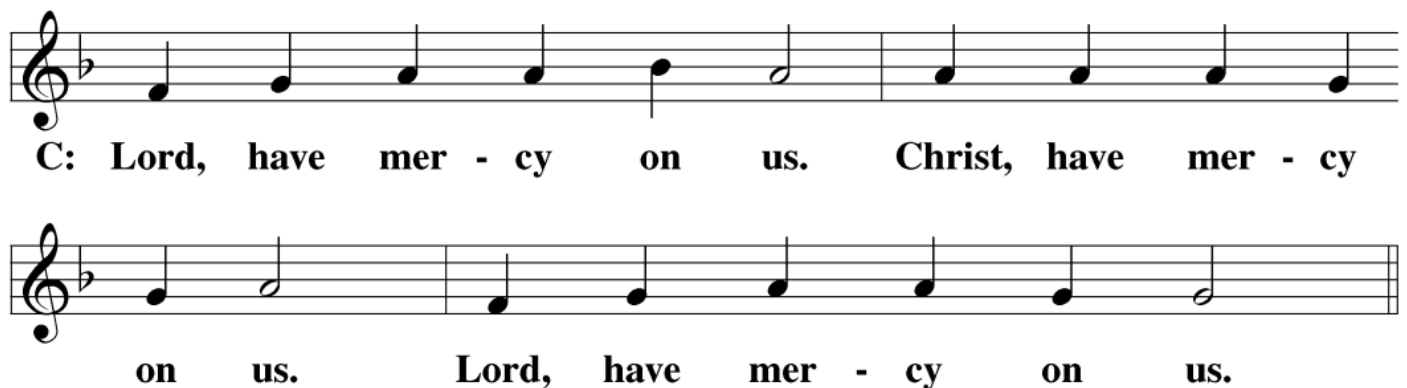


## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)**



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our

sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

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## All Glory Be to God on High

*Gloria in Excelsis*

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, Who has our  
 2 We praise, we wor - ship you, we trust; We give you  
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Of God, your  
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious Gift, Our Com - fort -

race be - friend - ed! To us no harm shall  
 thanks for - ev - er, O Fa - ther, that your  
 heav'n - ly Fa - ther, You did for all our  
 er from heav - en, Our wea - ry hearts and

now come nigh; The strife at last is end - ed. The  
 rule is just And wise and chang - es nev - er. In  
 sins a - tone, And your lost sheep you gath - er. O  
 souls up - lift; For this our praise is giv - en. De -

Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to  
 bound - less pow'r, with might - y reign, Done is what - ev - er  
 Lamb of God, to you on high From depths of woe we  
 liv - er us from doubt and fear; When Sa - tan trou - bles

all the earth; Oh, thank him for his good - ness!  
 you or - dain; Your rule brings count - less bless - ings!  
 sin - ners cry, Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!  
 us, be near; We trust your love and pow - er.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, abr., st. 1-3; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



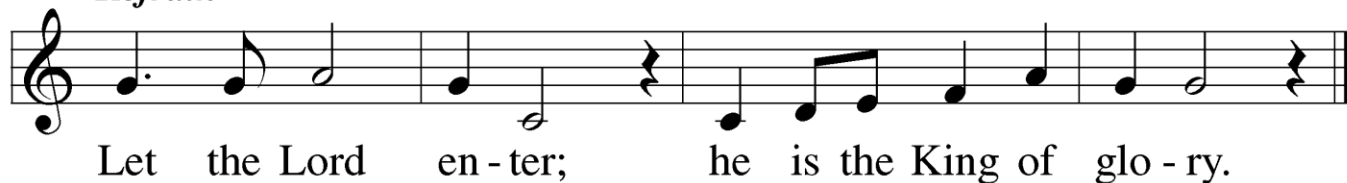
**THE WORD**

## FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4

**3** “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.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 24

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,\*  
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas\*  
and established it upon the waters.



Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?\*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,\*

he will receive blessing from God his Savior. ***Refrain***

Lift up your heads, O you gates;

be lifted up, you ancient doors,\*

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?\*

The LORD strong and mighty,

the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;

lift them up, you ancient doors,\*

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?\*

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**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. *Refrain***

## SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11

<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.

### VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia! (Luke 3:4, 6 cf.)

#### STAND

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## **GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:1-6**

**3** 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.’”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son  
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary,  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

## **GOSPEL RESPONSE: #701 “Zion, at Your Shining Gates”**

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1 Zion, at your shining gates, See, the King of glory waits;  
Haste your monarch now to greet, Spread your palms before his feet.

2 Christ, your kingdom comes today As we hear your Spirit say:  
“God’s own Son, a sacrifice—Sinners’ way to paradise.”

3 Come and give us peace within, Loose us from the bands of sin,  
Take away the heavy weight Laid on us by greed and hate.

4 Give us grace your yoke to wear, Give us strength your cross to bear,  
Make us yours in deed and word, Yours in heart and life, O Lord.

5 So when you shall come again, Lord of angels and of men,  
We with all your saints shall sing Loud hosannas to our King.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #16 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist  
Cry”** Text: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); Setting ©A.R. Mobray & Co. Ltd.

# 16 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose ad -



es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,  
 nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our  
 uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we  
 us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on  
 vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Good news a - bout 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.  
 us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

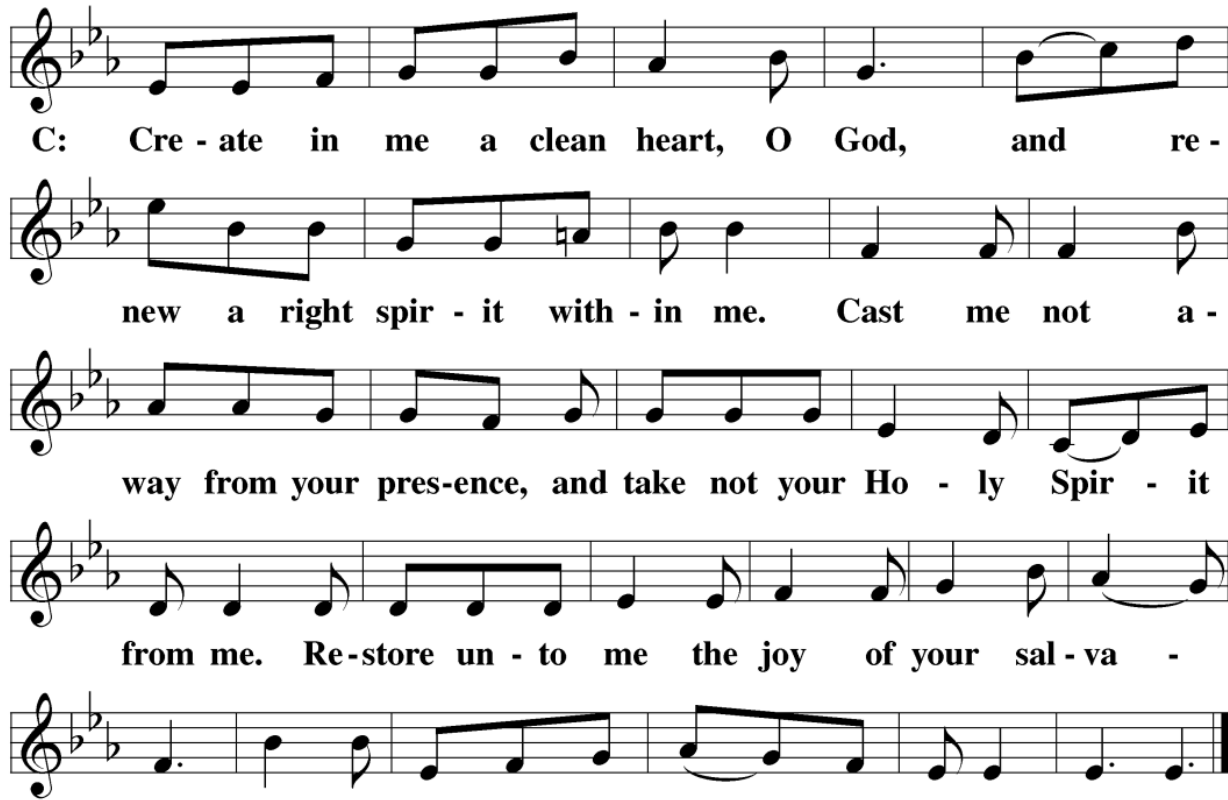
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Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

## SERMON

## STAND

### PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.'

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT (Page 123)

**M:** Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**C:** We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

**M:** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”**

**M:** You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

**M:** Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**



## 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.

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## **BE SEATED**

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

**NOTE:** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

## **STAND**



**THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)**

## PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

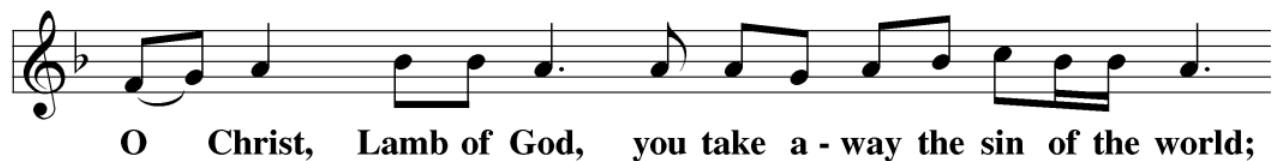
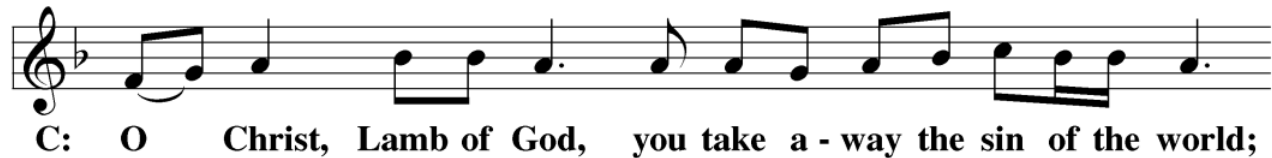
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



**BE SEATED**

## **DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

### **#11 “Comfort, Comfort, All My People”**

Text: Johannes Olearius (1611-84)

### **#12 “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes**

Text: Philip Doddridge (1702-51); Tune Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)

## 11

## Comfort, Comfort All My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; Speak of peace,"  
 2 All their sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out  
 3 John the Bap - tist's voice is cry - ing In the des -  
 4 Straight - en out the crook - ed high - way; Make the rough -



so says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,  
 each dark mis - deed; All that well de - serve his an - ger  
 ert far and near, Call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance  
 er plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Groan - ing from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all  
 He no more will see or heed. They have suf -  
 For the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn -  
 Read - y for his ho - ly reign. For the glo -



Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
 fered man - y a day; Now their griefs have passed a - way.  
 ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er,  
 God will change their ach - ing sad - ness  
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken



That their war - fare now is o - ver."  
 In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 And the hills bow down to greet him.  
 That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

# 12 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the cap - tives 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, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 pris - on held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

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## THANKSGIVING (page 24)

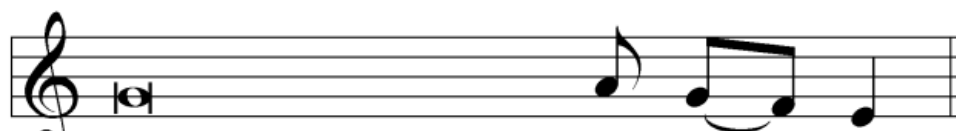
**STAND**

### SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



**C:** Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistants: Ron Bude and Mark Castellese

Organist: Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Scott Beckerman

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

- Today
  - 9:30 AM Divine Service
  - 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
- Tuesday
  - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Education/Stewardship and Trustees
  - 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday
  - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
- Thursday
  - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
  - 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday
  - 9:30 AM Divine Service
  - 11:00 AM Preschool Advent Service

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Barb Helmke; Ushering – Team 3



**The Huron Valley Lutheran High School Hawk Singers** were to have provided music for our Divine Service today. However, sickness prevented that from happening. We pray that those who are ill will recover quickly.

**Needed: Christmas cookies** for the shut ins. Please have them in the church basement by Tuesday December 14th. Assembly will be on Wednesday December 15th @ 11am. Any help is welcomed.

**Preschool Christmas Service:** Please join us on December 12 at 11:00 am for the Children's Christmas Service. Our Parent & Tot and Preschool children will be singing. Pastor will have a message geared for the children. The congregation will sing some familiar Christmas hymns. We will have light refreshments following the service.

The annual **Budget and Elections Voters Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 PM.

**Thank you** to the Board of Trustees for all their hard work on the church exterior this year. Please note the newly installed stairs and railings on the parking lot entrance.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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