



St. Paul Lutheran Church
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December 7, 2025 8:15 am
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WELCOME

PRELUDE “O Come, Emmanuel from A Nativity Suite” Wilbur Held

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We worship in the name in the which we baptize, in the name of the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of faithfulness, you are true to your Word. You break into our lives in surprising and unexpected ways. Instill within us the gift of faith to trust in your promises. Bring joy and gladness to our lives empowering us to speak with confidence and truth of your power and presence. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Lord our God,
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Forgiveness declared

***GATHERING HYMN**

#257 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Verses 1 - 4

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pour your grace into our hearts, O God, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, announced by an angel, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; for he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
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and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

PSALM 72:1-7; 18-19

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² **May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.**
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ¹⁸ **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.**
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #264 "Prepare the Royal Highway"**

**Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

***GOSPEL**

Luke 1:26-38

The reading is found on page 76 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

***HYMN OF THE DAY #726 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"**

1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.

*Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

**The word "catholic" in the creed means universal or world-wide. If you have any questions, the pastoral staff are happy to discuss.*

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:

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***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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*OFFERING SONG

#695, V. 3, – Tune: FOREST GREEN

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.
O God, who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,
teach us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

*OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider,

You are faithful to your promises. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

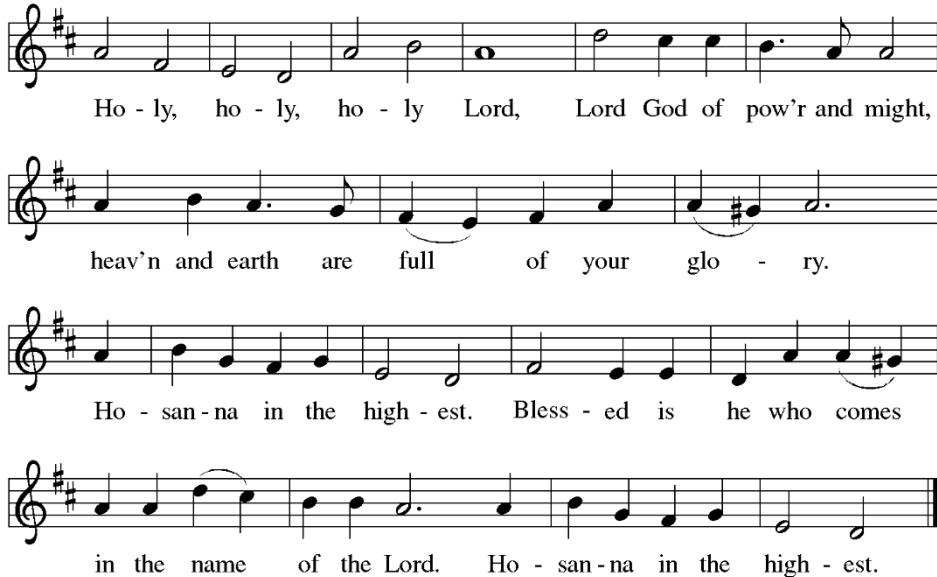
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

... 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed... ...Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***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.

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION MUSIC

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Two systems of musical notation for a hymn. The first system contains the first line of music and the lyrics "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system contains the second line of music and the lyrics "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!". The music is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef). The second system also has two staves. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

arr. John Behnke

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come!
Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come!
Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
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God our provider,

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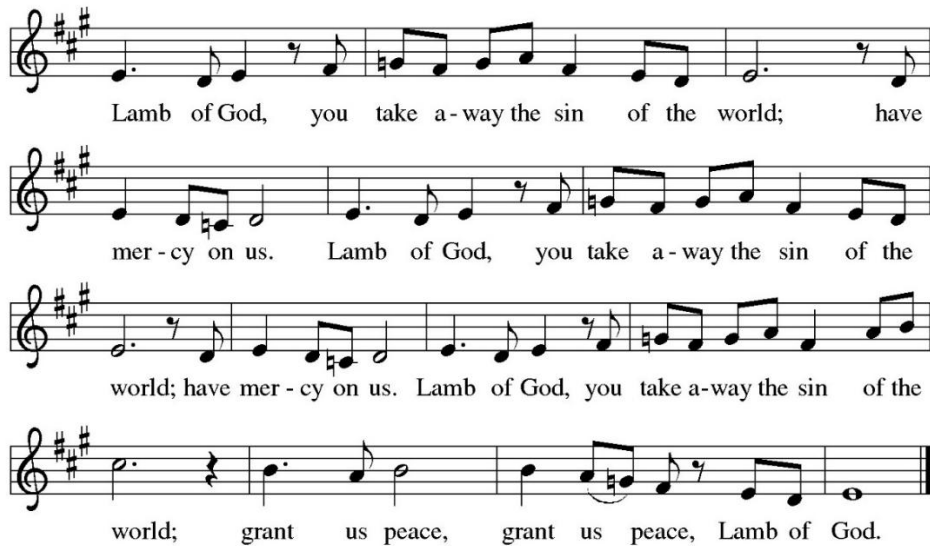
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LAMB OF GOD



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*COMMUNION MUSIC

“We Wait in Hope”



1. O come to us O Ho - ly Child, be - stow on us Your
2. In cold and damp, our pres - ence here we wait for You to
3. Con fu - sion lurks with - in our world, the si - ren sounds a -
4. O Prince of Peace, O Lamb of God, from Da - vid's house You
5. We call on You, Em - man - u - el, God with



peace. We long for You this win - ter - time, we wait in hope. Come
come. Our hearts are beat - ing an - xious - ly, we wait in hope. Em -
larm. Our trou - bled hearts are in - se - cure, we wait in hope. O
come. Re - new us and in - spire us, we wait in hope. De -
us. To strength - en us in u - ni - ty, we wait in hope. Our



lead us to Your ban - quet Lord, so we may all re - new. Our
man - u - el, the prom - ised one, come show to us Your face. Our
child to come and save us all from tur - moil and from strife. Your
fend our lives from want and greed, for - give us of our sins. Our
jour - ney leads us to this place, to seek and call Your name. We



lives are long - ing for Your love. Come, O Lord.
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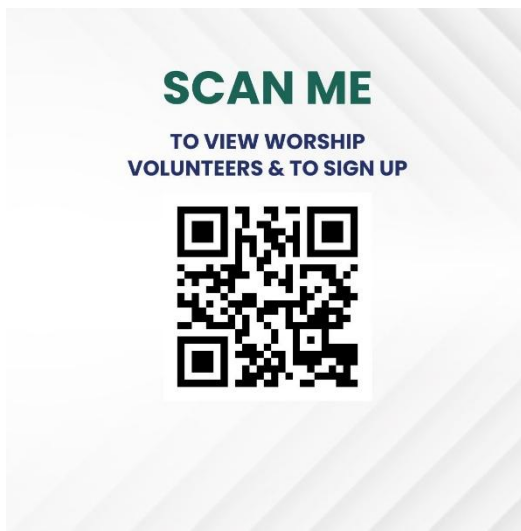
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