



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025 ~ 8:30 & 11:00

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

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

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN: *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* #249

GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

Sit

ANTHEM: *Angels Preparing the Song (8:30)* ~ Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON & ADVENT DIALOGUE:

Pastor: Let us pray: As we anticipate completion of our journey this Advent season, we thank You for filling us with the joy of the Christ Child, joy that is deep and lasting, joy that comes from Emmanuel, God with us.

CHILDREN: JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!

**Congregation: Lord, give us joy in our waiting
and in our preparations.**

CHILDREN: JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!

Congregation: Lord, give us joy in our serving.

CHILDREN: JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!

**Congregation: Make us heralds of the Good News,
that others would come to share the joy of life in You.**

CHILDREN: JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!

Pastor: In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: AMEN

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ December 14, 2025

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Carolyn Finalle-Miller ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Mary Jo Gomes ~ George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Hazel Salada ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Betty Swanson ~ Shirley Williams

Those Serving in the Military:

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Luke Cardellino ~ Cory Good ~ Lyndsey Good ~ Abby Fritz ~ Josh Lanzoni ~ Tyler Lenkerd ~ Paul McCurdy ~ Justin Neepers ~ Mike O'Harrow ~ Wesley Russell ~ Caleb Shields ~ Colton Shields ~ Jacey Wells ~ Chuckie White

Long Term Prayer Requests:

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Drew Albert ~ Chuck Allen ~ Patti Allen ~ Debbie Anderson ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Dona Bean ~ Sandy Bender ~ Pat Biss ~ Larry Bosco ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ CinDee Byer ~ Gary Campbell ~ Deb Clark ~ Louise Cramer ~ Bill Deitman ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Rick Delp ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Drodody ~ Jamie Dungey ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Ruben Ellis ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Greg & Family ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Brenda Hickman ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ TJ Holt ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Horner ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Lincoln Johnston ~ Cheryl Jones ~ Baby Ben K. ~ Lorraine Kakula ~ Jim Kearney ~ Tish Keen ~ Eli Keim ~ Dave Kness ~ Richard Kolcun ~ Jim Kriner ~ Carol Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~ Anne Lettrich ~ Rick Lieber ~ Nancy Lilja ~ Brandon Lokesak ~ Mark M. ~ Karen Markievich ~ Mark Markievich ~ Emily Marshall ~ Marti ~ Mason Martin ~ Barbara Martini ~ Terie McBride ~ Rebecca McCartney ~ Keymo McKay ~ Shea McKinney ~ Walt Michalak ~ Bob Mickey ~ Bob Moline ~ Steve Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Jim Nelles ~ Debbie Newell ~ Joy Norwood ~ Mary & Christian Olrich ~ Joyce Oppers ~ Karen Ordog ~ Francie Page ~ Stacy Park ~ Linda Peterson ~ Barb Phleger ~ Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Kristin Plotner ~ Morgan Pope ~ Mike Poulliot ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Nancy R. ~ Cal Ratcliff ~ Scott Reinard ~ Heidi Riley & Family ~ Elaine Russel ~ Marie Russell ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Ann Simbeck ~ Greg Smeal ~ Terri Smouse ~ Ellen Sneddon ~ Tim Spencer ~ Little Faith Spicher ~ Little Levi Spickler ~ Karen Sprague ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Karen Tobasco ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Dr. Rod Wall ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Wanda Ward ~ Laura Wascovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Shirley Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Becky Yasick ~ Nora Yasick ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

Short Term (Four Week) Prayer Requests:

Family of Paul Bojalad; David Radaker, Max Little, Marie Russell, Aaron Eberly

To add or remove from this list, call the church office at 814-371-2470.

2026 Altar Flowers: Sign-up sheets for **2026 altar flowers** are now available in the book in the narthex. The cost for 2026 is **\$30**.

YouthQuake: Pittsburgh Road Trip! Join us **January 23–25, 2026**, for YouthQuake at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport! Cost: \$90 per student. Forms are available from Abbey Weber or on the bulletin board.

CALLING ALL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS! Sign up **today** to join the Christ Lutheran team in the First Baptist Church League! Games begin **Saturday, January 3**, and continue each Saturday evening through early March. All games are held in the First Baptist Church gymnasium. The league is **co-ed**, and teenagers are welcome; however, parents should note that youth will be playing against mostly adult men and women. Come join the fun—sign up now!

*The flowers in the chancel vases today are presented to
the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of
Elvera Brendle by Rick & Karen Fye.*

Worship Team-Thank you for serving today

8:30

Ushers: Darwin & Linda London

Lector: Andy Keller

Comm. Assistants: Debbie Brubaker, Lindsey Bernardo

Acolytes: Bentley & Lincoln Bernardo

Altar Guild: Lisa Blasky/Cindy Chelednik

11:00

Ushers: Bill & Debbie Fye

Lector: Joyce Cramer

Comm. Assistants: Tom Schott, Joyce Cramer

Acolyte: Finn Hanzley

Altar Guild: Joyce Cramer

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:

HYMN: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, verses 1 & 5 **#257**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The only source of true safety is God is with us!

A: The First Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Isaiah.

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 1:1-7

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel and to bring about the obedience of faith among the gentiles.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Romans.

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name,⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:



Next Sunday December 21 at 10:30 . . . Join our congregational family for a Holiday Retirement Send-Off for Pastors John & Amy in the Fellowship Hall. Come and share festive finger food and fellowship to honor our Pastors for their time among us. Mark your calendar now!

Next Sunday, **December 21 All Services-Lessons & Carols.** Join us for our Christmas Lessons and Carols, celebrating prophecy and the story of Christ's birth, at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:15 a.m. All services include Holy Communion.

Do you like to bake bread? Would you like to become one of Christ Lutheran's Communion bread bakers? Please sign up ASAP, as we are getting ready to make a new schedule, by emailing or seeing Abbey Weber.

Faith 5 Devotion available in narthex for the Advent & Christmas Season! Let's study the Bible together!

December Mission of the Month: Holiday Fund: Our Holiday Fund offerings support local agencies in our community. These gifts come from the Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter special envelopes. Please give as generously as you are able through the Christmas envelopes, as these organizations rely on our continued support. Thank you for your generosity!

December Food Pantry Items: Peanut Butter and/or Jelly

 **Christmas Eve Worship** 

Traditional Worship at 6:00 p.m. and

Contemporary Worship at 8:00 p.m.—both very child-friendly—

Traditional Worship at 10:00 p.m.

All services include Holy Communion and candle lighting with *Silent Night*.

Financial Peace University: Sign Up Now on the bulletin board: Take control of your money with this nine-week class that uses biblical wisdom and common sense, to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt and invest in your future. **Classes begin January 7, 2026**, and meet Wednesdays, 6:30–8p in the fellowship hall The class is **FREE** for church members and open to the first 10 individuals/couples who sign up. For more information, speak with Brad or Colleen Russell or Nate Weber.

+ Calendar for this Week +

Mon-Dec 15: 9:00a-Quilters

Tue-Dec 16: 2:00p-Afternoon Bible Study

6:00p-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal 6:30

Wed-Dec 17: 5:30-7:30-Christmas Play dress rehearsal & dinner

Thurs-Dec 18: 5:45p-Bell Choir / 6:30p Choir

7:00p-Evening Bible Study

Fri-Dec 19: 7:00p-Children's Christmas Play & Fellowship

**Sun-Dec 21: 10:30a-Holiday Retirement Send-off for
Pastors John & Amy in the Fellowship Hall**

Worship Attendance last week: 8:30-46; 9:45-69; 11:00-46

+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

TODAY 9:45 Christmas Play practice; next Sunday December 21-Birthday Party for Jesus!


Help is needed after the 11:00 service! Please stay and help move furniture and set up risers for the upcoming children's Christmas Play. Thank You!

TODAY Christmas Caroling. Join us as we share the joy of the season with our church family and community. All ages are welcome—come lend your voice and spread Christmas cheer! It's not too late to join us!

Christmas Concert: "Sounds of the Season" All are invited to enjoy the DuBois Area Community Band's holiday concert on **Monday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.** at DuBois Village. Concert is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, December 17, 5:30p-7:30p-Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal with dinner.

Friday, December 19 at 7 p.m. all are invited to our children's Christmas Play, "The Friendly Beasts of the Nativity," Join us for this joyful celebration of the season!

Christmas Cookies Needed! We're looking for volunteers to **bake or furnish Christmas cookies** for the fellowship gathering following our Christmas Play.  **Sign-Up Sheet** posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for adding sweetness to our celebration!

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON:

Pastor Amy

Stand

HYMN: All Earth Is Hopeful

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APOSTLES' 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 into hell. 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:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

COMMUNION: *(Please be seated)*

For those at home or communing at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

Stand

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

C: Amen

PRAYER:

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING:

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

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DISMISSAL:

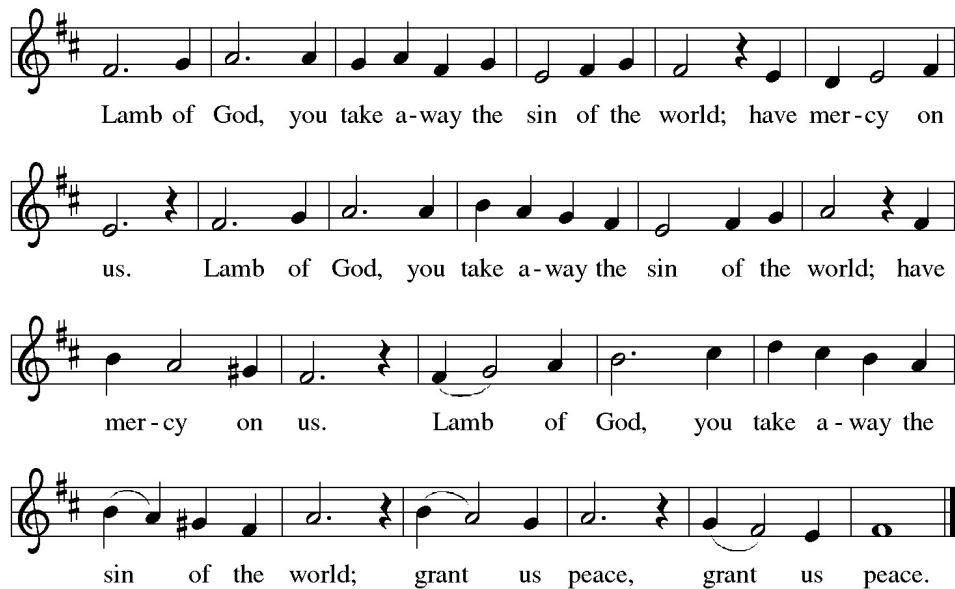
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

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

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Sit

OFFERING: *Collected as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.*

Stand

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me*



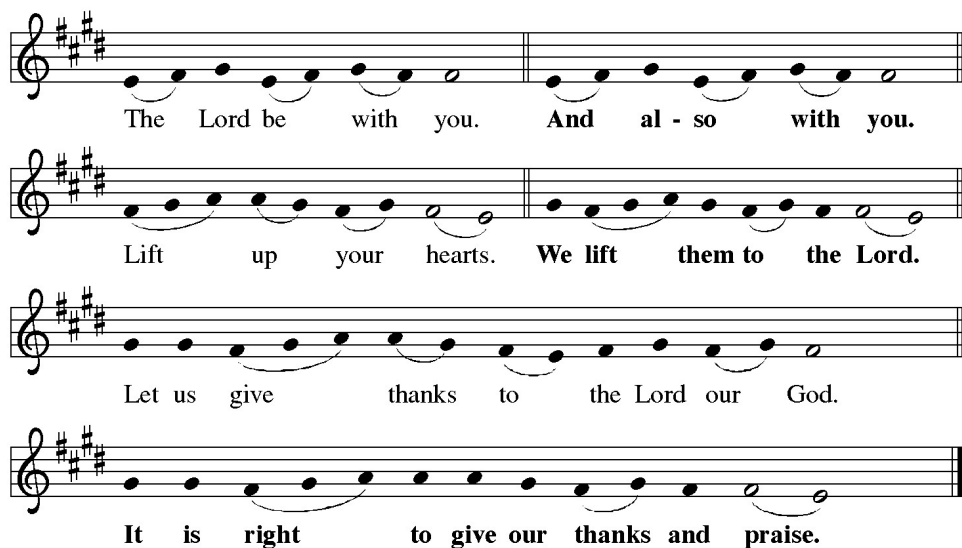
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you show your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:



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

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

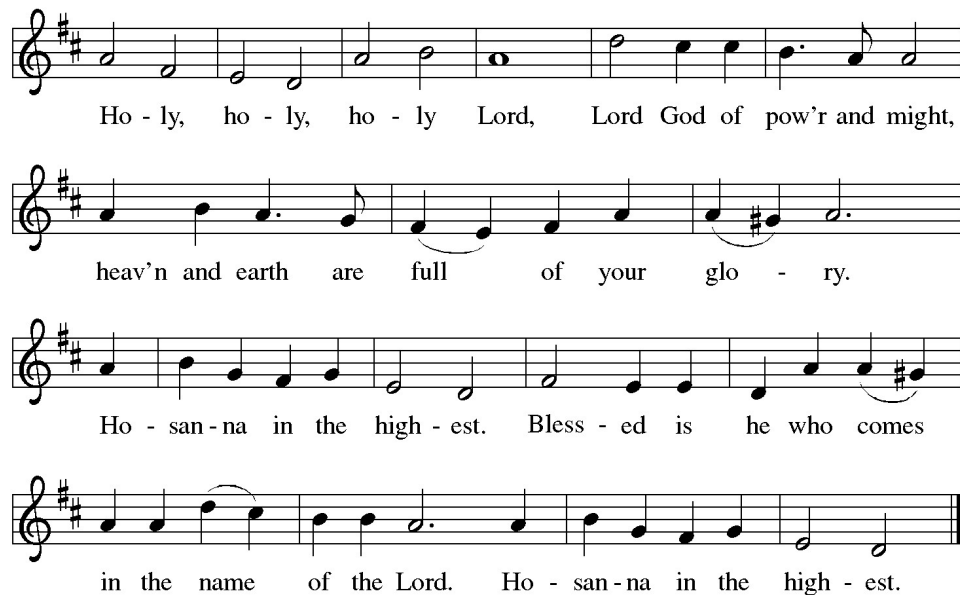
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



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:

P: 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.