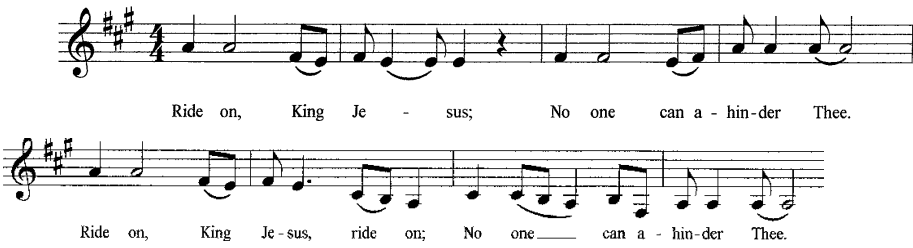
The First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026

Ride On King Jesus

L King Jesus rides to Jerusalem, No one can a-hinder Thee.
Hosanna to King David's Son, No one can a-hinder Thee.
He rides upon a donkey small, No one can a-hinder Thee.
The King of peace, the Lord of All, No one can a-hinder Thee.

C **Refrain**



L The children sing and dance and shout, No one can a-hinder Thee.
If they won't praise the rocks cry out, No one can a-hinder Thee.
King Jesus done just what he said, No one can a-hinder Thee.
He healed the sick and raised the dead, No one can a-hinder Thee.

C **Refrain**

L The light of God shines on His face, No one can a-hinder Thee.
He offers all His pardoning grace, No one can a-hinder Thee.
Come join the throng, your voices raise, No one can a-hinder Thee.
The King of Love deserves your praise, No one can a-hinder Thee.

C **Refrain; Repeat Refrain**

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Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Kyrie *To the tune New Britain ("Amazing Grace")*

Look down in mercy on us, Lord.
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
For your amazing grace.

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Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Confession and Absolution

L Let us confess our sin to God:
O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,

C **We are embarrassed to come before you,**
for we have rebelled against your wisdom and have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether.
And therefore we are embarrassed.
To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.

L O Lord, great God, all holy, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love.

C **Incline your ear to our troubles.**
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.
Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy -
on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we pray,
for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace.
Amen.

L Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

L Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

C **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

L For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,

C **Nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Service of the Word

Psalm *Psalm 80:1-7*

L Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

C **Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!**

L Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C **O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

L You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

C **You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

L Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C **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.**

Gloria *To the tune Mendelssohn ("Hark the Herald Angels Sing")*

1. Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause, God the source of nature's laws,
God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

2. Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who saw your creatures fall, loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to prove what is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free, recreates your family.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 64:1–9*

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the
mountains might quake at your presence— [2] as when fire kindles
brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name
known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your
presence! [3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you
came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4]From of old no
one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides
you, who acts for those who wait for him. [5]You meet him who joyfully
works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold,
you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time,
and shall we be saved? [6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like
a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7]There is no one
who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for
you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand
of our iniquities.

[8]But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our
potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9]Be not so terribly angry, O
LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all
your people.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

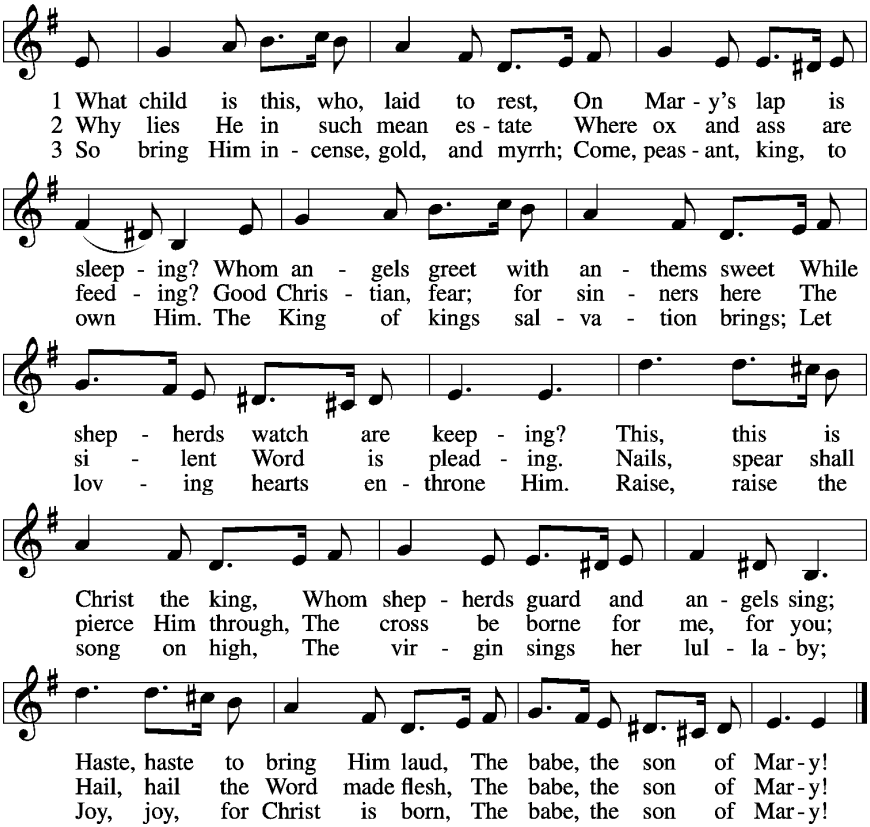
Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that
was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in
all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was
confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as
you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to
the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by
whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

370 What Child Is This



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Holy Gospel *Mark 11:1–10*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

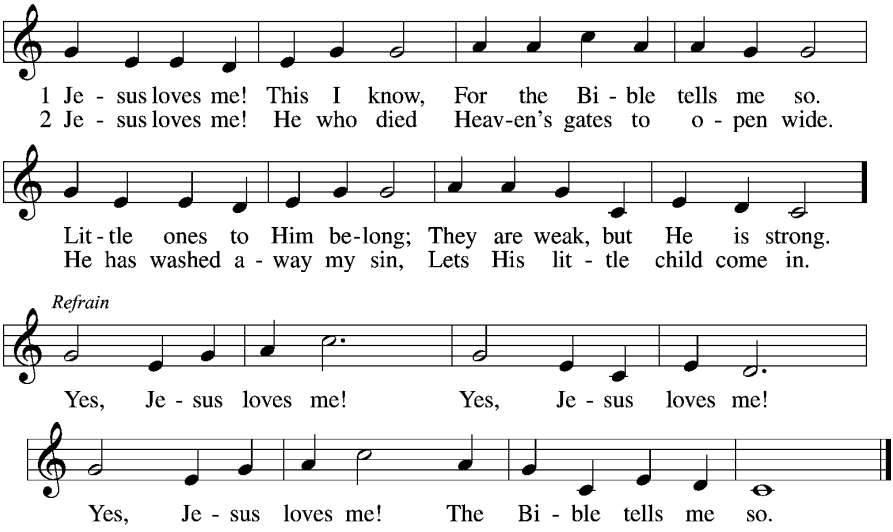
[1]When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into
the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt
tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to
you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it
back here immediately.'" [4]And they went away and found a colt tied at a
door outside in the street, and they untied it. [5]And some of those standing
there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]And they told
them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7]And they brought the colt
to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8]And many spread their
cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from
the fields. [9]And those who went before and those who followed were
shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
[10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the
highest!"

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Rite of Baptism – Connor Daniel Schubert

588 Jesus Loves Me



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Credo *To the tune St Denio ("Immortal, Invisible")*

1. Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
   Their being and blessing, in you we believe.
   Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
   Provider and Father, our trust is in you.

2. And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
   True son of the Father, by angels adored;
   Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins,
   And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.

3. Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love,
   On us, as on Christ, you descend from above;
   You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes,
   You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.

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Sermon – Pastor John Lukomski

Offering - Please take a moment to sign in and pass the "Record of Friendship" book found in each pew.

Prayer of the Church

L Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

L The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
L Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *To the tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")*

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory
Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

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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.**

The Words of Our Lord

L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

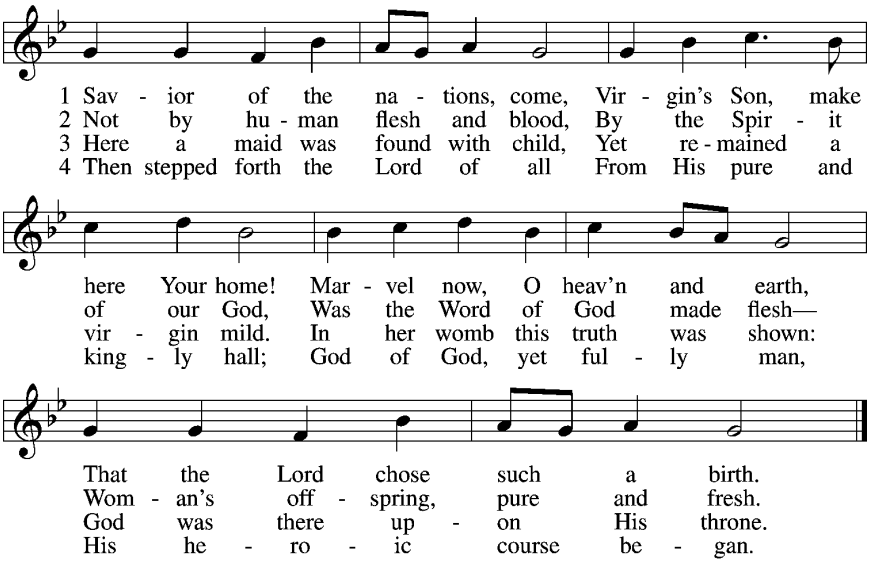
Agnus Dei *To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")*

Meek, slaughtered lamb of God,
Bearing the sinners' load
To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned,
With life and glory crowned,
To all the lost and found
Please grant your peace.

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332 Savior of the Nations, Come



5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

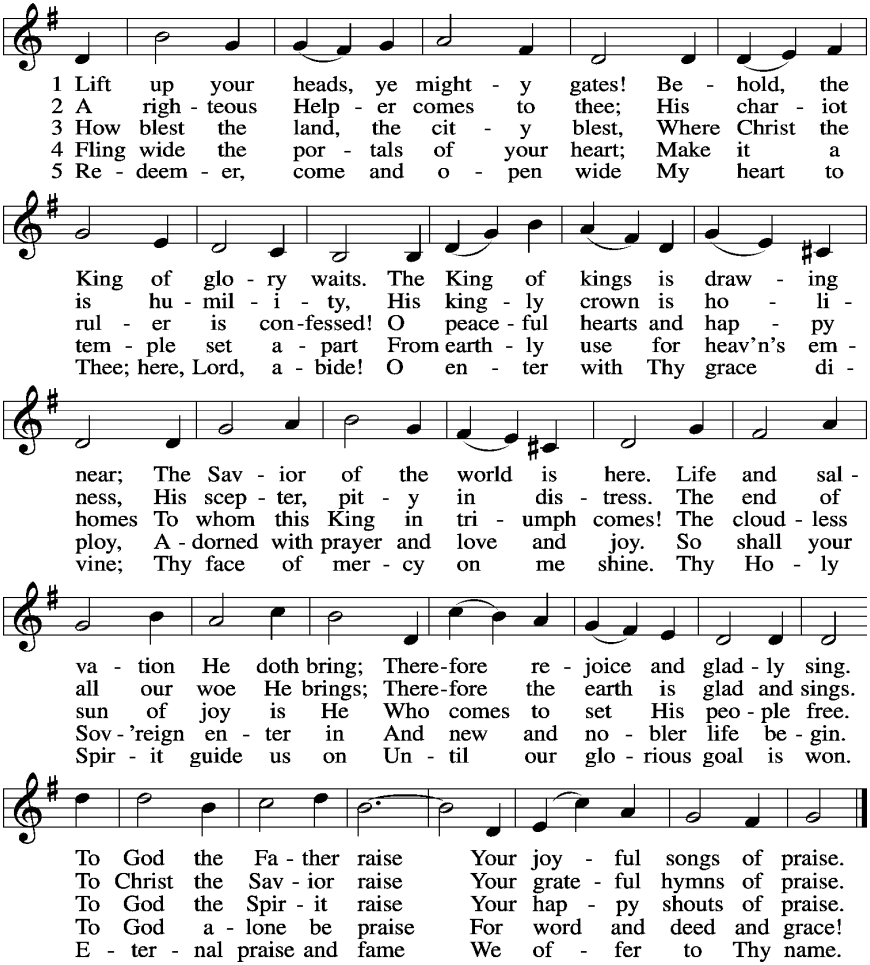
6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

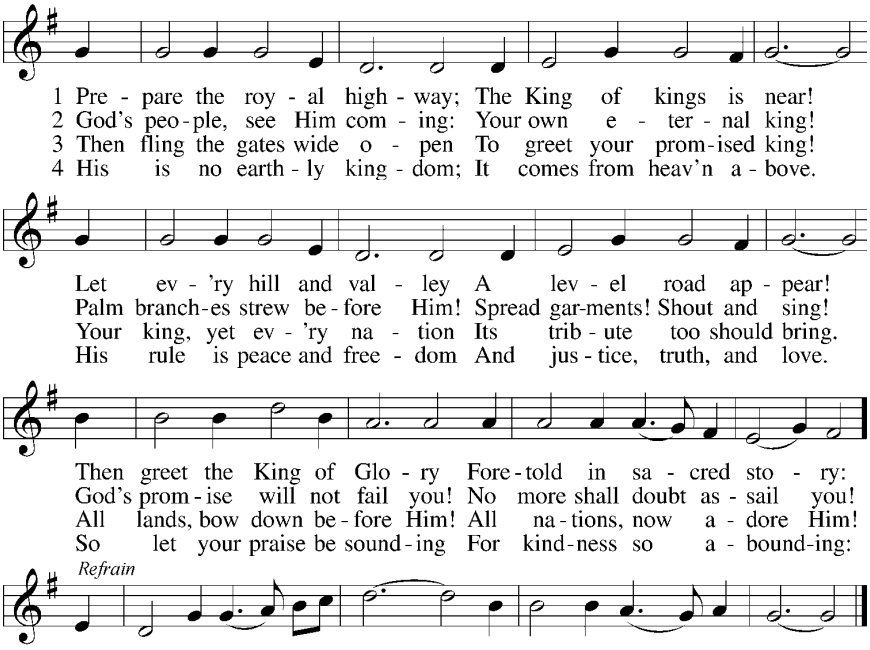
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Dismissal

Call to Christian Community

L The apostle Paul calls us to care for each other in the difficult times and to celebrate with each other in the good times. He wrote, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:26-27). As the body of Christ, we are called to care for one another in Christian community. Please take time after the last song, to greet one another and introduce yourself to anyone you don't recognize. Now receive God's blessing.

Benediction

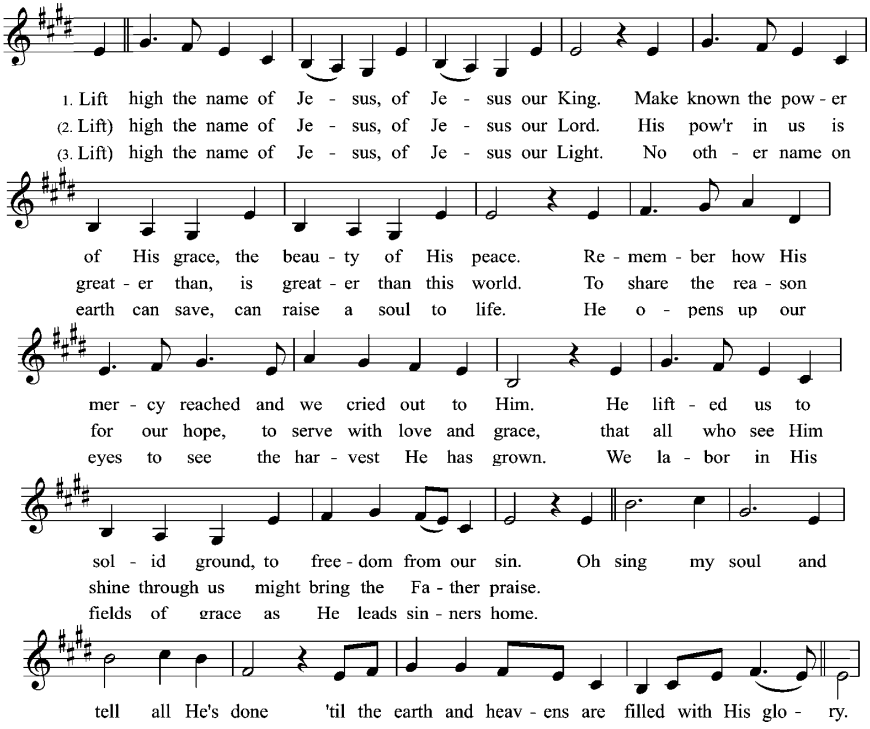
L Let us bless the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

L 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.**

Lift High the Name of Jesus



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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor John Lukomski) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- Sunday School – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)

Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)
- Midweek Advent Service – 6:30 PM

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- LWML Circle of Friends – 10:00 AM (Downstairs)
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is starting a new study on Hebrews this Wednesday. All men in the congregation are invited to join. Please see Tim Schnicker for the new book.

Now Hiring: Part-Time Church Administrator: St. James Lutheran Church in is seeking a detail-oriented and organized individual (20 hours/week) or two individuals (each 10 hours/week) to fill our part-time Church Administrator position. This vital role serves as the central hub of our church operations. Key responsibilities include:

- Financial & Membership Records: Managing member databases (Shepherds' Staff), tracking and balancing giving (including Tithely), and generating financial summaries.
- Human Resources & Compliance: Serving as the Concordia Plan Services administrator, managing annual renewals, contributions, and required statistical reporting.
- Office Operations: Overseeing office and copier supplies, managing building security codes, processing mail, and coordinating estate gifts.

If you have a heart for administration and want to support the ministry of St. James, we would love to hear from you! Please send your resume to cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

St. James Lutheran is hiring a Ministry Coordinator!

Position Details:

- **Hours:** Part-time (10–15 hours per week)
- **Key Responsibilities:** Help coordinate ministry and fellowship opportunities, assist with worship bulletins and quarterly newsletters, support IT and digital announcements, assist Pastor as needed and collaborate on church communication platforms. Work closely with and sub for Church Administrator when needed.

If you have a heart for ministry and organizational skills, we'd love to hear from you!

How to Apply:

- **Contact:** Call Cheryl at **618-531-2186**
- **Email:** Send your resume to **cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org**

Congregational Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the St. James Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on December 6th immediately following service. Documents are available in the Narthex.

Christmas Breakfast

Please mark your calendars for the annual St. James Christmas Brunch to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, December 20th.

Children's Christmas Program

Please join us December 20th for the Children's Program during worship.

LWML- Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends will be meeting Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 AM for a Christmas brunch.



How good is your Ten Commandments knowledge…specifically the Second Commandment? How does one avoid misusing the "name of the LORD your God"? How does Luther answer these questions in the Small Catechism? Aaron and Chuck take up the topic of the Second Commandment on the latest edition of **Craving Answers Craving God**.

If you have any questions or would like to share a comment, please feel free to reach out to one of our St. James Elders at elders@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Thank you to all our visitors for joining us today! We would love to connect with you. Please complete a visitor card located in the pew or sign in the register in the entryway so we can reach out!

Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesday, Dec 2 – Midweek Advent 6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 6 – Second Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec 9 – Midweek Advent 6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 13 – Third Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec 16 – Midweek Advent 6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 20 – Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM
– Children's Christmas Program (in service)
– Family Christmas Brunch – Immediately Following Service
Sunday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve 6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 25 –Christmas 9:00 AM

St. James Guiding Statement

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

St. James Mission Pillars

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