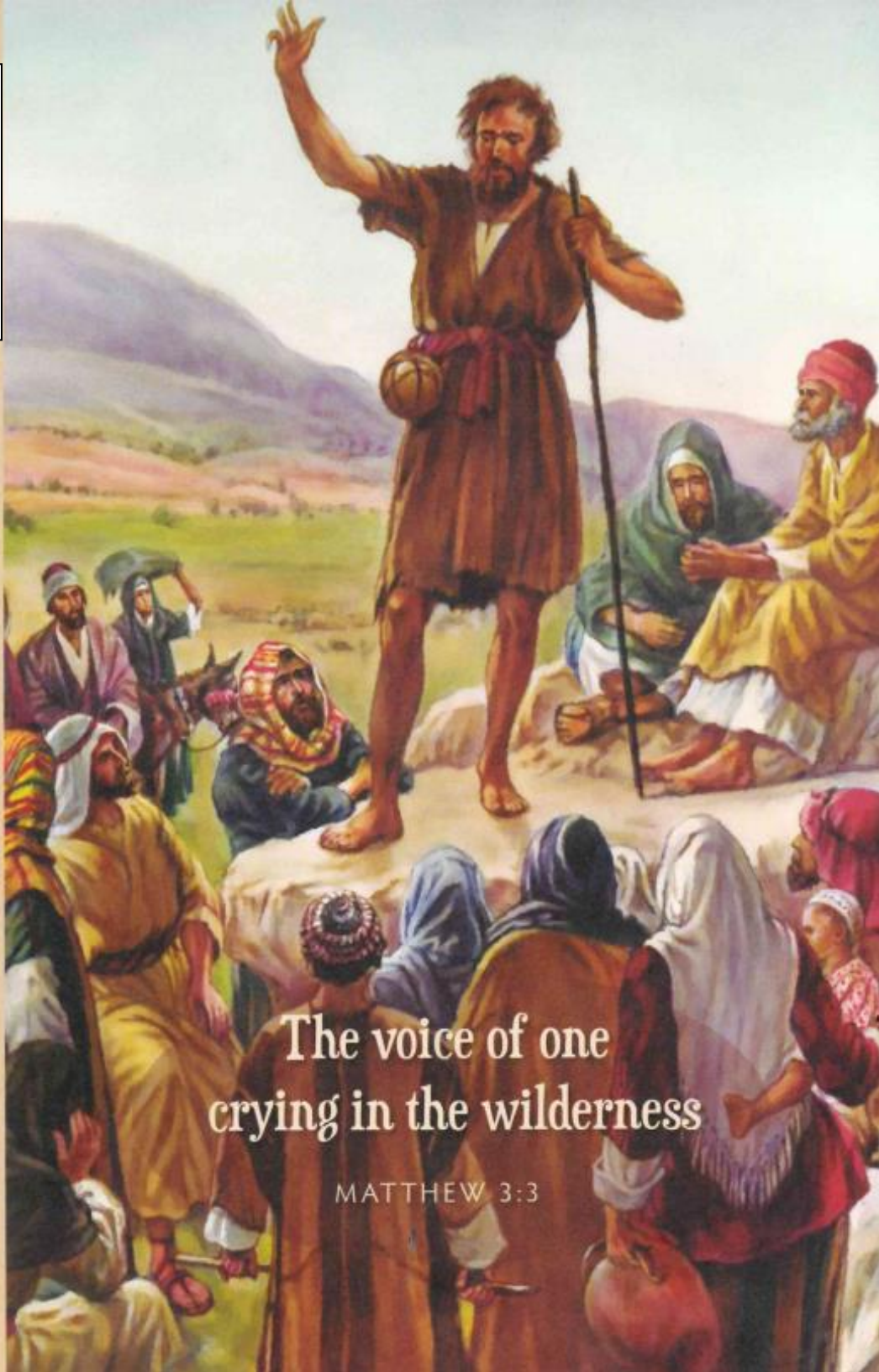


***FULL SERVICE***  
***December 7, 2025***  
***8:00 AM***  
***In person &***  
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***Broadcast at***  
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***on 1360 Radio***

**About The Cover:**

From his clothing to his diet, John certainly stood out as his voice echoed in the wilderness. However, John's voice did not stand out because of him. His call to repent was all about preparing the way for Christ, the stand-alone Savior of the world. For Christ alone is the one who has taken all of our sins upon Himself and atoned for them on the cross.



The voice of one  
crying in the wilderness

MATTHEW 3:3

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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### THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Theme for Worship:** This morning our Advent journey focuses on HOPE. In Romans Paul explains that Hope comes in Christ, but we'll explore what this kind of hope really looks like. We'll also hear John the Baptists call to repentance and see how Christ inspired faith produced that repentance which leads to a REAL hope!

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#### ♪ Pre-Service Music

#### The Ringing of The Bells

#### Welcome

#### Candle Lighting Litany Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE *(The second candle is lit.)*

**Leader:** Today we light 2 candles; the candle of hope and the candle of peace. In this season of Advent we wait for the Prince of Peace, who will come to bring wholeness to a fractured world.

#### ☪ Prepare the way of the Lord with peace.

**Leader:** When division and conflict surround us, we turn to Christ, the source of true peace, and long for his reconciliation in our hearts and in the world.

#### ☪ Prepare the way of the Lord with peace.

**Leader:** In our homes, in our communities, and in our nations, we seek to be instruments of peace, reflecting the love of Christ in all we do.

#### ☪ Prepare the way of the Lord with peace.

**Leader:** When anger and strife seem overwhelming, we trust in the calm presence of Christ, who can still the storms in our hearts and minds.

#### ☪ Prepare the way of the Lord with peace.

**Leader:** In moments of anxiety, fear, or uncertainty, we invite the peace of Christ to fill our hearts and guide our actions.

#### ☪ Prepare the way of the Lord with peace.

**Leader:** O God of peace, we await the coming of your Son, who will bring peace to all the earth. We remember that true peace comes not from the absence of conflict, but from the presence of Christ.

#### ☪ Prepare the way of the Lord with peace.

#### ♪ Opening Hymn: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

---LSB #344

- 1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

△5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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## The Sharing of The Peace

### The Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** 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 On God's Word and For Self-examination*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and 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 of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b*

- P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
**C** make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
**P** Seek the LORD and his strength;  
**C** seek his presence continually!  
**P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
**C** his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
**P** O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
**C** children of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
**P** He is the LORD our God;  
**C** his judgments are in all the earth.  
**P** He remembers his covenant forever,  
**C** the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.  
**P** & **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.  
**P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
**C** make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

## Kyrie

---LSB p.#152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men.

## Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray

**C** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of The Word

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse



## The Holy Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 3:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glorify to You, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to you O Christ** (*sung*)

## Sermon Hymn: “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

*---LSB #342*

1 What hope! An Eden prophesied

Where tame live with the wild;

The lamb and lion side by side,

Led by a little child!

2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse’s stem,

A branch from David’s line,

A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:

The fruit of God’s design.

3 As banner of God’s love unfurled,

Christ came to suffer loss,

That by His death a dying world

Would rally to the cross.

4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,  
Lost Paradise restore;  
Lead past the angel's flaming sword—  
Come, open heaven's door.

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Sermon: "Hope Comes through Christ, Faith Produced Repentance Delivers it to All!"

Rev. Marty Marks

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offering

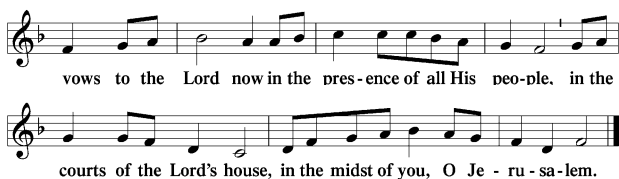
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## Offertory

---LSB #159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



## Announcements & Prayers of the Church

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

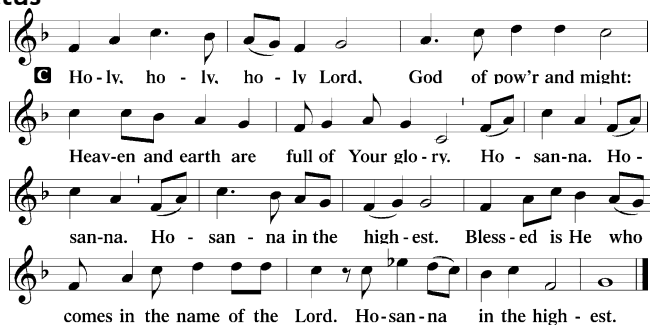
## Service of the Sacrament

*(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)*

## Preface

**P** 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 saying:

## Sanctus





## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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

**P** 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."

**P** 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."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen

## ♪ Agnus Dei

The musical notation for the Agnus Dei is presented on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across multiple staves. The lyrics are: "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." The word "grant" is underlined, and "us" is underlined. The word "peace." is underlined. The word "grant" is underlined. The word "us" is underlined. The word "peace." is underlined.

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sin of the world; grant us peace.

**♪Distribution Hymn:**

**♪ “When All the World Was Cursed”**

*---LSB #346 v. 1, 2 & 4*

**1 When all the world was cursed  
By Moses’ condemnation,  
Saint John the Baptist came  
With words of consolation.  
With true forerunner’s zeal  
The greater One he named,  
And Him, as yet unknown,  
As Savior he proclaimed.**

**2 Before he yet was born,  
He leaped in joyful meeting,  
Confessing Him as Lord  
Whose mother he was greeting.  
By Jordan’s rolling stream,  
A new Elijah bold,  
He testified of Him  
Of whom the prophets told:**

**4 O grant, dear Lord of love,  
That we receive, rejoicing,  
The word proclaimed by John,  
Our true repentance voicing,  
That gladly we may walk  
Upon our Savior’s way  
Until we live with Him  
In His eternal day.**

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**♪ “E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”**

*---Adult Choir*

**♪ “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing ”**

*---LSB #643*

**1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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**Benediction**

**Silent Prayers**

**Postlude**

PARTICIPANTS December 7, 2025		
Altar Guild: Carloyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
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<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Mark Misic	Mia Yelich
<b>Slides</b>	Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
<b>Ushers</b>	Taylor McWilliams, Tom Sawyer & Jeff Bannister	Dan Lohmeier, Will Michels & Jen Allen
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