

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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### *Explanation of Symbols:*

- C** Congregation
- P** Presiding minister
- A** Assisting minister (ordained or lay)
- I** Lower voices
- II** Higher voices
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

### *Silent prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

# RITE OF PREPARATION

## OPENING HYMN—LSB 331 The Advent of Our God



1. The ad-vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2. The ev - er - last - ing Son In - carn - ate deigns to be,
3. O Zi-on's daugh-ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4. As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.  
Nor let your faith-less heart des-pise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem-bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5. Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.
- △ 6. All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

*Text: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. John Chandler (1806–76), alt. Music: Aaron Williams (1731–76).*

## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*A confessional address will follow, concluding as follows:*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the ✠ name of the Lord.
- C** **Who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- C** **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.**



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em -

ma - nu - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** And with thy spirit.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

*Silent prayer, concluding with the COLLECT OF THE DAY:*

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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G** Amen.

## THE READINGS

### OLD TESTAMENT READING—Malachi 4:1–6

*After the Reading*

- P** This is the word of the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 50:1–15 (*antiphon: v. 13*)

- A** Call upon me in the day of trouble;\*  
I will deliver you, and you shall glo-|rify me.”
- I** **The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth\***  
**from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
- II** **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,\***  
**God shines forth.**
- I** **Our God comes; he does not keep silence;\***  
**before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.**
- II** **He calls to the heavens above\***  
**and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

- I** “Gather to me my faithful ones,\*  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
- II** The heavens declare his righteousness,\*  
for God himself is judge!
- I** “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against  
you.\*  
I am God, your God.
- II** Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;\*  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- I** I will not accept a bull from your house\*  
or goats from your folds.
- II** For every beast of the forest is mine,\*  
the cattle on a thousand hills.
- I** I know all the birds of the hills,\*  
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- II** “If I were hungry, I would not tell you,\*  
for the world and its fullness are mine.
- I** Do I eat the flesh of bulls\*  
or drink the blood of goats?
- II** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,\*  
and perform your vows to the Most High,
- I** and call upon me in the day of trouble;\*  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”
- II** But to the wicked God says:\*  
“What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on  
your lips?
- I** For you hate discipline,\*  
and you cast my words behind you.
- II** If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,\*  
and you keep company with adulterers.
- I** “You give your mouth free rein for evil,\*  
and your tongue frames deceit.
- II** You sit and speak against your brother;\*  
you slander your own mother’s son.
- I** These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I  
was one like yourself.\*  
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.
- II** “Mark this, then, you who forget God,\*  
lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!
- I** The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;\*  
to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of  
God!”

**G**✦ *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.*

**A** Call upon me in the day of trouble;\*  
I will deliver you, and you shall glo-| rify me.”

## EPISTLE READING—Romans 15:4–13

*After the Reading*

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL (*Ps. 50:2–3a, 5*)

**I** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, | God shines forth.\*

Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

**II** “Gather to me my | faithful ones,\*

who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

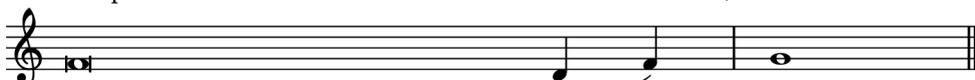
## ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Lk. 21:26b–27*)



**A** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



The powers of the heavens will be shak - - en,\*



and they will see the Son of Man coming in  
a cloud with power and great glo - - ry.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL—Luke 21:25–36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**G** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

*After the Reading*

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

**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## 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  
❖ *worshipped 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.

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY—LSB 336 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending



1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing Once for ev' - ry
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him, Robed in glo - rious
3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion Still His daz - zling
4. Yea, A - men! let all a - dore Thee, High on thine e -



sin - ner slain; Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
ma - jes - ty; Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
bo - dy bears, Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
ter - nal throne; Sa - viour, take the pow'r and glo - ry;



Swell the tri - umph of His train; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
To his ran - somed wor - ship --pers: With what rap - ture, with what  
Claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
rap - ture, with what rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

*Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1888), alt.; Music: Thomas Olivers (1725–99)*

## SERMON

*After the SERMON, the pastor says:*

- P** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### In Our Prayers

#### Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina; Reg; Carol

#### Family of members

Holly (health); Mike (Alzheimer's); Geoffrey & family; Ian .0(Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Holly; Greg (cancer); Rita (cancer); Diana (Rett Syndrome); Decerie (health)

#### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Bob & Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Tim (health); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Joby Beresford (cancer); Christine (health); Serena (cancer); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne, Clive & Richard (health); John (health); Phillip (mental health); Matt (brain surgery); Martin (tumour); Ken (health); Terry (liver failure); Tressey (health); Val (stroke); Emily (Tourette's); Lena (brain tumour); Anne, Richard and other family and friends of †Clive

#### ELCE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pr. Stilve; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Ingrid Flor (cancer); Phil Arnold (recovering from a stabbing)

#### The Church of God

Lutheran Ministerium & Synod—USA; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Hill Park Baptist Church; Amiiir & Sana Ilahi

#### The World

Covid-19 pandemic; the Uighur people (China); the Yazidi people (Iraq)

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** We lift them up unto the Lord.

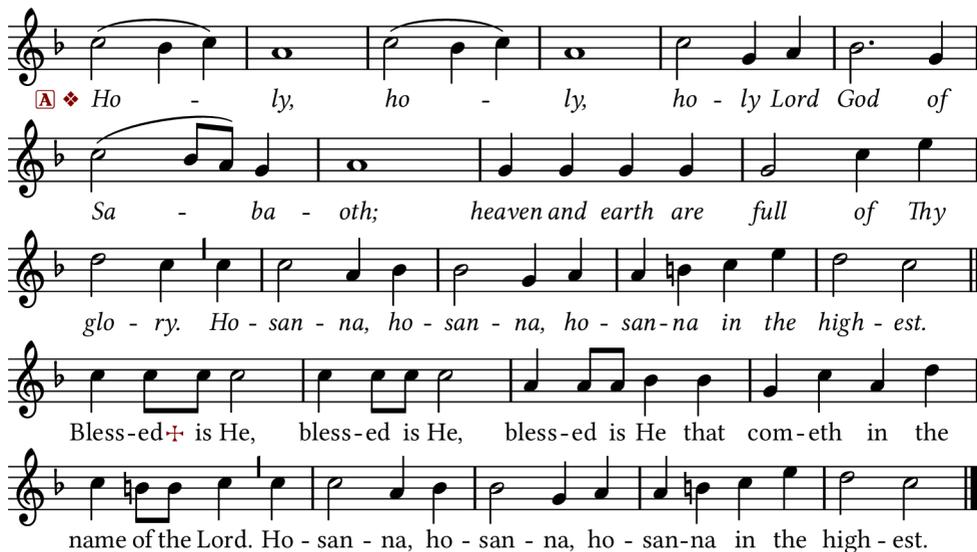
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**G** It is meet and right so to do.

*The PROPER PREFACE appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:*

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



A musical score for the Sanctus, consisting of five staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a red square containing the letter 'A' and a red diamond symbol. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sa - ba - oth; heaven and earth are full of Thy 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 that com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est."

**A** ♦ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of  
Sa - ba - oth; heaven and earth are full of Thy  
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 that com-eth in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray:

**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, for ever and  
ever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI



A musical score for the Agnus Dei, consisting of one staff of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a red square containing the letter 'A'. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the

**A** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the  
 sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou  
 Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
 grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

*Silent prayer before receiving the Sacrament:*

*Dear Saviour, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy Body and Blood. Let me find favour in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

*The choir will sing the following hymns during distribution. You are welcome to hum along, or to read the words along with the singing.*

## HYMN—LSB 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1. Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2. Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3. Un - der bread, and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4. God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Off' - ring par - don, grace and peace.  
wind a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Sa - viour ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vit - a - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5. Let me praise God's boundless favour, 6. Now have I found consolation,  
Whose own feast of love I savour, Comfort in my tribulation,  
Bidden by His gracious call. Balm to heal my troubled soul.  
Wedding garments He provides me, God, my Shield from ev'ry terror,  
With a robe of white He hides me, Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Fits me for the royal hall. Makes my wounded spirit whole.

*Text: Jochen Klepper (1903–42); tr. Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. (1923–2006). Music: Welsh*

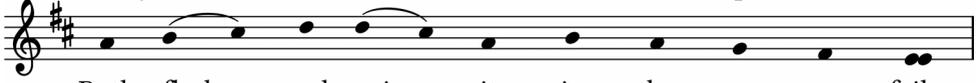
## HYMN—LSB 640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour



1. Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - iour, Thee,
2. In this me - mo - rial of Thy death, O Lord,
3. Thou like the pel - i - can to feed her brood
4. Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:
5. O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,



Who in Thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;  
Thou dost Thy bo - dy and Thy blood af - ford:  
Didst pierce Thy - self to give us liv - ing food;  
Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood;  
May what we thirst for soon our por - tion be:



Both flesh and spir - it in thy pres - ence fail,  
Oh may our souls for - ev - er feed on Thee,  
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win  
In - crease our faith and love, that we may know  
To gaze on Thee un - veiled and see Thy face,



Yet here Thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.  
And Thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.  
For - give - ness for our world and all our sin.  
The hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.  
The vi - sion of Thy glo - ry, and Thy grace. A - men.

*Text: Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225–74); tr. James Woodford (1820–85), alt., Stephen Starke (1955–)*

*Music: Paris (1697)*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace\*  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,\*  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles\*  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
✦ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy Ghost;*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be\*  
world without end. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

**P** O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

**C** And His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with Thy Spirit**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you ✠ peace.

**C** Amen.

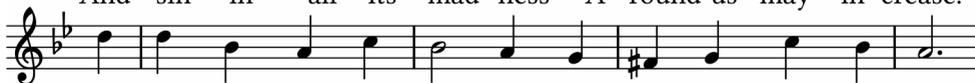
## CLOSING HYMN—LSB 337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending



1. The night will soon be end - ing The dawn can - not be far.
2. The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a child, to serve;
3. The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring morn - ing bright,
4. Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our hearts of peace,



Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now greet the Morn - ing Star!  
Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears all our sins de - serve.  
So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows in a sta - ble's light.  
And sin in all its mad - ness A - round us may in - crease.



All you whom dark - ness fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain,  
The guilt - y need not cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled  
As old as sin's per - ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign:  
But now one Star is beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night:



God's ra - diant Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
Through His re - demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
God brings a new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.  
God comes for our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.

5. God dwells with us in darkness  
    And makes the night as day;  
    Yet we resist the brightness  
    And turn from God away.  
    But grace does not forsake us,  
    However far we run.  
    God claims us still as children  
    Through Mary's infant Son.

*Text: Jochen Klepper (1903–42); tr. Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. (1923–2006). Music: Welsh*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### This Week

Wed	7 pm	Advent Vespers (Titchfield Evangelical Church)
Thu	1.15 pm	Bible study (Titchfield Evangelical Church & Zoom)
	6.45 am	Bible study (Zoom)
Fri–Sat		ELCE Synod (Zoom)
Sun	<b>4 pm</b>	Divine Service (Catisfield Memorial Hall).
		<b><i>Please note the time!</i></b>

### Further Ahead

16 Dec	7 pm	Advent Vespers (Titchfield Evangelical Church)
17 Dec	1.15 pm	Bible study (Titchfield Evangelical Church & Zoom)
	6.45 am	Bible study (Zoom)
20 Dec	11.15 am	Divine Service (Catisfield Memorial Hall).

### Next week's readings:

Isaiah 40:1–11); Psalm 85; 1 Corinthians 4:1–5; Matthew 11:2–11

### Next week's hymns:

347, 345, 333

### Daily Readings:

Today	Isaiah 14:1–23 2 Peter 3:1–18 <i>Large Catechism I:41–48</i>
Mon	Is 24:1–13 1 John 1:1–2:14 <i>LC I:49–58</i>
Tue	Is 24:14–25:12 <i>Obadiah 1–21</i> 1 John 2:15–29 <i>LC I:59–68</i>
Wed	Is 26:1–19 1 John 3:1–24 <i>LC I:69–77</i>
Thu	Is 26:20–27:13 1 John 4:1–21 <i>LC I:78–86</i>
Fri	Is 28:14–29 2 <i>John 1–13</i> ; 3 <i>John 1–15</i> 1 John 5:1–21 <i>LC I:87–95</i>
Sat	Is 29:1–14 Jude 1–25 <i>LC I:96–102</i>
Sun	Is 29:15–30:14 Revelation 1:1–19 <i>LC I:103–111</i>