

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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**Laetare**

***Third Sunday of Advent***

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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

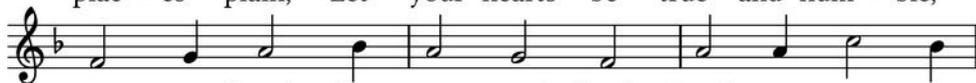
### OPENING HYMN—LSB 347 Comfort, Comfort ye My People



1. "Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3. Hark, the he - ald's voice is cry - ing In the de - sert
4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,  
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger  
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pent - ance,  
plac - es plain, Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load; Speak ye to Jer -  
He will no more see nor heed. She hath suf - fer'd  
Since the King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing  
As be - fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



u - s - alem Of the peace that waits for them, Tell her that her  
ma - ny a day, Now her griefs have passed a - way, God will change her  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
rise to meet Him, And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
fee the tok - en That His Word is nev - er brok - en.

*Text: Johann Olearius (1611–84); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78), alt. Music: Geneva (1551)*

## 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.**

**But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** (*Ps. 85:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4-5*)

**A** Rejoice in the Lord always;\*  
again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.\*

The Lord is at hand.

**I** **LORD, you were favourable to your land;\***  
**you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

- II** You forgave the iniquity of your people;\*  
you covered all their sin.
- I** **Will you not revive us again,\***  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**
- II** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,\*  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn  
back to folly.
- 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.**
- A** Rejoice in the Lord always;\*  
again I will say, Rejoice.
- C** **Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.\***  
**The Lord is at hand.**

## KYRIE

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

**A** O come, O come Em - ma - nu - el, And ran-som cap-tive  
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.
- C** And with thy spirit.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE READINGS

### OLD TESTAMENT READING— Isaiah 40:1–11

*After the Reading*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 85** (*antiphon: v. 9*)

**A** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**I** Lord, you were favourable to your land;\*  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**II** You forgave the iniquity of your people;\*  
you covered all their sin.

**I** You withdrew all your wrath,\*  
you turned from your hot anger.

**II** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,\*  
and put away your indignation towards us!

! Will you be angry with us forever?\*

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**II** Will you not revive us again,\*  
that your people may rejoice in you?

**I** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,\*  
and grant us your salvation.

**II** Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,\*  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not  
turn back to folly.

**I** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**II** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;\*  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

! Faithfulness springs up from the ground,\*  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.



## NICENE CREED

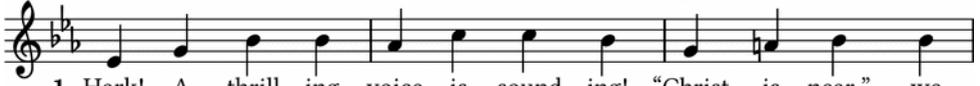
**C** I believe in one ❖ *God,*  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things  
visible and invisible.

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 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1. Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we  
2. Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the earth - bound  
3. See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with par - don  
4. So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the world is



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all sloth dis - pell - ing,  
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
wrapped in fear, He will shield us with His mer - cy



All you chil - dren of the day!"  
Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
And with words of love draw near.

- △ 5. Honour, glory, might, dominion  
To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit  
While eternal ages run!

*Text: Latin (c. 5th–10th centuries); tr. Edward Caswall (1814–78), alt. Music: William H. Monk (1823–89)*

## SERMON

*After the SERMON, the pastor says:*

☞ The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

☞ **Amen.**

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

☞ 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 (Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Holly; Greg (cancer); Rita (cancer); Diana (Rett Syndrome); Decerie (leukemia)

#### Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Bob Wiebusch with family & friends of †Lynette; 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 with family and friends of †Clive

#### ELCE

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & Bristol Lutheran Mission, Pr. Bessel; ELCE Central Office; All all newly-elected ELCE office holders; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Ingrid Flor (cancer); Anja & Keith (health)

#### The Church of God

International Lutheran Council; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Fareham Methodist Church; Amiir & 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.

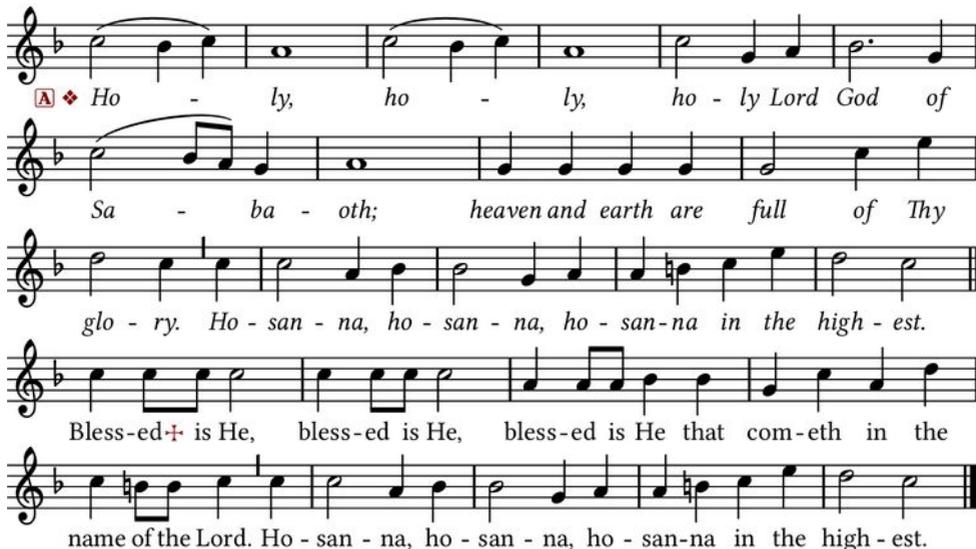
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**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** ♦ 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** 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 355 O Saviour, Rend the Heavens Wide

1. O Sa - viour, rend the heav - ens wide; Come down, come  
 2. O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send; As morn - ing  
 3. O earth, in flow' - ring bud be seen; Clothe hill and  
 4. O Fount of hope, how long, how long? When will You

down with might - y stride; Un - lock the gates, the doors break  
 dew, O Son, de - scend. Drop down, you clouds, the life of  
 dale in garb of green. Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som  
 come with com - fort strong? O come, O come, Your throne fore -

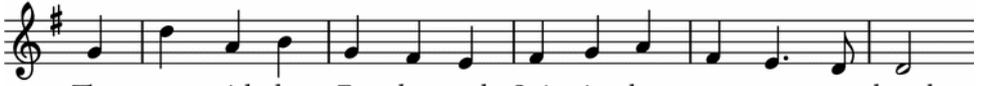
down; Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
 spring; To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
 rare, Our Sa - viour, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
 go; Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5. O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,  
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?  
 O Sun, arise; without Your light  
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.
6. Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;  
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
 O come, lead us with mighty hand  
 From exile to our promised land.
7. There shall we all our praises bring  
 And sing to You, our Saviour King;  
 There shall we laud You and adore  
 Forever and forevermore.

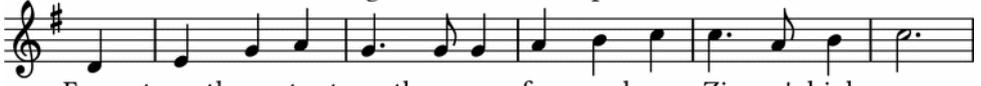
## HYMN—Hymnal Supplement 50 From Glory to Glory Advancing



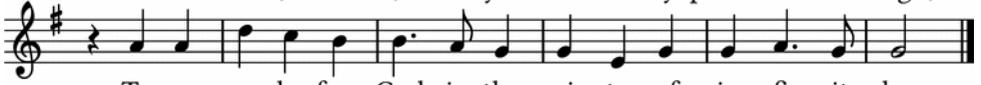
1. From glo-ry to glo-ry ad-vanc-ing, we praise Thee, O Lord;  
2. Thanks-giv-ing, and glo-ry and wor-ship, and bless-ing and love,



Thy name with the Fa-ther and Spir-it be ev-er a-dored.  
One heart and one song have the saints up-on earth and a-bove.



From strength un-to strength we go for-ward on Zi-on's high-way,  
Ev-er-more, O Lord, to thy ser-vants thy pres-ence be nigh;



To ap-pear be-fore God in the ci-t-y of in-fi-nite day.  
Ev-er fit us by ser-vice on earth for thy ser-vice on high.

*Text: Liturgy of St. James (4th century); tr. Charles W. Humphreys (1840–1921)*

*Music: Gustav Holst (1874–1934)*

## 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.

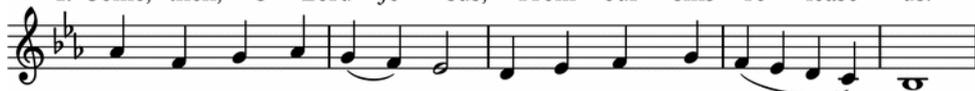
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you † peace.

**C** Amen.

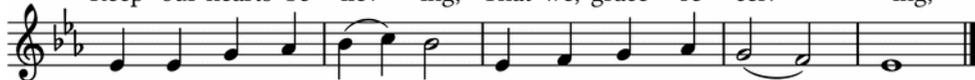
## CLOSING HYMN—LSB 333 Once He Came in Blessing



1. Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re - dress - ing;
2. Now He gen - tly leads us; With Him - self He feeds us
3. Soon will come that hour, — When with might - y pow - er,
4. Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re - lease us.



Came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;  
Pre-cious food from heav - en, Pledge of peace here giv - en,  
Christ will come in splen-dour And will judge-ment ren - der.  
Keep our hearts be - liev - ing, That we, grace re - ceiv - ing,



Bore the cross to save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
Man-na that will nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
With the faith - ful shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
Ev - er may con - fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

*Text: Johann Horn (c. 1490–1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78), alt, LSB (2006)*

*Music: Michael Weisse (c. 1480–1534)*



## 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)
Sun	11.15 pm	Divine Service (Catisfield Memorial Hall).

### Further Ahead

23 Dec	7 pm	Advent Vespers (Titchfield Evangelical Church)
24 Dec	11 pm	Midnight Mass (Catisfield Memorial Hall)
25 Dec	10 am	Christmas Morning Divine Service
27 Dec	11.15 am	Morning Service of the Word (Catisfield Memorial Hall).

### Next week's readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15–19; Psalm 111; Philippians 4:4–7; John 1:19–28

### Next week's hymns:

350, 357, 343

### Daily Readings:

Today	Isaiah 29:15–30:14 Revelation 1:1–19 <i>Large Catechism I:103–111</i>
Mon	Is 30:15–26 Rev 2:1–29 <i>LC I:112–119</i>
Tue	Is 30:27–31:9 Rev 3:1–22 <i>LC I:120–128</i>
Wed	Is 32:1–20 Rev 4:1–11 <i>LC I:129–140</i>
Thu	Is 33:1–24 Rev 5:1–14 <i>LC I:141–149</i>
Fri	Is 34:1–2, 8–35:10 <i>Micah 1:1–7:20</i> Rev 6:1–17 <i>LC I:150–157</i>
Sat	Is 40:1–17 Rev 7:1–17 <i>LC I:158–166</i>
Sun	Is 40:18–41:10 Rev 8:1–13 <i>LC I:167–178</i>