



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: Magnificat (G.W. Brown)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.** God of might, **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.** God in our midst, **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through ✠ Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**



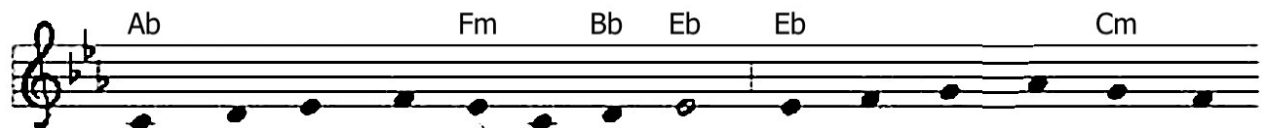
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more,
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more,
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more,
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more,
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin. As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved.

O house of David, come, **let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us. Amen.**



Song of the 4 Candles (4th Sunday)

Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! — Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! Light the fourth can - dle, light the fourth can - dle, the fourth can - dle tells us to be - hold. Je - sus is com - ing, Je - sus has come, the Light of the World, our Sav - ior, God's Son. — Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! — Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! — Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! —

Chords: F, C/E, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, F, C/E, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, C2, Bb2, C2, Bb, F, Dmin, Eb, Cmin, F, Dmin, Eb, Dsus, D, F, C/E, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, F, C/E, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, G, D/F#, G7/F, C/E, D/F#

THE KYRIE

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

THIS IS THE FEAST

D D/F# G D G D/A F#7 Bm D

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Bm G/E A D C Em Asus A

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D G D Bm D/A G

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

D D/F# G D G D/A F#7 Bm D

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

G/E A D C Em Asus A

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D F#m Bm D Bm D/A G

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

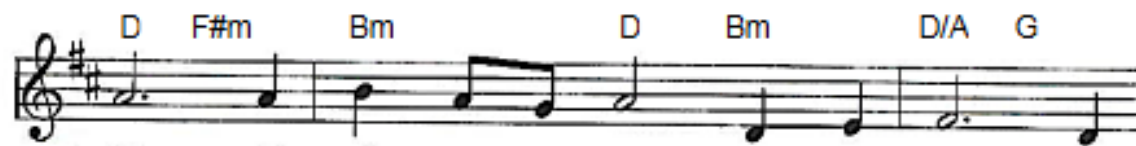
D D/F# G D G D/A F#7 Bm D

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

G/E A D C Em Asus A

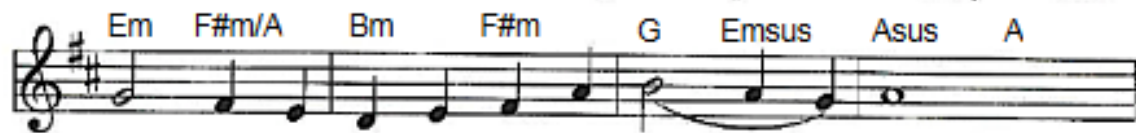
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D F#m Bm D Bm D/A G



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A



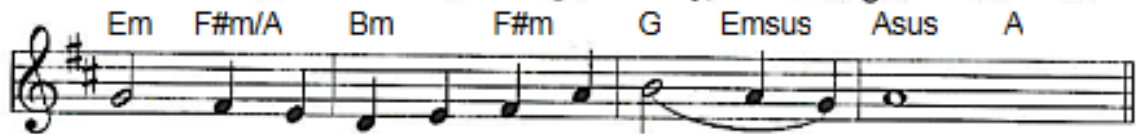
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

D F#m Bm D Bm D/A G



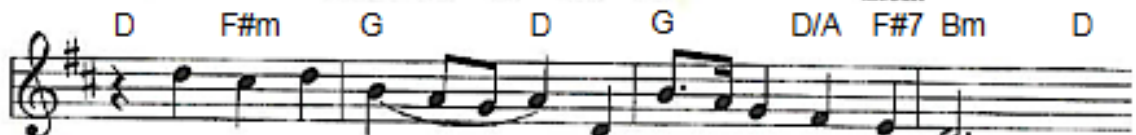
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A



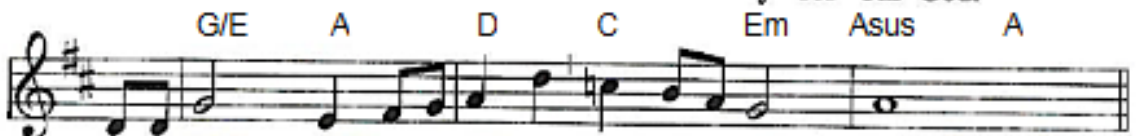
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

D F#m G D G D/A F#7 Bm D



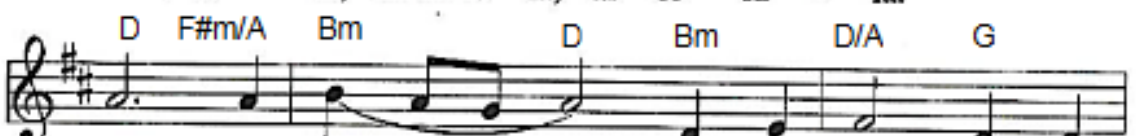
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

G/E A D C Em Asus A



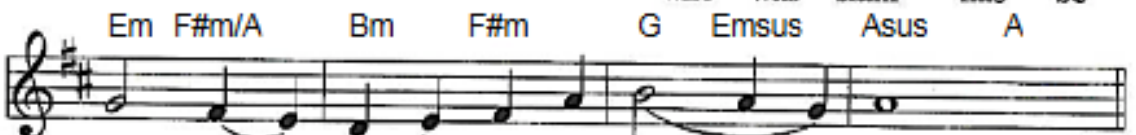
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D F#m/A Bm D Bm D/A G



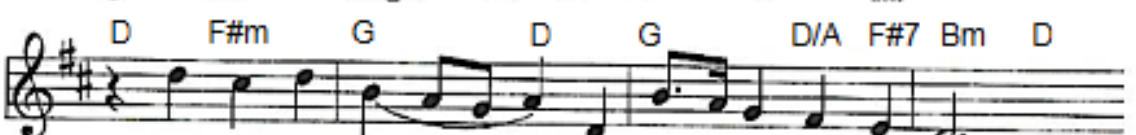
For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A



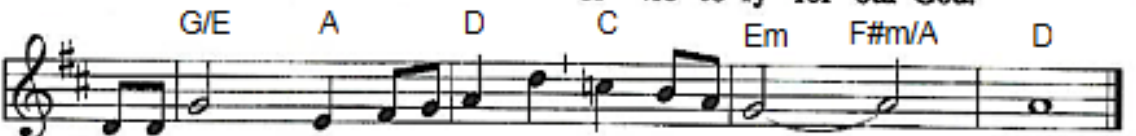
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

D F#m G D G D/A F#7 Bm D



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

G/E A D C Em F#m/A D



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

⁵⁰ **You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.**

⁵¹ You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

⁵² **casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

⁵³ You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,**

⁵⁵ the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and

offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),⁹ then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.¹⁰ And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

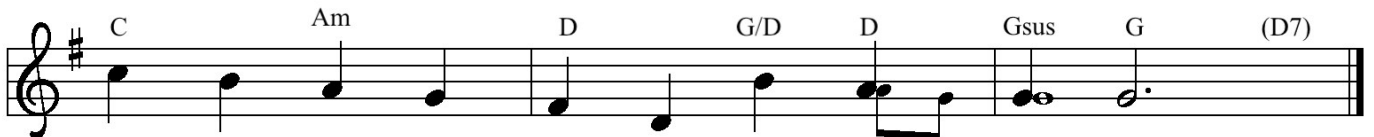
HYMN OF THE DAY: Magnificat (G.W. Brown)



1 My soul does mag - ni - fy the Lord; my spir - it
 2 From this day all will call me blest, from now through
 3 His mer - cy touch - es those who love, and those who
 4 He cast the might - y from their thrones, and he has
 5 He comes to all who seek his love, for he re -
 6 All glo - ry be to God on high, and to his
 7 Just as it was, it is to - day, and it shall



sings of God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with
 all the com - ing a - ges. The Lord has done great
 serve . . . one an - oth - er. And with great strength he has
 lift - ed up the low - ly. He fills the hun - gry
 mem - bers the prom - ise that he had made to
 Son, . . . God the Sav - ior, and to the Spir - it of
 last through all to - mor - rows, and so my soul mag - ni -



love and fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.
 things for me and ho - ly is his name.
 scat - tered all the proud in their con - ceit.
 with good things while oth - ers turn a - way.
 A - bra - ham and to the chil - dren of God.
 life and truth that burns with - in our hearts.
 fies the Lord; praise God for - ev - er. A - men.

HOMILY: Pastor Paul

CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

SPECIAL MUSIC: Choir: Look at the Fig Tree

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Chord progression: Eb, Fm7, Bb, Eb, Cm, F

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with-

Chord progression: Bbsus Bb, Bb/Ab, Fm7, Eb/Bb Bb, Gmaj

in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre-sence, and take not Your

Chord progression: Cm, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb

Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Your sal-

Chord progression: Ab, Bb, Eb7, Ab, Fm7, Bb, Ebsus Eb

va - tion; and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.



ALL: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

F Am G7 C F G7 C
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

F Am G7 C F Dm
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Bb G7 C F Gm
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

F/A G7/B C Ab Bb Dm7 G C
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

F Bb G7 C
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 Dm G C F Bb G7
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 C Dm G C F Am Bb
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 Eb Ab Bb Dm G7 C
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: What Feast of Love

What Feast of Love



What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?

What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?

What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.

This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!



COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
 done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
 joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: God Is Good All the Time

F C7/F F C7/F F
 God is good all the
 Bb2 F Bb2 F
 time. All the time God is good. 1.Now from Beth - le - hem comes the King of
 2.And they shall live se - cure, for now He
 3.And my soul mag - ni - fies the great-ness
 Bb F C7
 Is - ra - el. Now from Beth - le - hem comes the King of Is - ra - el. Now from
 shall be great. And they shall live se - cure, for now He shall be great. And they
 of the Lord. And my soul mag - ni - fies the great-ness of the Lord. And my
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F
 Beth - le - hem comes the King of Is - ra - el. God is good all the time.
 shall live se - cure, for now He shall be great.
 soul mag - ni - fies the great-ness of the Lord.
 F Bb2 F Bb2 rit. F2
 God is good all the time. All the time God is good. God is good.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.


 Go Now
 in Peace

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Dec 22	Maggie Harrer	Sally Leara	John Leara
4pm			
Dec 24		Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly
8pm			
Dec 24	Sally Leara	Susan Conrad	John Leara
Dec 25	Wendy McFarland	Vicki Coyle	Ed Moderacki
Dec 29	Christophe Moderacki	Brenda Heydt	John Leara
Jan 5	Susan Conrad	Maggie Harrer	Ed Moderacki

FLOWERS

Dec 22	For:	Rudolph W Heydt, III—Birthday Wishes
	From:	Mom and the Heydt Clan
Dec 29	For:	Willow & Mamie's Birthdays
	From:	Antoinette Walder
Jan 5	For:	
	From:	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 22	Sunday School
Dec 24	Christmas Eve: 4pm (family Worship) Christmas Carol Sing: 7:30pm Christmas Eve: 8pm Worship
Dec 25	Christmas Day: 10am Worship
Dec 29	Wee Worship
Jan 1	New Year's Day

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