



# Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

**December 29, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**  
**Wee Worship Holy Communion**



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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**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: Variations on Joy to the World

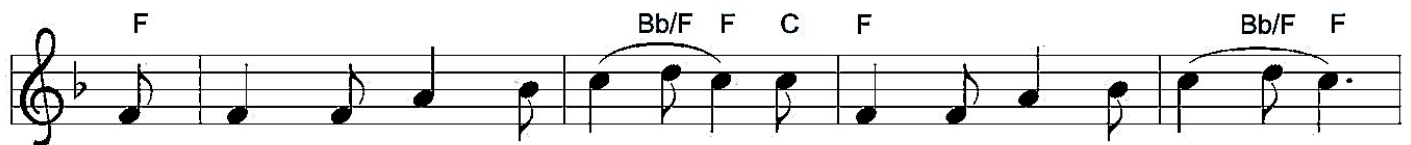
### WEE WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them;  
For to such as these belongs the Kingdom of God. “

-Mark 10:13-16



### Opening Song: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



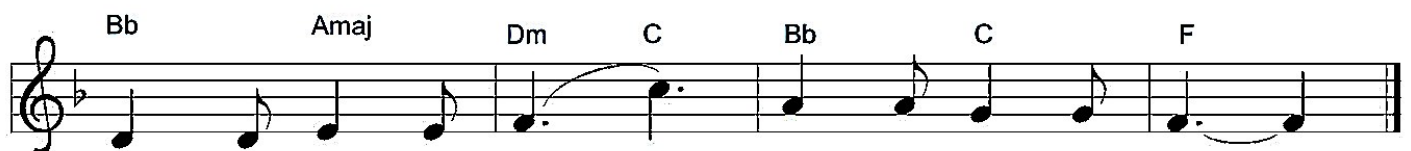
1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR: Let us love God with our hearts

**PEOPLE: and our neighbors as ourselves.**

PASTOR: Let us love God with our minds

**PEOPLE: and our neighbors as ourselves.**

PASTOR: Let us love God with our strength

**PEOPLE: and our neighbors as ourselves.**



## FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

**People: Thanks Be to God**



## PSALM: Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God, Word of Life

**People: Thanks Be to God**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The B - I - B - L - E! Yes, that's the book for me! I stand a - lone on the

Word of God: the B - I - B - L - E! The B - I - B - L - E! Yes, that's the book for

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me! I stand a - lone on the Word of God: the B - I - B - L - E!



### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52**

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

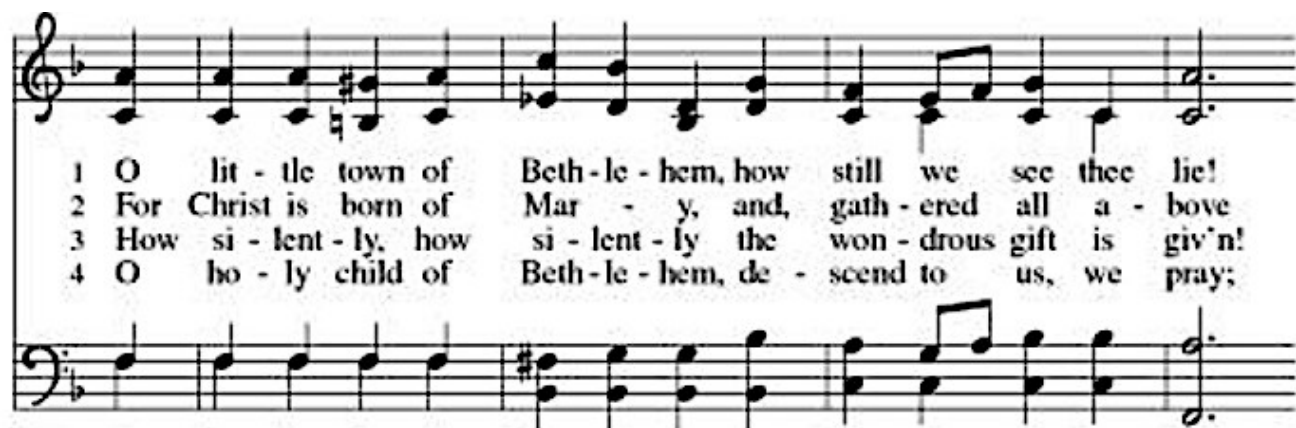
<sup>41</sup> Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

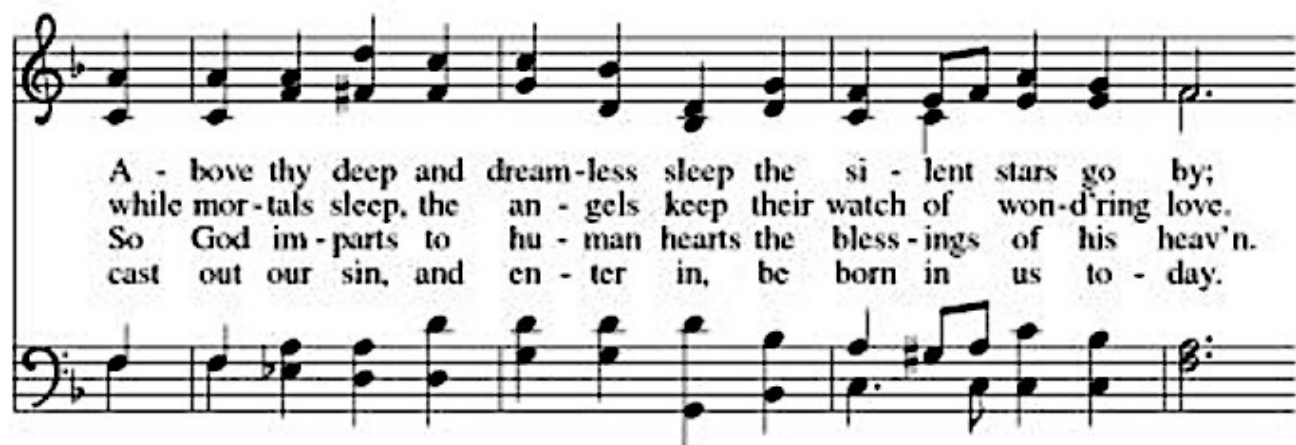
**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**



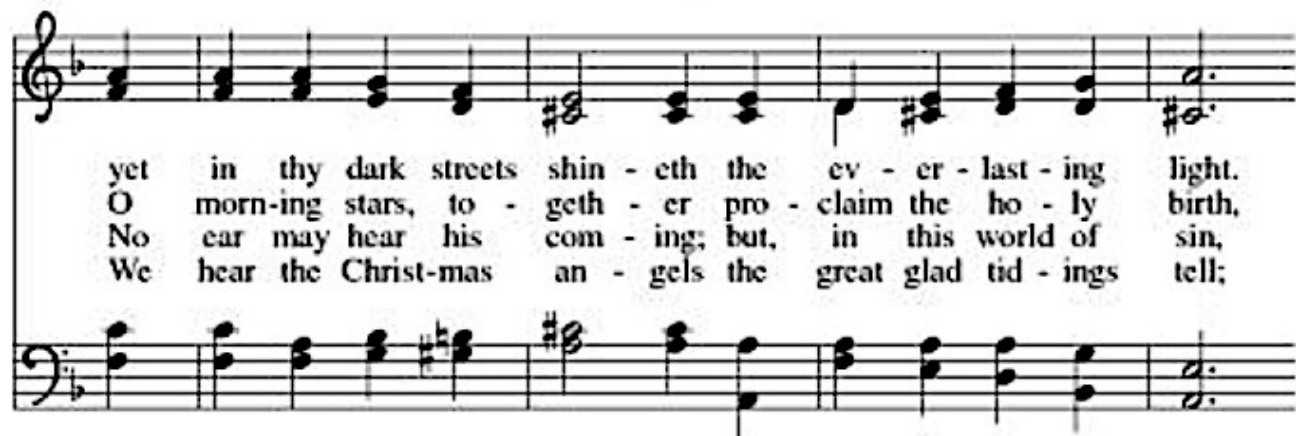
## HYMN OF THE DAY: O Little Town of Bethlehem



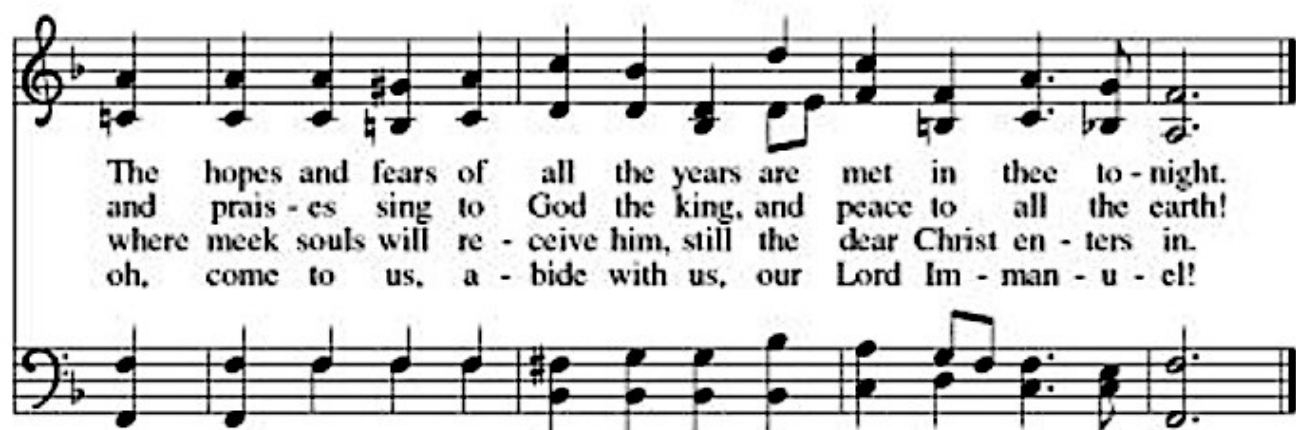
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.  
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

## **A CREED**

**We believe in God the Creator**

**We believe in Jesus the Son.**

**We believe in God, Holy Spirit.**

**We Believe in God, the Holy three in one**



## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

**Each petition ends:** God of grace.

And we respond: **Receive our prayer.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

## **THE OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir: Silent Night, This Little Light of Mine**



## **OFFERING PRAYER:**

**PASTOR:** Come, Lord Jesus

**PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus**

**PASTOR:** Be our guest

**PEOPLE: Be our guest**

**PASTOR:** And let these gifts

**PEOPLE: And let these gifts**

**PASTOR:** To us be blessed.

**PEOPLE: To us be blessed. 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, salutary, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

## **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**



We will conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed is your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**On earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.**

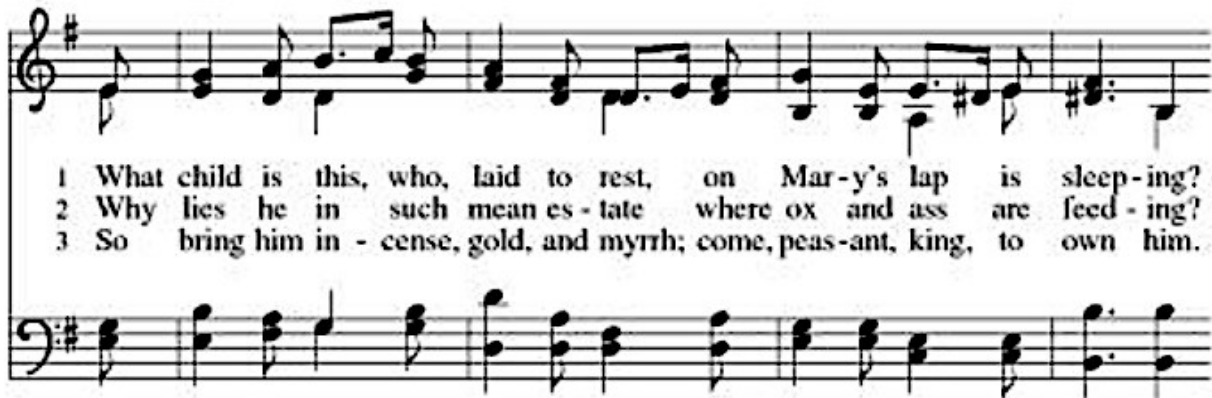
**Now and forever. Amen.**

## **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish for your child to receive communion, they are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

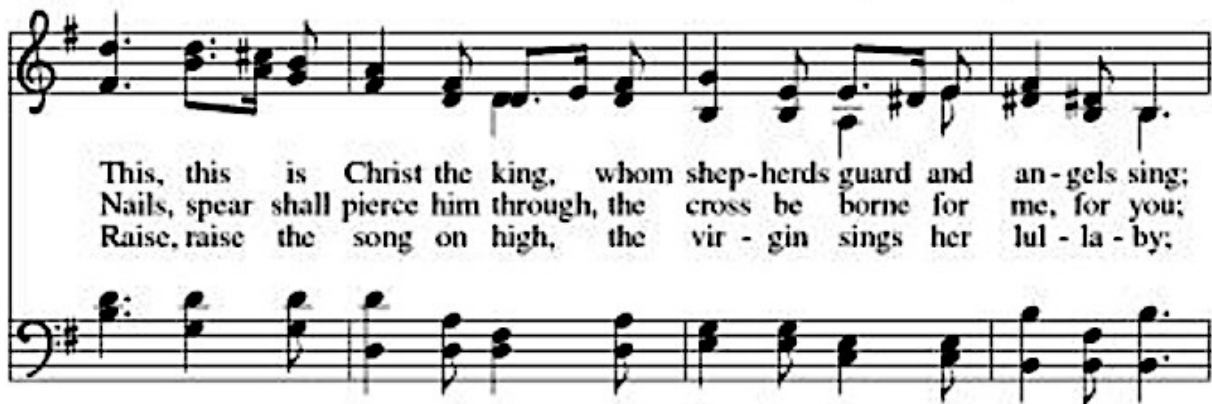
### COMMUNION HYMN: What Child is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## BENEDICTION

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECESSIONAL HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING TODAY

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>WORSHIP ASST.</b>	<b>USHER</b>
Dec 29	Christophe Moderacki	Brenda Heydt	John Leara
Jan 5	Susan Conrad	Maggie Harrer	Ed Moderacki
Jan 12	Dave Johnsrud	Laurie Feingold	Rick Henly



## FLOWERS

Dec 29	For: Willow & Mamie's Birthdays From: Antoinette Walder
Jan 5	For: Rick Henly's Birthday From: Maggie Harrer
Jan 12	For: Bea Wing's Birthday From: The Moderacki's



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 5	Sunday School
Jan 19	Sunday School Congregational Meeting
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day—Church & School Closed
Jan 21	Council Meeting: 7:30pm

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