Ascension Lutheran Church Livestream Worship
December 13– 9:15am

Welcome! A few pointers to make this worship service meaningful:

- *Set the space. Clear a table of everything except the screen, a Bible, and the candle.*
- *We will be receiving communion this morning. Have your bread and wine or grape juice ready.*
- *We won't be receiving an offering during the service, but please still support the ministry of Ascension. You can give online at www.ascensioncos.org/give or mail a check to:*
  Ascension Lutheran Church
  2505 N Circle Dr.
  Colorado Springs, CO 80909
- *If you have prayer requests or concerns, email us:*
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Prelude **"Once He Came in Blessing" by Michael Burkhardt** **Organ Solo**

Announcements

Call to Worship **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson **Women's Handbell Ensemble**

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.
Amen.

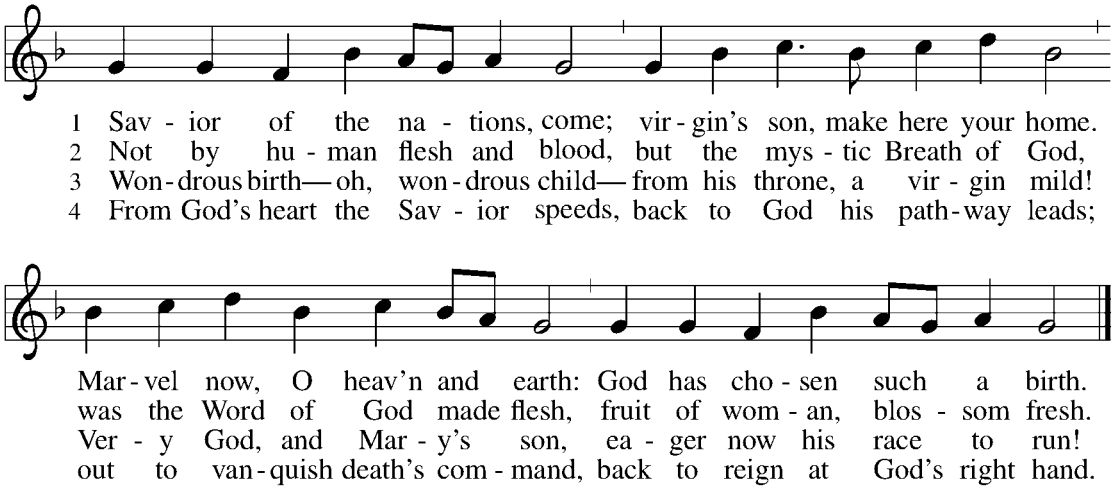
Let us come before God in confession.

(silence for reflection)

Great and Holy One,
in this time of modest daylight, we confess the shadows of sin in our lives. We build ourselves up at the expense of others. We rely on our own efforts to make our lives secure. Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay. Come to restore us in your image, remake us into your people, and rebuild what sin has broken, that we and the whole creation may rejoice. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn **Savior of the Nations, Come (263)**

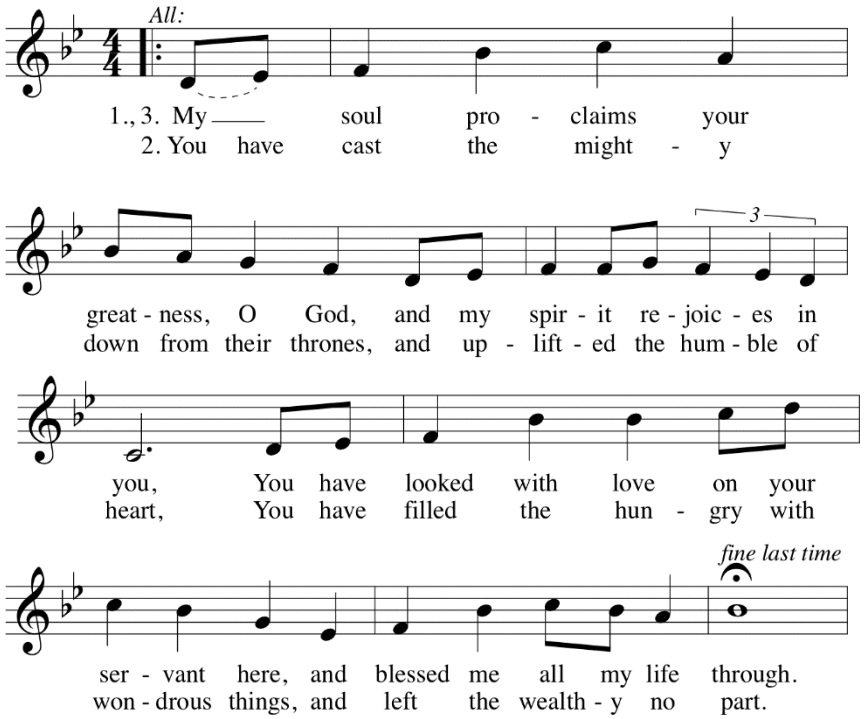


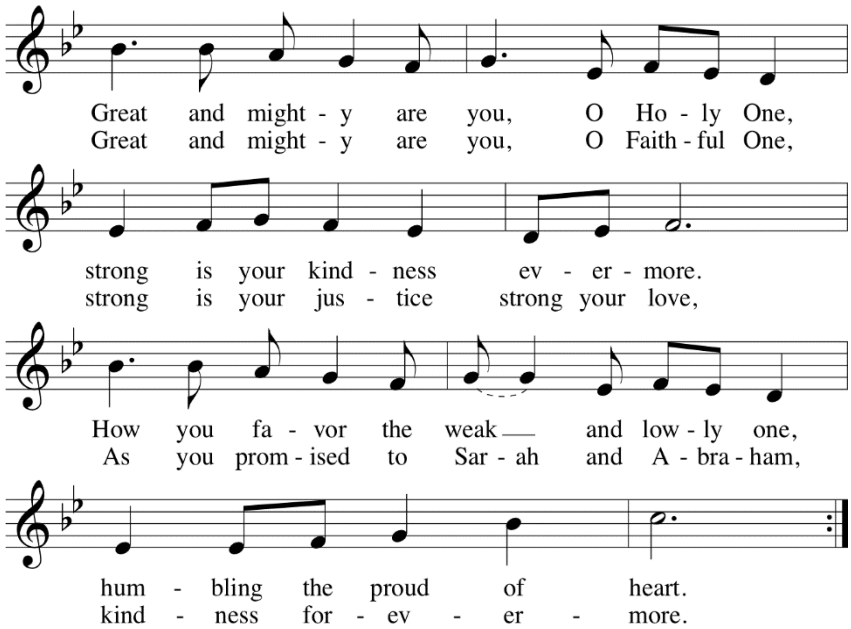
Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting
We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts with the shepherds' as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

Hymn of Praise





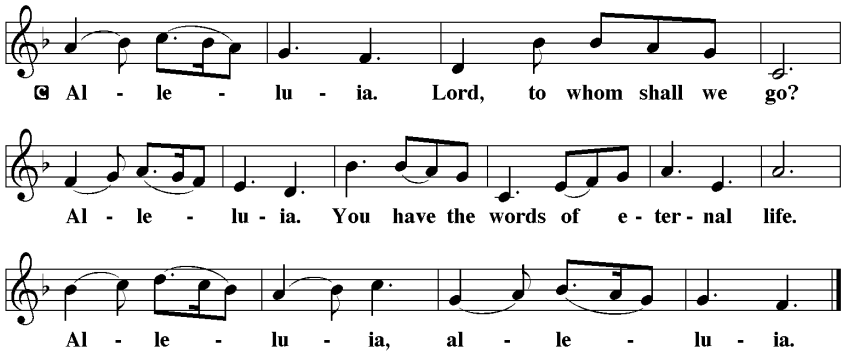
Prayer of the Day
Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God,
and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Special Music **"Were You There On That Christmas Night" arr. Martha Thompson**
Women's Handbell Ensemble

Reading- Isaiah 61:1-7
The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
  foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
but you shall be called priests of the LORD,
  you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
  and in their riches you shall glory.
Because their shame was double,
  and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
  everlasting joy shall be theirs.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Acclamation

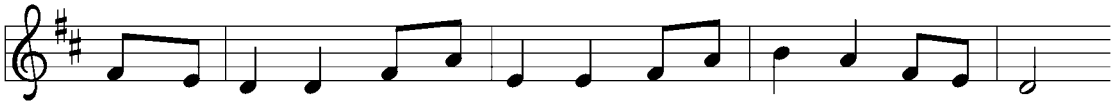


Gospel Reading: Luke 4:16-21
The Holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.
When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
  because he has anointed me
    to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
  and recovery of sight to the blind,
    to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

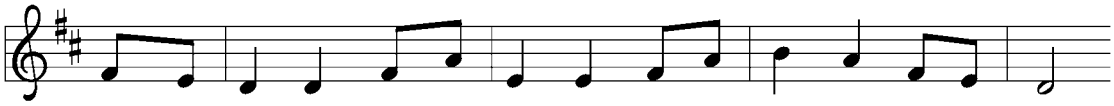
Children's Sermon

Sermon **Pastor Daniel Smith**

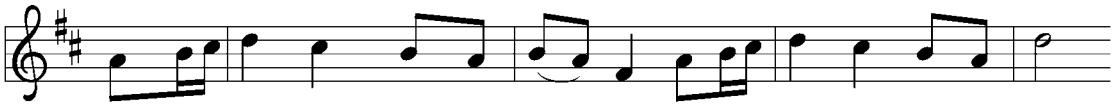
Hymn of the Day **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (843)**



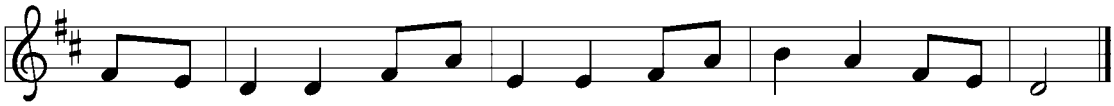
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car-nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis-ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

+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 into hell.
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.

Prayers

Filled with expectation and longing, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(*a brief silence*)

After each petition:
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those remembered in prayer this week …
Teresa Allen, Beth Ayen, Allen Brooks, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Dorothy Carlson, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Jack Kagarise, Pam Landry, Sara Petz, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Connie Schneider, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Ilene Steinkruger, Wanda Wade, Lucille Walker, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

The Great Thanksgiving tune: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*
Oh, may the good Lord be with you.
And may the Lord be with you too.
Lift your hearts to God in praise.
To the Lord our hearts we raise.
Let us offer praises true.
It is fitting so to do. Gratefully we sing to the Lord, our King!

The Sanctus tune: *As with Gladness*

1. **Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored.**
   Heav'n and earth cannot contain, all the glory of Your name!
   With the heav'nly host we sing highest praises to our King!
2. **Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame be to Him who, in God's name,**
   now draws nigh with us to dwell, Jesus, Our Emmanuel!
   Hail! Hosanna! Praises be to the Lord eternally!

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution
Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed, …

Together, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer **Tune: *Away in a Manger***

1. **Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your name!**
   Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same.
   By mortals and angels, come, Lord, reign alone.
   Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

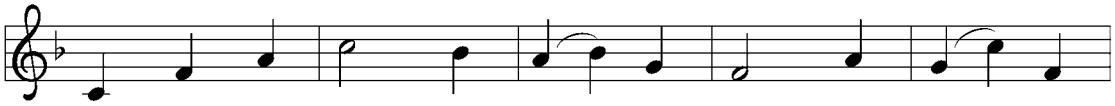
2. **The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;**
   as we forgive others, our sins take away;
   in times of temptation, to lead us be near;
   from evil deliver Your children most dear.

3. **For Yours is the kingdom; o'er all things You reign.**
   And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
   To You be the glory, resounding again
   from all of creation, forever! Amen!

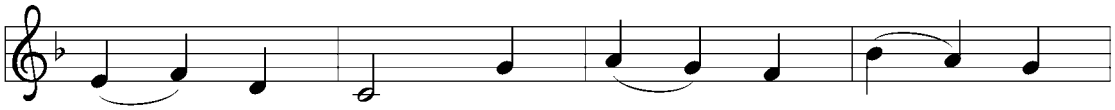
Invitation to Communion
We encourage you to have your bread and wine/grape juice ready. When the pastor says "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you", eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you. If you are worshiping with others, one may give the bread and wine to the rest offering those same words.

Prayer after Communion
God for whom we wait,
you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

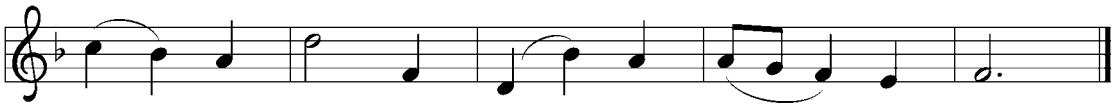
Sending Hymn **Hark, the Glad Sound! (239)**



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to•en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Benediction
Amen

Sending
Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude **"Vom Himmel hoch da komm' ich her" by Johann Pachelbel** **Organ Solo**

<u>The altar flower this week have been given by Tom Johnson in honor of his and Darcy's anniversary</u>

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Calendar- December 13-20

<u>SUNDAY 12/13</u>	9:15 AM	Online Worship
	10:15 AM	Adult Education-Insights from Within
<u>TUESDAY</u>	10:30 AM	Bible Study via Zoom
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	7:00 PM	Confirmation via Zoom
	8:00 PM	Zooming Advent with Pastor Dan
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