



## **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 21, 2025 - 10:00 am**

**Pastor Peter Johnson  
Lakeside Community Lutheran Church  
Webster, WI**

### **GATHERING**

*\*Denotes stand as you are able*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose home is heaven and earth,  
whose salvation is sure.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Long-expected God,  
**we confess that we look to ourselves  
for the peace and security only you can provide.**  
We reach for swords and spears,  
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.  
We become impatient while waiting  
and weary of keeping awake.

Free us from self-reliance,  
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.  
Increase our trust in God's timing,  
and awaken us to your advent among us,  
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.  
**Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve,  
but according to God's own righteousness.

✝ You are freed and forgiven,  
saved by grace,  
and ready to welcome the Savior.

**Amen.**

## **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.  
O Emmanuel, **Open us up to your coming.**

We gather together to allow our deeply held hopes to be reshaped by  
God's promises.

O Emmanuel, **Open us up to your coming.**

We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is no longer predicated on our fear.

O Emmanuel, **Open us up to your coming.**

We find a new receptivity within us that desires God's will over our own will and relies on God's justice and mercy to accomplish it.

O Emmanuel, **Open us up to your coming.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257 (v7-8)

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

**Advent Fanfare**

### **Intergenerational Christmas Story Telling Time:**

#### **“THE CHRISTMAS STORY: JOURNEY, BIRTH & SHEPHERDS”**

*Congregation: Please participate in this story by using your props:*

- *“Star” - Raise your star*
- *“Animals” - Make soft animal sounds*
- *“Good News” - Ring bells*
- *“Donkey” - Give one gentle ‘hee-haw’*

*And participate in song:*

- *Away In A Manger* ELW 277
- *The First Noel* ELW 300

### **\*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.

### **\*THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your  
promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

Response:

God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

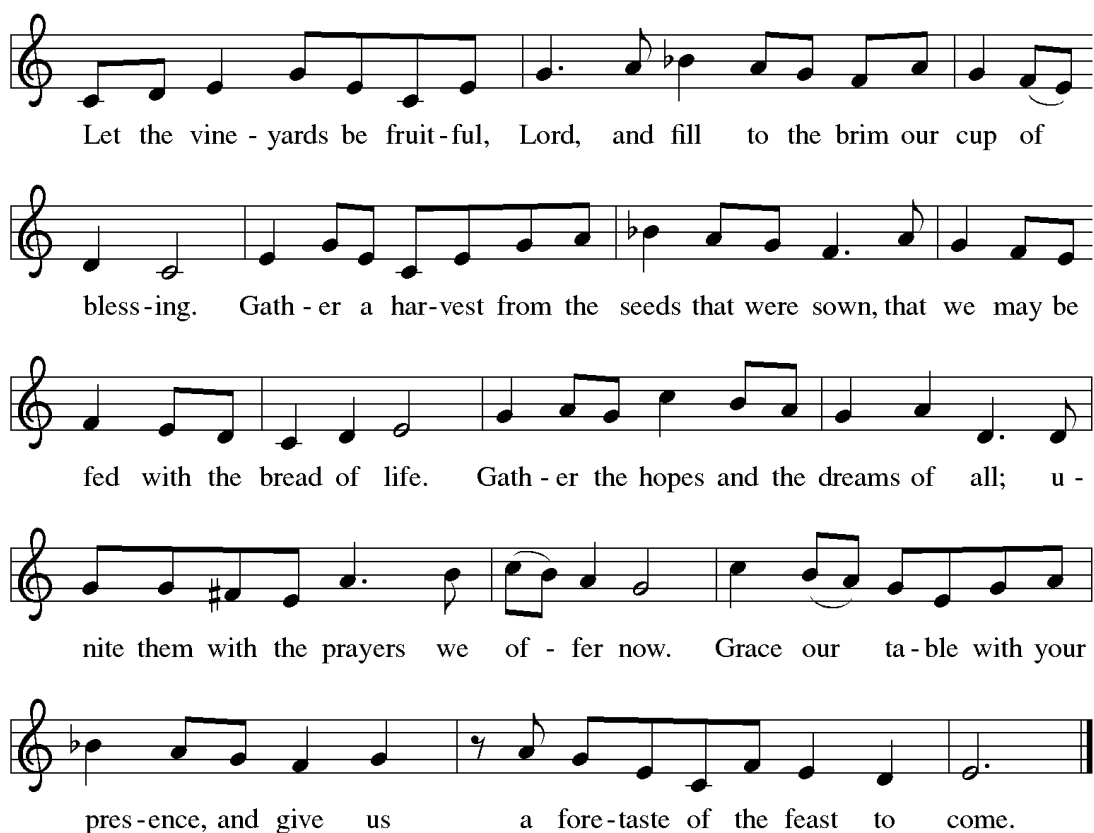
## THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

### Let The Vineyards

ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,**

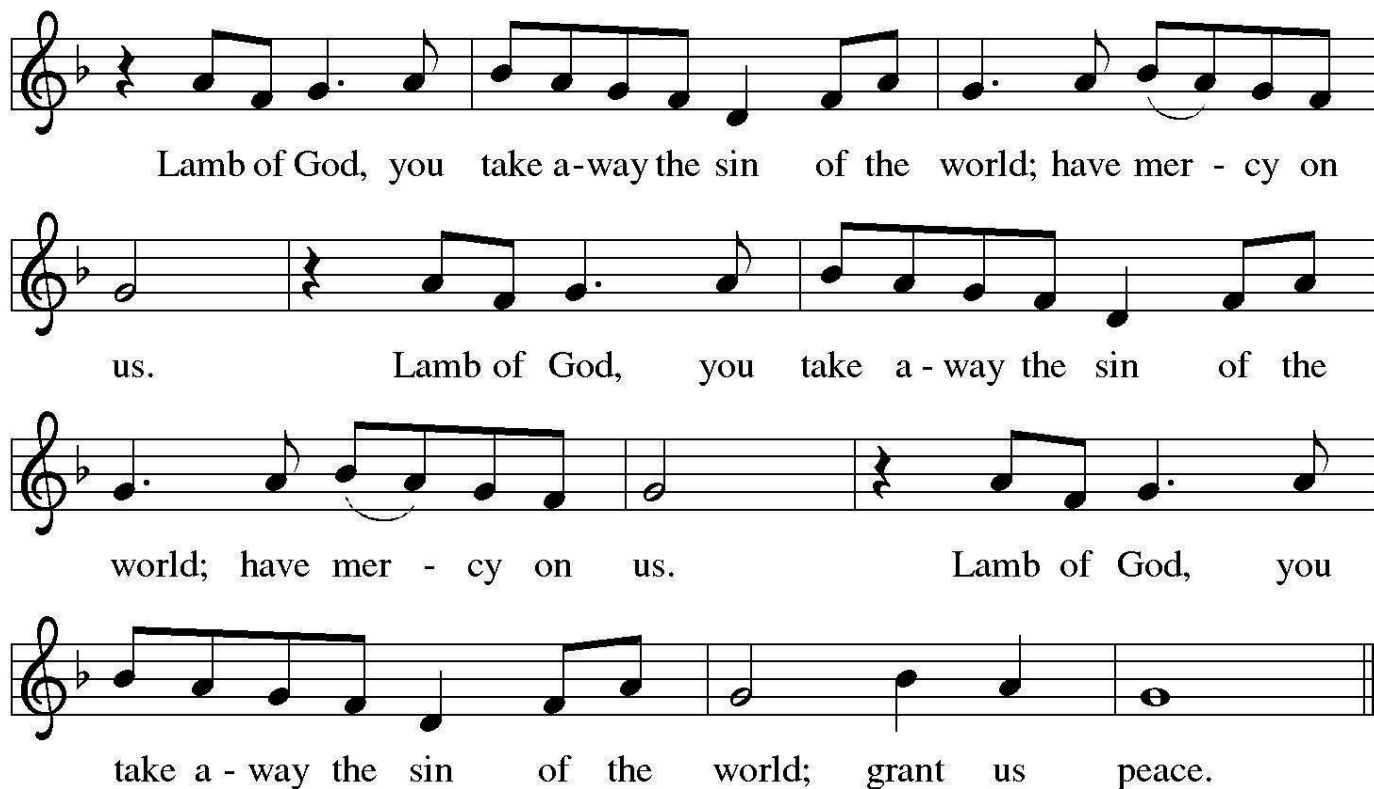
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table is set. The meal is prepared.  
Come, ALL are welcome to the feast!

## COMMUNION

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### What Child Is This

ELW 296

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our host,  
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

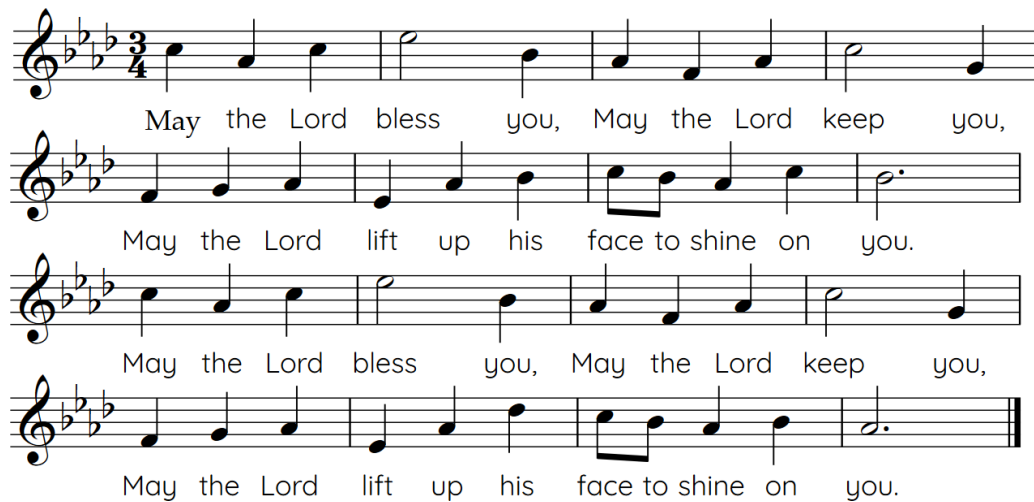
### CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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### BENEDICTION SONG

May the Lord Bless You



Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

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**Please join us for Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion at 4 PM.**

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