

✝ First Sunday in Advent ✝

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8:15 AM & 10:45 AM



*Gathering People to Christ,
Building Believers in Christ,
Serving the World as Christ*



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word "Sacrament" means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God's promise. "He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*," as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Welcome: Today is not only the First Sunday in Advent but also the commemoration of St. Andrew, whose day governs the start of Advent. In this way, Andrew continues to point to Christ as we begin a new Church Year. How odd it is, then, that the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent is the same as the Gospel for Palm Sunday! This reminds us that Jesus came for the cross and empty tomb, and this is the only Gospel that can save us from sin and death. In order to enjoy the fruits of His redeeming work, we must be able to answer "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10). This question of the crowd also becomes a question for us as we enter into Advent and a new Church Year. We marvel at this man, also true God, who is born among us in flesh and blood, who suffers and dies to win salvation for us, and who will come in His glory to bring all things to their perfect consummation and bliss.

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communication Cards: Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

Communion Procedure: Ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. ***Grape juice*** is in the outer ring and ***is lighter*** in color than the wine. The ***wine is darker*** in color. After communing, return to your seat via the *side* aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Welcomes Your Child: The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a "quiet room." It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

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Worship services are aired on Hudson Community TV on Spectrum channel 1021 each Sunday at 1:00 PM as part of our public worship service.

Members and Visitors: *Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate during the Offering time. Thank You.*

Prelude

Kirsten Keller, piano

Welcome

Stand

Hymn

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"

LSB 355, sts. 1-4

Invocation

—Matt. 28:19b

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Memory Verse

Galatians 4:4-5

C ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Candle Lighting Song

"Wreath Hymn"

1. The first Ad - vent can - dle, bright har - bin - ger of hope.

5 Shine! Dis - pel the dark - ness! The Light of the world — comes!

12 Christ comes to give us hope. He sets the pris' ners free,



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Confession and Absolution

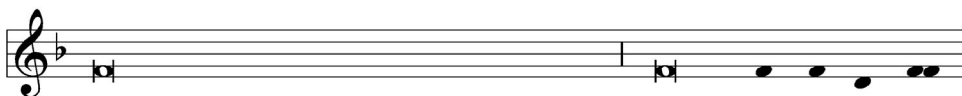
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy.



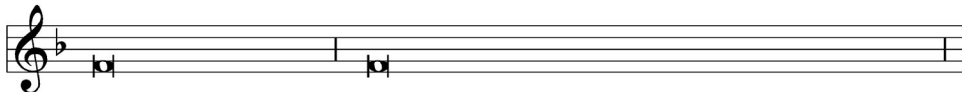
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



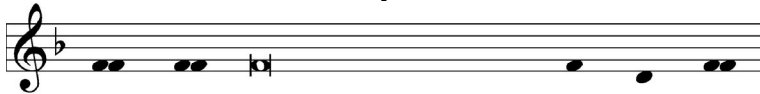
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



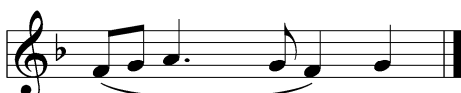
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



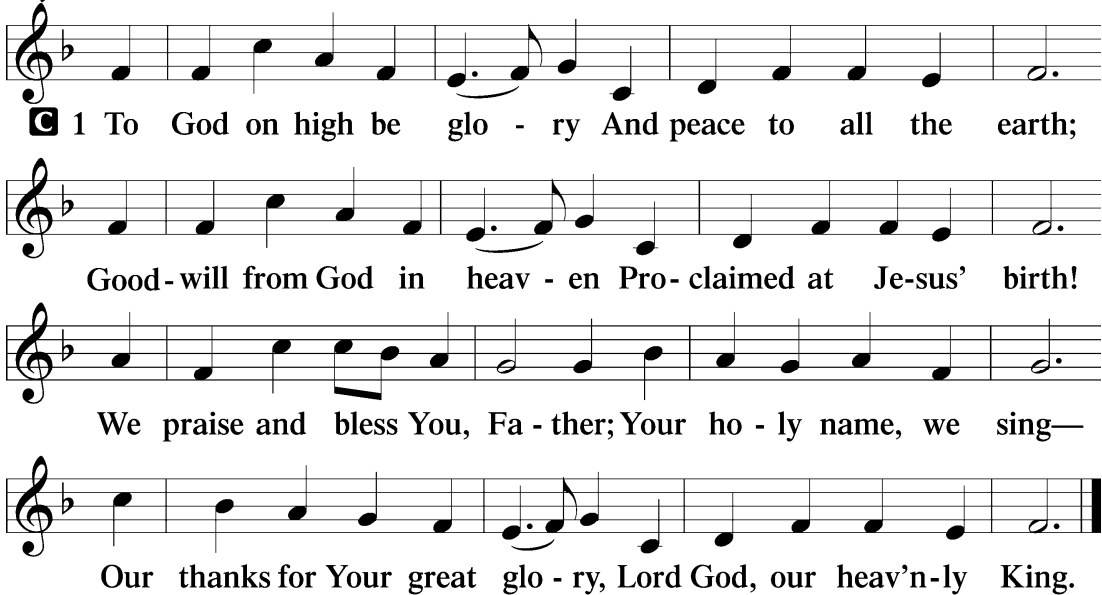
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit***First Reading: Isaiah 2:1–5**

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His

ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Second Reading: Romans 13:8–14**

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in

this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now

than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies

and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

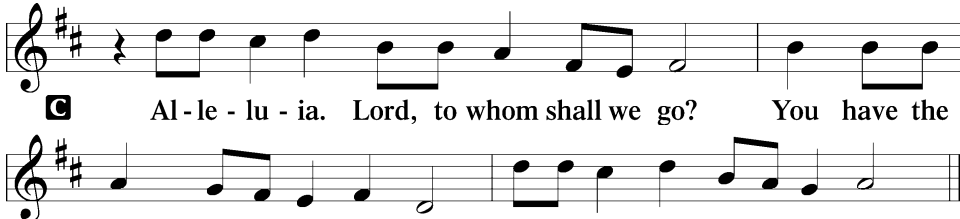
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C 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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken

and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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 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
worshiped 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

Children's Message

Bob Brantsch, DCE

Hymn

"The Clouds of Judgment Gather"

LSB 513, sts. 1-4

Sermon

No One Knows

Offering: We will pass the offering plate to collect your offerings and Guest & Member Communication Cards (yellow sheets). We have three options for online giving available on our website <https://www.gloriadeihudson.org>. Scroll down to the "Online Giving" section and you will see Simply Giving, PayPal, and Venmo.

Offertory

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

harm. J.S. Bach
arr. Mark Hayes

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are;
Trav'ler, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory-beaming star!
Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell?
Trav'ler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

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Stand

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayers of the Church

A Let us pray on behalf of the world, those with special need, and for all the faithful.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

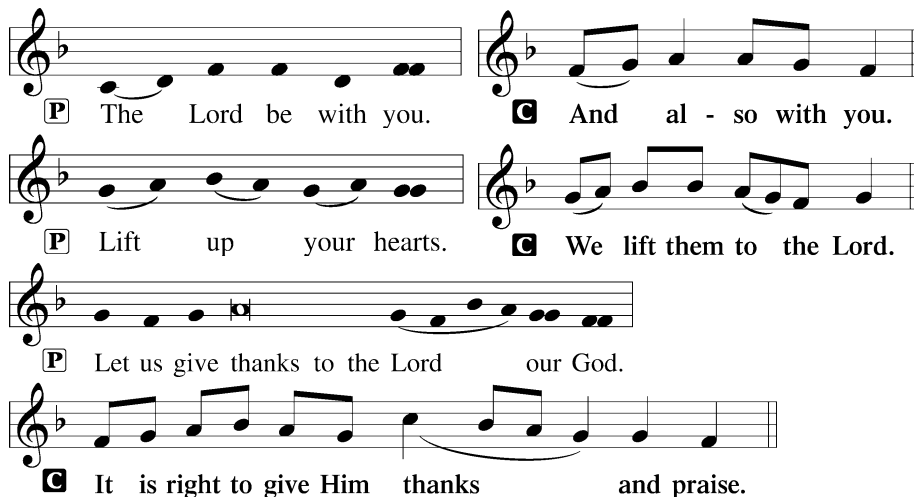
- A** That we may depart from the ways of the wicked and manifest in word and deed our faith in His Word and our delight in His will, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** That we may resist the temptation to despair in time of trouble and manifest a joyful heart and hope in all circumstances of this mortal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** That we may enjoy the gift of good government, wise and faithful leaders, and peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** That those who suffer in any want or need—the sick, grieving, and those troubled in mind or soul—may be granted healing and comfort, and that all may be preserved in faith and holiness to the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** That we may be united in doctrine and life and that in the unity of this Table all who here receive the Sacrament may be granted discernment of Christ's body and blood and faith to receive this communion to their benefit, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

Preface

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P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

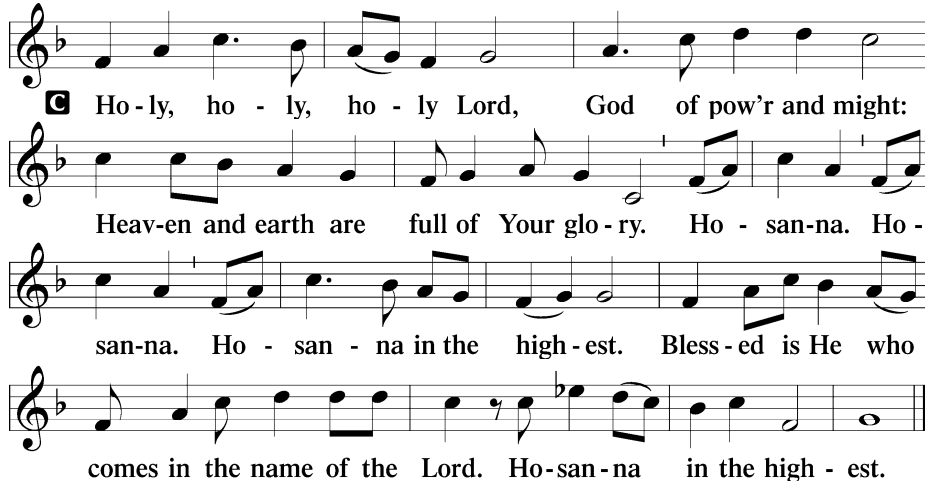
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of Institution

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My $\text{I}\text{-}\text{C}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

—1 Corinthians 11:26 | —Revelation 22:20

A As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pax Domini

P The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C 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.

Hymn

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

LSB 351, sts. 1–6

Hymn

"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

LSB 624, sts. 1–7

Stand

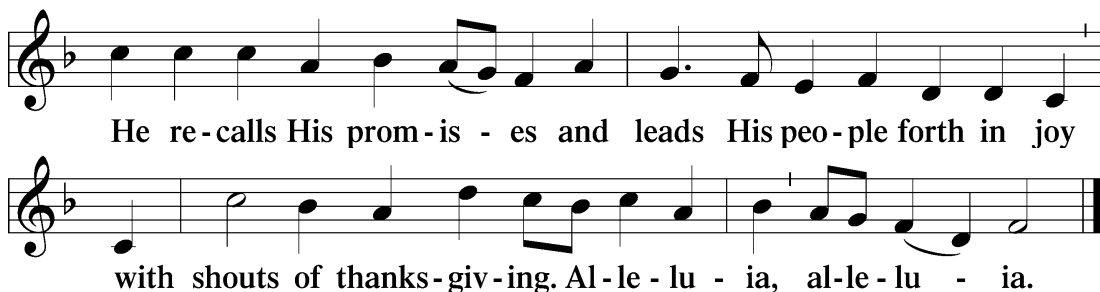
Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Canticle

"Thank the Lord"

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



Post-Communion Collect

[A] Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

Benediction

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

[C] Amen

Memory Verse

Galatians 4:4-5

[C] ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Closing Hymn

“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

LSB 355, sts. 5–7

Postlude

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

arr. Hayes

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