



**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people. Luke 1:25*

## Invocation

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn ...** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *LSB* 344

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: Beloved in the Lord, as we draw closer to Christmas, may this wreath remind us that Jesus came to conquer the darkness of our sin and lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom, as the prophet Isaiah declares,

**C: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone.”**

*(Two purple candles are lit on the Advent wreath.)*

P: Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

P: O Lord, the great and awesome God,

**C: who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands,**

P: we have sinned and done wrong.

**C: We have been wicked and rebelled;**

P: we have turned away from your commandments and laws.

**C: We have not listened to your Word.**

P: Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame

**C: because we have sinned against you.**

P: We have not sought your favor by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth.

**C: O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath.**

P: You, O Lord, are merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against you.

**C: O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! We do not present our pleas**

**before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.**

*(Silence for personal confession.)*

P: “‘Comfort, comfort my people,’ says your God. ‘Speak tenderly to her and proclaim to her: ‘Your sins have been paid for’” (Isaiah 40:1-2). Through the perfect life, death and resurrection of the Christ Child, God has completely removed your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to you. In his stead and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.     **C: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise ...** “Comfort, comfort, Ye My People” *LSB 347*

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: O God, even in this exciting Advent season...comfort and save. Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading ...** *Isaiah 53:1-5*

P: *(after the reading)*...

P: This is the Word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading ...** *Romans 8:35-39*

P: *(after the reading)*...

P: This is the Word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading ...** *Luke 1:5-25*

P: *(after the reading)*...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.     **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn ...** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of Response ...** “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” *LSB 352*

### **Apostles’ Creed**

## Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

### Prayers

*Each petition concludes with the following response:*

P: O Jesus Christ, who brings healing,

**C: bless all homes with your grace and love.**

### Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

P: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in any trouble. The Lord be with you all. **C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn ...** "Hark, the Glad Sound!" *LSB* 349

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## *December Worship Schedule*

**Wednesday, Dec. 10:** Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and Family Advent Service, 7 PM. Chicken Strip meal at Noon and 5-7 PM. Free-will offering for J.J. Wolf Missionary Family

**Sunday, Dec. 14: Christmas Cantata, 8:15 & 10:45 AM,** Christmas Preschool Program 1 PM. Children's Christmas Program 3 PM. Middle School & High School Christmas Party at 5:30 PM.

**Wednesday, Dec. 17:** Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and 7 PM. Confirmation Caroling, 5:30-6:45 PM.

**Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24:**

✙ Candlelight Services at 11:30 AM, 4 PM & 11 PM.

✙ Contemporary Candlelight Service at 7 PM

**Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25:** 9 AM Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday, Dec. 28:** (First Sunday after Christmas) 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

**New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31:** Holy Communion  
Worship service at 11:30 AM & 6 PM