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Prayer before Worship:

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

+ In nomine Jesu +

Opening Hymn "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" LSB #352

Invocation p.184

Stand

Confession pp.184-185

Kneel/Stand

Introit

Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 19:1, 4-6 Stand

The image shows a musical score for the Introit. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some accompaniment in the bass clef. The score includes various note values such as quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and bar lines.

Antiphon:

Rain down you heavens - - - -	from a-	bove,	And let the skies pour -	down the	Righteous	One.
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Let the earth o-	pen her	womb,	And bring -	forth sal-	va-	tion.
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Psalm:

The heavens declare the glo-	ry of	God;	And the firmament - -	shows His	handi-	work.
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Their voice is gone out into - - - -	all the	earth;	And their words to the	end	of the	world.
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In the heavens He has set a tabernacle	for the	sun;	Which is like a Bridegroom coming out -	of His	cham-	ber.
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His going forth is from the end of the	Heav-	en;	And His circuit un- -	to the	end of	it.
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Glory be to the Father and - -	to the	Son,	And to the	Holy	Spri-	rit,
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As it was in the be- - - -	gin-	ning,	Is now and will be for-	ever.	A-	men.
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The Antiphon is repeated.

Kyrie p.186

Salutation & Collect p.189

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Sit

Gradual

Psalm 145:18, 21

The Lord is near to all who call up-	on	Him;	To all who call up- - -	on	Him in	truth.
My mouth shall speak the praise	of the	Lord,	And all flesh shall - - - -	bless His	holy	Name

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Alleluia Verse

Psalm 40:17 Stand

Alle- - - - -	lu-	ia.	Al- - - - -	le-	lu-	ia.
You are my help and my de- - -	liver-	er.	Do not delay O my God.	Alle-	lu-	ia.

Gospel Lesson: John 1:19-28

As the Gospel is announced, you may make the triple sign of the cross (upon forehead, lips, and heart) saying the prayer: "May Your Holy Gospel be received by my mind, confessed with my lips, and treasured in my heart. Amen."

Nicene Creed p.191

Hymn of the Day "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB #357

Sit

Sermon

Offertory pp.192-193

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lavabo

Psalm 26:6-12 Sit

Preface & Proper Preface p.194

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Sanctus p.195

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Pax Domini p.197

Kneel/Stand

Agnus Dei p.198

Stand

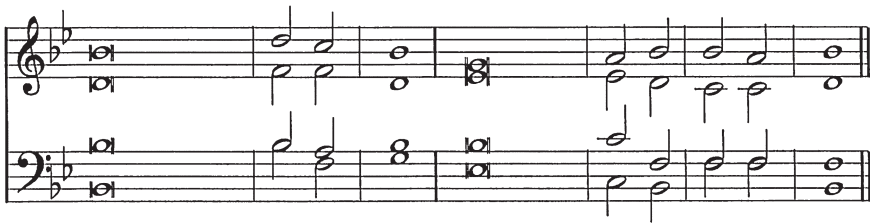
To our visitors and guests: In accordance with the apostolic command and in unity with the unbroken practice of the Church, University Lutheran Chapel practices Closed Communion. If you are not a member of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we kindly ask you to refrain from communing. We do so not to offend you, but because the Scriptures clearly teach that those communing together be unified in their confession of the Faith. In this Sacrament we are not only joined to Christ our Head who is present in His body and blood, but are also knit together with one another as His Body, in which there should be no division of belief. Should you have questions or concerns about this Biblical and historic doctrine, please speak with our pastor. **If this is your first time communing at University Lutheran Chapel, please speak with our pastor before the service.**

Distribution of the Body and Blood of our Lord

Please be seated until the usher directs you to the altar. The pastor will place the host in your mouth. Please assist in the distribution of the chalice by taking hold of the base of the chalice, guiding the cup to your lips.

Communion

Isaiah 7:14; Psalm 8



Antiphon:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and	bear a	Son,	And shall call His - - -	name Im-	manu-	el.
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Psalm:

O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in - -	all the	earth,	Who have set Your glory a - - -	bove the	hea-	vens!
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Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have -	ordained	strength,	Because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and	the a-	ven-	ger.
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When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your - -	ing-	ers,	The moon and the stars,	which You	have or-	dained,
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What is man that You are - - - -	mindful	of	him,	And the so of man - - -	that You	visit him?
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For You have made him a little lower than the - - - -	an-	gels,	And You have crowned him with - - - -	glory	and	ho-nor.
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You have made him to have dominion over the works - -	of Your	hands;	You have put all - - - -	things un-	der his	feet,
All sheep and - - -	ox-	en	Even the - -	beasts	of the	field,
The birds of the air, and the fish -	of the	sea	That pass through the -	paths	of the	seas.
O - - - - -	Lord, our	Lord,	How excellent is Your - - -	name in	all the	earth.
Glory be to the Father and - - -	to the	Son,	And to the -	Holy	Spi-	rit,
As it was in the be-	gin-	ning,	Is now and will be for- -	ever.	A-	men.

The Antiphon is repeated.

Hymns during the Distribution

Please note that only as many hymns will be sung as are necessary to accompany the distribution of the Sacrament.

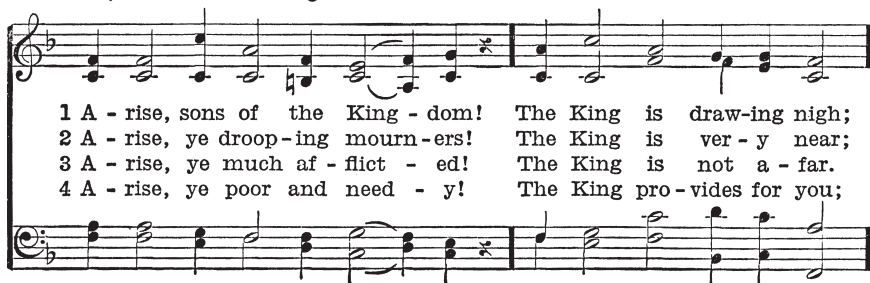
“Hark the Glad Sound” LSB #349

“Rejoice Rejoice Believers” LSB #515

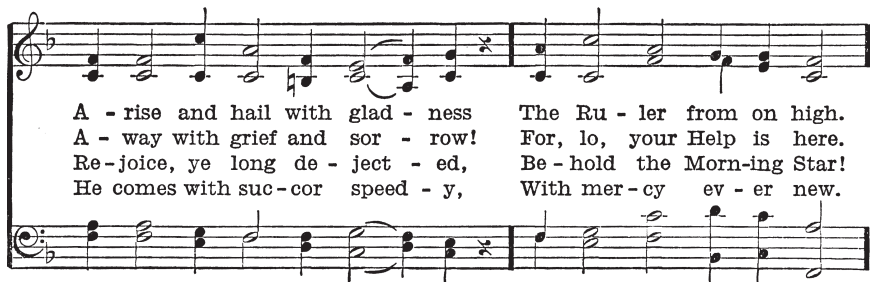
“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” LSB #353



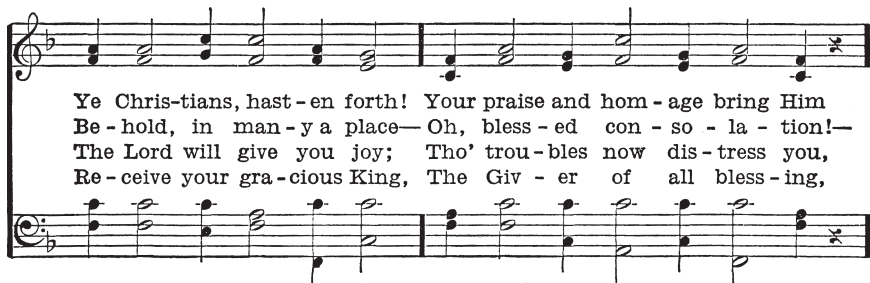
"Arise, Sons of the Kingdom" TLH #69



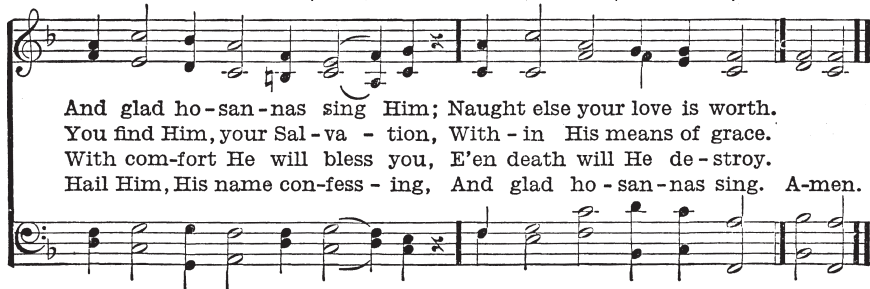
1 A - rise, sons of the King - dom! The King is draw-ing nigh;
 2 A - rise, ye droop-ing mourn-ers! The King is ver - y near;
 3 A - rise, ye much af - flict - ed! The King is not a - far.
 4 A - rise, ye poor and need - y! The King pro - vides for you;



A - rise and hail with glad - ness The Ru - ler from on high.
 A - way with grief and sor - row! For, lo, your Help is here.
 Re-joyce, ye long de - ject - ed, Be - hold the Morn-ing Star!
 He comes with suc - cor speed - y, With mer - cy ev - er new.



Ye Chris-tians, hast-en forth! Your praise and hom - age bring Him
 Be - hold, in man - y a place— Oh, bless - ed con - so - la - tion!—
 The Lord will give you joy; Tho' trou - bles now dis - tress you,
 Re - ceive your gra - cious King, The Giv - er of all bless - ing,




And glad ho-san-nas sing Him; Naught else your love is worth.
 You find Him, your Sal - va - tion, With - in His means of grace.
 With com-fort He will bless you, E'en death will He de - stroy.
 Hail Him, His name con-fess - ing, And glad ho - san - nas sing. A-men.

5 Be righteous, ye His subjects,
 The King is just and true;
 Prepare for Him a highway,
 Make all things straight and new.
 For, lo, He means it well;
 Then willing bear the crosses
 That He Himself imposes,
 Nor let your courage fail.



6 Oh, rich the gifts Thou bringest,
 Thyself made poor and weak!
 O Love beyond expression,
 That thus can sinners seek!
 For this, O Lord, will we
 Our joyous tribute bring Thee
 And glad hosannas sing Thee
 And ever grateful be.




1 Je - sus, Thy Church with long - ing eyes For Thine ex -
 2 E'en now, when tem - pests round us fall And win - try
 3 Come, gra - cious Lord, our hearts re - new, Our foes re -

pect - ed com - ing waits. When will the prom - ised light a -
 clouds o'er - cast the sky, Thy words with plea - sure we re -
 pel, our wrongs re - dress, Man's root - ed en - mi - ty sub -

rise And glo - ry beam from Zi - on's gates?
 call And deem that our re - demp - tion's nigh.
 due, And crown Thy Gos - pel with suc - cess. A - men.



4 Oh, come and reign o'er every land;
 Let Satan from his throne be hurled,
 All nations bow to Thy command,
 And grace revive a dying world.

5 Teach us in watchfulness and prayer
 To wait for the appointed hour
 And fit us by Thy grace to share
 The triumphs of Thy conquering power.

+ Soli Deo gloria +

*Offerings may be placed in the offering box to the right
 of the main doors as you exit to the narthex.*

Servants of the Liturgy this Morning:

Celebrant: The Rev. David A. Kind

Subdeacon: Vicar Ian Habicht

Organ: Cynthia Krause

About Our Ceremonies: The Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent wreath in churches dates back to at least the late 16th century. The evergreen wreath symbolizes everlasting life promised to us in the coming Savior. The four candles are lit, one being added each of the four Sundays in Advent, representing the coming of the light of Christ into the world. The colors of the candles vary from place to place, but are usually either uncolored, red, or the violet (or in more modern usage, blue) of Advent. A large white candle, the Christ Candle, is placed in the middle of the wreath on Christmas Eve to symbolize the birth of the Lord into the world.

This Sunday in the Church Year

The coming of God in all His unveiled power at Mt. Sinai was terrifying to the people of Israel. The thundering voice of the Lord puts sinners in fear of death (Deut 18:15–19). God, therefore, raised up a prophet like Moses, the Messiah, the Christ. God came to His people veiled in human flesh. The skies poured down the Righteous One from heaven; the earth opened her womb and brought forth Salvation (Introit) through the blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of the Lord (Lk 1:39–56). The fruit of her womb is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the One whose sandal strap John was not worthy to loose (Jn 1:19–28). In Jesus we are delivered from fear and anxiety. In Him alone we have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding (Phil 4:4–7).



THIS WEEK AT ULC

December 22-29, 2024

TODAY	8:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study - The Gospel of St. Matthew
	10:00 AM	Divine Service - <i>Rorate Coeli</i> , the 4th Sunday of Advent
	12:00 Noon	Choir Rehearsal
TUESDAY	7:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Service
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Divine Service
NEXT SUNDAY	8:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study - The Gospel of St. Matthew
	10:00 AM	Divine Service - The 1st Sunday After Christmas Guest preacher: Rev. Wade Bellesbach

WELCOME TO ALL STUDENTS AND VISITORS! We are so pleased that you are here today and hope you will return again and often.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Service is at 7:30 PM. Christmas Day Festive Divine Service is at 10 AM. Parking will be available for both services on 4th St. SE and on University Ave SE. Please pick up a permit in the narthex to display in your car's window (just in case...)

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY TREATS: Everyone is invited to stay after service for a bit each Sunday to enjoy fellowship. *Introduce yourself to someone that you have never met before.* Students - we want to meet you and please have a treat! Want to contribute a treat? See the sign-up sheet on the treat table.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Mark your calendars the ULC Women's retreat will be Aug 8-9 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. The cost will be \$175, and the speaker will be the Rev. Bruce Timm. More information can be found on the ULC website.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

ADVENT COIN BANKS: Please return your Advent coin banks within the next few weeks. The coins and donations you saved through the season will help once again support the work of Pastor Bellesbach at St. Columba Lutheran Church in Scotland.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Below is an update of giving in support of the general fund and debt retirement of ULC. Should you have any questions, please contact our Treasurer, Dennis Bauer at ulctreas@gmail.com.

<u>YTD-November 2024</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>
Regular Offering	\$ 244,518	\$ 228,763	\$ 15,755
Other Support (Outside gifts/LH Rent)	\$ 51,465	\$ 46,475	\$ 4,990
Total General Operating Fund Support	\$ 295,983	\$ 275,238	\$ 20,745
Build it Back Debt Retirement Support	\$ 67,470	\$ 51,786	\$ 15,684
Total Support	\$ 363,453	\$ 327,024	\$ 36,429

November 2024 Fund and Loan Balances	Operating Fund	BIB Fund	Chapel Loan
	\$ 70,002	\$ 34,051	\$ 269,634

<u>YTD-October 2024</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>
Regular Offering	\$ 226,052	\$ 209,294	\$ 16,758
Other Support (Outside gifts/LH Rent)	\$ 43,207	\$ 42,250	\$ 957
Total General Operating Fund Support	\$ 269,259	\$ 251,544	\$ 17,715
Build it Back Debt Retirement Support	\$ 62,785	\$ 47,078	\$ 15,707
Total Support	\$ 332,044	\$ 298,622	\$ 33,422

October 2024 Fund and Loan Balances	Operating Fund	BIB Fund	Chapel Loan
	\$ 63,495	\$ 47,574	\$ 286,494

FLOWER SIGN UP: The sign up sheet for providing flowers for Sunday services is again available on the narthex table. Flowers can be taken home after the service, or left in place for services during the week or for Luther House. Thanks to everyone who has brought flowers this past year!

THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN ART: Today's cover art is the John the Baptist sculpture from our new pulpit. The figures on the pulpit were carved by craftsmen at the Ferdinand Stuflesser company in Ortisei, Italy, a small town in the Dolomite mountains (South Tyrol). The woodcut of the "Theophany at Sinai" is from a 1564 edition of the German Bible printed by Christoph Froschauer. The painting of John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness is by Massimo Stanzione, 1634; and is part of the collection of the *Museo del Prado* in Madrid.

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

The Scripture Readings for next Sunday (1st Sunday after Christmas) are:

Isaiah 11:1-5, 34-38; Galatians 4:1-7; Luke 2:22-40

The Hymns will be: *LSB* #378, **938**, 372, 386, 382, 389, 393, *TLH* #108

+ THE PRIESTHOOD PRAYS +

Propers for this Week (Advent IV and Christmas Week)

Psalm for the Week: Psalm 98

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday - John 1:19-28

Monday - Matthew 3:7-12

Tuesday (Christmas) - Luke 2:1-14

Wednesday (St. Stephen) - Matthew 23:13-23

Thursday (St. John) - John 1:1-14

Friday (Holy Innocents) - Matthew 2:13-23

Saturday - Matthew 1:1-17

Catechism Lesson: Second Article of the Creed *LSB* p.323

Collect for the Week:

Stir up your power, O Lord, we implore You, and come among us, that by Your grace whatever is hindered by our sins may yet be speedily accomplished through Your mercy and satisfaction; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of the Week: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" *LSB* #357

Special Petitions for this Week

- + For all seminarians, especially Nathan Demlow, Kyle Bliss, Nash Ringquist, Chase Greenhagen, Aaron Coggins, Matthew Kinne, Sam Smith, Rod Stewart, Vicar Habicht;
- + For Rev. Bellesbach and the saints at St. Columba in East Kilbride, Scotland;
- + For all missionaries, especially Rev. Steele (Kenya), Rev. & Joan Jastram (Japan), Rev. Conrad (Mexico), Rev. Wood (Indonesia), Rev. Park (Taiwan), Rev. McMiller (Italy);
- + For the sick, including Deborah Brasch, Roger Havemeier (aunt & father of Jason Havemeier), Christine Perrin (friend of Brianna Bratrud), Steve Glasper (husband of Joan Glasper), Glennice Aaberg (mother of Arthur Aaberg), Martha Joy (friend of the Demlows), Ruby Salewski (mother of Deb Winkelman), Lorretta Walz (mother of Carol Walz), Cheryl Schmieder (friend of Leah Fastenau), Dave Parker & Melody Solheid (friends of the Winkelmans), Julie Bickel (aunt of Hannah Aaberg), Grant Bratrud (father of Moses Bratrud), Evan Fick (brother of Ryan Fick), Christina Harman (friend of ULC), Bob Trebilcock & Rachel Zank (brother-in-law and cousin of Nancy Bynum), Katie Sauter (alumna of ULC), Rev. Keith and Dorothy Brutlag (neighbors of Joan Glasper).