

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car, **please tune your radio to 98.7 FM** or join us for the livestream via Facebook or our website, elcbow.org.

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Holy Communion

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If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

Gathering

10:15 am Second Sunday Hymn Sing

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

(tune: O-So-So) - setting, Anne Krentz Organ

For the TEXT, see ELW 247.

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

AM Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

C Amen.

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

AM Have mercy, O God,

**C against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**

**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.
Amen.**

P As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your sin from you.
In the name of Jesus Christ and by his authority
I forgive you all your sins.

C Amen.

◆ THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"Light the Advent Candle"

- arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Verse 1: As we light the Advent candle
(Choir only) with the light of hope (peace, love, joy) burning bright,
faithfully we wait for His coming;
faithfully it shines through the night.
In our humble hearts a fire burns as well;
hear the prayer these flames would tell.

Verse 2: Choir and Congregation

As we light the Ad - vent _ can - dle with the light of peace burn - ing
bright, faith - ful - ly we wait for His com - ing;
faith - ful - ly it shines through the night. In our hum - ble hearts a
fire _ burns as well; hear the prayer these flames would _ tell.

* peace, love, joy

(Interlude with optional narration)

Verse 3: Choir and Congregation

As we light the Ad - vent _ can - dle with the light of peace burn - ing bright,
faith - ful - ly we wait for His com - ing; faith - ful - ly it shines through the night.
In our hum - ble hearts a fire _ burns as well; hear the prayer these flames would _
tell. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el.

* peace, love, joy

Postlude: Hear the humble prayer these flames would tell:
(Choir only) Come, O come, Emmanuel.

◆ GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

◆ KYRIE

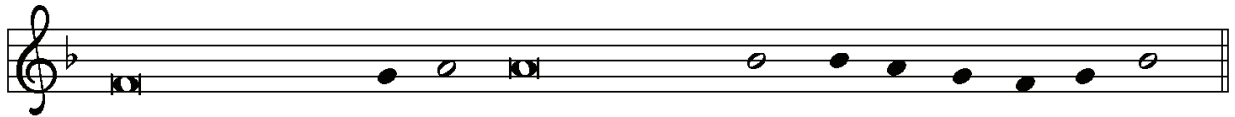
ELW Setting 6



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



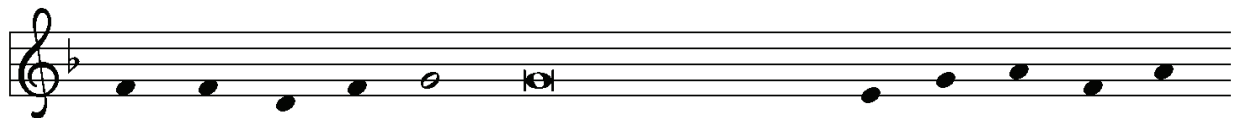
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



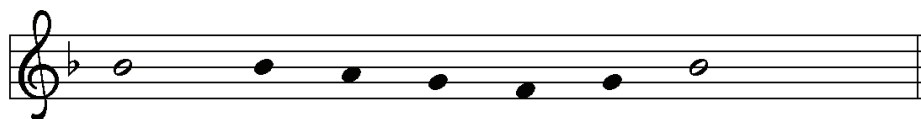
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



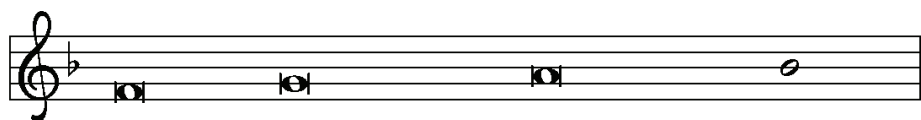
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting 6



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

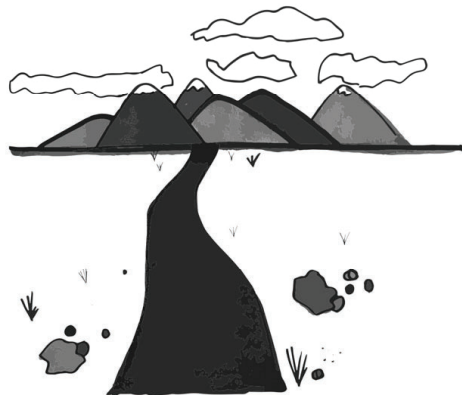
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

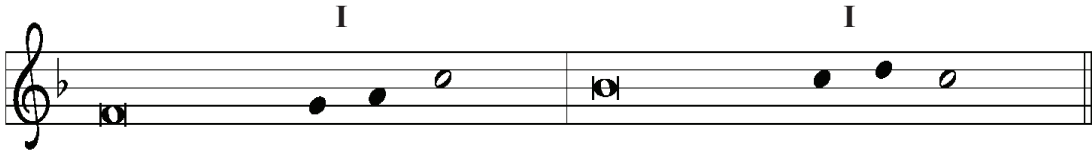
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Luke 1:68-79

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)



68 Blessed are you, Lord, the ^l God of Israel,
 you have come to your people and ^l set them free.

69 **You have raised up for us a ^l mighty Savior,
 born of the house of your ^l servant David.**

70 Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us ^l from our enemies,
 71 from the hands of ^l all who hate us,
 72 **to show mercy ^l to our forebears,
 and to remember your ^l holy covenant.**

73 This was the oath you swore to our ^l father Abraham:
 74 to set us free from the hands of our ^l enemies,
**free to worship you ^l without fear,
 75 holy and righteous before you, all the days ^l of our life.**

76 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of ^l the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to pre- ^l pare the way,
 77 **to give God's people knowledge ^l of salvation
 by the forgiveness ^l of their sins.**

78 In the tender compassion ^l of our God
 the dawn from on high shall ^l break upon us,
 79 **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- ^l ow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the ^l way of peace.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

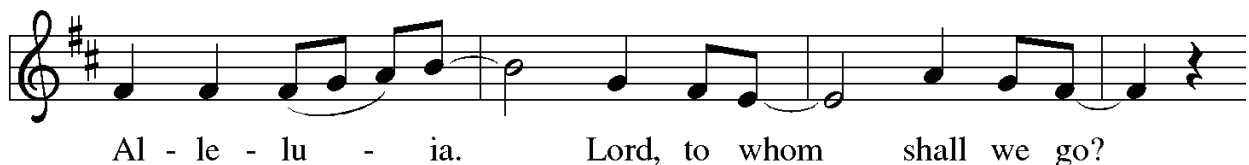
³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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SERMON

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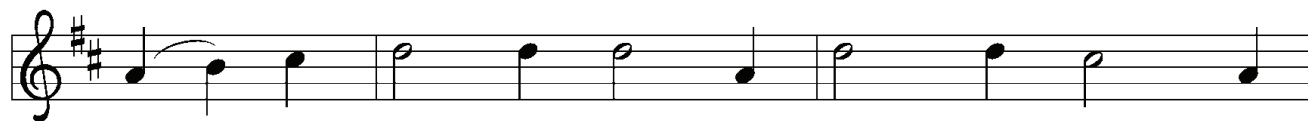


◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" **ELW 249**

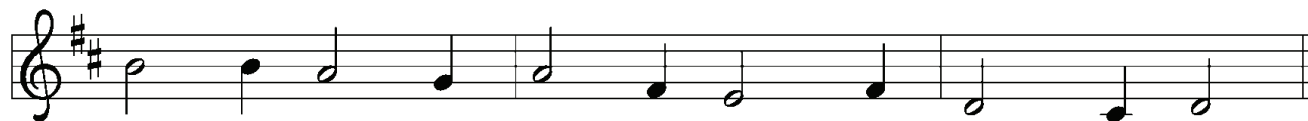
All Verses



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

◆ APOSTLES' CREED

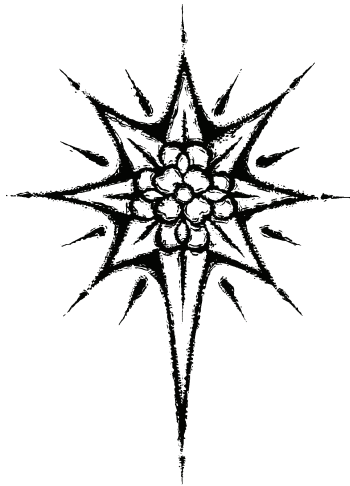
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.



◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM Lord, in your mercy, **C** receive our prayer.

Meal

◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,
“The peace of the Lord,” or similar words.*


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OFFERTORY “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” - David Herman

◆ OFFERTORY HYMN “As The Grains of Wheat” **ELW 465**

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

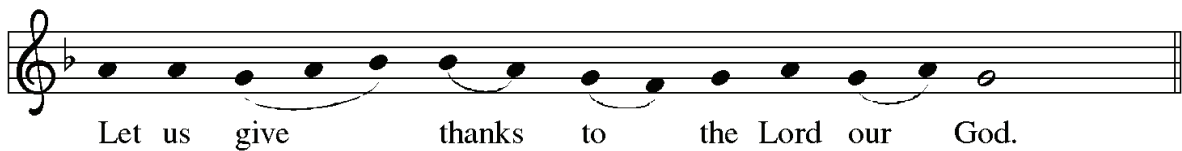
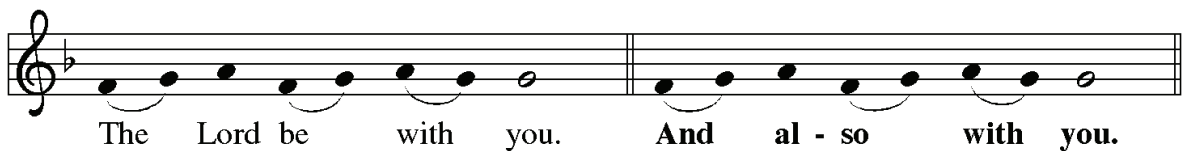
P Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ACS Setting 5



P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

.... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:...."

ELW Setting 6

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,". The second staff continues: "heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The fourth staff concludes: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.



P In the night in which he was betrayed

Do this for the remembrance of me.

◆ 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.**

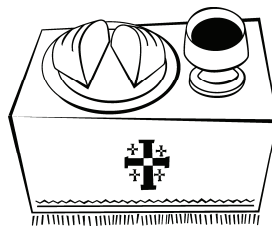
HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 6

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, grant us peace.

- "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" - **ELW 247**
 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - **ELW 631**
 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" - **ELW 254**
 "He Came Down" - **ELW 253**
 "Blessed Be the God of Israel" - **ELW 250**
 "Prepare the Royal Highway" - **ELW 264**



COMMUNION *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

If you desire to commune at the altar rail: Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

If coming forward is difficult: Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BENEDICTION

P The peace of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
keep your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C **Amen.**



◆ SENDING HYMN "May the God of Hope Go with Us" ACS 984



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
 May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
 to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
 May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
 bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
 Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
 joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fi - les a ti, Se - ñor.
 faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.
 Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

◆ SENDING

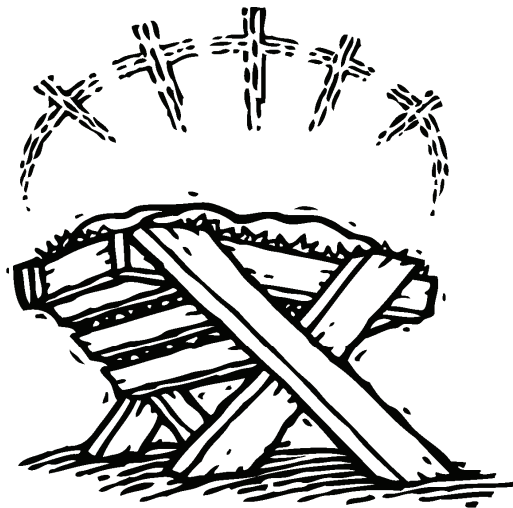
AM Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C Thanks be to God.

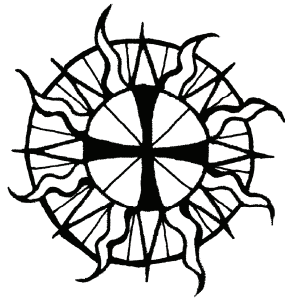
POSTLUDE:

"Pastorale"

- Domenico Zipoli



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	Serving Sunday December 8	Serving Next Sunday December 15
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Music Ministers	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
Assisting Minister	Bonnie Bowers	Mark Johnson
Acolyte	Blake Caldwell	Kaycee Stubben
Lector	Larry Olsen	Nancy Nygren
Greeters	Dotty Murray Carrie Omdal	Darla Jensen Matt Benson
Ushers	Jason Tyler Judy Bendtsen	Larry Olsen Jean Miller
Altar Guild	Janet Wyman Judy Sheahan	Kathy Shoop Terri Olsen
Fellowship Hosts	Judy Bendtsen & Roger Taxdahl	Debbie Conijn Steven & Sarah Dahl
Flowers	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Council Member of the Day	John Johnson	Laura Engebretsen

Edison Lutheran Church - Welcoming.....Nurturing.....Serving



Scripture Readings for next Sunday, December 15, are:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

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