

Welcome to online worship!



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First Sunday of Advent

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WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION. Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal of the baptized children of God our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

WORSHIP SERVICES | Saturdays at 5:00pm, Sundays at 8:30 & 10:45am.

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GIVE ONLINE | Visit englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving, use the QR code, download the Vanco Mobile Faith app, or text an amount (no decimal point or dollar sign) to 855.929.1663.

HUNGRY Jar offerings in December will be given to Emerson Elementary School's Food Pantry, and Jar was chosen by our 1st/2nd Grade Sunday School class. Emerson is our neighborhood's elementary school.

WYNN KIPTYN UMBERGER, son of Jeff and Stephanie, whose sponsors are Paul & Kristi Berendes and Mark & Brittany DeBoer, will be received into the Christian Church in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today. Welcome, Wynn!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: In Christ, we welcome, worship and work in the world.

OUR WELCOME STATEMENT: The faith community of English Lutheran Church is rooted in Christ and committed to living life generously.

We celebrate diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, economic status, marital status, physical or mental ability.

We are united in the Holy Spirit as we embrace our differences. We welcome all as we strive to be a community equipped for God's mission in the world.

We invite you to join us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment.

Wherever you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here.

GATHERING

Prelude & Welcome to Worship | Coulee Creek

Advent Wreath Lighting ACS #901 | Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (vs. 1)

Come, Lord Jesus. **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: SUO GAN, Welsh melody
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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

People of God, do you promise to support Wynn and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

We give you thanks, O God ... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Special Music ELW #781 | Children of the Heavenly Father (vs. 1)



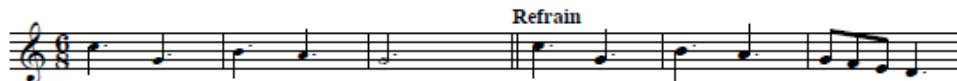
Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.

Gathering Song | Unfailing Light Liturgy

Gospel Acclamation



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



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

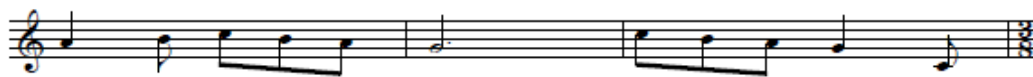


Your words are sweet to taste, — sweet - er than hon - ey to our mouth.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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, who
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lamb of God

Musical score for 'Lamb of God' in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of three lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line starts with a 4-measure rest followed by the word 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. world; grant us peace, grant us peace.'

Hymn after Communion

Musical score for 'Hymn after Communion' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of seven lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Now Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.'

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music | Keep Silence, John Helgen, arr | Vocal Choir

WORD

Young People's Message | Pastor Mark Kvale

Lesson | Jeremiah 33:14-16

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25



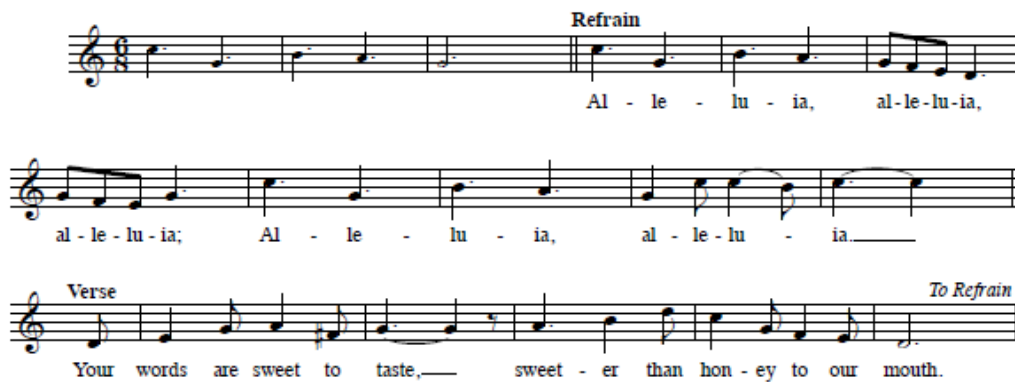
To you, O Lord, I lift my
soul, to you, I lift my soul.

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Lesson | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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Gospel Acclamation | Unfailing Light



Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Verse Your words are sweet to taste, sweet - er than hon - ey to our mouth. **To Refrain**

Gospel | Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke... **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon | Pastor Mark Kvale

Hymn of the Day ELW #438 | My Lord, What A Morning

Prayers of Intercession

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

Savior of the nations ... in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering | Special Music | Coulee Creek

Offering Prayer

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

It is indeed right and good ... join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of one flat. A first ending bracket spans the first two measures, with the word "All" above the second measure. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are". The third staff has lyrics: "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the". The fourth staff has lyrics: "high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes, who Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who". The fifth staff has lyrics: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The sixth staff has lyrics: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." and ends with a double bar line.

Words of Institution

During the Words of Institution, we invite you to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together. 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 (spoken)

Gathered around the table by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation & Distribution of Communion

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God

4 *All*
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
1., 2.
world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
3.
world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs | Coulee Creek

Blessing

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

Amen.

Hymn After Communion

All
Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your
word has been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal -
va - tion which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry
peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, † bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song | May the Circle Be Unbroken | Coulee Creek

1 There are loved one in the glory
Whose dear forms you often miss.
When you close your earthly story,
When you join them in their bliss?

2 In the joyous days of childhood
Of they told of wondrous love
Pointed to the dying Savior;
Now they dwell with Him above. (chorus)

Chorus: May the circle be unbroken
By and by, by and by?
Is a better home awaiting
In the sky, in the sky?

3 You remember songs of heaven
Which you sang with childish voice.
Do you love the hymns they taught you,
Or are songs of earth your choice? (chorus)

Dismissal & Postlude | Coulee Creek

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

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