

The Divine Service

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 21, 2021

AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is here as we prepare to celebrate the return of Christ our King. When will it be? How will we know so that we are ready? There are the signs in nature, the sight of the Son of Man, and the angels. For these things, we keep an eye on the sky while we watch and wait, living our lives under God's grace as His righteousness draws near.

CALL TO WORSHIP/CHECK IN

WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

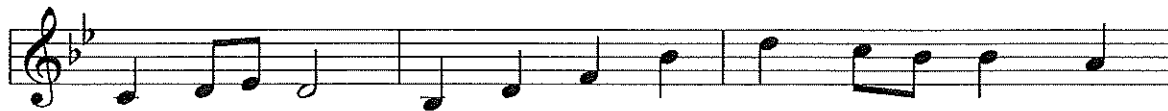
Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Glory Be to God the Father" *LSB 506, verses 1,2,4*



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



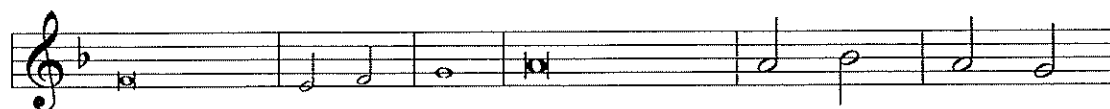
☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

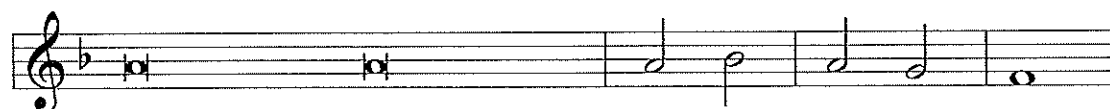
Luke 2:14, John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



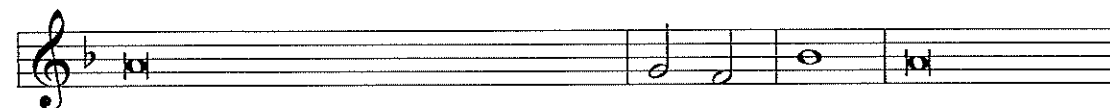
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

(Continued)



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, People: You reign, robed in majesty over all that was, is, and will be. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. As we wait for Your triumphant return, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and lead us to live lives that reflect Your presence so that You may work through us as You save others by snatching them from the fire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

11:00 AM

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 51:4-6

Reader: ⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

4 **People: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Jude 20-25

Reader: ²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. ²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



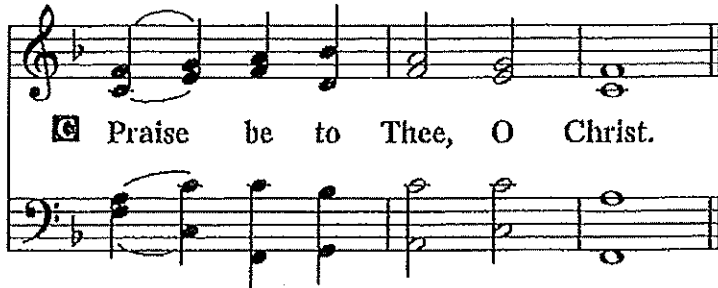
☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

A hand-drawn sun with rays above the word "Alleluia!" written in a cursive, handwritten style. A horizontal line is drawn below the word.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

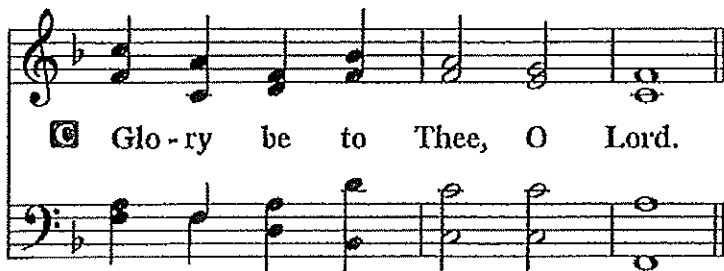
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the thirteenth chapter.



© Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

²⁴[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



© Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

NICENE CREED

8:30 AM only

People: 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 men 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.

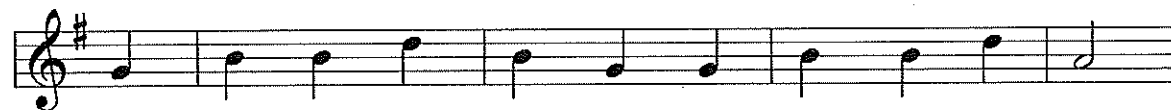
HYMN OF THE DAY "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *LSB 802, Verses 1,3,4*



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

SERMON

"Is He Here Yet?"

Pastor Scott Henze

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand as you are able.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**



Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
People: **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

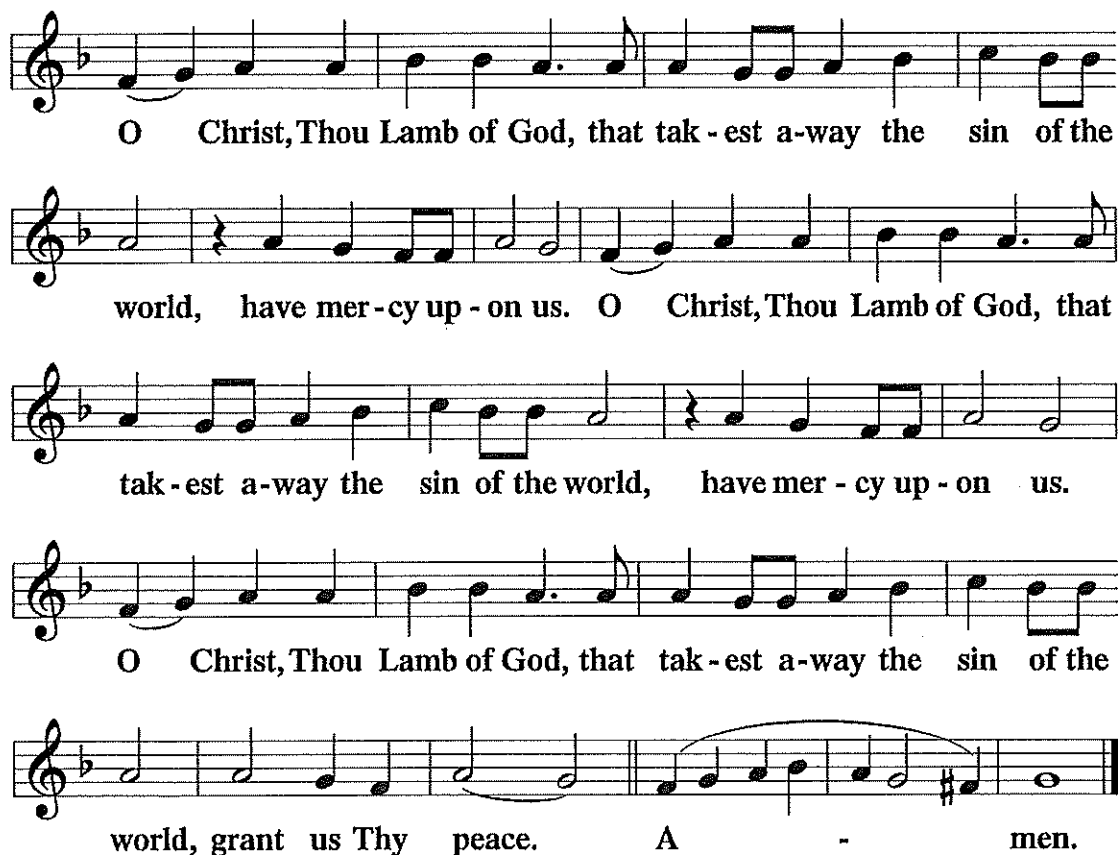
PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Everlasting God"

Adult Choir, 8:30 AM

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB 816



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
 Δ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



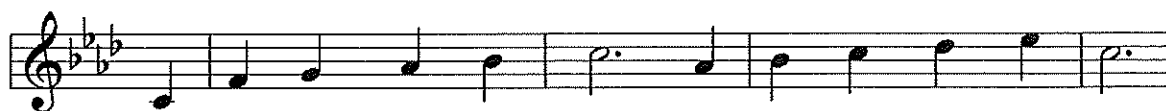
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Hope in God

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LSB 798



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
 I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
 And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

5 Though nature's strength decay,
 And earth and hell withstand,
 To Canaan's bounds I urge my way
 At His command.
 The wat'ry deep I pass,
 With Jesus in my view,
 And through the howling wilderness
 My way pursue.


7 There dwells the Lord our king,
 The Lord our righteousness,
 Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
 The Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height
 His kingdom He maintains
 And glorious with His saints in light
 Forever reigns.

6 The goodly land I see,
 With peace and plenty blest:
 A land of sacred liberty
 And endless rest.
 There milk and honey flow,
 And oil and wine abound,
 And trees of life forever grow
 With mercy crowned.

8 The God who reigns on high
 The great archangels sing,
 And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
 "Almighty King!
 Who was and is the same
 And evermore shall be:
 Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
 We worship Thee!"

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

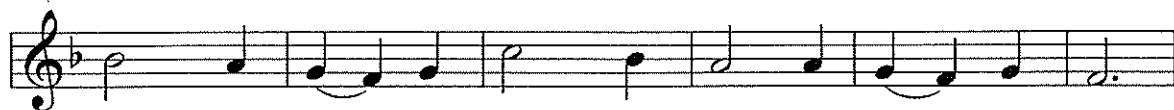
RECESSIONAL HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LSB 700, vs. 1 & 4



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: **Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Upcoming Events!

Mark your calendars!

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 24 - 7:30 PM

Gather together to give thanks. All offerings go to LifeNet4Families Ft. Lauderdale Food Pantry.

Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 1 & 8 - 7:30 PM

The theme is "Wait Upon the Lord."

Drive Thru Live Nativity

Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM) Mark your calendars for this special presentation of the Christmas story. Live animals, music and more. Invite your friends and neighbors!

A Quiet Christmas

Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 PM - All are invited for this special night of music and readings that reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. A holiday reception will follow the program in the breezeway.

Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24

5:00 PM Children's Message – No Communion

8:00 PM & 10:30 PM Candlelight Communion Service with Special Music

Christmas Day Service

Saturday, December 25 at 11:00 AM

The Nativity of Our Lord– Worship Service with Holy Communion

Stewardship Week 2

In Luke 12:21, Jesus predicted disappointment for those who are not *"rich toward God."* Have you wondered what it means to be *"rich toward God"*? Certainly, we are rich toward God when we see everything as a gift from Him. Those who are rich toward God are givers rather than takers. By grace, we freely receive, and we freely give. Through faith, we are empowered to express God's love and are being rich toward Him as we love our neighbors. Those who are rich toward God will seek first His righteousness and do His will.

**PEOPLE CAN ALWAYS GROW
IN WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT
CHRIST AND WHAT THEY CAN
DO FOR HIM AND THE CHURCH.**

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10).



Amen!

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study at 10:00 AM

Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM