



# Advent

## Lutheran Church

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

### GATHERING

*Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, source of all goodness and life, who clothes us with Christ Jesus and makes us one by the Holy Spirit.*

**Blessed be God forever.**

### KYRIE

*Assisting Minister*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

*All*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

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*Assisting Minister*

*For peace between nations... let us pray.  
For the hungry...  
For patience...*

*Assisting Minister*

Help, save, com-fort and de - fend us, O

*All*

God. A -

*To the Evening Hymn of Praise*

men.

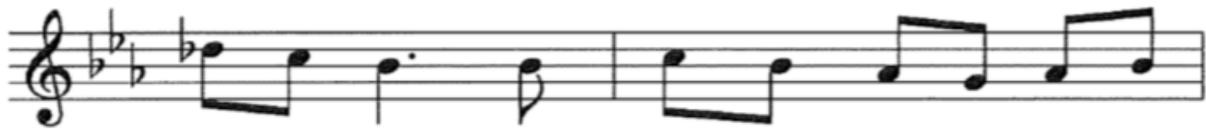
**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*All*

1. Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each  
 (2. You) walk with us a - long the way, your  
 (3. Re-) freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing  
 Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at  
 wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your  
 close of day, our un - known guest, our host and  
 fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at



praise. You formed the moon and fired the sun, you  
 feast. Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the  
 home and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and  
 faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that  
 sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O



bind - ing us to your dear Son, re -  
 hearts might see what eyes con - ceal: by  
 mer - ci - ful, im - mor - tal One, O



newed our life, de - stroyed our death. 2. You  
 grace your pres - ence we re - ceive. 3. Re -  
 bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

## 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

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## READING – Acts 4:32 – 35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM Behold, How Pleasant

*Refrain / Estribillo*



¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!  
Be - hold, how plea - sant, how good it is!



- 1 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos:
- 1 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
- 2 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
- 3 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:



es co - mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.  
fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.  
re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.  
there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

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Music: MIREN QUÉ BUENO, Pablo Sosa  
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## READING – 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

*We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.*

*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

*Word of God. Word of life.*

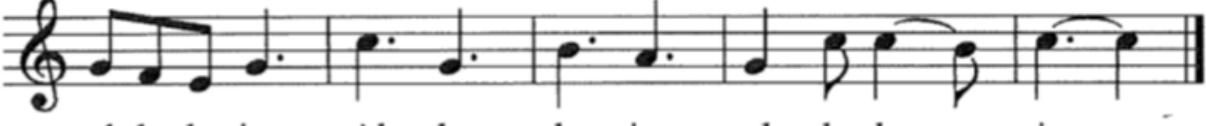
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Refrain**

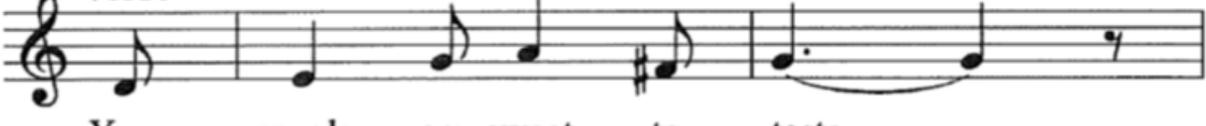


Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia,



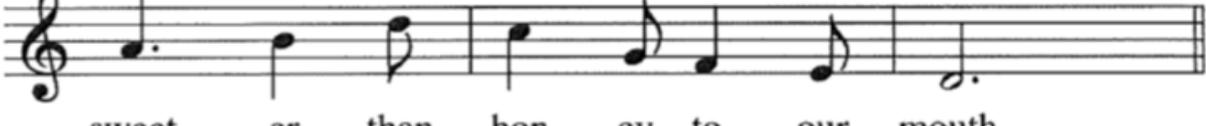
al-le-lu-ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

**Verse**



Your words are sweet to taste,

*To Refrain*



sweet - er than hon - ey to our mouth.

## HOLY GOSPEL – John 20:19 - 31

*The holy gospel according to John.*

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

*But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."*

*A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."*

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN

### How Clear Is Our Vocation



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;  
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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## APOSTLE'S 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 into 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.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Refrain**  
*All*



Watch, O Lord, with all those a -  
wake this night. Watch, O Lord, with all those who  
weep. Give your an - gels and saints  
charge o - ver all who sleep.

**Verses**

*Assisting Minister* *All* *Assisting Minister*

in your love, Lord.

*All* *Assisting Minister*

in your love, Lord.

*All* *To Refrain*

in your love, O Lord of all.

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**GREETING OF PEACE**

*The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*All*

1. The eyes of all look to  
2. To all who hun - ger

you, O God, to give them life and food. You  
you pro - vide the fruit of vine and field. From

o - pen your wide your gra - cious hand and  
these, your gifts, we set a - side a



grant them ev - 'ry good. With  
por - tion for this meal, where



all cre - a - tion we pro - claim your  
you draw near to those who cry, their



stead - fast love and glo - rious reign. We  
heart's de - sire to sat - is - fy. We



bless your ho - ly name.  
bless your ho - ly name.

**COMMUNION GREETING**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*In the night in 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.*

*Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering, upon this bread, within this cup, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, Holy God, for your mercy, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your Church, without end.*

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **LAMB OF GOD**



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.

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

*May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you grace.*

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

*Holy God, Blessed Trinity, strengthen your faith, increase your hope, deepen your love, and give you peace this night and always.*

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Rest in God. Rise to serve.*

**Thanks be to God.**