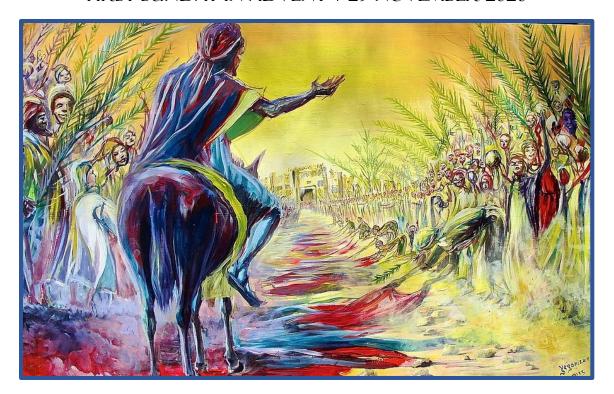
# THE DIVINE SERVICE

# OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT + 29 NOVEMBER 2020



# The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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"A Church where God gives and we receive"

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## Welcome to our Divine Service!

We are pleased that you are with us.

## +Worship Notes+

The entire service, including the rubrics of when to sit and when to kneel or stand, and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.

<u>Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</u>! We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

**To all of you who are visiting** our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. **If you are looking for a church home** and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.

Please see our statement on Holy Communion on p. 15.
Please see more notes on the Service and for the facility below and on pgs 24ff.

**PLEASE**: Upon entering the nave, <u>silence</u> should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.

#### Stay Home when Sick

If you are sick or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately, exiting down the side aisle, if possible. If at a service, notify an Usher on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

#### **Facility and Service Modifications**

#### Until Further Notice Include, But Are Not Limited to:

Narthex: Do not congregate here at any time

Masks: to be worn at all times in the presence of others

**Distancing:** Please maintain six feet of separation unless in same household.

No food or drink served after the service.

No Sunday Adult Bible Class or Sunday School.

**Bulletin:** Pick one up for each individual upon entry, maintaining physical distancing from others in front of you.

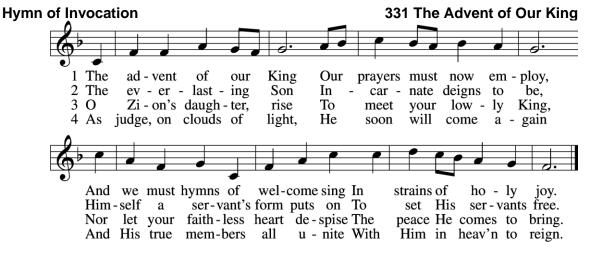
Hymns and liturgy are complete in the bulletin.

**Seating:** In any open (non-taped) pew on either side of the center aisle.

No Tuesday Matins or Bible Class.

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# Confession and Absolution



- Before the dawning day
   Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
   The sinful self be put away,
   The new self now put on.
- △ 6 All glory to the Son,
   Who comes to set us free,
   With Father, Spirit, ever one
   Through all eternity.

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#### Stand

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

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation LSB 184

P 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.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Absolution LSB 185

- P 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.
- C Amen.

Stand

## Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: vv. 1-3a

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;\*

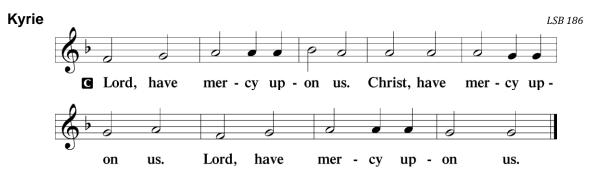
teach me | your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;\*
for you I wait all the | day long.

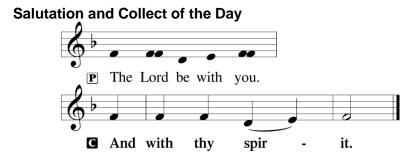
May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,\*
for I | wait for you.

Redeem Israel, | O God,\*
out of all his | troubles.





The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during the season of Advent.





P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 23:5–8

<sup>5</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

<sup>7</sup>"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' <sup>8</sup>but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries



where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

- **P** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 25:3-4

None who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\* they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;\* teach me your paths.

### **Epistle**

Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first

believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the

flesh, to gratify its desires.

- P The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

It is high time to awake

out of sleep;

Romans 13:11-14

Stand



### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 21:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

### P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Nicene Creed**

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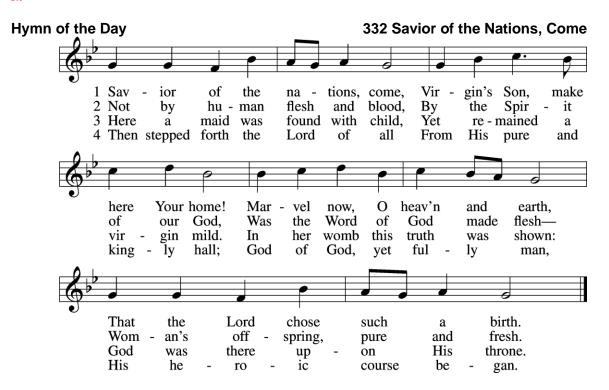
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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

#### 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.

Sit



God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.

- For You are the Father's Son
   Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
   By Your mighty pow'r make whole
   All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.



△ 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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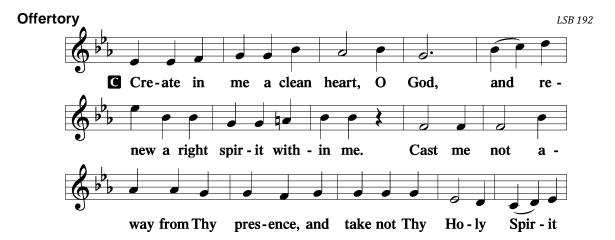
**Sermon** Pr von Hindenburg

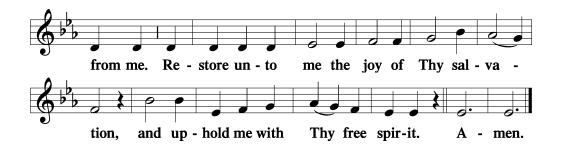
#### Votum

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

### **Offering** Collected in the Narthex after the service

Stand





#### **Prayer of the Church**

Response to petitions is, "Lord, have mercy".

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

#### Brief silence

(In Christian freedom, you may kneel, stand, or sit during prayer, as you are able.)

- For unashamed hope in the Lord's return, that sustained by His Holy Spirit, we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior, let us pray to the Lord:
- P For readiness and watchfulness as we enter another Church Year, knowing that salvation is nearer now than when we first believed, let us pray to the Lord:
- **P** For Matthew, our Synod president; *Michael*, our district president; *Jonathon*, our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- That the Lord would renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians to cast off the works of darkness, put on Jesus Christ and live as children of the eternal day, let us pray to the Lord:
- P For husbands and wives, that they would live in love and service to each other; for fathers and mothers, that they would bring up their children in the fear and instruction of the Lord; and for all children, that honoring their parents, they would be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life, let us pray to the Lord:
- For our governing authorities, that peace and order would be preserved in our nation; for Donald, our president; Joseph, our president-elect; Gavin, our governor; our military and police; all other civil servants as well as all newly elected officials; and for a spirit of unity and cooperation among the people of our land and the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord:
- P For all those in any danger, trouble, sickness or need especially Abai, Alice, April, Charles, Charlette, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Irmgard, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Katheryn, Lois, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Philip, Rex, Rodgers, Royce, Susan, Susie, and Tom; for an end to the pandemic; and for those who mourn,

- especially Carmen, that they would hope confidently in the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:
- P For worthy reception of Christ's body and blood, that as He once was received humbly in Jerusalem to cries of "Hosanna," so we may receive Him according to His promises for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord:
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

Lift

up

**PASTORAL CARE AND HOLY COMMUNION**: At The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Altar every Lord's Day. In this Sacrament, we joyfully receive Christ's true Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public confession of our unity in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10). Members of this congregation and those others in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and congregations in which the LCMS is in Altar/Pulpit fellowship are asked to announce themselves to the pastor prior to midnight the eve of the service. All others are invited to speak with the pastor regarding preparation for communion fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Those who are baptized but not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, kneeling with arms crossed at your heart.

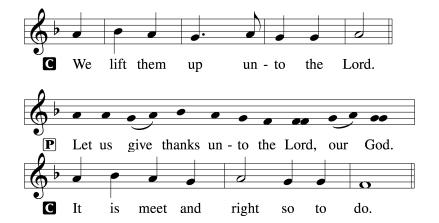
Please be assured that we do so not out of spiritual arrogance, but rather in a sincere desire to be faithful to our Lord's command and the apostles' teaching. For more information, please take one of the trifold brochures in the Narthex entitled, "Why?" Sacraments and Closed Communion. For scriptural reference regarding our Communion practice, please see the laminated cards located in the hymnal/Bible holder on the back of the pew.

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

your hearts.

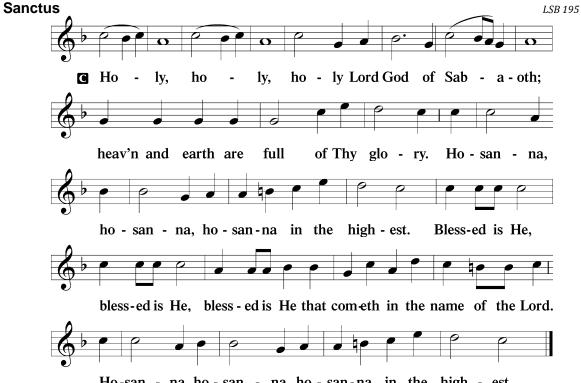
LSB 194



### **Proper Preface (Abbreviated)**

LSB 194

It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



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

**Lord's Prayer** LSB 196 Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name, O Thy king - dom come, Thy will done on earth as it be give us this day our dai - ly bread; is in heav - en; 0 and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who 0 and lead us not a - gainst in - to tres - pass us; tion, but deliver us from temp - ta vil. For Thine is the kingdom and the the power and

ev - er.

glo - ry for - ev - er and

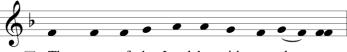
men.



LSB 197



Pax Domini LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.





Sit

#### Distribution

Please approach the altar from the center aisle, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Please keep your mask on and remove only for the moments to receive the Sacrament.

Responses when receiving the true body and very blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and when your table is dismissed are:

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### Amen, Amen and Amen.

The Dismissal

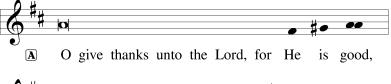
- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- C Amen.





Thanksgiving LSB 200





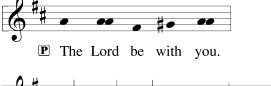
### **Post-Communion Collect**

P 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.

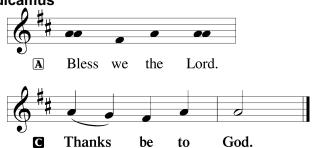


Salutation LSB 201

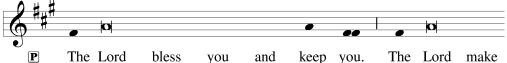




Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202





His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.

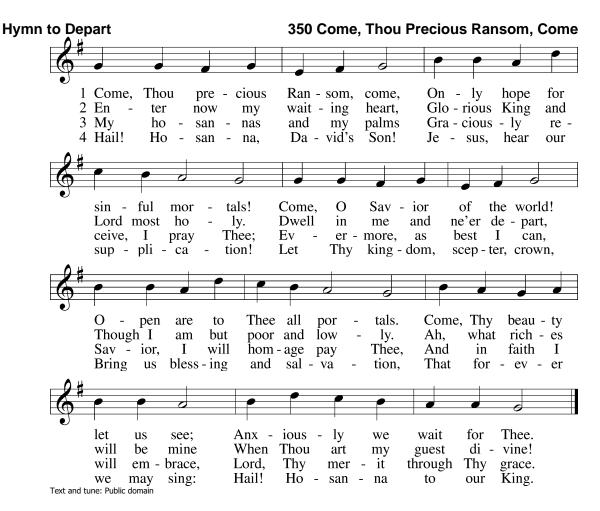


The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Sit





As the postlude is played, you will be ushered from your pew. So that this may be done orderly, please wait in your pew until approached. Please do not congregate in the Narthex, and please wait until you're outside the building for conversations.

### Jerusalem, Thou City High and Fair

Max Drischner (1891-1971)

# Amani ya Bwana na Mungu akubariki!

(Swahili for) The peace of the Lord and God Bless you!

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# + THIS WEEK'S NOTES +

## **Voters' Assembly Meeting**

Plan to attend the Voters' Assembly Meeting on Sunday, 13 December, after Service. Watch your email for more details.

## Synod Sentences for the First Sunday in Advent

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The LORD is our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).

## A Prayer for the First Week in Advent

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, we bless and praise You forever, that You sent Your Son to rule over us poor sinners, who for our transgressions justly deserved to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan, and that in Him You gave us a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death. We beseech You so to enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not, after the manner of the world, be offended by His humble form and despised Word, but, firmly believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.



## Lutherans for Life Thought for the First Sunday in Advent



"The Lord is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6b). What comforting truth for hearts troubled with sin's guilt that keeps resurfacing. Sometimes a past sin can be so haunting that we do not always feel forgiven, or we cannot forgive ourselves. The sin of abortion is a prime example. But our righteousness does not depend upon us or our feelings. Our righteousness is Christ! Prayer: O Lord our Righteousness, may my comfort and hope be anchored in You and not my feelings. Amen.

## A Stewardship Thought for the First Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 23:6b - "And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our

**righteousness.**'" Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the Heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, good works can be done by us for the *right* reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.



## An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"This Gospel encourages and demands faith, or it pre-figures Christ coming with grace, and none may receive or accept save he who believes Him to be the Man, and



has the mind, as this Gospel portrays in Christ. Nothing but the mercy, tenderness and kindness of Christ are here shown, and he who so receives and believes on Him is saved....He come[s]...sitting upon an ass,...He indicates by this that He comes not to frighten man, nor to drive or crush him, but to help and to carry his burden for him....it also shows the pomp and conduct of the disciples towards

Christ...also that of the multitude...They manifested no fear nor terror, but only blessed confidence in Him...." From the Church Postil for Ad to levavi, 1521.

## **Thank You for Your Offerings - Ways to Give**

In Person: Drop in Plate in Narthex on Sundays By Mail: Send to Church Office

Online: Here / https://tgslcms.org/community-outreach/donate/ PW: donate

## **Around the Word Devotion for the Week**

May be found here



The Latin phrase AD TE LEVAVI is taken from the introit and translates to: "to you, I have lifted up"

# We Pray For ...

Abai:friend of Pr&K – guidance and comfort (K)

Alice – recovering from surgery April:Karina's cousin – COPD

Charles:Pr's brother – heart issues

Charlotte:Jamesetta's mother, wife of Pr. Kollie –

financial, strength, recovering from surgery(L)

The Dan Conrad Family - our LCMS

missionaries in Mexico

Cynthia - our TGSLC shut-in

Dalton - chronic sciatica

David - DD shut-in

Debra:Jod's cousin - recovering from cancer

Faith: friend of Mary – Stage 4 cancer The Paul Federwitz Family: LWML - LBT

**Support in Ghana** 

Irmgard: friend of Pr&K - 90 y.o. with heart,

lung, and vision issues

Rev. James Kollie: Our Missionary in Liberia; wisdom and strength (L)

Jamesetta Kollie - kidney failure

Jod – peace of mind, attacks from the Enemy, recovery from auto/bike accident, health Johnathan – strengthening of faith; continued remission

Karen:Jod's sister – personal and family matters

Katheryn:Karina's mother - various health issues

Lois: friend of Stephanie&Marlene - stroke Lucy: friend of Pr&K - peace of mind,

strength, life as a refugee (K)

Lynette – strengthening of faith; chronic health issues

Marc – complications with diabetes; grieving the death of his mother

Marie – recovering from surgery

Marion and her family – various health issues around the country

Martin: friend of Karina – financial, various health (K)

Philip: friend of Stephanie, Marlene, & Mark –

stage 4 cancer
Phillip Magness: our LCMS missionary to

Francophone Africa

Rev. Rex Umbenhaur: complications with

malignant intestinal mass

Rodgers: friend of Pr&K – employment;

health (K)

Royce - health issues

Susan:friend of Pr&K – financial, good health (K)

Susie - recovery from auto accident

Tom: Marc's father – in Alzheimer's care home

The Rev. Tuomo Simojoki Family: our LHF missionary in Kenya – forced to leave their Kenyan home due to SARS-CoV-19 and return to Finland

Rev. Walter Steele – our LCMS missionary to Matongo Seminary, Kenya (K)

(K) – person living in Kenya

(L) - person living in Liberia

You may notice we have an extensive prayer list. It is our joy to pray for you!

If you'd like someone to be added, or one of yours removed, such as a death (as we do not pray for the dead) or full recovery, just let Karina know.