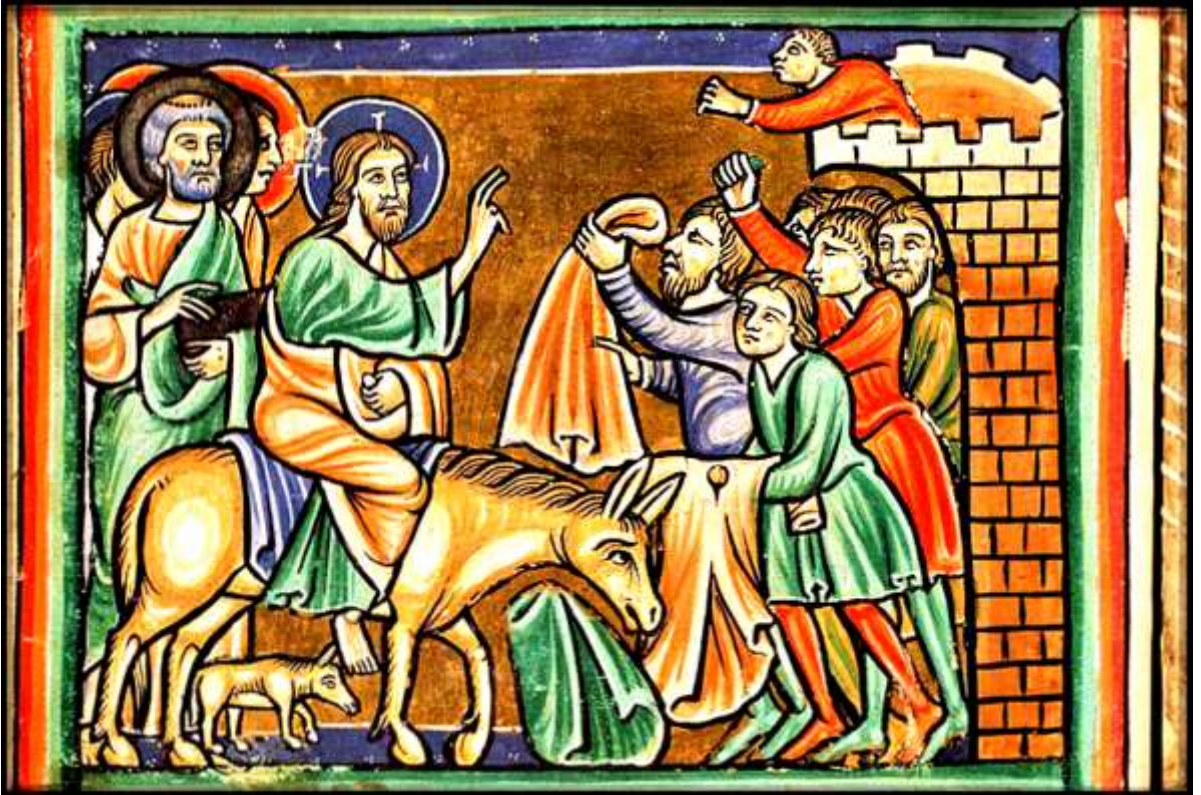


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Divine Service



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, Massachusetts

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Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the prayers, hymns, or other parts of the service, please know that you may sit as you find need or comfort.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. If needed, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please turn off your cell phone ringer and refrain from leaving or entering the sanctuary during the readings and the prayers.

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Gregory would be very glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

Christian Education

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study follow the service. Pre-Kindergarten through seventh grade students meet in the basement, high school students in pastors' study, and adults in the sanctuary.

Serving in Worship Today

Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Ray Arsenaault
Organist	Deborah Colageo
Acolytes	Eli Roach
	Lazarus Gregory

Advent Note

During Advent, the Divine Service changes. We use a different confession of sins. The Gloria in Excelsis (first sung by the angels to the shepherds when Jesus was born) waits for Christmas. Hymn stanzas replace the Sanctus and Nunc Dimittis. The liturgy for Holy Communion is shorter. These changes mark this as a season of repentant joy in preparation for the glorious celebration of our Lord's birth beginning on Christmas Eve.

Prayers for Worship

For right reception of the Lord's Supper: O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.

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Entrance into Jerusalem, unknown artist,
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> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will be received in the offering box as you enter the nave for the service.
They will be presented before the Lord's altar prior to the Prayer of the Church. <

OPENING HYMN – TUNE: LSB 331 – TEXT: LSB 331, ALT. RMH

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| <p>1 Sing "Advent!" to our King,
"He comes!" the Holy Boy.
Sing songs of welcome, echoing
His Father's loving joy.</p> <p>2 The Everlasting Son
Incarnate bows to be;
He puts a servant's nature on
To set His servants free.</p> <p>3 O Zion's Daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Could any Christian heart despise
The peace He comes to bring?</p> | <p>4 As Judge on clouds of light
He soon will come again
And His believers all unite
To reign with Him in Heav'n.</p> <p>5 Before that dawning Day,
Let sin's dark deeds be gone!
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.</p> <p>△ 6 All glory to the Son
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.</p> |
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THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 124:8

*I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 32:5

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

Almighty God, our Maker and our Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. And so we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

Amen.

THE INTROIT

Zechariah 9:9b, alt.; Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18

Behold, your King is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,
who exult in Your name all the day
and in Your righteousness are exalted.

For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our King to the Holy One of Israel.

THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray. 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. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

from the Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14–16

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.*

*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;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

*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 salvation;
for You I wait all the day long.*

*Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.*

*Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!*

*Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.*

*He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble His way.*

*All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.*

from the Letters: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28–40

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Having heard the Word, what do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 332

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| <p>1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.</p> | <p>5 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.</p> |
| <p>2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.</p> | <p>6 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.</p> |
| <p>3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.</p> | <p>7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.</p> |
| <p>4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.</p> | <p>△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.</p> |

The Sermon

Luke 19:28–40

THE OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 341, STS. 1 & 5

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| <p>1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.</p> | <p>2 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.</p> |
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The Presentation of the Offering

I will offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

O LORD, my strength, I love You.

The Prayer of the Church

the prayer concludes with:

. . . one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Send Your Spirit, we pray, on this bread and wine that they may also be the Body and Blood of Him who is coming in the clouds, that even now He may come to us and into us with grace and pardon. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**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.**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Holy Communion

> Note about Holy Communion: All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing. <

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE LSB 442 – TEXT: LSB 334

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| <p>1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart’s delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.</p> | <p>3 I lay in fetters, groaning;
You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
You came to honor me.
A glorious crown You give me,
A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.</p> |
| <p>2 Your Zion strews before You
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never
Withhold the honor due.</p> | <p>4 Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.</p> |

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 350

1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2 Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,
Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When Thou art my guest divine!

3 My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: LSB 353 – TEXT: LSB 353, ALT. RMH

1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,
Came in peace from realms on high,
Came in flesh for our redemption,
Lowly came to earth to die.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.

2 Jesus came from death triumphant,
Mighty, brilliant as the morn
To the house where, hid in darkness,
His disciples sat forlorn.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus came and joy was born.

3 Jesus comes by Word and Water,
In and under Bread and Wine!
Jesus comes, the Host and Banquet,
Gladly calling, "Come and dine!"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
I am His and He is mine.

4 He shall come in clouds of glory;
We shall see Him with our eyes.
He shall come, the Judge and Bridegroom;
We in flesh, like Him, shall rise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Singing through the shouting skies!

THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN—TUNE & TEXT: LSB 936, STS. 1, 4

Following the common dismissal for Holy Communion, we stand and sing these hymn stanzas based on the Benedictus (Luke 1:68–79), the Song of Zechariah, father of John the Baptist.

1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -
vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death
Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our
might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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THE THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

And His mercy endures forever!

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE: LSB 358 – TEXT: TLH 70, ALT RMH

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| <p>1 Hosanna to the Living Lord!
Hosanna to th'incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
Let earth, let heav'n, "Hosanna" sing!</p> <p>2 O Savior, with protecting care,
Remain in this, Your house of prayer
Where we Your parting promise claim,
Assembled in Your holy name.</p> | <p>3 But, chiefly, in our cleansed breast,
Eternal, have Your Spirit rest.
Our hidden souls cleanse thru and thru
As temples, pure and fit for You.</p> <p>4 Then in the last and dreadful Day
When earth and skies shall pass away,
Your flock, released from sinful stain,
Shall shout, "Hosanna!" once again.</p> |
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God's People at Prayer

For Home Devotions

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

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Isaiah 2:1–22	1 Peter 1:13–25
M	Isaiah 5:1–25	1 Peter 2:1–12
Tu	Isaiah 6:1–7:9	1 Peter 2:13–25
W	Isaiah 7:10–8:8	1 Peter 3:1–22
Th	Isaiah 8:9–9:7	1 Peter 4:1–19
F	Isaiah 9:8–10:11	1 Peter 5:1–14
Sa	Isaiah 10:12–34	2 Peter 1:1–21

The Sacrament of the Altar

*As the head of the family should teach it
in a simple way to his household*

What is the Sacrament of the Altar? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written? The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Verse for Meditation

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation. *Zechariah 9:9b*

Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race. LSB 334:4

Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The following topics may guide your prayer each day.

- Su For God's name to be kept holy through pure teaching and holy living
- M For God's kingdom to come and increase through the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Tu For God to hinder every evil plan and purpose of the world, the devil, and the sinful nature
- W For daily bread and contentment in all things
- Th For forgiveness of our sins and of those who sin against us
- F For protection in the midst of temptation
- Sa For rescue from all evils of body and soul and, when our last hour comes, a blessed end

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

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. Amen.

Readings for the Second Sunday in Advent, Dec. 5

Mal. 3:1–7b; Ps. 66:1–12; Phil. 1:2–11; Luke 3:1–20