

## Welcome!

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is truly a special place. We are a growing congregation with a long history of service in our community. We have opportunities for everyone to connect and deepen their faith in Jesus, such as small groups, music ensembles, service teams, and much more. So jump on in and join us in ministry!

Our church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

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### Communion at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Communion for all who wish to receive it is offered at all weekend services. Worshipers who are physically unable to come forward may receive communion in their seats (please let the usher know). Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also offered at each of the communion stations at all worship services.

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### Your Church Staff

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Rev. Edd Wunderlich

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# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY

of ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2025

## WELCOME

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. ...**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** continued...

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

**GATHERING HYMN**

*“We are Waiting for Jesus”* ACS # 905



**Greetings**

**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 List**

**THANKSGIVING**

- Thank you everyone for all the prayers, cards and meals that I received due to my recent fall. I appreciate everything so much! I will be seeing you very soon. ~ Together with Christ, we care. ~ Mary Engebretson

**GRIEVING THE LOSS OF...**

- Family & friends of Charlotte Gray: Aunt of Key Lehr
- Family & friends of Larry Bridell: Pam Kerns
- Family & friends of Mike McCoy: friend of Jim Finnegan
- Family & friends of Virgil Kingrey

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 pm Mid-Week Advent at ST JAMES 1104 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City, MO.
- Wednesday, December 17, 7:00 pm Mid-Week Advent at GLORIA DEI 5409 NW 72nd Street, Kansas City, MO.
- December 28th is the Last Day to turn in donations for 2025 yearly statements.

## Prayer List

### HEALING

- \*Kevin Engles: Pam Kerns
- Elizabeth Long: niece of Bob Long
- Jennifer Shireman
- Lona Efaw
- Patrick Borders: Pam Kerns
- Richard Heath: brother of Cheryl Christensen
- Mary Henderson : Pam Kerns
- Mark & Julie Sherbo
- Kris & Ray Smither
- Karry & her friends
- NormaJean Rogers
- Monty Carter
- Jordan Garrett: Kristen Cruce
- Jen Shelf: Vicki Catt
- Bill Stancil: Jo Ellen Witt
- Ellie Bargmann
- Jeff Voth: Kay Lehr
- Jeff Boomgarden
- Starla Bargmann: Ellie Bargmann

### MILITARY

- Wounded Warriors: Gayle & Rena Mason
- Brandon Curtis: Mark Sherbo's nephew
- Dawn Michael: Cheryl Christensen
- Mylo Lassiter: Nephew of Mark Sherbo
- Danny Webster: Mary Engebretson

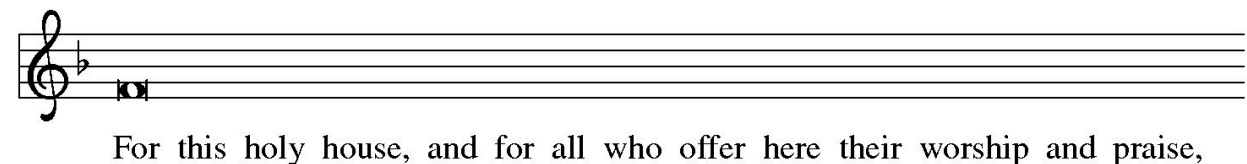
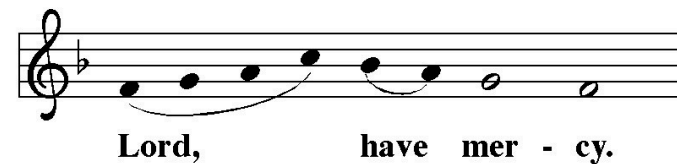
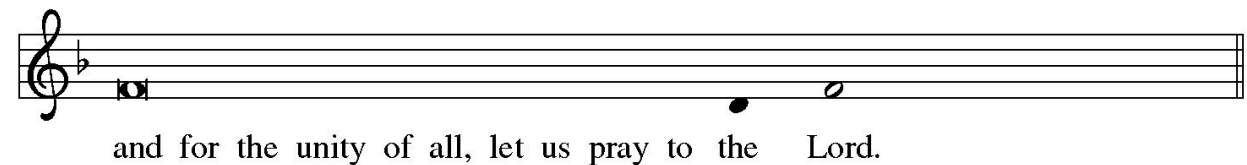
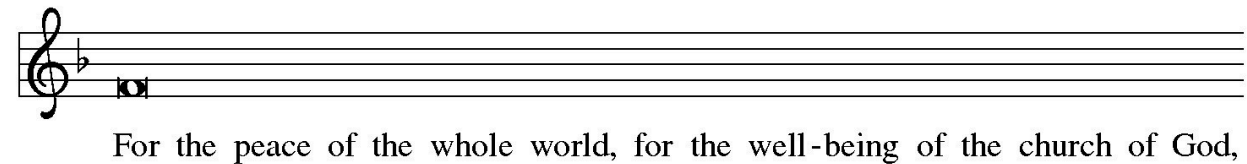
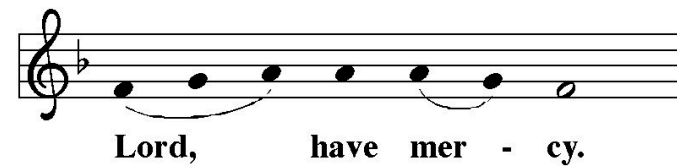
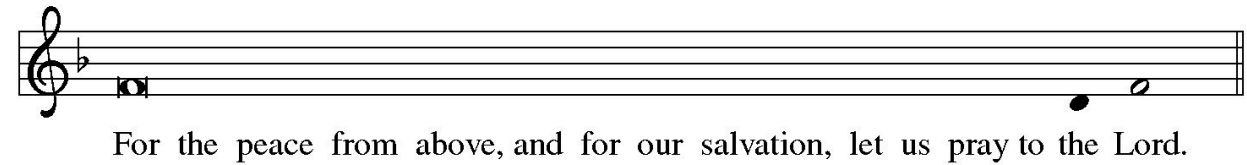
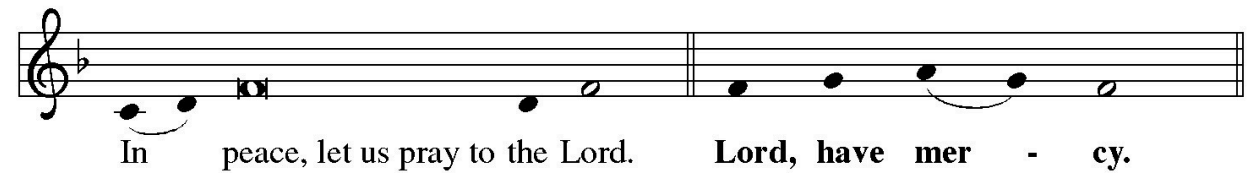
### CONCERN

- Jessica Seidler
- Those traveling during holidays
- Mary Weekley: Pam Kerns
- Dan & Lorrie Wolf



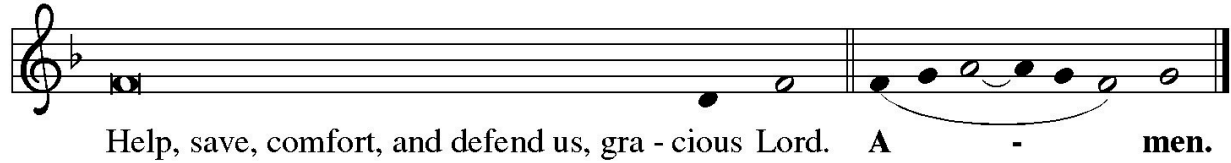
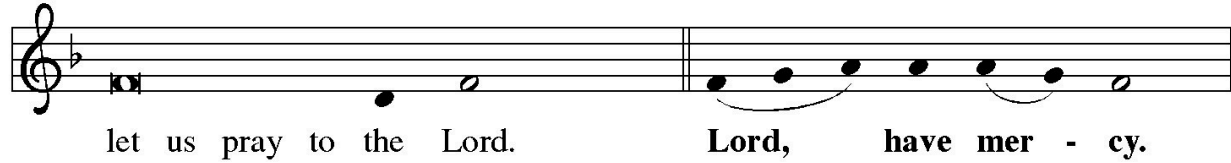
## Kyrie

A:

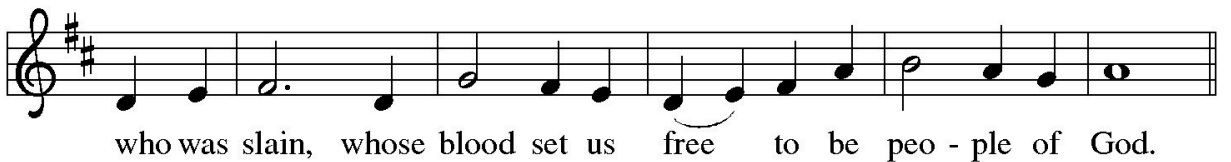
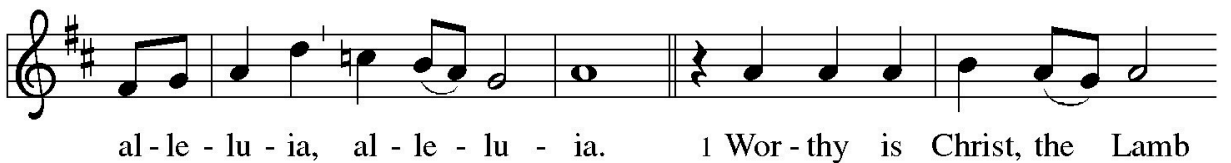




## Kyrie continued...



## Canticle of Praise



## Important Dates!

### Monday - Friday

9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care

### Tuesday

6:45 am Men's Bible Study; 10:30 am The Chosen Bible Study

### Wednesday

9:30 am Women's Fellowship; 7:00 pm Mid-Week Advent; 8:00 pm Cantata Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday

4:00 pm Choir; 5:00 pm Christmas Cantata

### Sunday

8:00 am Choir; 9:00 am Christmas Cantata; 10:00 am Breakfast Potluck

## Altar Flowers

Dec 7 In honor of Dane's birthday ~ Mary Engebretson

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.



## Sending

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

"Joyful in the Dark" ELW #250

### DISMISSAL

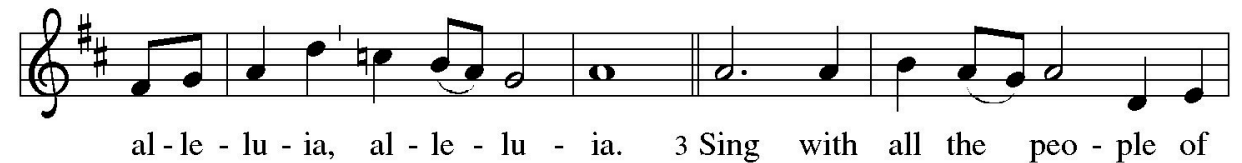
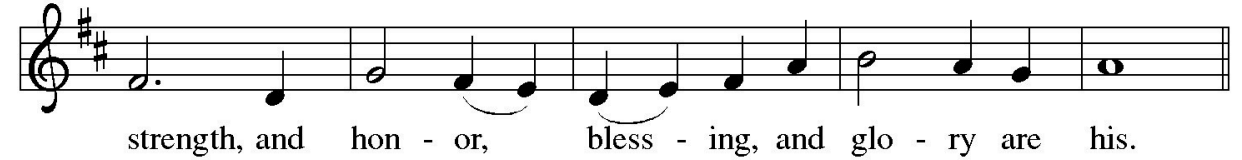
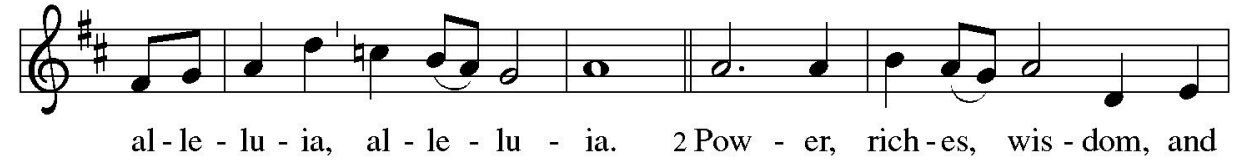
Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks Be to God!

Together With Christ.... We Care!!!!



## Canticle of Praise continued...





## Canticle of Praise continued...

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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



## The Prayer

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

A:

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



## Holy Communion

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

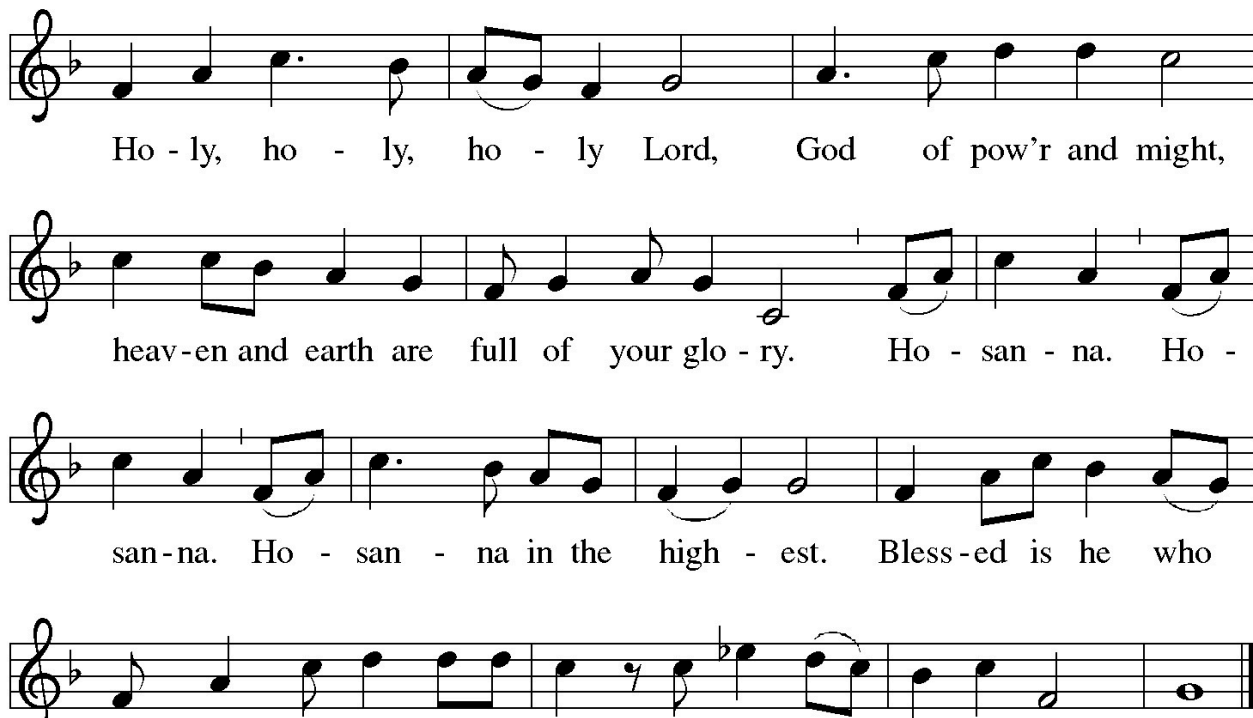
### COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.





## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### 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.



## LIGHTING of the ADVENT CANDLE

5:00 pm Greg Dovel

### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.



## The Readings

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ...

FIRST READING continued... Isaiah 11:1-10

10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13

4 Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.


7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors 9 and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,


“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”; 10 and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; 11 and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; 12 and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.” 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

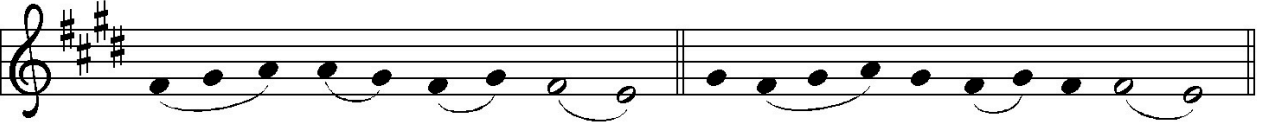
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.


Great Thanksgiving



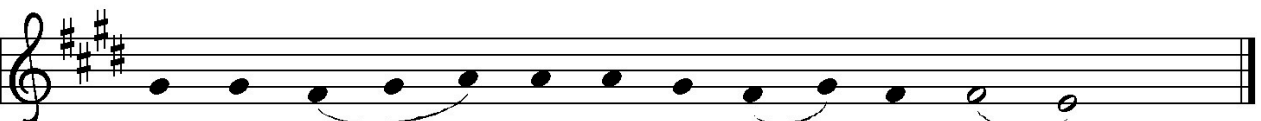
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.





## Offering

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



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 your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



## The Readings

### GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ...



## The Readings

**GOSPEL** continued... Matthew 3:1-12

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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



## Sermon

**SERMON** Pastor Edd Wunderlich

**HYMN of the DAY**  
“What is the World Like” ACS # 1047



## The Creed

**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 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.  
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.



## Gospel Acclamation

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**  
A:  
\*Each petition ends with,  
A: “God of grace,” C: “hear our prayer.”  
\*The prayer concludes with,  
A: “. . . through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.” C: “Amen.”



## Offering

**MEAL**  
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.