



**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 7, 2008**

**DIVINE SERVICE  
SETTING ONE LSB**

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE -2008**

**ADVENT SERVICES**

Wed. December 10, 2008 – 4:30PM & 7:00PM

*SUPPER WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN ADVENT SERVICES*

Wed. December 17, 2008 – 7:00PM “*CHILDRENS’ CHRISTMAS SERVICE*”  
(*ONE SERVICE ONLY – NO SUPPER*)

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

Wed. December 24, 2008 – 4:30PM & 7:00PM (Candlelight)

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION**

Thur. December 25, 2008 – 9:15AM

**NEW YEAR’S EVE**

Wed. December 31, 2008 – 7:00PM

**NEW YEAR’S DAY**

**NO SERVICE**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care**

*6465 MAYPORT RD.*

*East Englewood, Florida 34224 PH: 475-2410*

*Child Care Phone: 475-2631*

**WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM**

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:15 AM**

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Prelude

Call to Worship Bells

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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*Stand*

Confession and Absolution

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** A Stephen Minister is a child of God who walks beside a hurting person, a caring Christian friend who really listens and a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care. **Classes begin in January and finish in March.** We learn and along the way have fun. Please contact **Carol Carlos 941-255-3354** for more information concerning this ministry.

**HELP THE CHILD CARE BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:** Trash Bags (30gal and 13gal sizes) Non-scented Baby Wipes (we need lots) Pump Foam Hand Soap (dispensers & refills at Target or Wal-Mart) paper towels, kleenex, Construction Paper, Holiday craft supplies and animal, goldfish, or graham crackers. **The box is located on the back bench next to the Men's Room** in the Narthex. All questions concerning these items can be answered by Wendy Horvath.

**ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Please donate to this new fund to assist some of the parents to help keep their children in the Pre School, instead of taking them to a private babysitter to save a few dollars. This may bring back a few of our "lost sheep" or at least allow qualified parents some assistance in these difficult times. Place donations in offering plates or mail to the church and mark them *Angel Scholarship Fund*.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help serve the Carolers on **Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please call Mary Beaber 941-429-0095 for information. All the food will be provided by Thrivent.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:** Red poinsettia to help beautify our church for "Christmas" may be purchased for **\$7.00** per plant. You may include the cost with your weekly contribution envelope. Write "**plant**" on the line below Child Care, make check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church and write Poinsettias in note field. **Sign up sheet is on the desk in the Narthex. Orders must be in by Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**. You are welcome to take your plant home after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service or the 9:15am Christmas Day Service to enjoy at home during the holidays.

**ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND** is still in need of the following items *Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Condiments and Paper Products*. If you have any questions please call Helen Sturzenbecker at 941-475-3060.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS are placed on the altar today by Linda Rogers in memory of husband Joe Rogers.

THE WORK OF THE TRANSITION STEERING COMMITTEE IS COMPLETE, therefore the meetings scheduled for Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> have been cancelled. Thanks to all who worked so hard and committed their time and efforts. All information has been collected for the Call Process and has been forwarded to the Elder Board.

CAN THE BIBLE HELP YOUR BUDGET (PART II) is the topic for this Tuesday's Bible discussion (Dec. 9) in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM. It is led by Pastor Schmidt. Bring a friend. These Bible discussions are not in a series, therefore you can come to which ever week your schedule allows. However, you are invited and encouraged to attend each week to be strengthened by God's Word. Everyone welcome!

LADIES GUILD will be serving supper between the Advent services on **Wednesday**. The menu this week is Ham and Scalloped potatoes. Cooks are Doris Dykhuizen, Pat Petersen, Jane Hoivik and Sybil Grahl. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex on the activity table.

SCRIP orders will be taken **TODAY** in the Narthex after both services. See Sybil Grahl *Last chance to order before Christmas*. Your order will be **returned Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**.

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY-LUNCHEON is **December 12th** at the Hill's Country Club in Rotonda at 12 noon. Tickets are on sale in the Narthex--cost is \$17.00 that includes entree's, drinks, dessert & tip see Laura Brooks or Pat Wilcoxon. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS.**

SPECIAL EVENT COMING next Sunday, Dec. 14 during Bible class hour between Services. Pres. Michael from the FL/GA District will be here. Of the 27 million people in the FL/GA District, 60% are un-churched. In Matthew 10:8, Jesus says, "Freely you have received, freely give." Our Synod wants to use all the resources God has given us so we can share the gospel with people locally and worldwide. Therefore, members throughout Synod are working together to support "Ablaze." It is an outreach program to reach 100 million people with the gospel by the year 2017. "Fan Into Flame" is a special fund raising effort within Synod to provide new money for various mission efforts in congregations, circuits, districts and world missions.

THE LARGE MITE BOX is in the Narthex **TODAY** to receive coins in support of the Lutheran Church in Haiti which needs roof repairs and upgrades in order to expand their ministry. Every coin and paper money will bring the LWML closer to their goal of \$14, 800 to fund this grant. Please take home a small Mite Box to gather your coins and return it filled next month.

Introit : Sung in unison

Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: Ps. 80:3



Restore us, | O God;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

You brought a vine out of | Egypt;\*

it took deep root and | filled the land.

Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Restore us, | O God;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

### *Interlude – Countdown to Christmas*

The Hymn (during which the "Peace" candle is lit)

**0 come, Desire of nations, bind**

**In one the hearts of all mankind;**

**Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,**

**And be Thyself our King of Peace.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel**

**Shall come to thee, 0 Israel!**

A Note — Our Lord created Adam and Eve in His own image. This means they possessed His characteristics, especially His holiness and perfection. He is loving, gracious, benevolent, and so were they. And so there was peace in the Garden of Eden between the love and between man and wife.

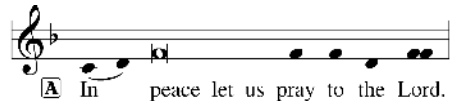
Sin brought ~the loss of the image and consequently also the love of peace. Christ's redemption brings about the restoration of God's image in those who trust Him as their God and Savior. Those who are in Christ Jesus through faith have peace with God the Father through the forgiveness of their sins. And they work to establish peace among men by gladly forgiving others for their sins and telling them the Good News that God has reconciled the whole world to Himself, every man and woman, establishing peace by the blood of Jesus' cross.

So it is not surprising to find that peace is a "Christmas gift" from God to His people, brought and made possible by Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace

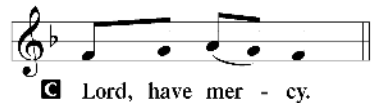
**Scripture: John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

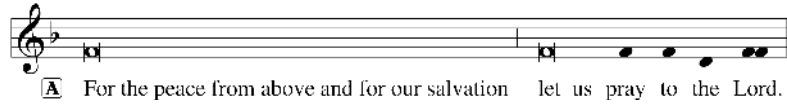
Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



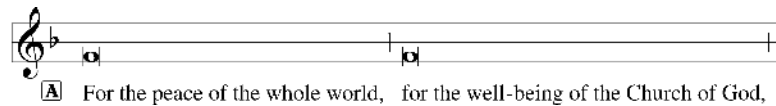
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



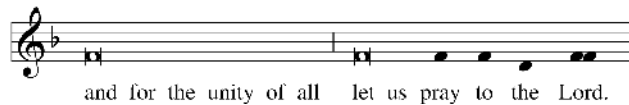
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



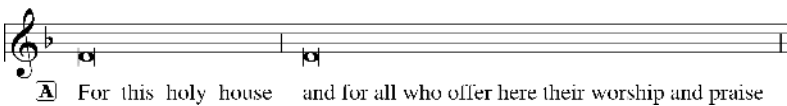
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

**8:00 Elder on Duty: Ray Janssen**

**Elders:** Ray Janssen  
**Reader:** Ray Janssen  
**Ushers:** Harold Hale, Olga Nagel and Lee Vandercook  
**Greeters:** Ray and Dolores Altmann

**10:30 Elder on Duty: Ron Beaber**

**Elders:** Ron Beaber and Bob Buie  
**Reader:** Ron Beaber  
**Ushers:** Cecil and Sybil Grahl, Ron and Mary Beaber  
**Greeters:** Jane Hoivik and Carolyn Jordan

**Altar Guild:** Linda Rogers and Sam Jollay  
**Coffee Hour:** Betty and Erv Maki  
**Organist:** Doris Dykhuizen

**CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> THRU DEC. 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**MONDAY:** 7:00 AM Mens Breakfast at Country Hound Café  
 3:30 PM Child Care Chapel  
 5:30 PM Weight Watchers  
 7:00 PM Council Meeting

**TUESDAY:** 10:00 AM Pastor Schmidt's Bible Class  
 7:00 PM AA Meeting

**WEDNESDAY:** 4:30 & 7:00 PM Advent Service (*Dinner served 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM*)  
 8:00 PM Choir

**THURSDAY:** 4:00-5:30 PM Confirmation Class

**FRIDAY:** 11:30 AM Ladies Guild Christmas Party at Rotonda Hills Country Club

**SUNDAY:** 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Service  
 9:15 AM Sunday School  
**9:15 AM Bible Class guest speaker will be President Gerhardt Michaels**  
 New Member Sunday  
 2:00 PM Caroling with dinner afterwards provided by Thrivent

Benediction



**[P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**[C]** A - men.

Closing Hymn: Sing Praise to the God of Israel

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Postlude

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**WELCOME!** It is our pleasure to worship with you this morning here in God's house. It is our sincere desire that the Holy Spirit will deepen the faith of each one of us through God's holy Word and Sacrament. **Guests** are kindly asked to refer to the guidelines for Holy Communion printed on the yellow placard in the pew rack. **We ask ALL members and visitors to please PRINT their name and children; local address and phone number in our Record of Fellowship book in the pew, visitors** please be sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor as you leave the Sanctuary.

**A QUIET REMINDER** – Worshipers are reminded that the “quiet times”...during the pre-service Prelude and the Offering ...are intended for personal meditation and prayer. **Please keep conversation to a minimum.** You are encouraged to make use of our beautiful Narthex for visiting. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR**

**SHUT-INS:** Ilse Berner, Herb Bohm, , Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Marie Gill, Earl Gossett, Clara & Walter Mitchell, Ruth Jansch, and Ruth Sutley.

**HEALING: Members:** Ginny Doenges, Bob & Joan Johnson, Charles Keller, Leslie Kirch, Cliff Larsen, Lois & James Overmyer, Don Plesner, Ellie Ratzlaff, Morris Rieck, Henry Rudolph, Sharron Schultz, Edda Specht, and Alan Webster.

**Friends & Relatives:** Phil Alcantara, Elaine Baron, Georgia Bush, Kay Cypher, Dorothy Doenges, Elaine Entzian, Debbie Harrison, Lynn Harrison, Rachel Kagay, Howard Kagay, Rev. Howie Krienke, Estella Lewis, Marie Liebl, Kaye Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Sherrie Rhoades, Michael Stio, Marion Talley, Katie Taseff, Polly Tice, Phyllis Tucker, Helen Weishaar, Virgil Weldy, and Michael Zaffino .

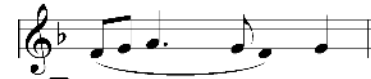
**Military Personnel:** Daniel Anderson, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Stephen Geib, Brian Hollis, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Joshua Jones, Chase Tremble, Jeremy Twombly, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.



**[C]** Lord, have mer - cy.



**[A]** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**[C]** A - men.

Salutation and Collect of The Day



**[P]** The Lord be with you.



**[C]** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray together:

**C** Holy Spirit, who has called us by the Gospel, who enlightens us with gifts, and who sanctifies and keeps us in the holy faith, give us constantly the peace of God in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and help us to be peacemakers that we may be known by heaven and the world as sons and daughters of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with You and the Father, one God, with dominion over us forever.



**[C]** A - men.

Sit

Feeding of the Lambs: Worth The Wait" Mark 1:1-8

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
 that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,  
 that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle 2 Peter 3:8–14**

Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.


Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Stand**

**Alleluia and Verse**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

**Sit**

**Distribution Hymns:**

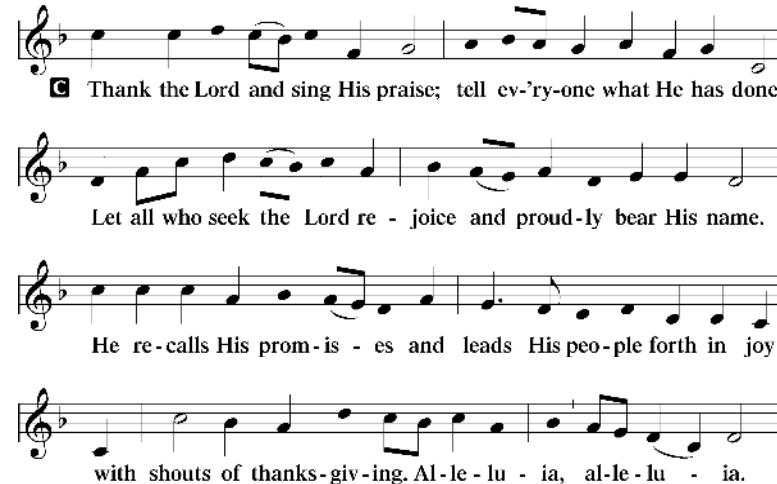
Lamb of God

LSB 550

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

LSB 624

**Stand**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - - men.

Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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 Our Lord

**P** 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 **T** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** 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 **T** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

**G** 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.

words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>ST</sup> chapter.

**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,  
"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,  
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway

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Sermon - "Begin At The Beginning" Mark 1:1-8

Stand

Nicene Creed

**C** **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.

Prayers: Congregation responds with "hear our prayer" (If you are unable to stand for the prayers please feel free to sit)

Sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings: Choir- "Rejoice In The Lord Always"

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

**C** 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.