Stand
Morning Prayer – LSB 235
Choral Psalm “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Mark Schweizer
Sit
Office Hymn 515 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”
Reading – Philippians 4:8–13
A O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.
A In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.
Homily – Reverend Professor Charles Gieschen
Stand
Canticle 936 “Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

Kneel
Prayer – LSB 241
Stand after the Lord’s Prayer. Please leave the kneelers in place until the conclusion of the Benediction.
Benedicamus and Benediction – LSB 241

Today marks the commemoration of Lucia, Martyr.
Stand

Responsive Prayer 1 – LSB 282 (through Apostles’ Creed)

Psalm 85

The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then is repeated by the congregation.

Surely God’s salvation is near to those who fear Him.

LORD, you were favorable to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people;*
you covered all their sin.

You withdrew all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,*
and put away your indignation toward us! Antiphon

Will you be angry with us for ever?*
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again,*
that your people may rejoice in you? Antiphon

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,*
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,*
that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs up from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,*
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him*
and make his footsteps a way.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen. Antiphon

Sit

Reading – Luke 1:57–66
Homily – Reverend Timothy Puls
Hymn “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” (LSB 353)

5. Jesus comes on clouds triumphant
   When the heavens shall pass away;
   Jesus comes again in glory.
   Let us, then, our homage pay,
   Alleluia! ever singing
   Till the dawn of endless day.
The celebration of the Lord's Supper in Kramer Chapel is under the auspices of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, the Rev. Peter Cage, pastor. Communicants at this altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If there are spiritual concerns that may affect your communing here, please contact the Dean of Chapel or Dr. Rast prior to the service. If you are not communing this day but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you approach the chancel.

Divine Service
Setting Four – LSB 203

Stand and turn to face the font.
Confession and Absolution – LSB 203

Introit
Rejoice in the always; again I say, Rejoice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,*
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,*
who keeps faith for-ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.*

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* 
and to the Holy Spirit; 
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Rejoice in the always; again I say, Rejoice.
Kyrie – LSB 204
Salutation and Collect of the Day – LSB 205

Sit
Old Testament Reading – Zephaniah 3:14–20
Stand
Alleluia and Verse – LSB 205

The congregation sings the Alleluias before and after the proper verse.

Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare you way before you.

Nicene Creed – LSB 206
Sit

Sermon
Stand

Prayer of the Church

Choral Offertory “Rejoice in the Lord Alway” Healey Willan

Rejoice in the Lord always,
And again I say, rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all men.
The Lord is at hand.

Service of the Sacrament – LSB 208

Sit

Distribution Hymns

LSB 345 “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”
LSB 355 “O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

Stand

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction – LSB 212
Thursday  
16 December 2021

The Service of Prayer and Preaching provides a catechetical focus through the recitation of the chief parts of the catechism. This week marks the third in a three-week series focusing on the teaching regarding Confession and Absolution as expounded in the Small Catechism.

Stand

Service of Prayer and Preaching – LSB 260
Old Testament Canticle – LSB 261

Sit

Reading – Romans 8:5–17

Advent Responsory – LSB 263

Stand

Catechism – LSB 264 Ten Commandments, Apostles’ Creed, Lord’s Prayer
LSB 323 The Creed, The Third Article

Sermon – Reverend Professor John Nordling

Hymn 340 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Stand

Prayer – LSB 265

Blessing – LSB 267

Friday  
17 December 2021

Stand

Matins – LSB 219
Psalm 80:1–7 (antiphon v. 7)

Restore us, O God of hosts; 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.

Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,*
stir up your might and come to | save us!

Restore us, | O God;*  
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

O LORD | God of hosts,*  
how long will you be angry with your | people’s prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears* and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,* and our enemies laugh among themselves.

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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Sit

Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357:1)

O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior:
   Come and save us, O Lord our God.

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!

Reading – Micah 4:6–8

Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357:2)

O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, Pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:
   Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Reading – Acts 28:23–31

Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357:7)

O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:
   Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.

O 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! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
Homily – Reverend Professor David Scaer
Stand
Benedictus – LSB 226
Kneel
Prayers and Benediction – LSB 227
Stand after the Collect for Grace. Please leave the kneelers in place until the conclusion of the Benediction.

Today marks the commemoration of Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men.