

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(with Holy Communion)

December 11th, 2022



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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING\\_TKTi9c\\_OIBbMqGwLw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKTi9c_OIBbMqGwLw)

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**Prayer:** Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation; now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Matt. 11: 11-15                      Wednesday: Luke 3: 10-20                      Friday: John 1: 29-34  
Tuesday: Matt. 3: 1-11                      Thursday: John 1: 6-9, 15-16                      Saturday: Luke 7: 29-35

**Musicians:** 10 a.m. – The Band  
**Reader:** 10 a.m. – Howard Bogusat  
**Greeter:** 10 a.m. –

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**



Dec. 4, 10 am:                      Worship with a Nativity Display in basement  
Dec. 11, 10 am:                      Worship  
Dec. 18, 10 am:                      Special Lessons & Carols Service  
Dec. 24, 7 pm & 10 pm:                      Christmas Eve Carol Candlelight Service  
Dec. 25, 10 am:                      Christmas Carol Holy Communion Service

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held 9:00 a.m. before service the **first 2 Sundays of each month (TODAY)**. Our focus this year is on *“God’s Good Rules, His 10 Commandments”*. Parents are welcome to stay for a coffee and time to read their own devotions or join in Christian conversation.

**PRECIOUS MOMENTS:** If YOU or a "mom or caregiver" you know has little ones (even babies), we invite them to join us. We meet at the church on **Tuesday mornings between 9:30 - 11 a.m.** The coffee and tea are always on (thanks to Judy!) and lots of playing, singing, reading a story, snack and craft. Hope to see you!

**EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Today: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
          9:10—9:45 a.m. – Confirmation Class  
          10:00 a.m. – Worship  
Monday: 10:00 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study  
          7:30 p.m. - Choir  
Tuesday: 9:30—11:00 a.m. – Precious Moments  
Thursday: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. – SOUL  
          7:00 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study at home of Kuenzel’s (2 Eva)

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We plan to meet **Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of the Kuenzel's (2 Eva). We are continuing our study on the book of Romans through the Right Now Media. Please feel welcome to join us or speak with Louise for more information.

**ADVENT BAGS:** We have a few extra Advent Bags. If you know of someone or a family that would enjoy receiving one, please take one and share it with them.

**YOUTH LOCK IN:** Monday, January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. until Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00 a.m. is our tentative lock-in date. Be sure to speak with Louise if you are interested. Friends are welcome!

**LMWL-C/MARY MARTHA:**

*This is such an exciting time to welcome back and extend an invitation to everyone for our new Fall/Winter program. Please mark your calendars so that you may be able to join us:*

**Tuesday, December 20th - 5:30 p.m. Advent/Christmas Dinner**

We look forward to seeing familiar faces at our meetings and welcoming new faces! If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call Lorraine at 905 964 5837!

*<sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3: 14-16*

**Last Sunday Attendance:** December 4th, 2022      **Attn:** 10 a.m. –

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>
Current:	283,291.00	5,554.73	5,055.00	202,452.26	(64,495.03)
LCC Missions	20,000.00	392.16	343.00	14,622.50	( 4,223.65)
Property Improvement:			87.00	6,170.50	

**A MEMORIAL DONATION** has been given in memory of Pastor Frank Silver to SOUL by Ray Anderson.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER

To share the joy of Christmas with those in our community who are less fortunate than we are, the "Outreach Committee" is planning to distribute, complete Christmas turkey dinner packages. We are asking for confidential referrals from our members. Last year we helped 25 families by making up 25 baskets.

**We need your help by:**

- Providing us with confidential referrals which can be placed into a box located in our church narthex
- Donating the funds required for the purchase of perishable and non-perishable food items which will be purchased just before the packages are distributed
- Letting the Outreach Committee,
  - Judy Mason—905-641-7546
  - Howard Bogusat—905-468-3566
 know if you would be willing to help package baskets
- Praying that this project is a success and that those who receive these gifts are touched by the joy and wonder of our Saviour's birth and by His love for each one of us.

*(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE COLLECTING "MONETARY DONATIONS" ONLY FOR THIS PROJECT)*

THANK YOU!

# CREATIVE COMMUNION

THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11, 2022 + 10 AM Worship

## OPENING SONG:

“When The King Shall Come”

[Come You Faithful tune]



1 When the King shall come a - gain, all his power re -  
2 In the des - ert trees take root, fresh from his cre -  
3 Strength-en fee - ble hands and knees, faint - ing hearts be  
4 There God's high-way shall be seen where no roar - ing



veal - ing, splen - dor shall an - nounce his reign,  
a - tion; plants and flowers and sweet - est fruit  
cheer - ful! God, who comes for such as these,  
li - on, noth - ing e - vil or un - clean



life and joy and heal - ing; earth no long - er  
join the cel - e - bra - tion; riv - ers spring up  
seeks and saves the fear - ful; deaf ears, hear the  
walks the road to Zi - on; ran - somed peo - ple,



in de - cay, hope no more frus -  
from the earth, bar - ren lands a -  
si - lent tongues sing a - way their  
home - ward bound, all your prais - es



tra - ted; this is God's re - demp - tion day  
dorn - ing; val - leys, this is your new birth;  
weep - ing; blind eyes, see the life - less ones  
voic - ing, see your Lord with glo - ry crowned;



long - ing - ly a - wait - ed.  
moun - tains greet the morn - ing!  
walk - ing, run - ning, leap - ing.  
share in his re - joic - ing!



## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

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

You are my hiding place O Lord;

**you will save me from trouble.**

I sing aloud of your salvation,

**because you protect me.**

Then I confessed my sins to you;

**I did not conceal my wrongdoings.**

Looking for mercy from the Blessed Trinity, let us confess our sins together, as one people. O Gracious God,

**our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and gift us with grace to grow more into the likeness and image of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Promised Saviour of all nations. Amen.**

Receive the forgiveness Christ Jesus Himself has won for you by His Passion, His death and resurrection. In the place of Christ and by His holy command, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## REPSONSIVE PRAYER & LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:

Blessed are you, God of might and majesty,

**for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom,  
to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free.**

As we light these candles, [*wreath candles are lighted*]

**satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus.**

O ransomed people of the Lord, come, let us travel on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing. **Amen.**

## ADVENT VERSE:

*"O Come, Emmanuel"*

*(Tune: LSB # 357)*

**O come, O come, E-mman-uel, and ransom captive Is-rael,  
That mourns in lonely e-xile here  
Until the Son of God a-ppear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-man-uel.  
Shall come to you, O Is—rael!**

## THE WORD

**The Old Testament:** *Isaiah 35: 1-10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way, the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:** *James 5: 7-11*

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel:** *St. Matthew 11: 1-15*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities. When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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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 the 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 worshipped 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.**

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL SONG:

### "We Wait In Hope"

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1. O come to us O Ho - ly Child, be - stow on us Your peace. We  
2. In cold and damp, our pres - ence here we wait for You to come. Our  
3. Con - fu - sion lurks with - in our world, the si - ren sounds a - larm. Our  
4. O Prince of Peace, O Lamb of God, from Da - vid's house You come. Re -  
5. We call on You, Em - man - u - el, \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ with us. To



long for You this win - ter - time, we wait in hope. Come lead us to Your  
hearts are beat - ing an - xious - ly, we wait in hope. Em - man - u - el, the  
trou - bled hearts are in - se - cure, we wait in hope. O child to come and  
- new us and in - spire \_ us, we wait in hope. De - fend our lives from  
strength - en us in u - ni - ty, we wait in hope. Our jour - ney leads us



ban - quet Lord, so we may all re - new. Our  
prom - ised one, come show to us Your face. Our  
save us all from tur - moil and from strife. Your  
want and greed, for - give us of our sins. Our  
to this place, to seek and call Your name. We



ban - quet Lord, so we may all re - new. Our  
prom - ised one, come show to us Your face. Our  
save us all from tur - moil and from strife. Your  
want and greed, for - give us of our sins. Our  
to this place, to seek and call Your name. We



lives are long - ing for Your love. Come, O Lord.  
hearts are cry - ing out to You. Come, O Lord.  
peo - ple seek Your wis - dom now. Come, O Lord.  
world is cry - ing out to You. Come, O Lord.  
cel - e - brate and wait in hope. Come, O Lord.

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## MESSAGE

**OFFERINGS** are received. **OFFERTORY SONG** [Band choice]

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Almighty God and Father, through John the Baptizer, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation; give unto us now, we pray, that we may know this salvation and service You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives;

Lord, in Your Advent mercy... **come and save Your people..**

We pray for all people, troubled and in need. Turn away those tangled in wrongdoing, and bring renewal to the world in Jesus' name through our witness and proclamation;

Lord, in Your Advent mercy... **come and save Your people..**

God and Father, we praise you for your liberating word. Send your church to preach the good news to the poor, so that the blind may see, the lame walk, the sick be cleansed, the deaf hear, and all who are dead in sin be raised to life.

Lord, in Your Advent mercy... **come and save Your people.**

For this good and prosperous land we give you thanks: direct those who govern and administer our society, and refresh all people with knowledge of you and concern for one another.

Lord, in Your Advent mercy... **come and save Your people.**

You make the wilderness glad and make the dry land blossom: renew and restore our weary planet, and teach us to use the resources of the earth with wisdom and self-restraint.

Lord, in Your Advent mercy... **come and save Your people.**

We thank you for keeping your promise and never letting us down: teach us to be patient and keep us from grumbling. As we wait for your coming in glory, let us celebrate your hidden presence with us now.

Lord, in Your Advent mercy... **come and save Your people.**

We pray for all who are in health-related needs or suffering. Hear all prayers for those struggling and let them be confident in your saving help. In particular we pray for (*insert names*), and others we know to be in want. Be with those in grief or sorrow, depression, anxiety or hurt. Bless those who travel, recreate and all celebration birthdays and anniversaries, as you gladden them with your joyful presence;

Lord, in Your Advent mercy... **come and save Your people.**

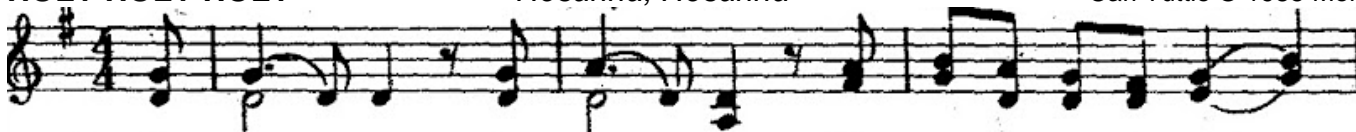
Lord God, heavenly Father, hear our prayers. Do not look on our sins, but on the faith of the church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY MEAL

### HOLY HOLY HOLY

*"Hosanna, Hosanna"*

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1. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -  
2. Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of

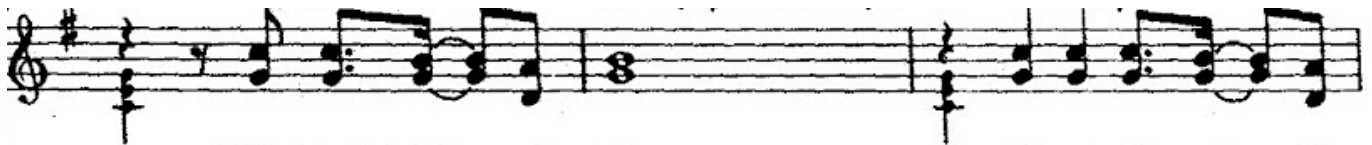


est; Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -  
kings; Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of



est. \_\_\_\_\_  
kings. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, we lift up \_\_\_\_\_ Your name,





With hearts full of praise;

Be ex - alt - ed, O



Lord my God, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come...**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "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, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**

### LAMB OF GOD

"O Jesus Christ"

(Tune: "Just as I Am")



O Jes-us Chri-st, True Lamb of God; the sins of the world, You



Take a -- way. Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray;



And bless us with Your peace; A -- men.

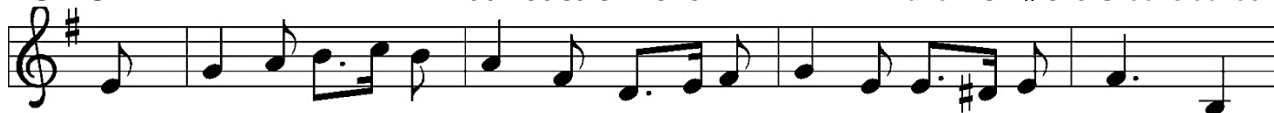
### THE HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**PILGRIM STYLE RECEPTION** [gluten-free wafers available]

COMMUNION HYMN:

“What Feast Of Love”

Tune: LSB # 370 Greensleeves



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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“In My Life, Lord”

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1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied;
2. In this church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied;
3. In Your Word ,Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied;
4. In Your Meal, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied;
5. As we serve, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied;



In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, to - day.  
 In this church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, to - day.  
 In Your Word Lord, be glo - ri - fied, to - day.  
 In Your Meal, Lord be glo - ri - fied, to - day.  
 As we serve, Lord be glo - ri - fied, to - day.

## SONG OF SIMEON

"Free Now To Go"

[Tune: "This is the Day"]

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Free Now To Go'. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Free now to go; free now to go, in Your promised, peace, in Your Prom-ised, peace; my eyes have seen, my eyes have seen, Your Sav-ing grace, Your sav - ing grace! Peo-ple can see from the Light You shine, Is-rael's true glo-ry-- now is mine;'. The music is a simple, melodic line with some chords.

Free now to go , free now to go, in Your peace, O Lord.

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Let us pray: Pour out upon us Your blessed Holy Spirit, O Lord, that we who have shared in this Holy Communion feast of Your Body and Blood may find strength in the Fellowship and Confession of the One True Faith which sends us forth to proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and prepare us joyfully to see You face to face in glory; Who with the Father and the Spirit You live and reign as one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord upon you with favour, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG:**

*“Jesus, Name”*

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1 Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful  
2 Je - sus, lov - ing shep - herd vine of the  
3 Je - sus, Way of sal - va - tion, King of



Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -  
branch - es, Son of God  
kings, Lord of lords, the



man - u - el, God is with us bless - ed Re -  
Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful coun - selor Lord of the  
way the truth, and the Life, Might - y cre -



deem - er, liv - ing Word.  
u - ni - verse, Light of the world.  
a - tor, My Sav - ior and friend.

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**SERVICE NOTE:**

Lamb of God and Song of Simeon adapted and arranged by Rev. Todd Hoeffs based on common ecumenical liturgical texts 2021. Music notations from [www.hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org) website.



