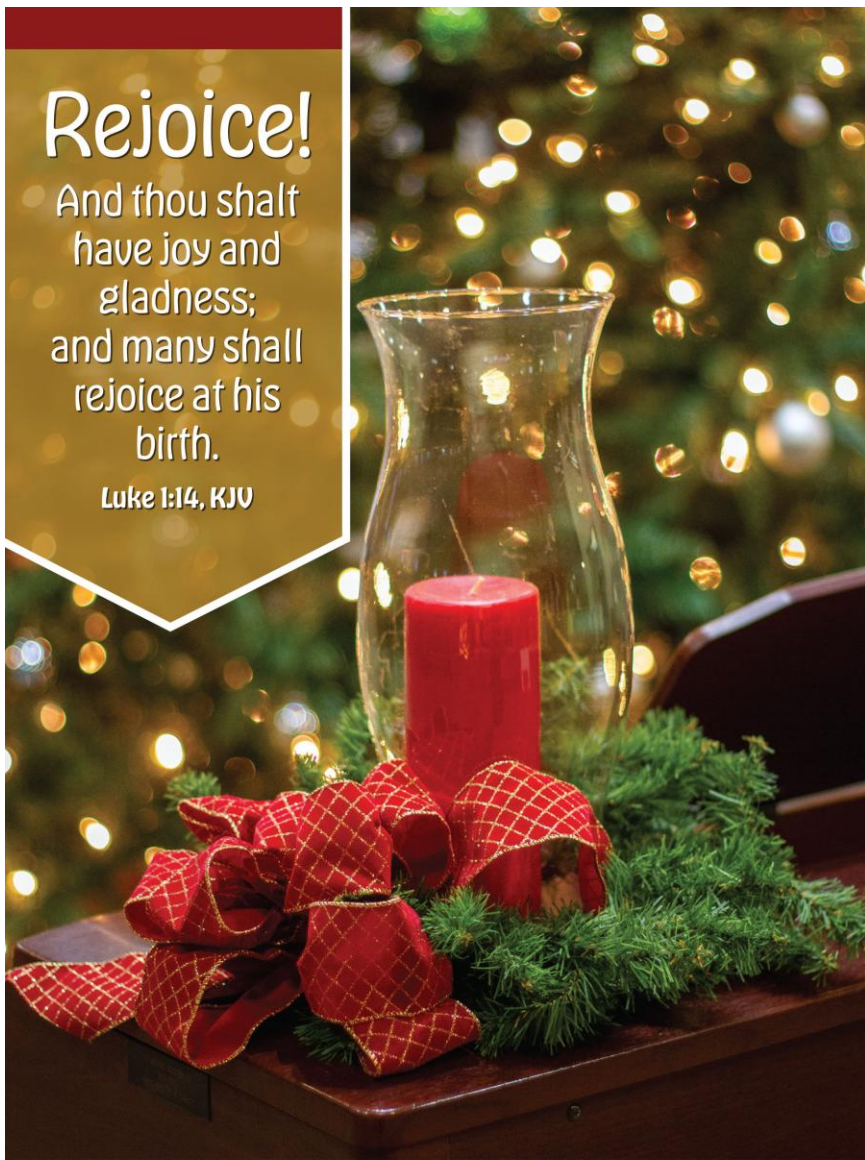


Rejoice!

And thou shalt
have joy and
gladness;
and many shall
rejoice at his
birth.

Luke 1:14, KJV



ADVENT ONE

Luther Memorial Church November 30, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession
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Bible Study/Sunday School. 9am

Worship. 10am

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ADVENT ONE

November 30, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 1 (TLH Pg. 150);

PRAYERS: 71 (Pg. 109); **32** (Pg. 105).

HYMNS: 27 31 425:1-5 645

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 27 - *"Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear Friends in Christ. Let us come to God with an honest heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him to forgive our sins because of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD,

Congregation: and you forgive the guilt of my sin."

P: Almighty God, you are our maker and our redeemer. We fallen sinners confess that we are sinful by birth and have sinned against you in thought, word and action. We come to you for deliverance and in view of your mercy, we seek and humbly ask your undeserved love because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Merciful God, you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for Jesus' sake grant us the forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, help us to grow in faith and love and in true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us. It is for Jesus' sake that the Father forgives us all our sins. He also promises that those who believe on Jesus' name are the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. It is written: He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." Lord, grant this faith to all of us.

C: "Amen."

ADVENT CANDLE:

PROPHECY CANDLE

OT LESSON:

ISAIAH 62:10-12

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. ¹¹Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

EPHESIANS 5:6-14

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you." *

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 19:29-40

²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”*

♪ **Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let ev-‘ry heart prepare a throne And ev-‘ry voice a song.**

♪ **He comes the pris-‘ners to release, In Satan’s bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, The i-ron fetters yield.**

♪ **He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace T’enrich the humble poor.**

♪ **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim And heaven’s eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name. (TLH 66:1-2,4-5)**

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe 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: 31 - *“When All Thy Mercies, O My God”*

THE SERMON:

LUKE 1:5-25

⁵There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

⁸So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, ⁹according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.

¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

¹³But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.

¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, *'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,'* and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."

¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. ²⁰ But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

²¹ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. ²² But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

²³ So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. ²⁴ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵ "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people." **

THE SILENCE OF ZACHARIAS

♪ **Feed Thy children, God most holy, Comfort sinners poor and lowly; O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given! As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.**

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(WS 788)

♪ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then,
the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all
our living We may consecrate to You.

♪ We are yours – Your mercy sought us, Found us in death’s
dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from You
to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off-ring on the cross
For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

♪ Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit’s
call, Gladly in all times and places Give to You who gives us all. You
have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own; Ever
free and ever stronger We shall serve You, Lord, a-lone.

PRAYER(S) THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: 425:1-5 - *“All Depends on Our Possessing”*

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) CONGREGATION: "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 645 - *“Behold, A Branch is Growing”*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus’
name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this
morning, and hope that you will return and join us again. If you
have any questions about our church or are interested in learning
more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or
with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 30, 2025

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Ladies Party 6pm

Wednesday: Midweek Advent Service #1, 6pm

Sunday: Christmas Practice 9am; Worship 10am; Church Decoration

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$117,667.25 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2025-26. Thus far we have received \$ 8,140.00 toward that pledge.

SOUTHEAST WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Southeast Women's Retreat will be February 13-15, 2026 at Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford in North Carolina. Theme is Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

2026 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC-Tanzania, CLC-Kenya, CLC-Zambia, and CLC-Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting Advent by Candlelight for all women in the congregation, family, and friends, on Sunday, December 7th starting at 3pm at Faith Lutheran in Markesan. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Word, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP at the link below. Any questions, please reach out to Jessica Krueger at cottej88@gmail.com or 920-369-8113.

<https://markesanlutheran.com/events/candlelight/>

SPECIAL SERVICES UPCOMING

The Holiday Season is on the horizon whether we like it or not. Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship is scheduled to take place in just over 2 weeks on Wednesday November 26th at 6pm. Midweek Advent Services will follow, as will our annual Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services and New Year's Eve Worship.

- † **Wednesday December 3rd** -- Midweek Advent Worship #1, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 10th** – Midweek Advent Worship #2, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 17th** – Midweek Advent Worship #3, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 24th** -Christmas Eve Children's Service, 6pm
- † **Thursday December 25th** – Christmas Day Worship 10am
- † **Wednesday December 31st** – New Year's Eve Worship, 6pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLING/BOWLING OUTING

Our Annual Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Monday December 22nd and our Bowling Outing is scheduled for Friday January 9th at 6:30pm at Ledgeview Lanes here in Fond du Lac.

CLC World Mission Prayer List

November 2025

(concluded...)

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – After seminary graduation, Missionary Evensen will then begin to edit and improve the French translations of the curriculum for the next cohort of students. Pray for his continued health as his right knee, which was operated on over a year ago, has started to bother him again, and for the Lord's continued blessing on Missionary Evensen's work to prepare faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word.

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda-East Africa) – Missionary Naumann reports that he and Paula were never in imminent danger during the recent unrest in Tanzania. Thank the Lord for their safety and continued good health. Please pray for safe and uneventful travel during their upcoming visit to the U.S. in December. You may see the latest news and photos of their work and daily lives at clc-tz.blogspot.com

Missionary Todd Ohlmann – Over the next few months, Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit Liberia, Nigeria, Togo, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and the Philippines. Pray for God's blessing on the necessary arrangements for these trips, and for his wife, Beth, as she continues to care for her elderly father, who is on hospice care and is longing for his heavenly home. You can read reports and see pictures here: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com



Ladies, join us for a
**merry
& bright**
Christmas Party

Luther Memorial Church
December 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Please bring a dish to pass.

CALL NEWS

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA has called Pastor David Naumann, who currently serves St. John's Lutheran Church in Clarkston, WA and Peace Lutheran Church in Orofino, ID. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton has called Pastor Johnathan Schnose who currently serves Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. • Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Ben Libby to serve as their 3rd Full-time pastor. • Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN has called Pastor Terrell Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia (Chicago) IL to serve part-time. • Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has been called as the vacancy pastor of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix AZ. • Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Ben Libby who currently serves Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2026

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 11/23/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (33)
\$22,000	\$8,140.00	\$13,860.00	\$420.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 11/23/25

Attendance: 11/23 –71

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I Fund (Non-Budgetary)
\$2,380.00	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$500.00
General School (School)				
\$100.00				
Total Offerings: \$3,340.00				

Luther Memorial General Budget 2025

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting in January of 2024. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

General Budget	Received as of 11/23/25	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (5 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$117,667.25	\$12,332.75	\$2,467.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 1-6, 2025

Monday – Matthew 21:1-9 As we look forward to the Christ's humble coming in Bethlehem, we remember also His humble approach to Jerusalem where He will lay down His life for us sinners all.

Tuesday – Romans 13:11-14 At Christmas we remember Jesus coming to earth to redeem us from sin. As the dawn of His second coming approaches, let us walk in His light, clothed with His righteousness.

Wednesday – Jeremiah 33:14-18 The righteous Branch from David's line will fulfill the good promises of the LORD. He, the LORD our Righteousness, will reign forever, and the benefit to us will also be without end!

Thursday – Psalm 143:1-6 David pleads for God's mercy as the enemy pursues his soul (v3). He calls not because he deserves God's help (v2), but because He remembers God's merciful works of long ago.

Friday – Psalm 143:7-12 David needs the LORD's mercy for his very life, and wants to be taught the way he should go, as well as to be rescued from his enemies. "For I am your servant" (v12).

Saturday Psalm 1 What a contrast there is between the Godly and the Ungodly! The LORD blesses the righteous with continuous life and fruit and prosperity in everything they do (v3). For this Christ came!



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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking, we pray that You would have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which we, because of our unworthiness dare not ask, we ask that you give us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and grant us Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

OH, BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL

- 1. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.**
- 2. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!**
- 3. 'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain; 'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.**
- 4. He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave; He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sovereign power to save.**
- 5. He fills the poor with good; He gives the sufferers rest: The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th' opprest.**

♪ We are yours – Your mercy sought us, Found us in death's dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from You to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off-ring on the cross For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

♪ Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit's call, Gladly in all times and places Give to You who gives us all. You have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own; Ever free and ever stronger We shall serve You, Lord, a-lone.

HYMN

ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING

1. All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing, Though all earthly wealth depart. He who trusts with faith unshaken In His God is not forsaken And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.

2. He who hitherto hath fed me And to many joys hath led me, Is and ever shall be mine. He who did so gently school me, He who still doth guide and rule me, Will remain my Help divine.

3. Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.

4. When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope my heart anew will quicken, All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving-kindness tender Soul and body I surrender; For in Him alone I build.

5. Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never,-- As God wills, so be it ever,-- I to Him commit my way.

HYMN

BEHOLD A BRANCH IS GROWING

1. Behold a branch is growing Of loveliest form and grace, As prophets sung, foreknowing; It springs from Jesse's race And bears one little Flower In midst of coldest winter, At deepest midnight hour.

2. Isaiah hath foretold It In words of promise sure, And Mary's arms enfold It, A virgin meek and pure. Through God's eternal will This Child to her is given At midnight calm and still.

**3. The shepherds heard the story, Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of Glory, Was born on earth this night. To
Bethlehem they sped And in the manger found him, As angel
heralds said.**

**4. This Flower, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the
air, Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere. True
Man, yet very God; From sin and death He saves us And lightens
every load.**

**5. O Savior, Child of Mary, Who felt our human woe; Savior, King
of Glory. Who dost our weakness know, Bring us at length, we
pray. To the bright courts of heaven And to the endless day.
Amen.**