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A PLACE OF GRACE WITH A CALL FOR ALL TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS



First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

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P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation**
*"(ELW p. 123)" is liturgy (front of the hymnal); "**ELW 123**" is hymn (back of hymnal)*

PRELUDE

** Please note your presence in the attendance pad, then pass to your neighbor.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: Gary Benton

✢ GATHERING ✢

LIGHTING OF FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

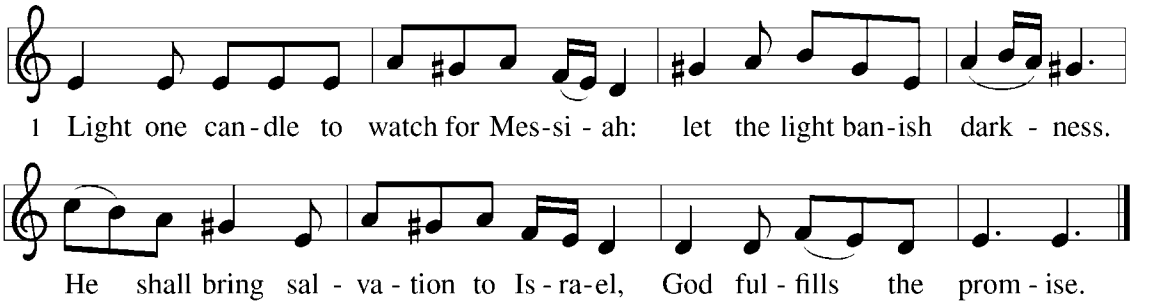
C: We journey together these weeks of Advent, yearning for Christ's coming.

C: We come with despairing hearts. P: Christ comes with hope.
C: We come with anxious hearts. P: Christ comes with peace.
C: We come with sorrowing hearts. P: Christ comes with joy.
C: We come with fearful hearts. P: Christ comes with love.

P: Come to us, Lord Jesus, turn our world upside down,
C: that we might empty our hearts and be filled with you.

ADVENT SONG

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah **ELW 240**



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand as able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

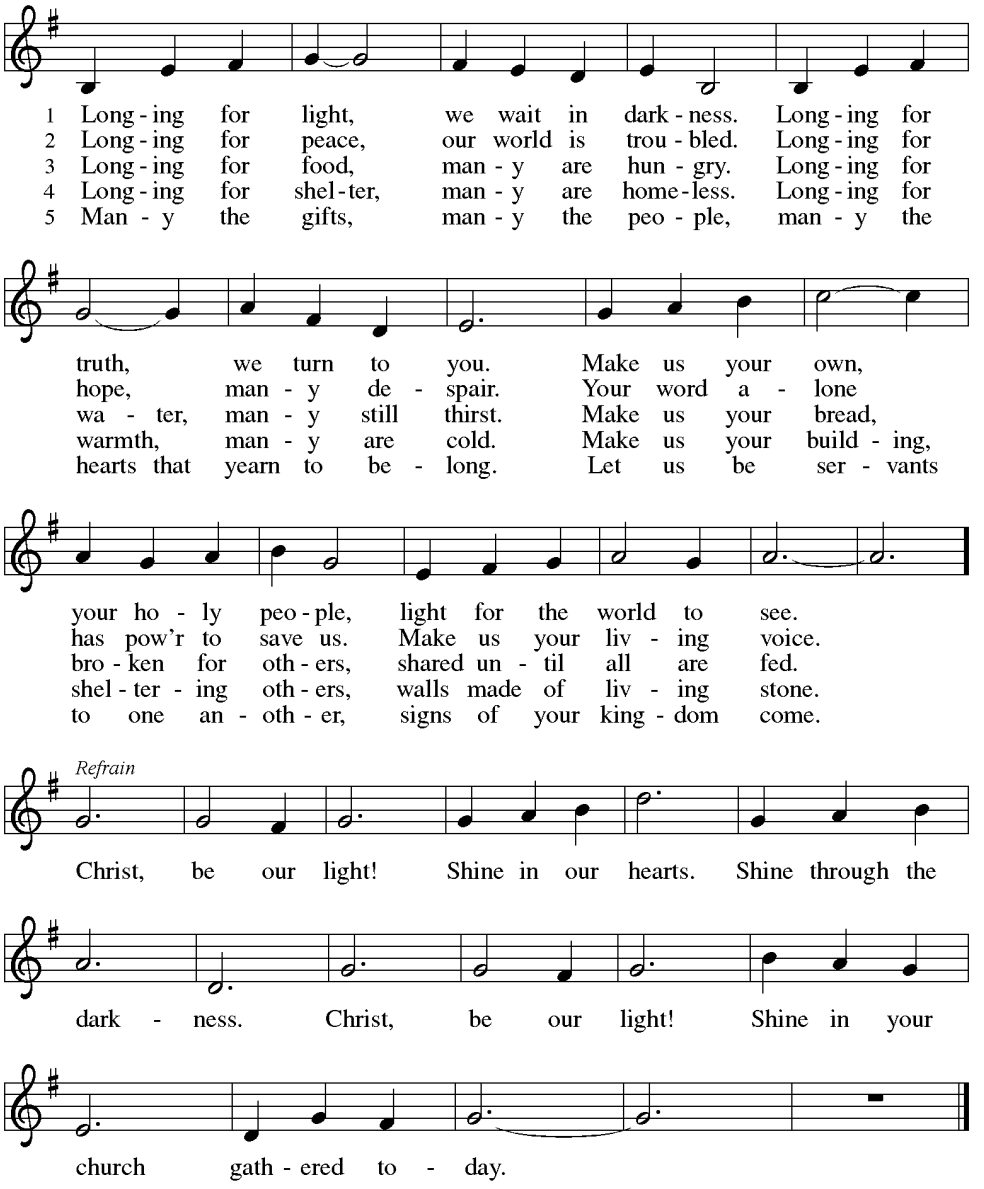
Comforting God,

C: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

P: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!

C: Amen. [Thanks be to God!]

GATHERING HYMN **Christ, Be Our Light** **ELW 715**

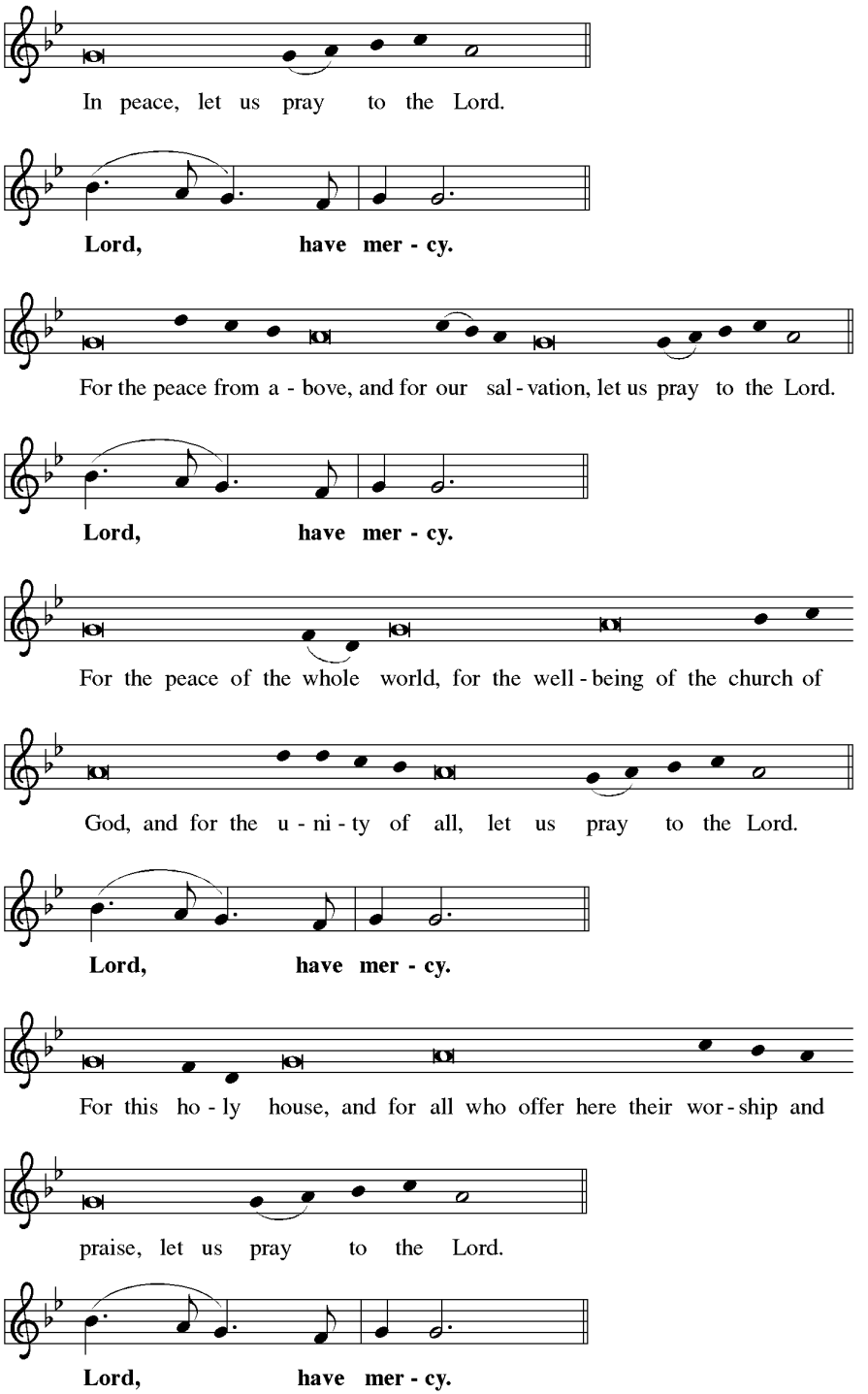


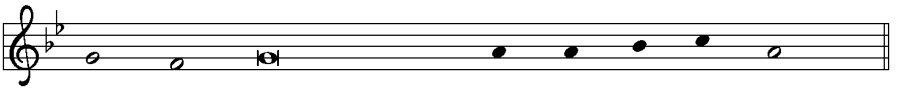
Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
Text and music © 1993 Bernadette Farrell.Published by OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213.

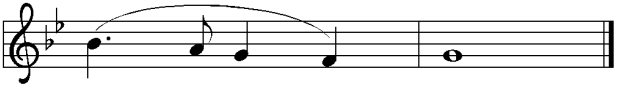
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW p. 193, *cantor and congregation alternate*)







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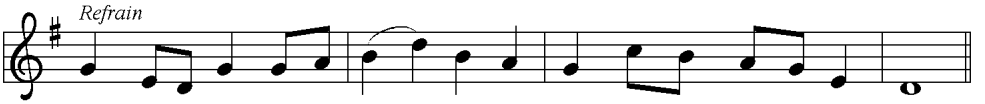
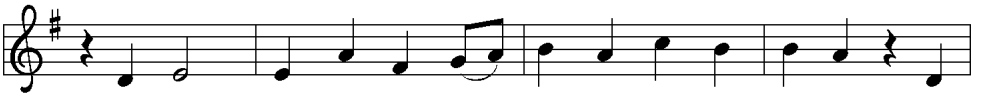
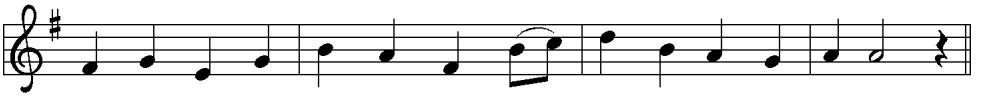
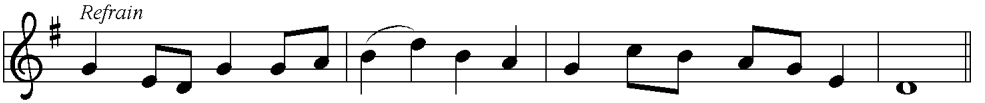
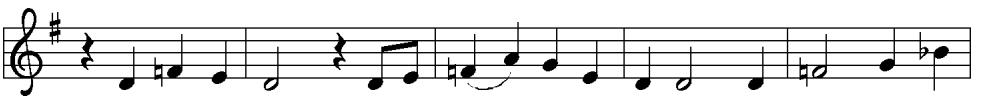
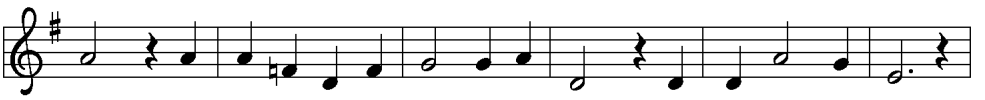


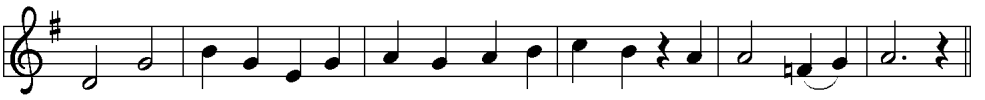


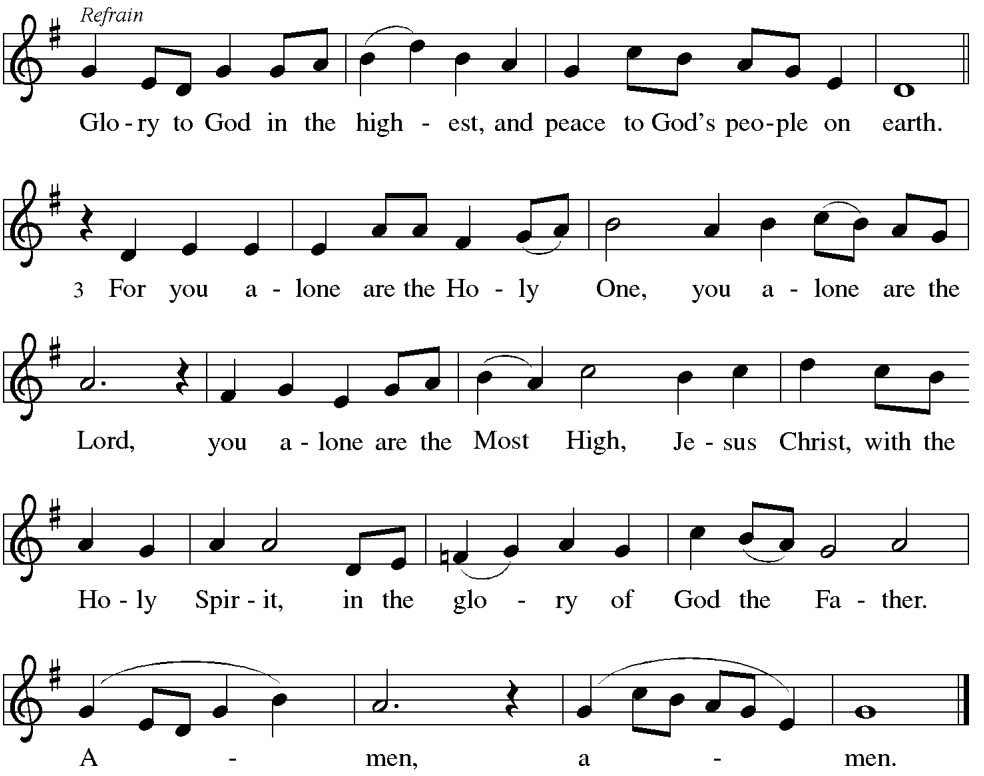












PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



☩ HOLY BAPTISM ☩

BAPTISM OF ADELE GRACE STRUBLE

Parents: Sarah Bell & Dustin Struble
Sponsors: Neal & Judy Cline, Randy & July Bell

PRESENTATION (ELW p. 227)

PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 229)

P: Parents and sponsors, do you promise to…
Parent and sponsor responses: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Adele and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
C: We do.

P: Parents and sponsors, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus…
Parent and sponsor responses: I renounce them.

P: People of God, do you believe in God the Father?
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C: 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.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **C: 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (ELW p. 230)

**Any children who like to watch are welcome to come up to the baptismal font.*

P: We give you thanks, O God...

… through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

BAPTISM

P: Adele Grace Struble, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Adele with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Adele, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

☩ THE WORD ☩

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

L: A reading from Isaiah.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the
mountains would quake at your presence— 2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your
adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down;
the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for
those who wait for him. 5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who
remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because
you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds
are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind,
take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take
hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into
the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and
do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

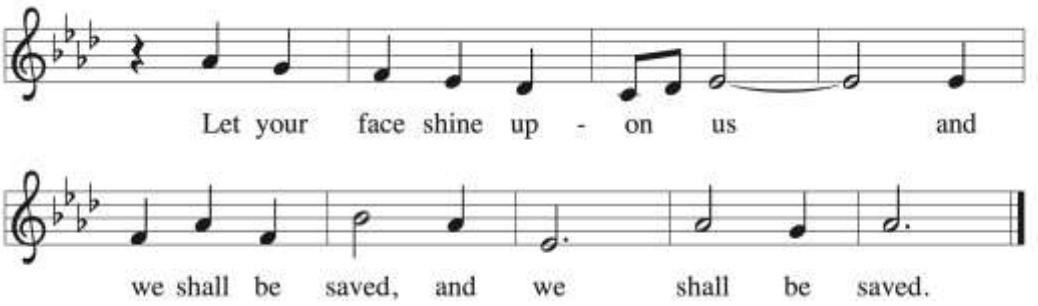
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"God loves me, Jesus is my friend, and church is a great place to be. Amen."

The Nursery is available (ages 0-4 only, please) after the Children's Message.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Refrain: *(1st time played by organ only, 2nd time: cantor, 3rd time: congregation)*



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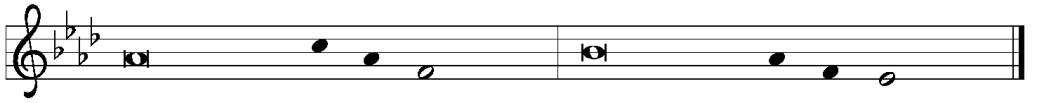
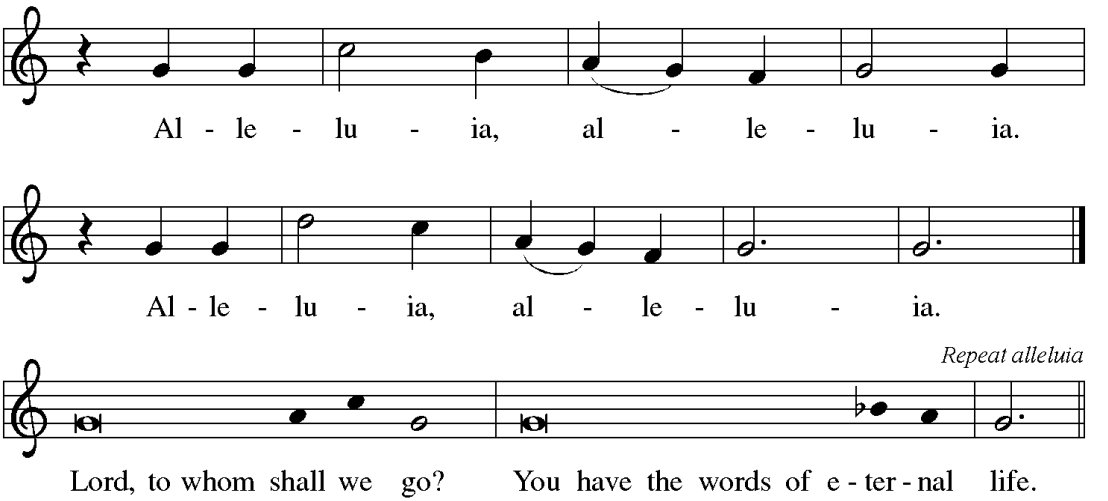


[1] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
[2] **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
[3] Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
[4] **O LORD | God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R
[5] You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
[6] **You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
[7] Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
[17] **Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R
[18] And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
[19] **Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 198)



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32] “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven
nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know
when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he
leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for
you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or
at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when
he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

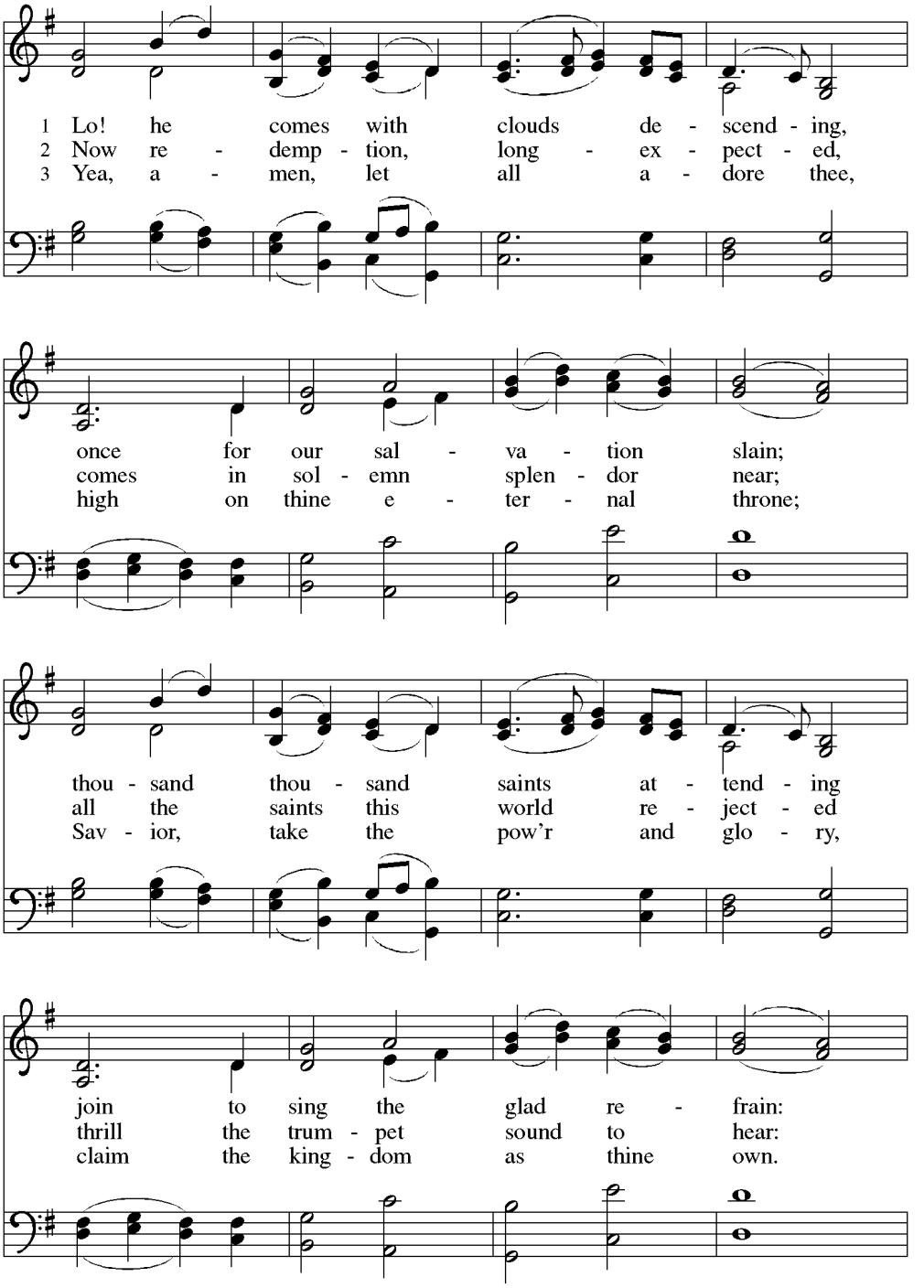
The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ. *(Please be seated)*

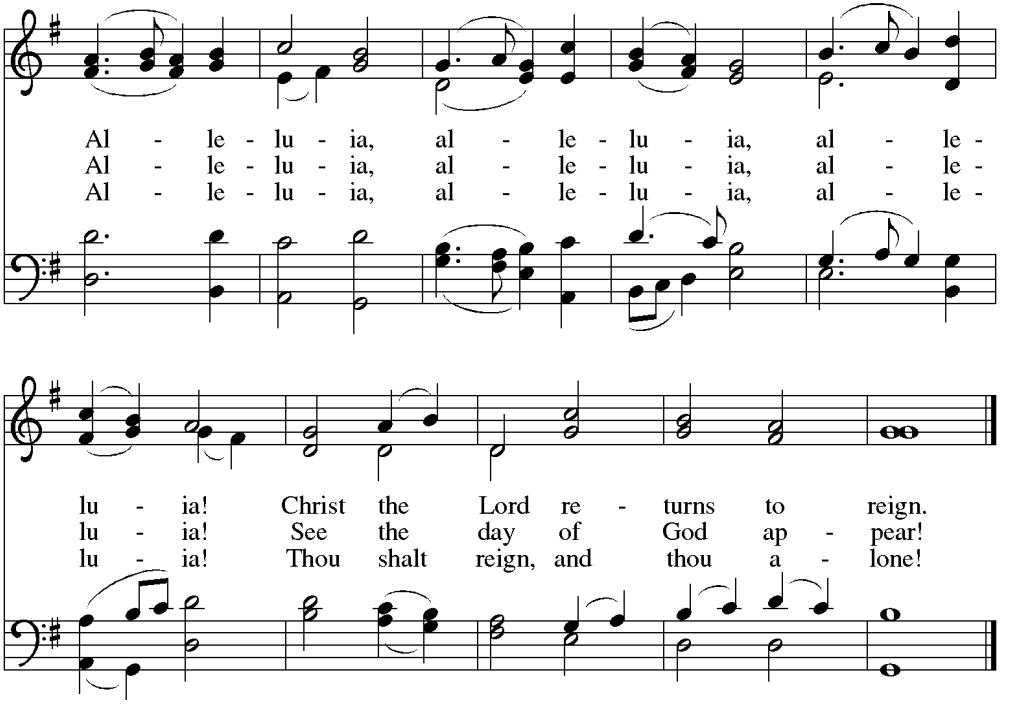
SERMON



(please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY **Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending** **ELW 435**





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need…

A: … God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: … in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you. *(Please be seated after passing of the peace)*

Important Note on the Passing of Peace: *In the spirit of love and care we ask everyone to be mindful of one another's comfort as we pass the peace.*

If you prefer not to shake hands or hug, please simply hold up a peace sign or wear a red bracelet or sticker. We will honor these signals when used, by sharing verbal and visual greetings without touch. Otherwise, you can safely assume that a handshake is welcome.

Green = contact is okay *Yellow = cautious, please ask* *Red = no contact today*

☩ THE MEAL ☩

CHORAL OFFERING

Keep Your Lamps! by Andre Thomas

No checkbook? Scan the QR box to give online!
Or use the Vanco app on your phone. Cash or check offerings may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.

NOISY OFFERING

As a 5th Sunday today, there will be a special "Noisy Offering" collection during/following the regular passing of offering plates. Please place your general fund offering contributions in the regular plates as they pass, and anything for the Noisy Offering (ministry/charity chosen by children) in the colored metal buckets.

OFFERING PRAYER *(Please rise)*

A: Holy Creator, we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 199)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

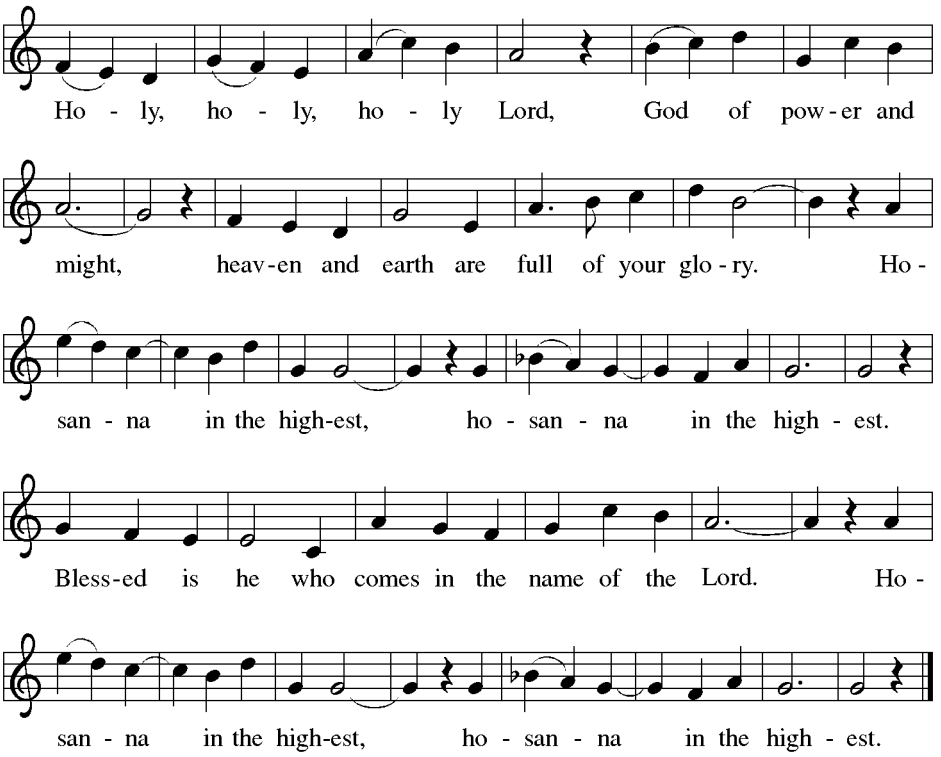
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right…

…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 200)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 201)

P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

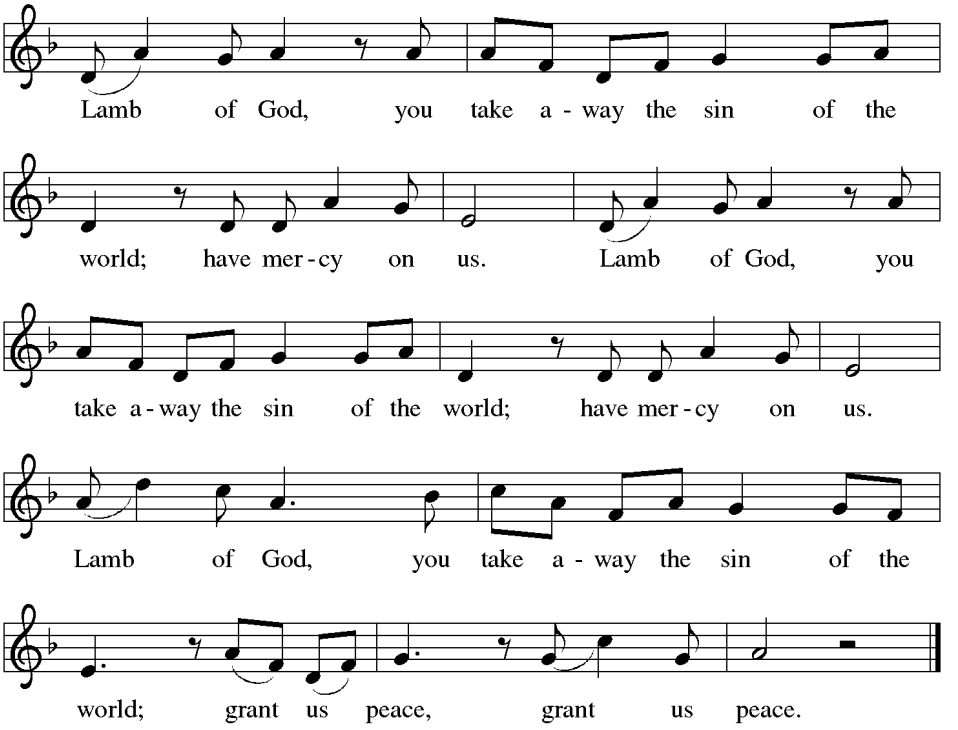
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come…

◦ *At this time, you may come forward via the center aisle to receive communion.*
◦ *ALL here are welcome to commune.*
◦ *Hold your hands open to receive a wafer from the pastor or assisting minister, or hands down to receive a blessing only.*
◦ *Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher's table or from pastor at the altar.*
◦ *Dip the wafer into one of the following:*
  ◦ *Silver chalice (wine)* ◦ *Ceramic chalice (grape juice)*
◦ *Take and eat, then return to your seat after communing.*
◦ *You may also go up to the altar from the side doors if you wish to kneel for prayer.*

LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 201)



POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please rise)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

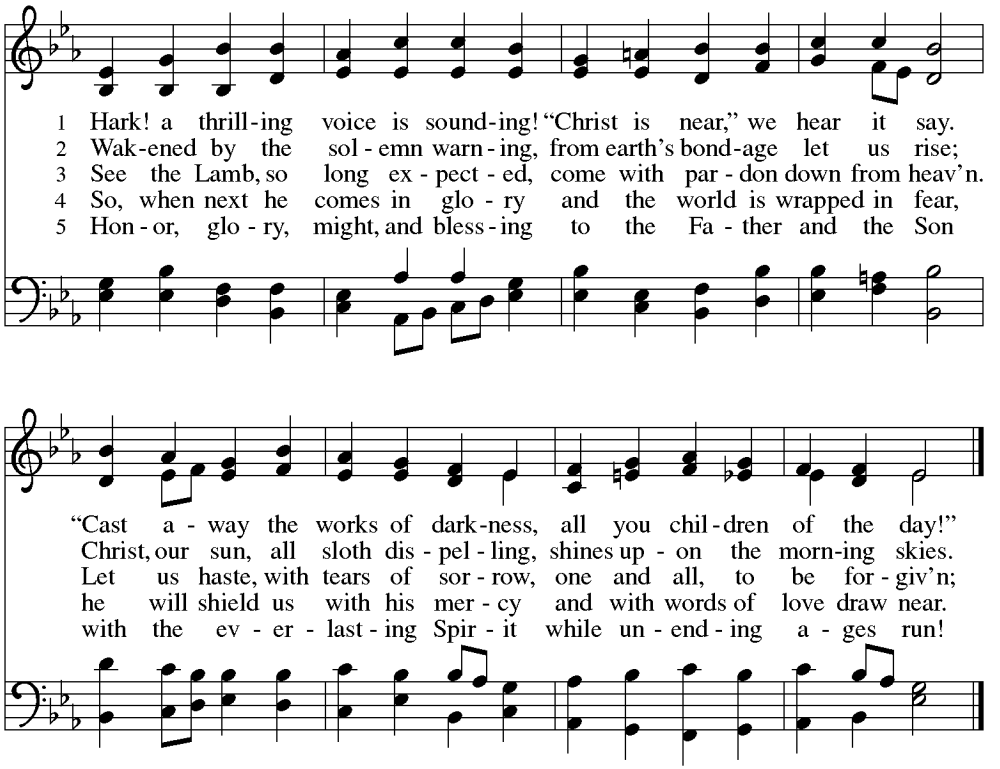
A: Let us pray. Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

✢ SENDING ✢

BLESSING

P: God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ✢ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN **Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!** **ELW 246**



Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Livestreaming: Susan Hadl
Acolyte/Crucifer:
Lector: Carrie Stallwitz
Altar Care: Susan Hadl, Emily Fetsch, Denise Coatney, Diane Bear
ASL: Sunnie Planthold
Ushers: Bill Mitchell, Ruth Shadel, Mark Stayton
Cantor: Sonja Holmgren
Assisting Minister: Ryan Devlin
Children's Message: Sandy Cooper
Nursery: Jami Cottin, Dave Elson

READINGS AND PSALM: Sunday, December 6, 2026
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

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