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November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Setting 3—ELW (Evangelical Lutheran book of Worship) year A

INTRODUCTION

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God

PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 18.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O faithful and loving God,
we praise you for your tender compassion
and give you thanks for your steadfast love for us
and all creation.

Bless us who see the light of this wreath,
that we may be strengthened by the hope,
of your advent among us, and live toward the completion of all things in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on + Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

Please stand if you are able.

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

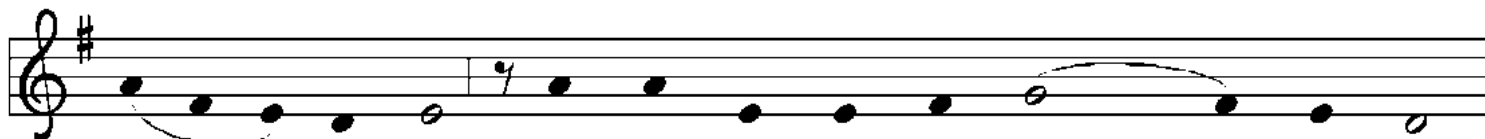
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



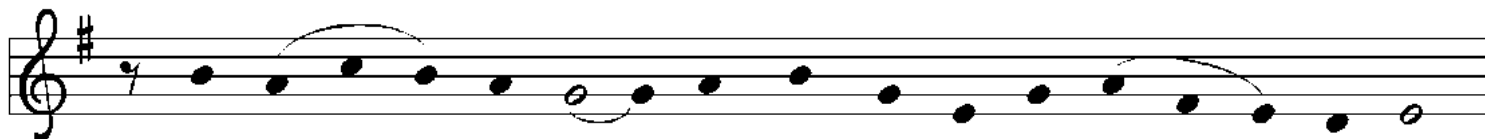
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all thing
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

GREETING

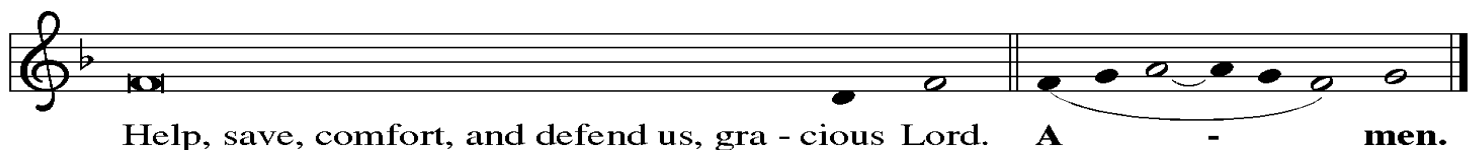
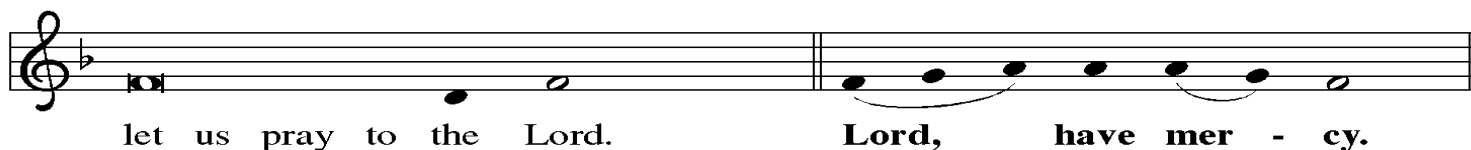
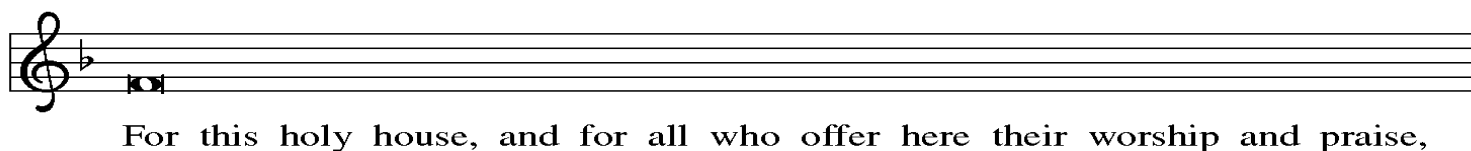
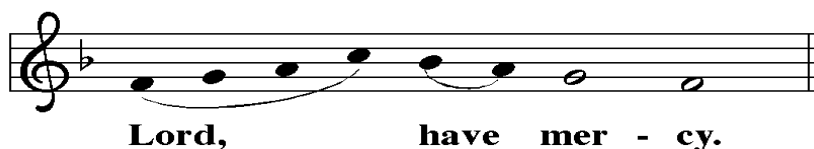
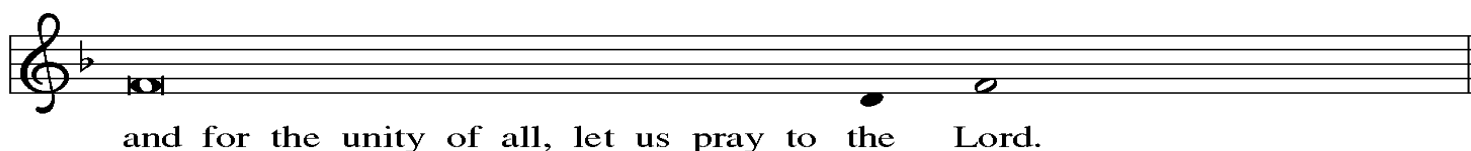
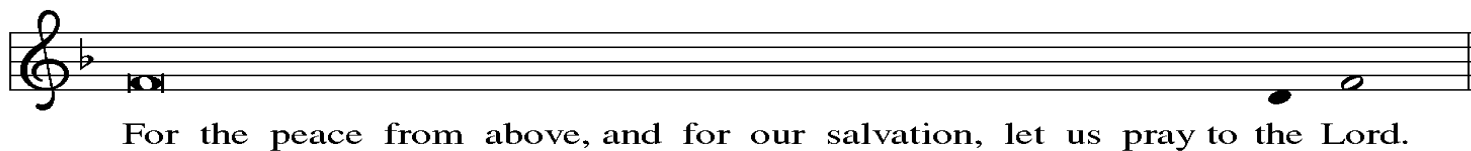
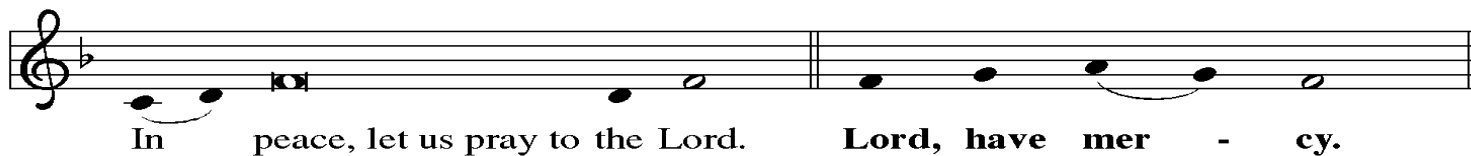
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN GO TO JAM

The Children are invited to come forward. The children are dismissed for Children's Jam, Sunday School, returning during the Peace.

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

ELW Setting 3



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 122

Read responsively

- ¹I was glad when they¹ said to me,
"Let us go to the house¹ of the LORD."
²**Now our¹ feet are standing
within your gates,¹ O Jerusalem.**
³Jerusalem is built¹ as a city
that is at unity¹ with itself;
⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes¹ of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name¹ of the LORD.**
⁵For there are the¹ thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the¹ house of David.
⁶**Pray for the peace¹ of Jerusalem:**
"May they pros-¹per who love you.
⁷Peace be with-¹ in your walls
and quietness with-¹ in your towers.
⁸**For the sake of my kindred¹ and companions,
I pray for¹ your prosperity.**
⁹Because of the house of the¹ LORD our God,
I will seek to¹ do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy gospel according to Matthew, the 24th Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

A brief silence for reflection.

Pastor Karen Matuska

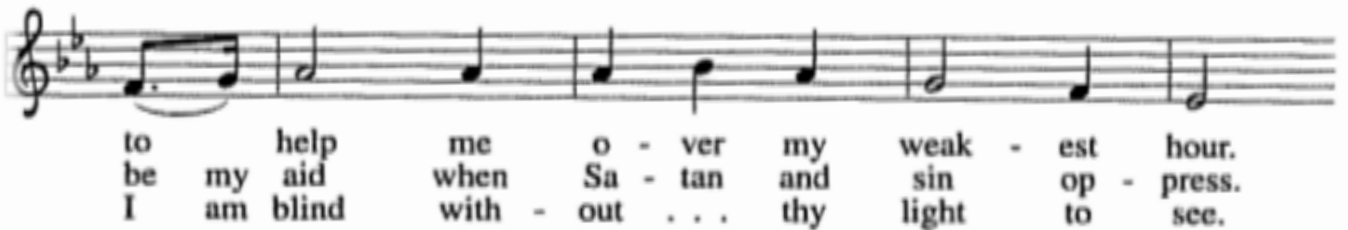
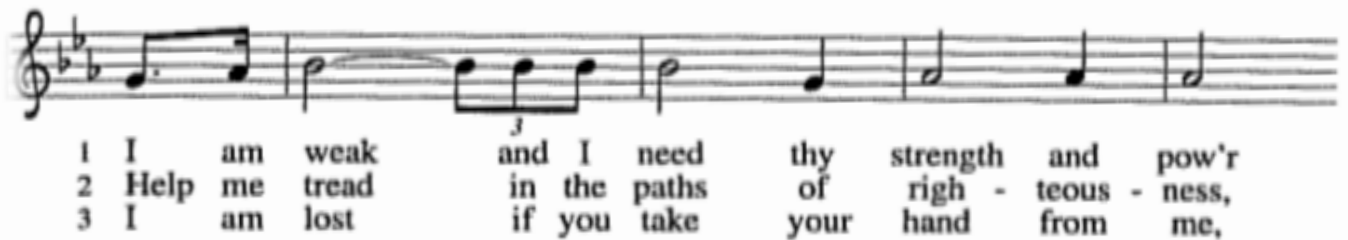
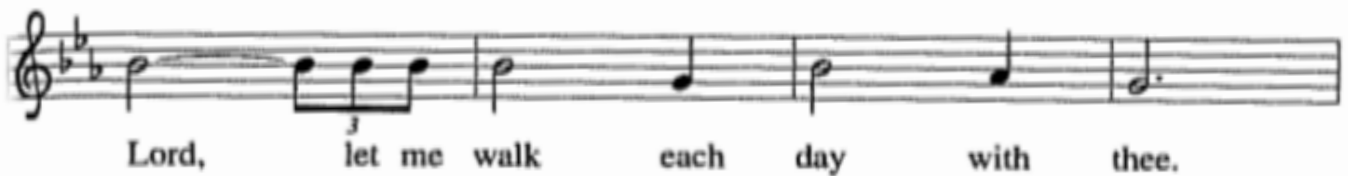
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HYMN OF THE DAY

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Lead Me, Guide Me

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come.
Amen**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude with:

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:

Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

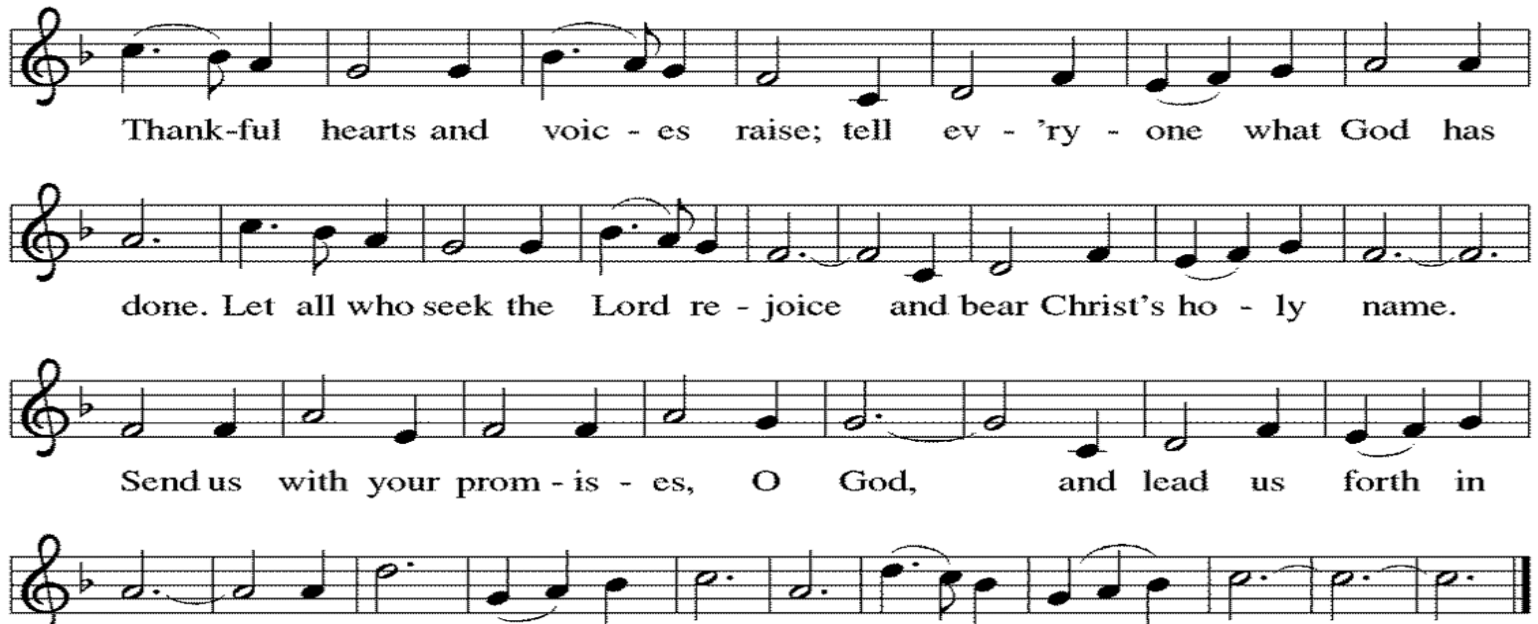
Special Piano Music

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OFFERTORY

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

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Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

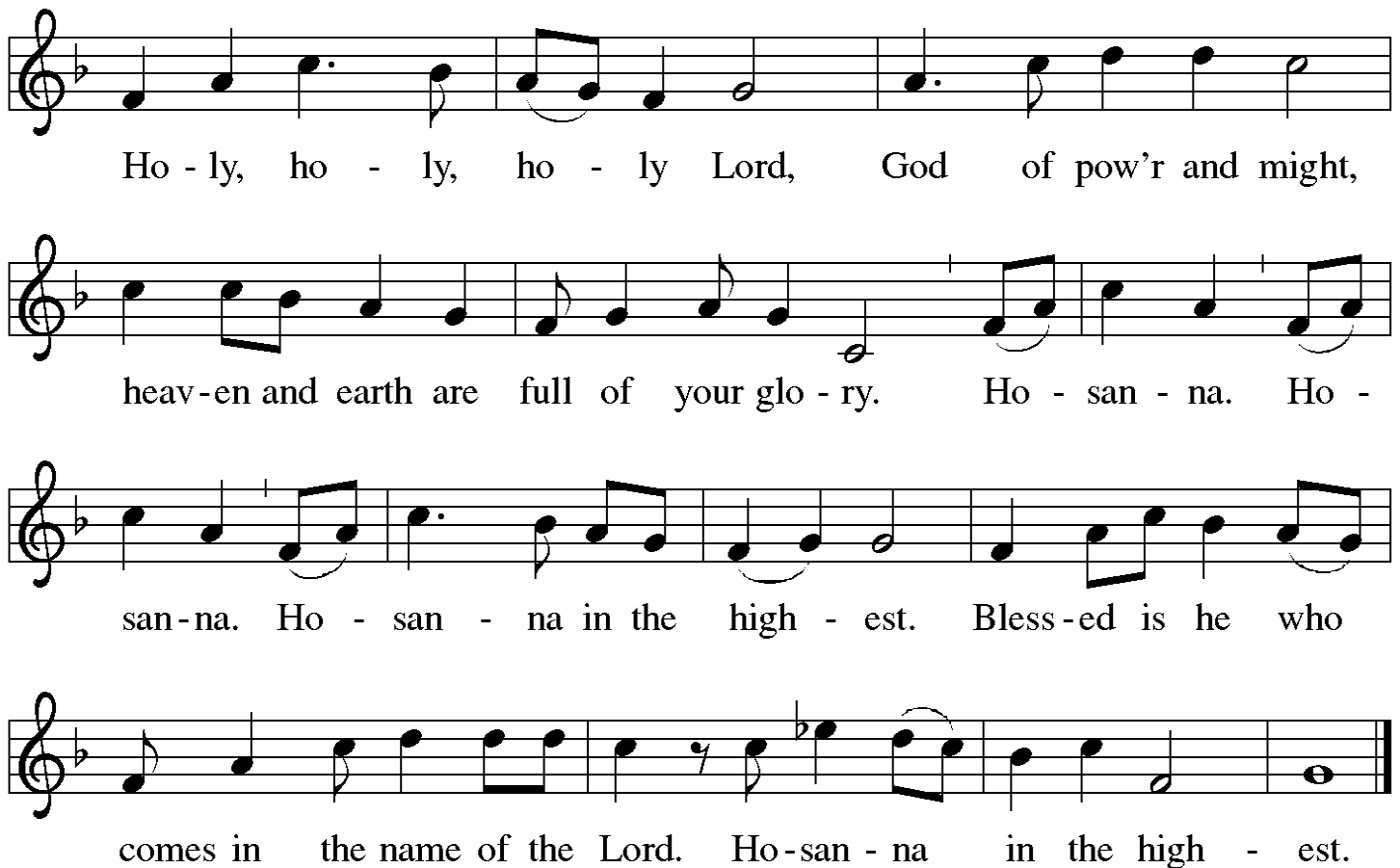
PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory...

...we await his coming in glory.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

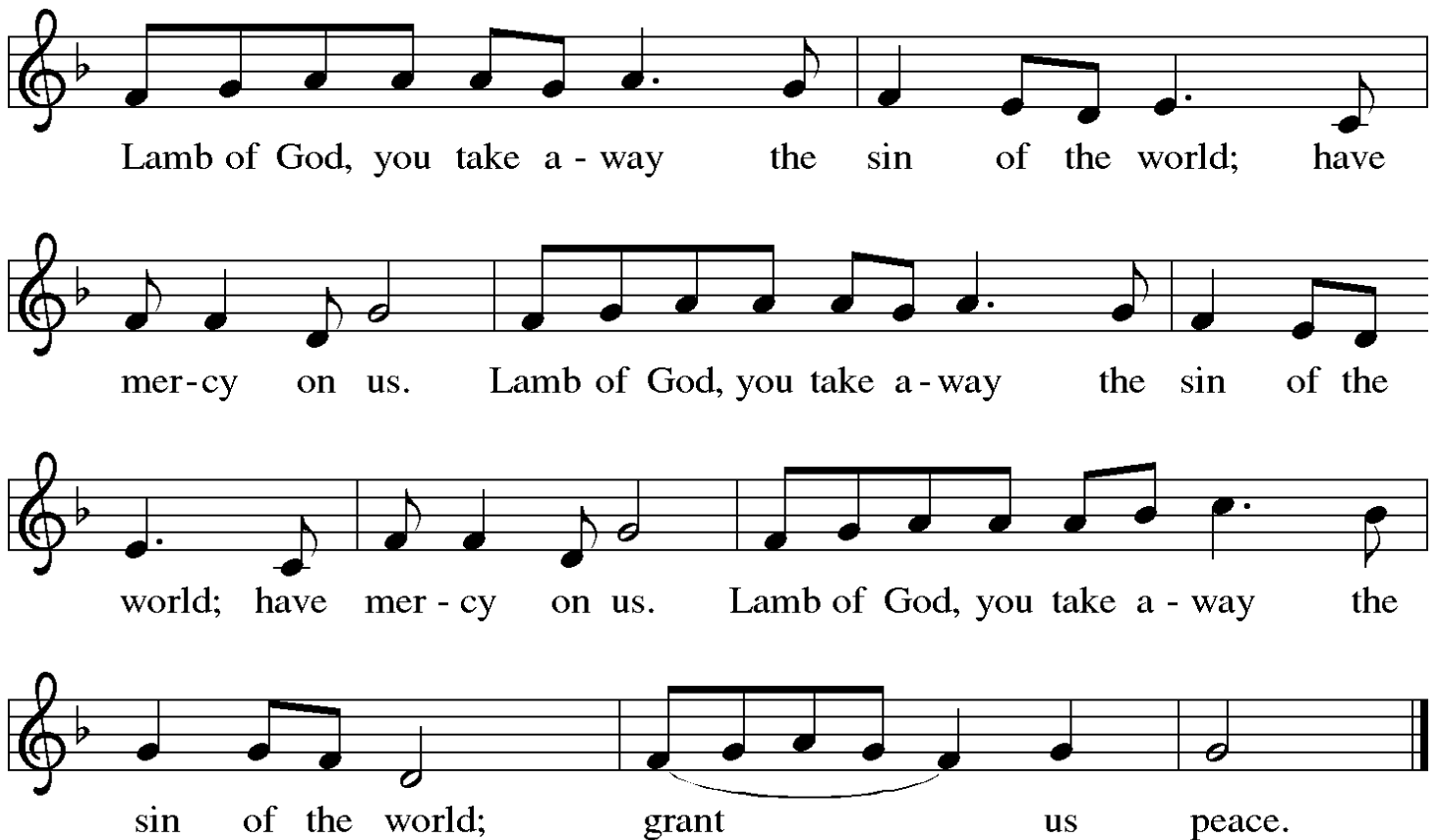
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

The Lord's table is open to all worshipers from all denominations who wish to share in God's blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is in the bread and wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

Please let the usher know if you need assistance.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION SONG



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.

COMMUNION HYMN

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Please repeat until Communion is complete

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joyce in your pres-ence.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a - way.
3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

Refrain

in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young
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COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS

Doris Ask	People of Tabor	Bob Tristano	Husband of Denise Tristano
Judy Davis	Sister of Donna Tittel	Aaron Truxell	Son of Roger & Lynn Truxell
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor	Lynn Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell	Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Janet Johnson	Sister of Nancy Piazza	Brooklyn Youngblood	Janis Youngblood
Jean Reistad	Niece of Nancy Piazza		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Decorating the Sanctuary: *We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas today after worship. All volunteers willing to help will be greatly appreciated! Please bring a dish (soups, sandwiches, desserts, etc.) to share together for a potluck luncheon after.*

The Christmas Program *will be held on Sunday, December 11th during worship. All ages are welcome to participate!* **Practice Schedule:**

Sunday, December 4th: during JAM
Saturday, December 10th: 10:00am in Sanctuary (get costumes)

****Please plan on attending both practices.**

If you would like to participate, please contact Cyrisse Cooley at 719-676-4050.

Poinsettias: *Help decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas Season by purchasing a Poinsettia plant. The cost will be \$12 each plant. Please fill out an order form (available in the Narthex) for **each** plant ordered and place in the Poinsettia envelope and turn in with your offering, welcome slip or to the church office. Orders must be turned in by Sunday, December 11th. Plants may be taken home after Christmas Eve service.*

Christmas Eve Service *will be held at 6:00pm on Saturday, December 24th. No services will be held on Christmas Day.*

BIRTHDAYS

December 2 Derek Truxell

Disciples Serving: Today

Assisting Minister:	Ryan Kessinger
Lector:	Cassie Walgren
Presider:	Pastor Karen Matuska
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Connie Wisthoff/Cassie Walgren
Ushers/Greeters:	Marvin Wisthoff/Jeff Jesmain
Counters:	Karen Dunton/Sue Kastelic

Next Sunday

Jerry Vargues
Pam Salas
Pastor Karen Matuska
Dr. J. Michael Beck
Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson
Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues
Kathy Lambert/Cassie Walgren