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December 4, 2022 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.

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

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

PRELUDE

Announcements are on page 17-18.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADVENT HYMN:

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

Sing Verse 2 Only

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!

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

ELW 239

Hark, the Glad Sound!

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul - to cure. and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

REETING

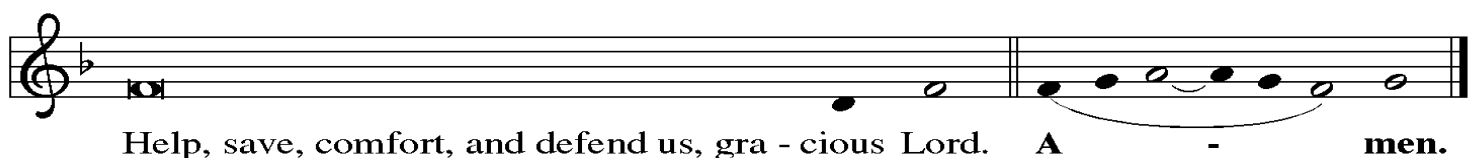
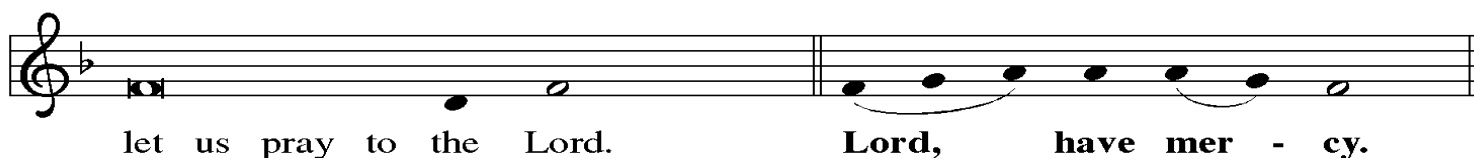
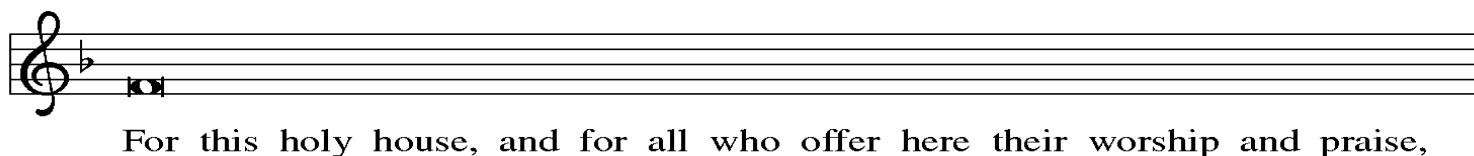
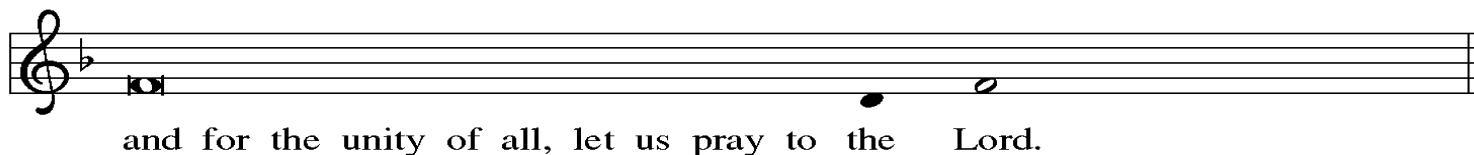
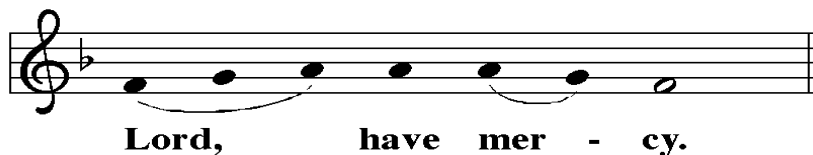
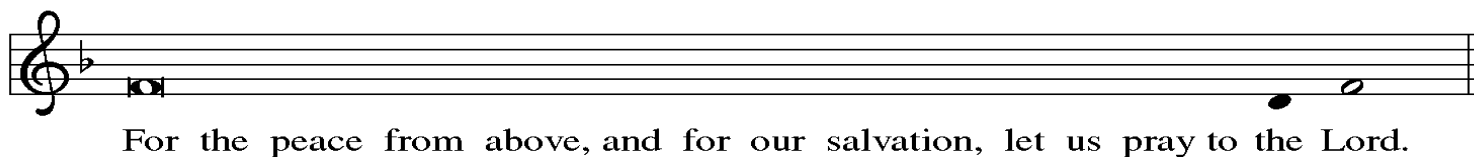
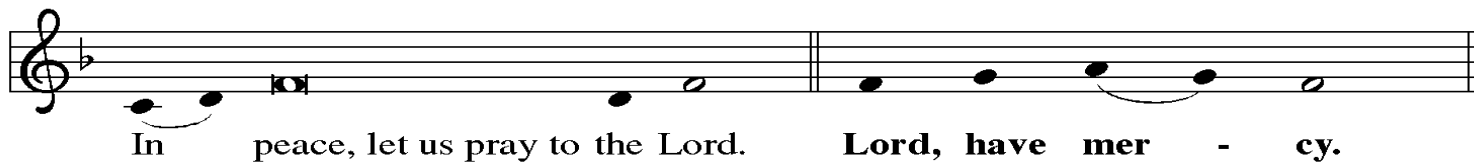
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

Read responsively

- ¹Give the king your jus-¹tice, O God,
and your righteousness to¹ the king's son;
²**that he may rule your¹ people righteously
and the¹ poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity¹ to the people,
and the¹ hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy a-¹mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush¹ the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and¹ moon endure,
from one generation¹ to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon¹ the mown field,
like showers that wa-¹ter the earth.**
⁷In his time may the¹ righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall¹ be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the¹ God of Israel;
you alone do¹ wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious¹ name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A-¹men. Amen.

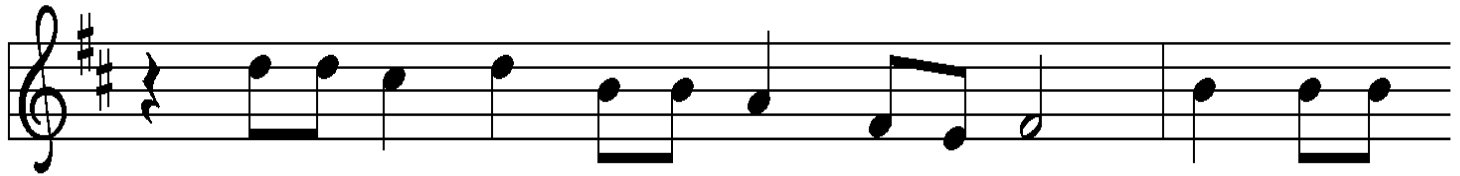
SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

The word of the Lord.

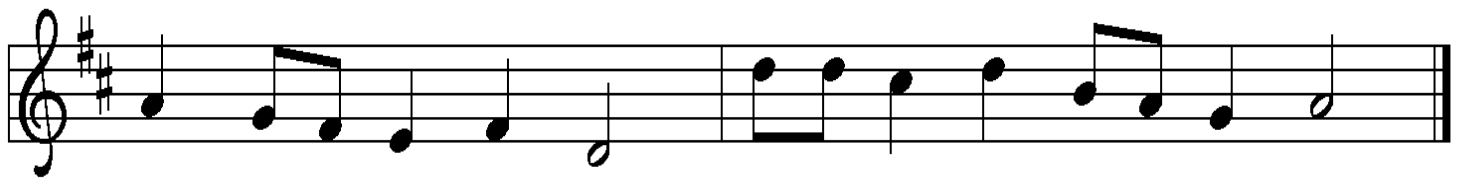
Thanks be to God!

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 3rd Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Karen Matuska

A brief silence for reflection.

Please stand if you are able.

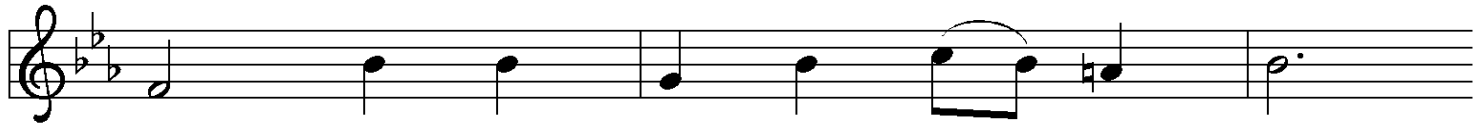
There's a Voice in the Wilderness



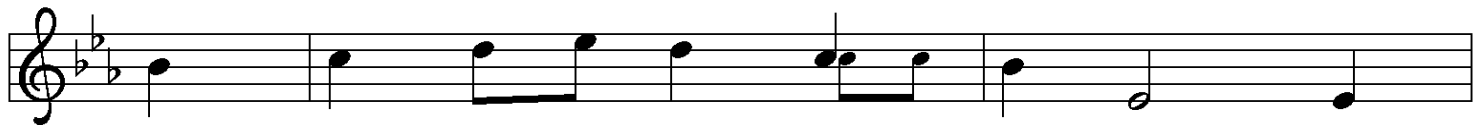
1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



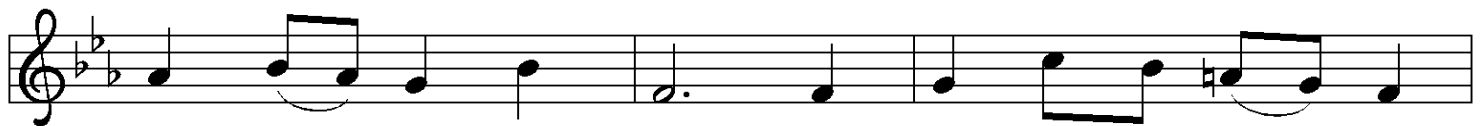
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

CREED

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

**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 into hell.
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.**

**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.**

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

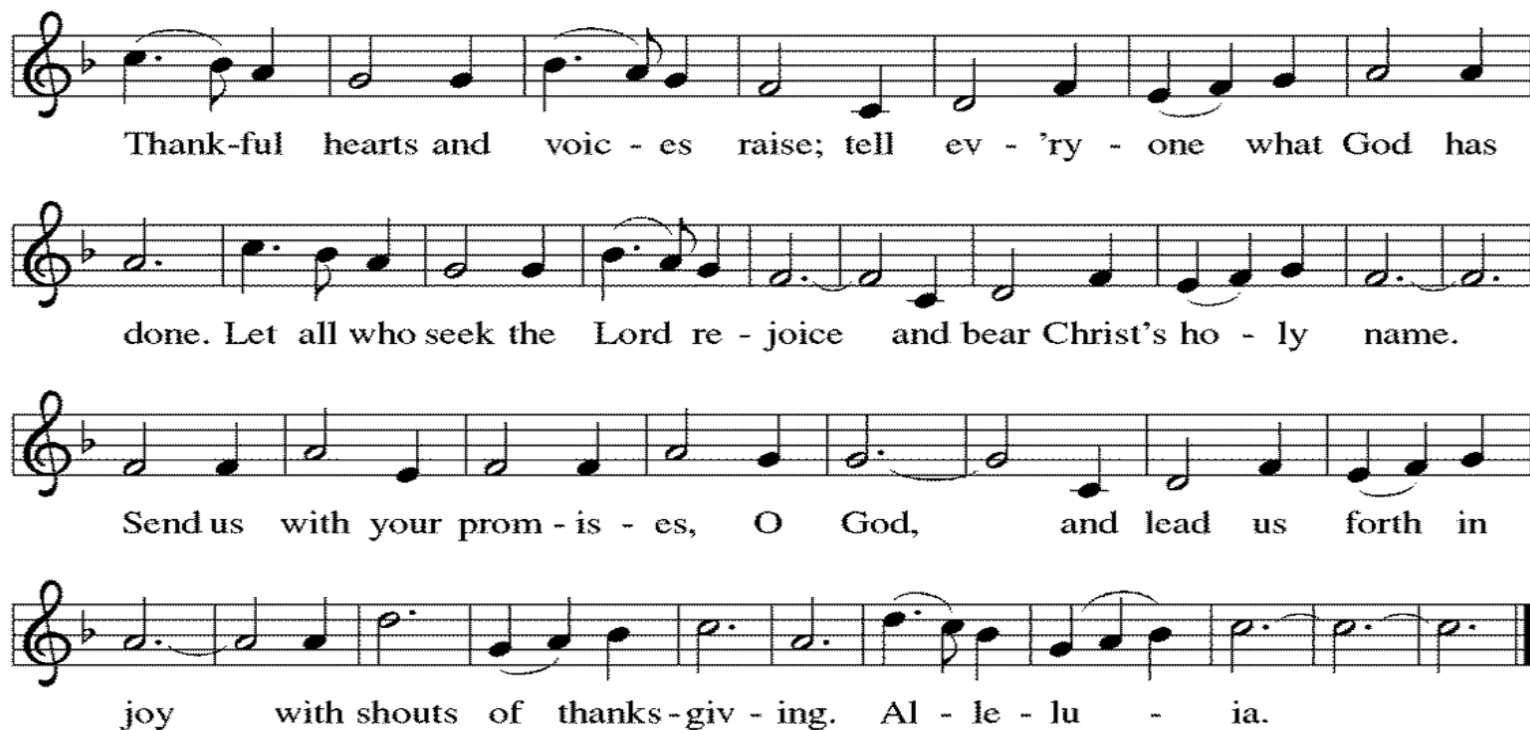
Special Piano Music

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 206



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.

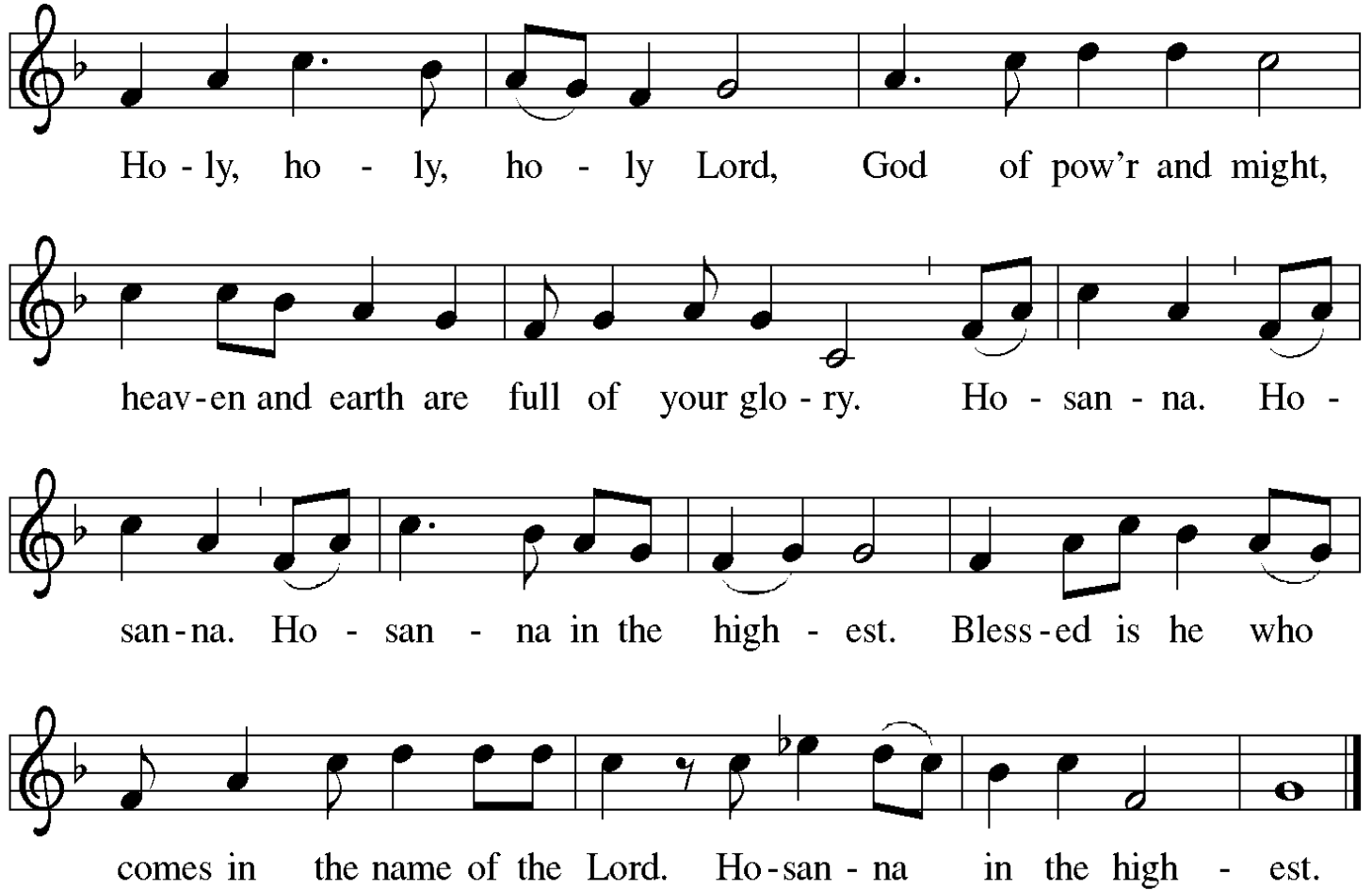
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

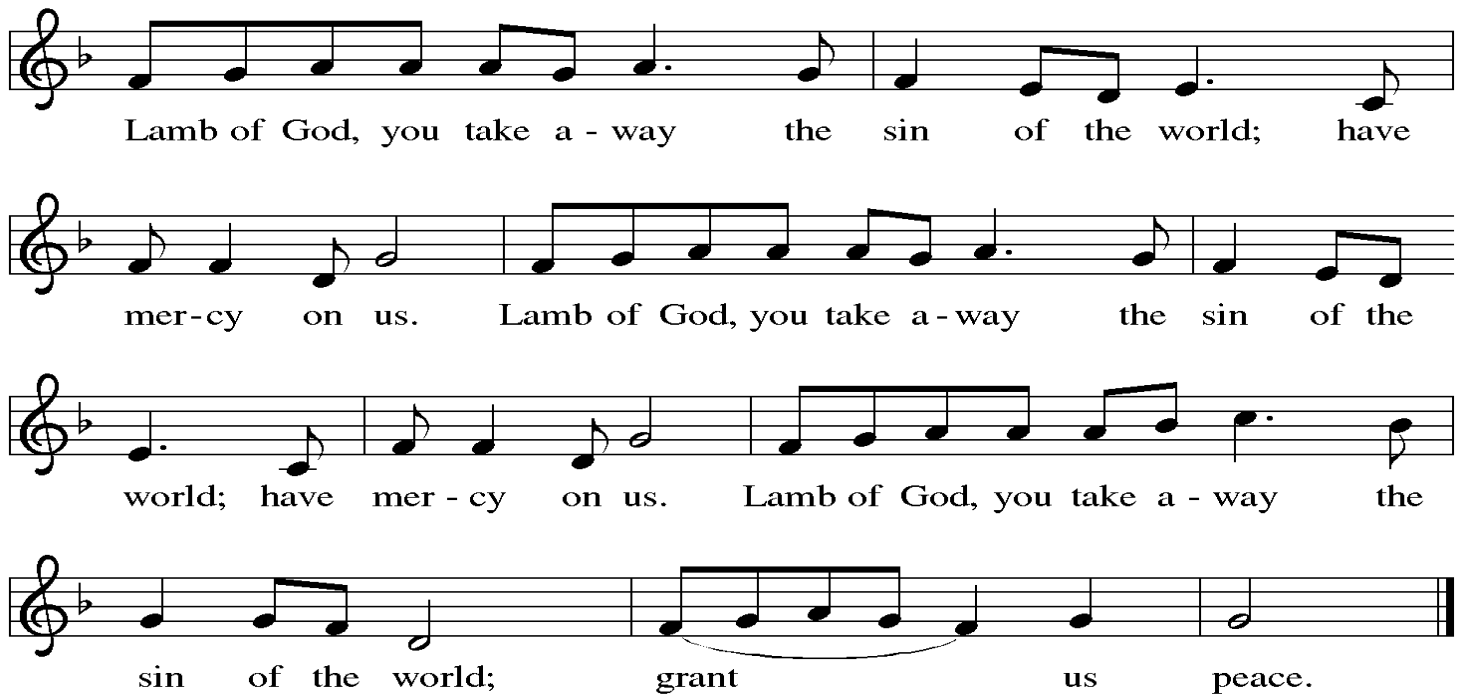
Amen.

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



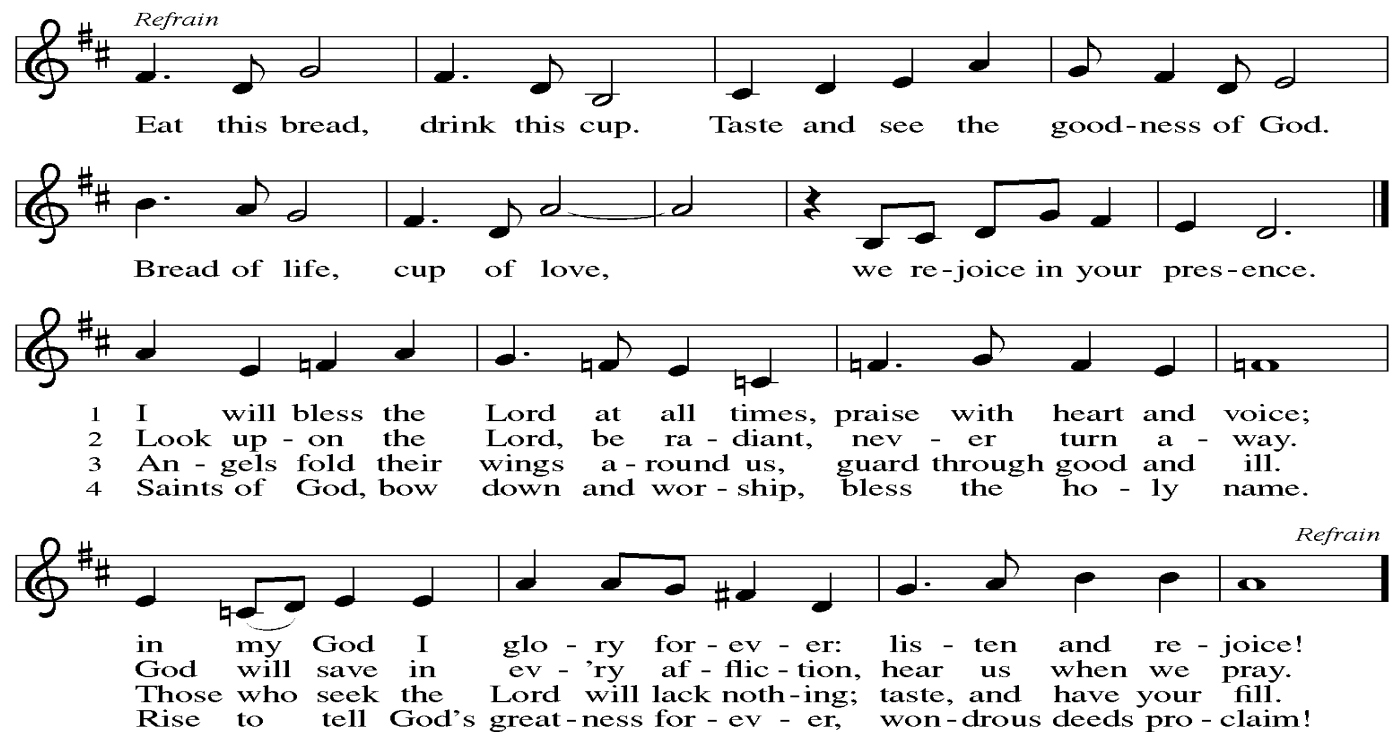
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 492

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 - dant, 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 - joyce!
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!

Please stand if you are able.

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW 254

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS

Members, Friends and Relatives

Doris Ask
Judy Davis
Shirley DeRungs
Virgie Giannetto
Janet Johnson
Jean Reistad
Bob Tristano
Aaron Truxell
Lynn Truxell
Marvin Truxell
Brooklyn Youngblood

Added by Members

People of Tabor
Sister of Donna Tittel
People of Tabor
Lynn Truxell
Sister of Nancy Piazza
Niece of Nancy Piazza
Husband of Denise Tristano
Son of Roger & Lynn Truxell
Truxell & Vargues Families
Truxell & Vargues Families
Janis Youngblood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 11th during worship. First practice will be held **today** during JAM. Next practice will be on Saturday, December 10th at 10:00am in the Sanctuary where costumes will be distributed.

Confirmation Class will be held today right after church. Denise will be teaching and will be using the classroom across from the library in the basement. Next class will be held on December 18th.

Rocky Mountain Synod has posted daily Advent devotional word videos. Please use the following link to view:

<https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=1ovs7z050uzdswtk66btilyxb120thuh>

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 9 Violet Sorters-Wisthoff

<u>Disciples Serving:</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Assisting Minister:	Jerry Vargues	Cyriss Cooley
Lector:	Sue Kastelic	Pam Salas
Presider:	Pastor Karen Matuska	Pastor Karen Matuska
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson
Ushers/Greeters:	Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues	Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues
Counters:	Kathy Lambert/Cassie Walgren	Dorothy Hanscom/Leanne Neu

DECEMBER 2022

<u>DEC</u>	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Counters/Posters</u>
4	Jerry Vargues	Sue Kastelic	Sue Kastelic Jerry Vargues	Kathy Lambert Linda Johnson	Kathy Lambert Cassie Walgren
11	Cyrisse Cooley	Pam Salas	Sue Kastelic Jerry Vargues	Kathy Lambert Linda Johnson	Dorothy Hanscom Leanne Neu
18	Ryan Kessinger	Cassie Walgren	Sue Kastelic Jerry Vargues	Kathy Lambert Linda Johnson	Nancy Piazza Charlotte Vargues
24	Jerry Vargues	Pam Salas	Sue Kastelic Jerry Vargues	Kathy Lambert Linda Johnson	Donna Tittel Sue Kastelic

