

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**December 3, 2023**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**9:30 a.m.**

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.*

## **PRELUDE**

Announcements are on pages 20-22.

## **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 holy Trinity, + one God,  
who opens the heavens  
and draws near to us with salvation.

**Amen.**

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.  
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Everlasting God,  
you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.  
We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness  
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.  
We are complicit in systems of exploitation.  
We choose comfort over courage.  
We are careless with creation's bounty.  
Look upon us with mercy.  
Turn our hearts again to you.  
Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways  
for the sake of our waiting world.  
**Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance:  
God clothes you with garments of salvation  
and covers you with robes of righteousness.  
In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
God's covenant is eternal,  
and God's blessing rests upon us all.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

ELW 257

# 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

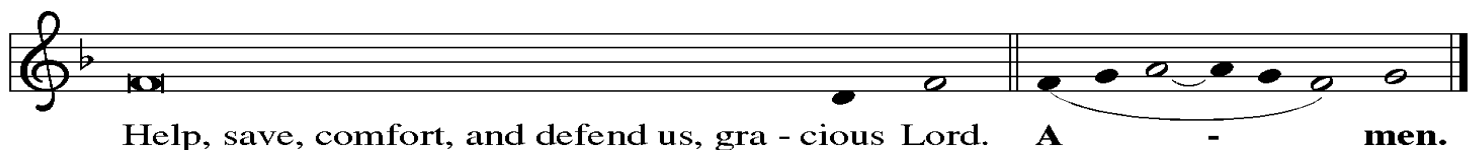
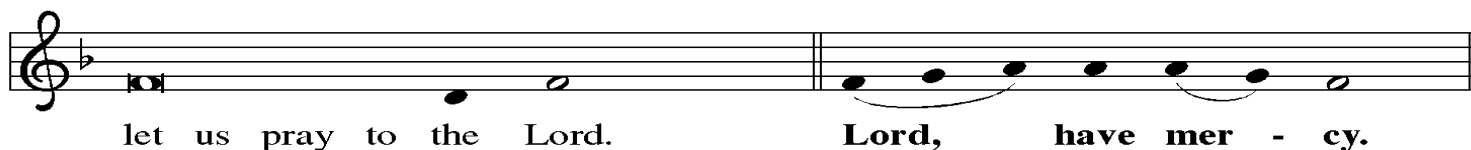
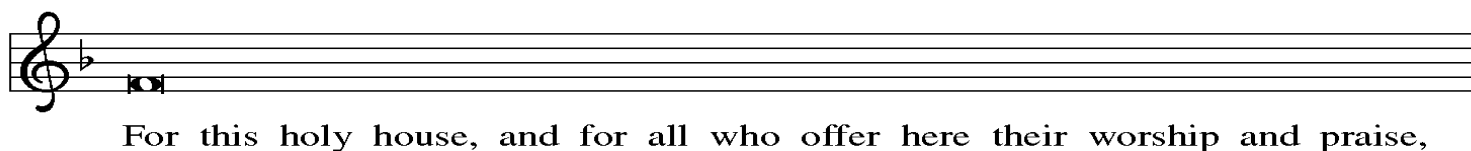
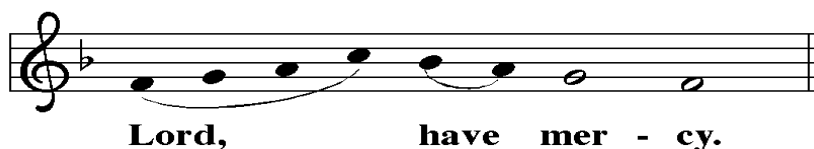
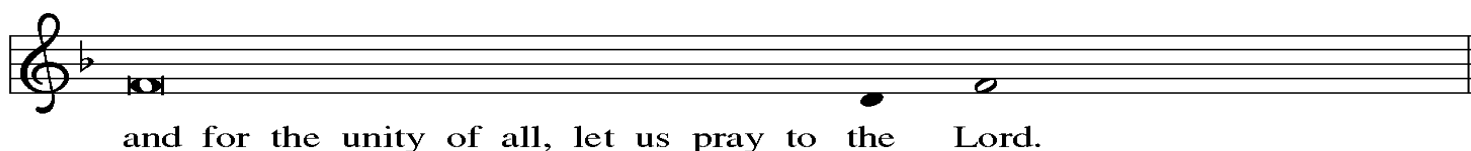
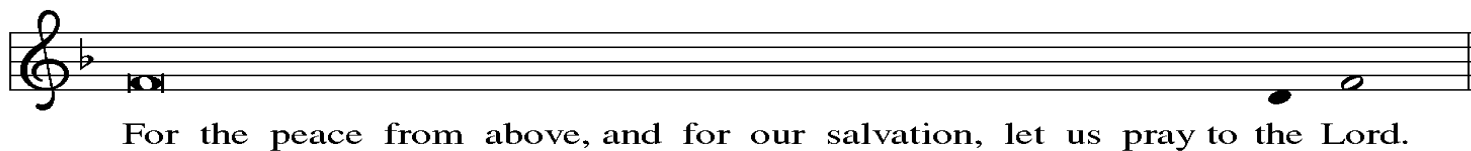
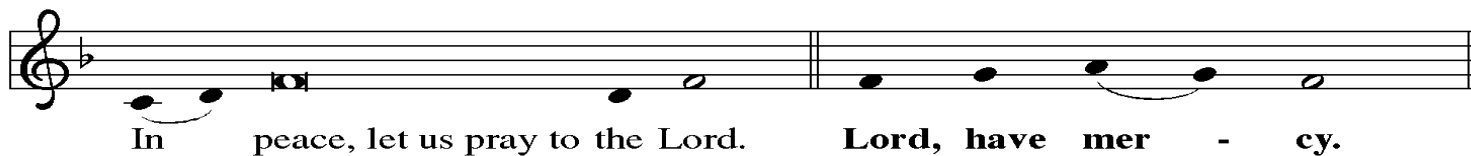
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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 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.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph <sup>|</sup> like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- <sup>|</sup> on the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, <sup>|</sup> and Manasseh,**  
**stir up your strength and <sup>|</sup> come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore <sup>|</sup> us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>|</sup> shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD <sup>|</sup> God of hosts,**  
**how long will your anger fume when your <sup>|</sup> people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the <sup>|</sup> bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of <sup>|</sup> tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision <sup>|</sup> of our neighbors,**  
**and our enemies laugh <sup>|</sup> us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O <sup>|</sup> God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>|</sup> shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at <sup>|</sup> your right hand,**  
**the one you have made so strong <sup>|</sup> for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a- <sup>|</sup> way from you;  
give us life, that we may call up- <sup>|</sup> on your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD <sup>|</sup> God of hosts;**  
**let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>|</sup> shall be saved.**



## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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 Mark, the 13th Chapter.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*A brief silence for reflection.*

Pastor Dominic Palacios

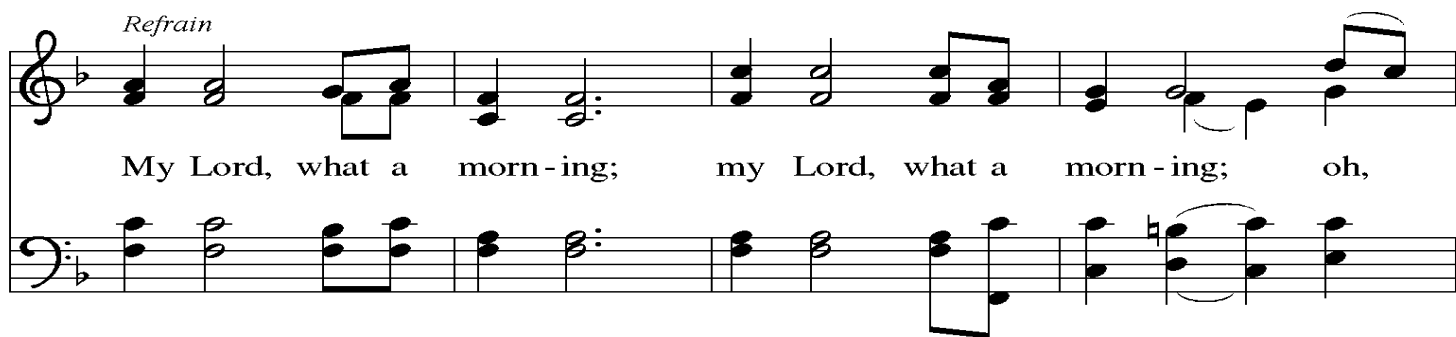
*Please stand if you are able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY


ELW 438

### My Lord, What a Morning

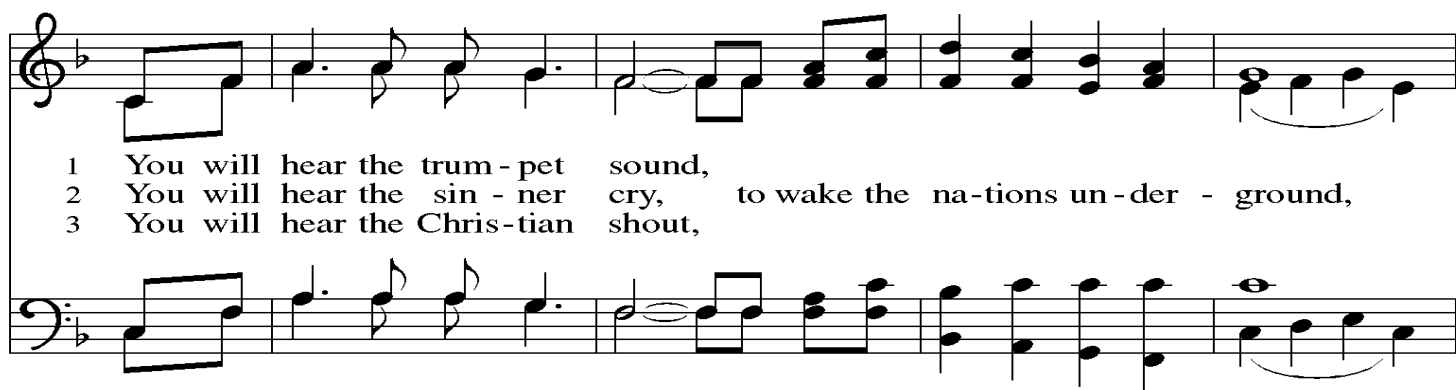
*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

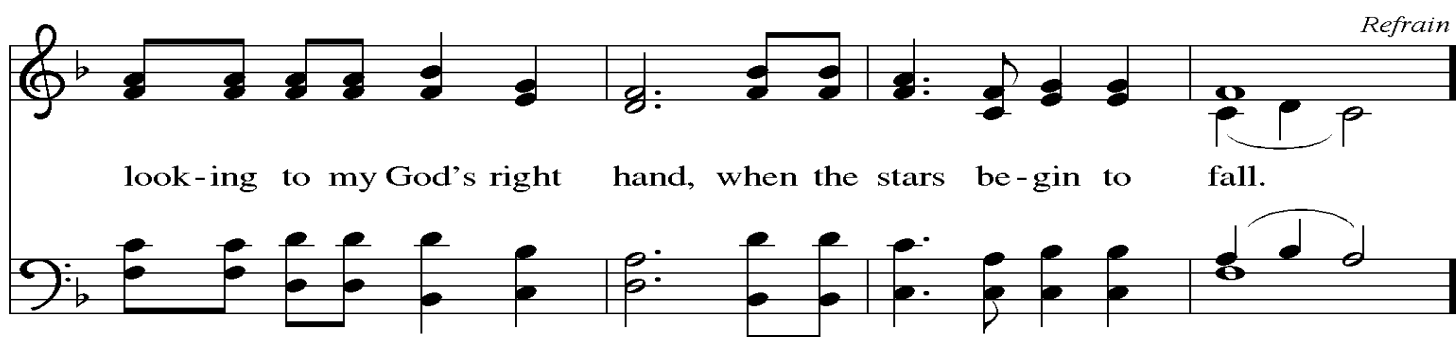


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

## **NICENE CREED**

**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**

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

**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.*

## Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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## OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider,  
by your merciful hand  
abundance springs up from the earth.  
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.  
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love  
and faithfulness for all people,  
through Jesus 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a period, the third with a period, and the fourth with a double bar line.

## 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**

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.

Come, take your place at the table.

**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.

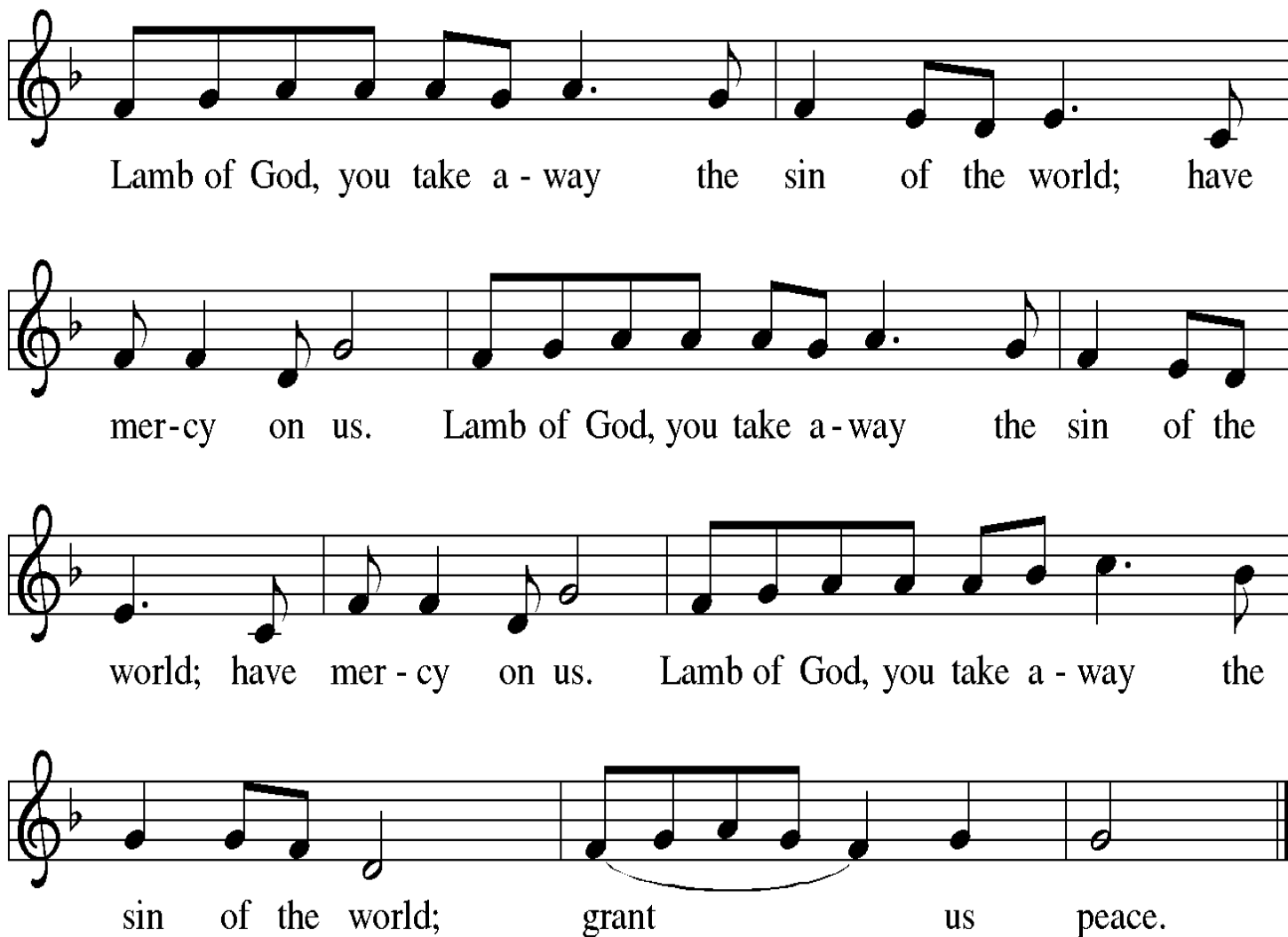
Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

*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

*Christ Be Our Light*

ELW 715

*Please repeat until Communion is complete*

# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

*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**

Generous God,  
in bread and cup you have revealed your glory  
for all people to see together.  
Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim  
your good news of liberation and release,  
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The God of peace bless you,  
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,  
and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

ELW 244

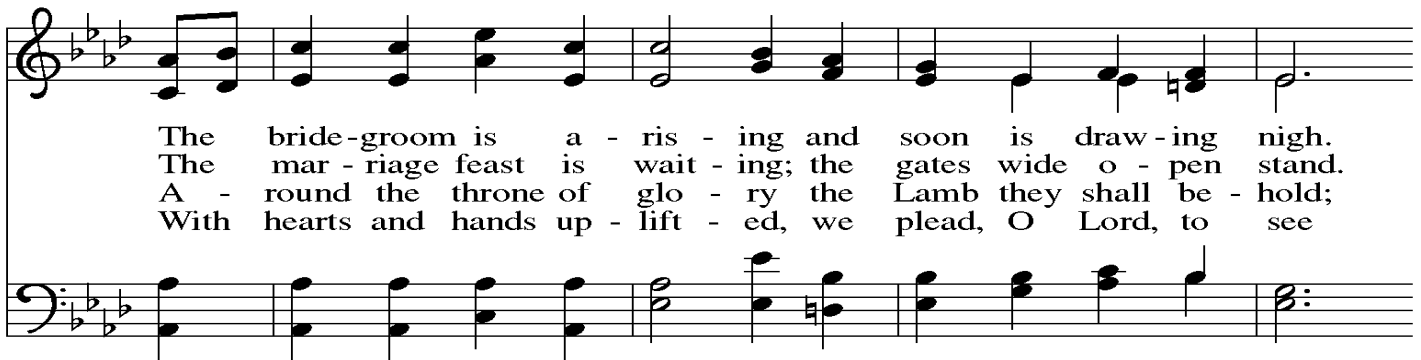
# Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907  
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God!

<b><u>Disciples Serving:</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>
Assisting Minister:	Riley Dunton	Jerry Vargues
Presider:	Pastor Karen Matuska	Pastor Dominic Palacios
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Connie Wisthoff/Cassie Walgren	Sue Kastelic
Ushers/Greeters:	Marvin Wisthoff/Jeff Jesmain	Jackie Cooley
Counters:	Kathy Lambert/Sue Kastelic	Nancy Piazza/Sue Kastelic
JAM:	Christmas Program Practice-JAM	Christmas Program Practice-JAM

## **PRAYERS**

<b><u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u></b>	<b><u>Added by Members</u></b>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor
Cheryl Ostern	Sister of Sue Kastelic
Sydney Pine	Truxell Family
Pounds Family	Friends of Kastelic Family
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
The Stone/Pilakowski Family	Truxell Family
The Tristano Family	People of Tabor
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell
Brooklyn Youngblood	Janis Youngblood

## **BIRTHDAYS**

December 9

Violet Wisthoff

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *TO ALL WHO LOVE TO SING: Your participation in a 'choir performance' during the service on December 24 would add to the observance of this special occasion. Please consider adding this to your busy schedules. (It's free and relatively painless.) Very brief rehearsals are planned immediately following the church services on December 3, 10 and 17. Helen Philipsen (719-485-3190)*
- *The Youth will be selling Breakfast Burritos after worship on December 10th along with some "Football Snack Baskets" to help them raise money for Rainbow Trail camp.*
- *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 10th. Plants may be taken home after Christmas Eve service.*
- ***The Christmas Program** will be held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> during worship. All ages are welcome to participate!*

### Practice Schedule:

Sunday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	during JAM
Sunday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	during JAM
Saturday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> :	10:00am in Sanctuary (get costumes)

*\*If you would like to participate, please contact Cyrisse Cooley.*



# THE GOOD NEWS

TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

*November 30, 2023*



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## Birthdays

December 9 Violet Wisthoff



*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 10<sup>th</sup>. Plants may be taken home after Christmas Eve service.*



November General Offering: \$7292.00  
 Offering needed per week: \$2102.40



*Please remember to bring your food items to fill the little Red Wagon in the Narthex. Donations go to the PCC Student Food Pantry.*

### **Disciples Serving: Sunday December 3**

Assisting Minister: Jerry Vargues  
 Presider: Pastor Dominic Palacios  
 Pastor Pianist: Dr. J. Michael Beck  
 Altar Guild: Sue Kastelic  
 Ushers/Greeters: Jackie Cooley  
 Counters: Nancy Piazza/Sue Kastelic  
 JAM: Christmas Program Practice-JAM

### **Sunday December 10**

Riley Dunton  
 Cyrisse Cooley (leader)  
 Dr. J. Michael Beck  
 Sue Kastelic  
 Jackie Cooley  
 Kathy & Steve/Cassie Walgren  
 Christmas Program