St. John's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love

First Sunday In Advent

November 29, 2026



Welcome!

Out of a broken and divided world, all are welcomed into the whole body of Jesus Christ at St. John's. We trust in a God who loves all people, no matter their economic status, age, marital status, ethnicity, race, country of origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, diversity of ability, or religious background. Together we join in sharing God's grace and serving through love, experiencing the transforming love of our Savior.

All who seek the Lord are invited to share in Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine with his body and blood, gifting us with forgiveness and faith. Because we are not all are able to gather in person, we also celebrate Holy Communion together in streaming worship. Households may prepare any kind of bread or cracker and any kind of wine or juice for use at home.

St. John's offers online worship opportunities by streaming services at www.Facebook.com/StJohnsBeaufort. Generally the earlier of our two Sunday services and other special services are streamed. You may join live or watch on Facebook or YouTube at a later time.

Personal Listening Devices and Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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, **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 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.**

"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!
Amen. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN ***My Lord, What A Morning*** **ELW 438**
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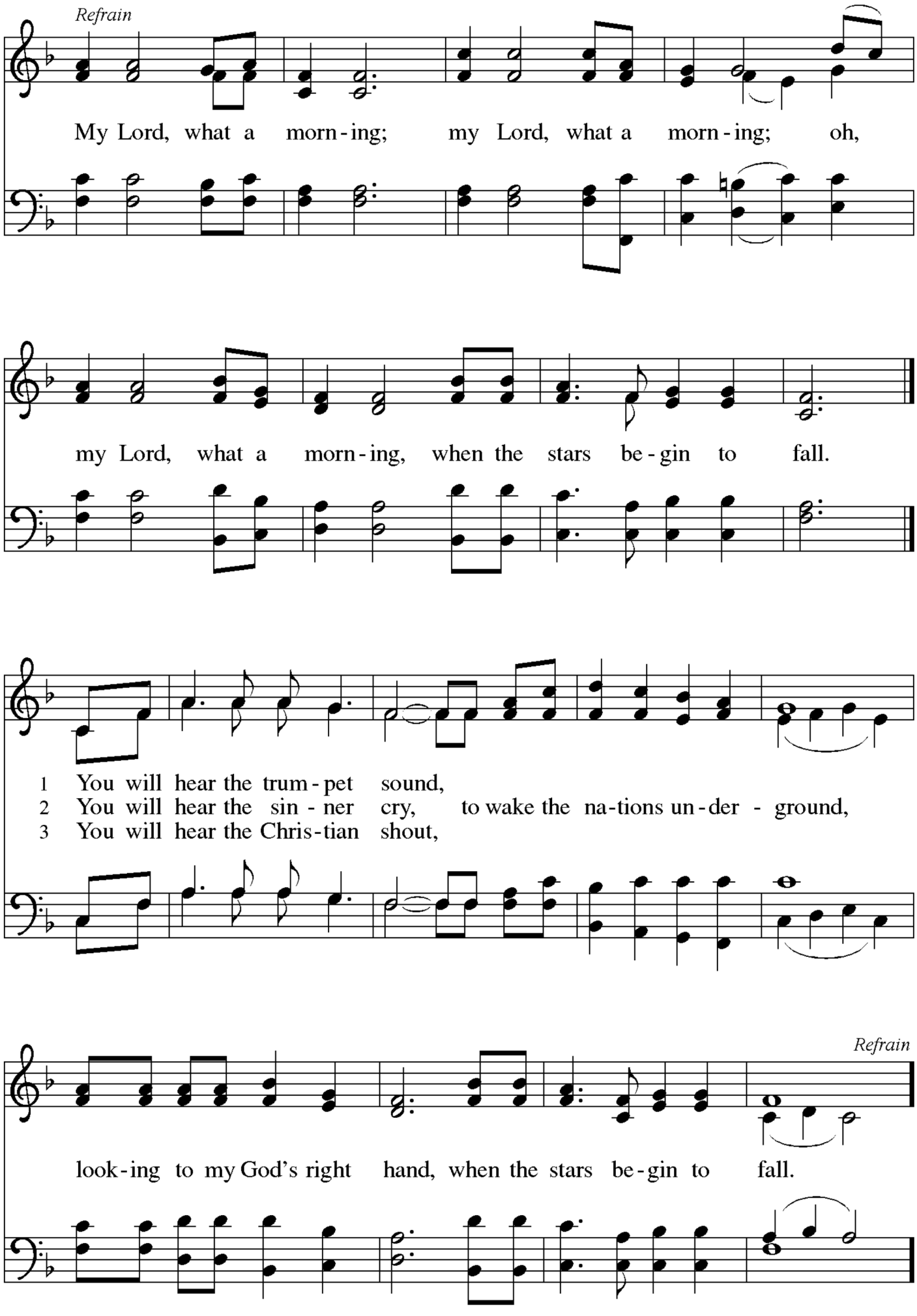
Refrain
My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,
my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.
1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,
Refrain
look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. Refrain

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning. As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

We sing as the Advent candle is lit

Light one candle to watch for Messiah
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

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 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

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

Read responsively

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon 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?**

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.**

18 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

19 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

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

A reading from 1Corinthians.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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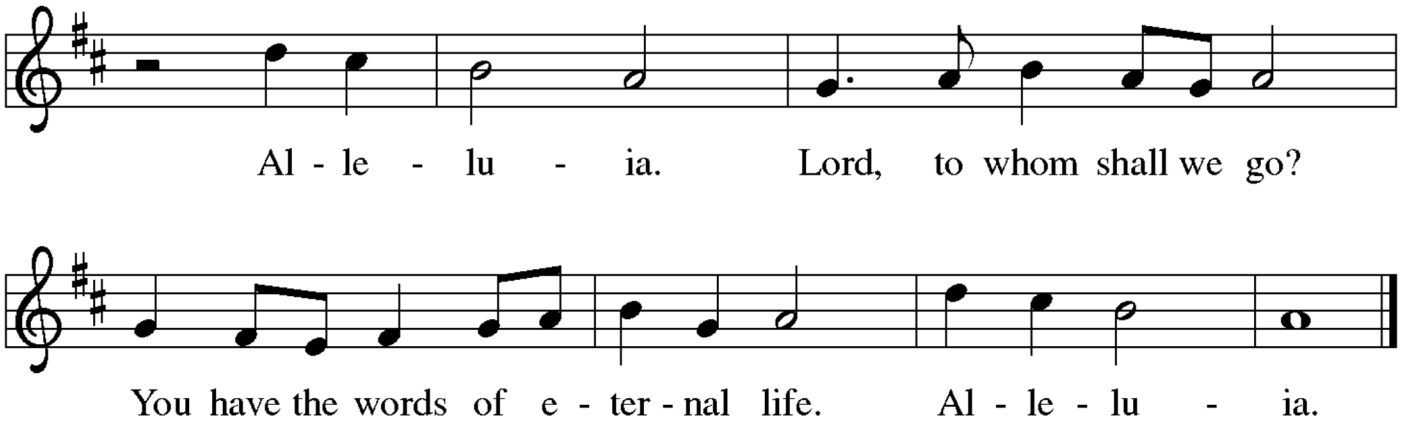
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **Mark 13: 24-37**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

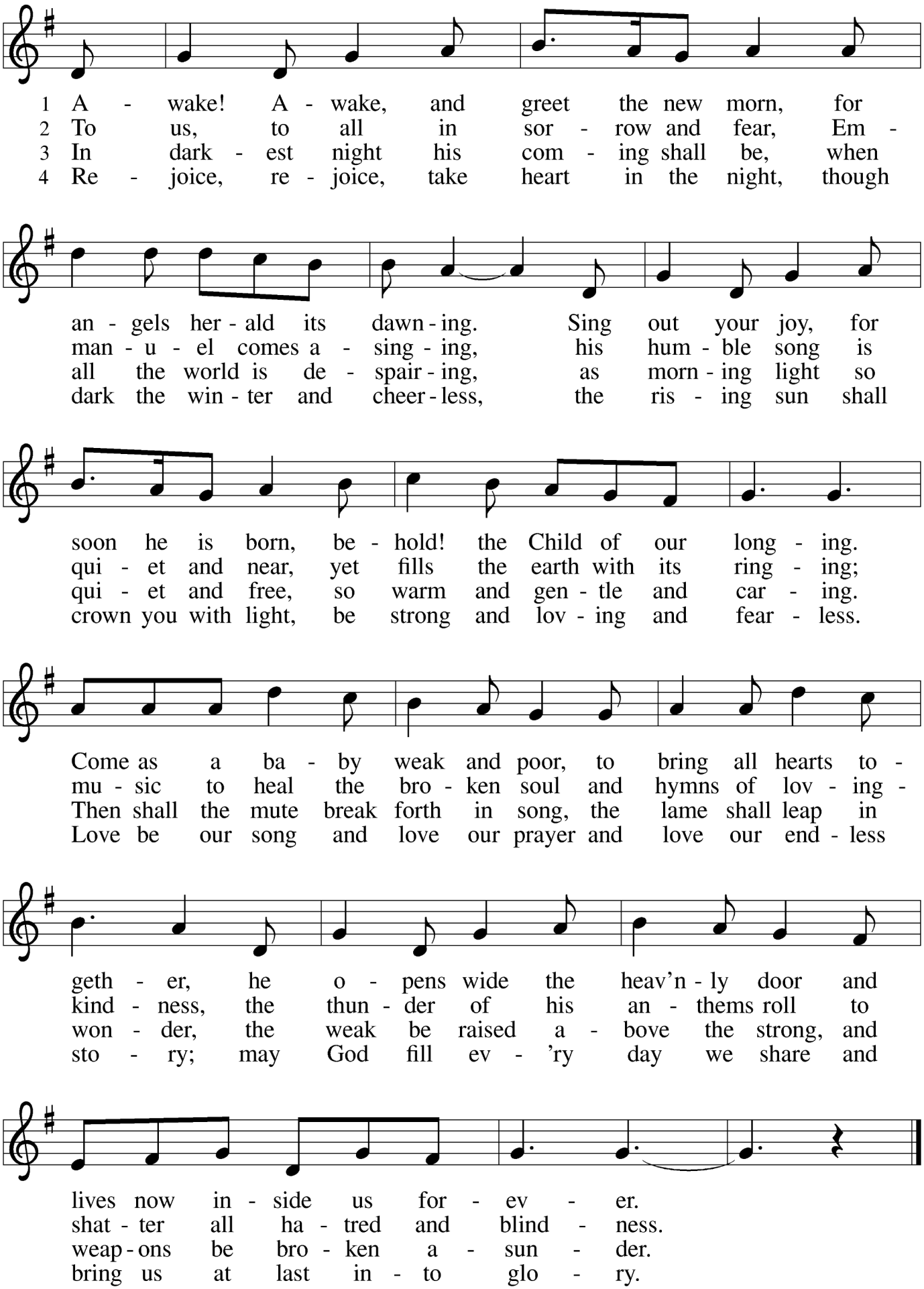
[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, 25 and the stars
will be falling from heaven,and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 "Then they will
see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out
the angels and gather 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Awake! Awake, And Greet The New Morn*** **ELW 242**



APOSTLES 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 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.

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

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

Each petition ends: God in your mercy, r**eceive our prayer.**

We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

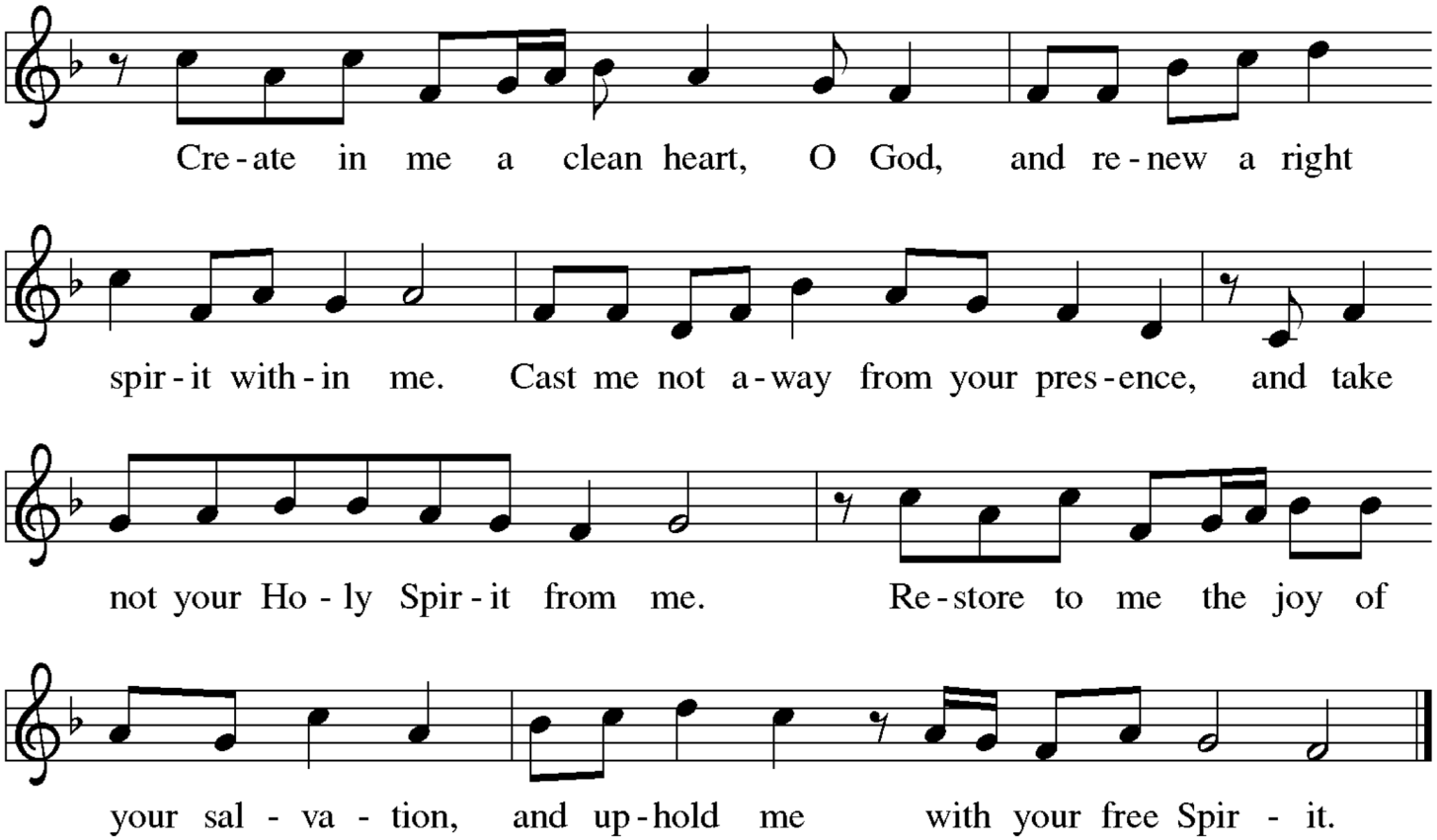
As church together we are dependent on one another to meet the financial needs of the congregation. We are grateful to all who generously support the mission we are called to share. In addition to giving during the passing of offering plates in worship, options for giving include

+ *mailing checks to the church office*
+ *using your personal bank's online bill payment system to set up a recurring gift*
+ *using St. John's online giving system to make one time and recurring gifts, using either a bank draft or a credit card. To access this online giving system, you can scan this QR code with your phone or tablet camera, or navigate to* ***www.SJBft.org/GiveToStJohns*** *on any browser*

ANTHEM ***When Will The Little King Come?*** **Schram**

duet by Reneé Park and Alyssa Martinez

OFFERTORY



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray

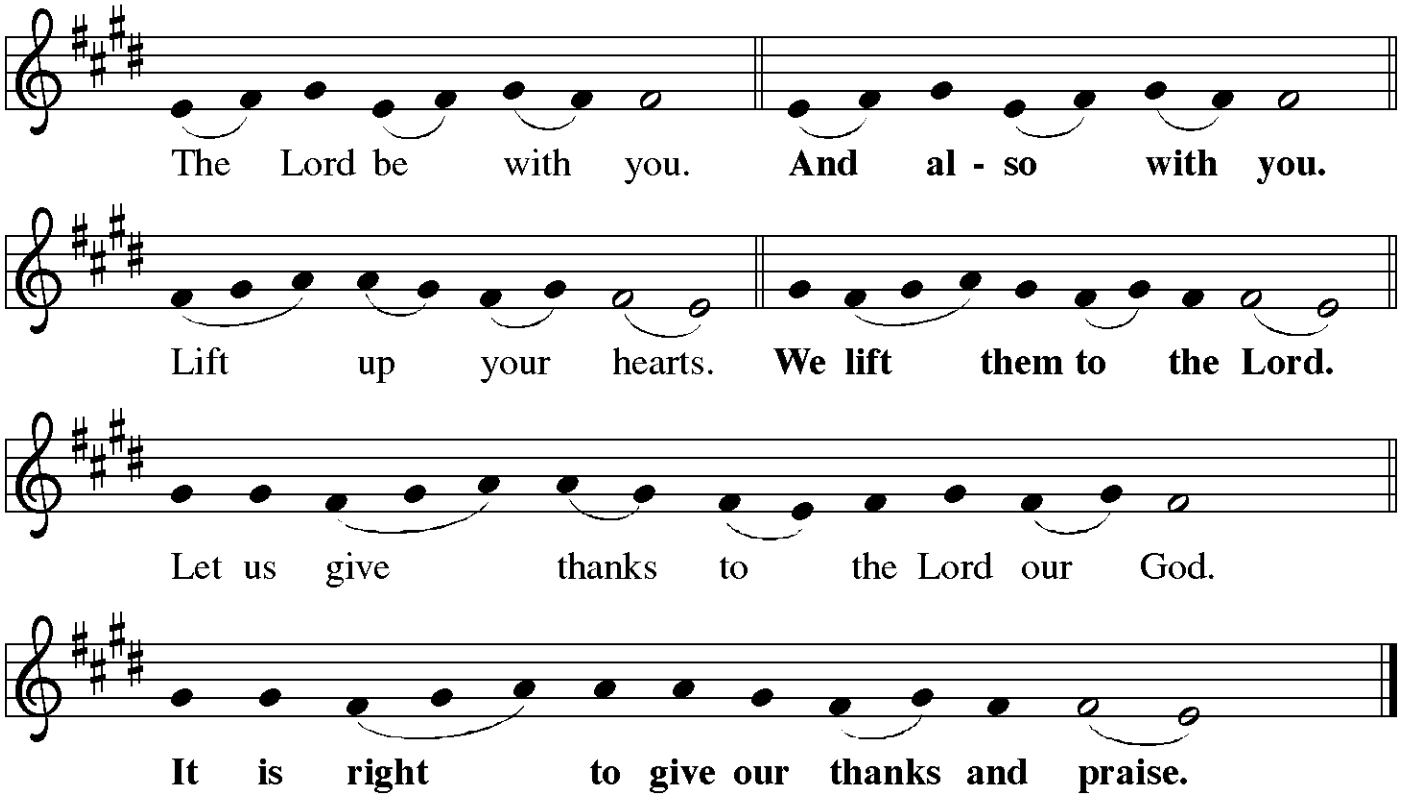
Holy Creator, **we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek the Lord are invited to share in Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine with his own body and blood, to gift us with grace, mercy, forgiveness, community, and new life.

Because all are not able to gather in person, we also celebrate Holy Communion together in streaming worship. Households unable to gather in person may prepare bread and wine, taking them together as a community gathered, even while distanced. Any kind of bread or cracker and any kind of wine or juice may be used.

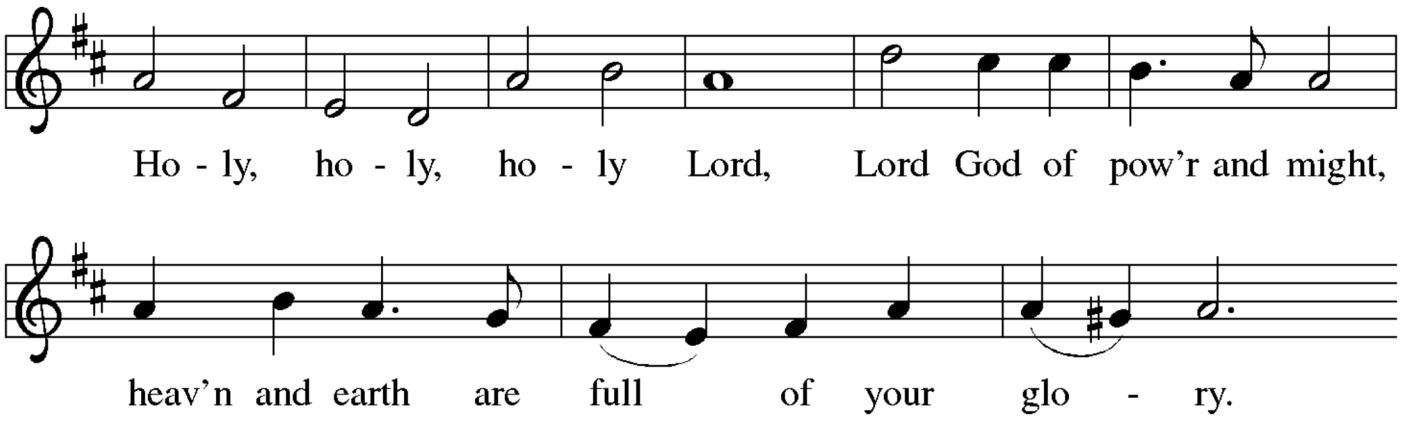
Those who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms at your heart.

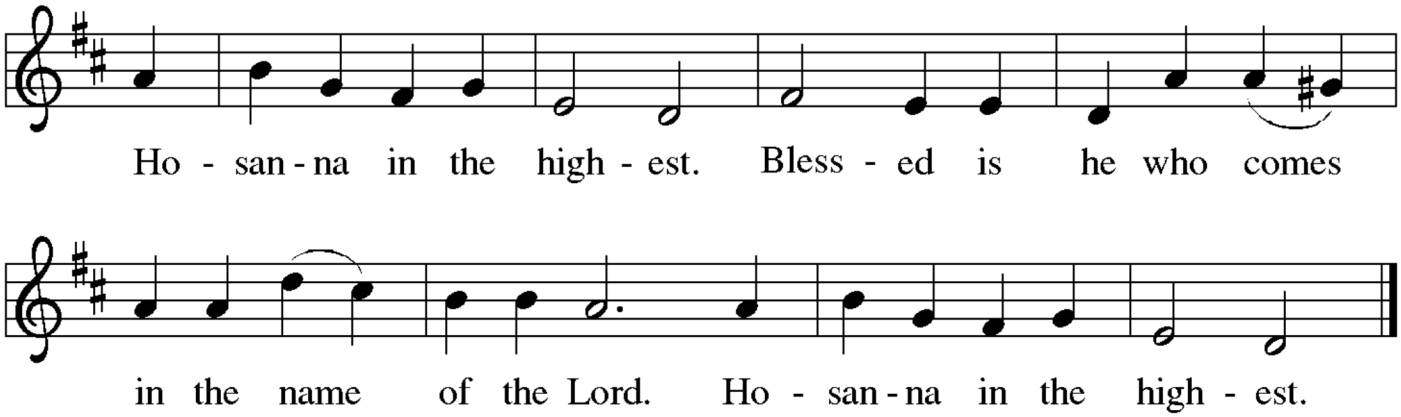


PREFACE

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





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

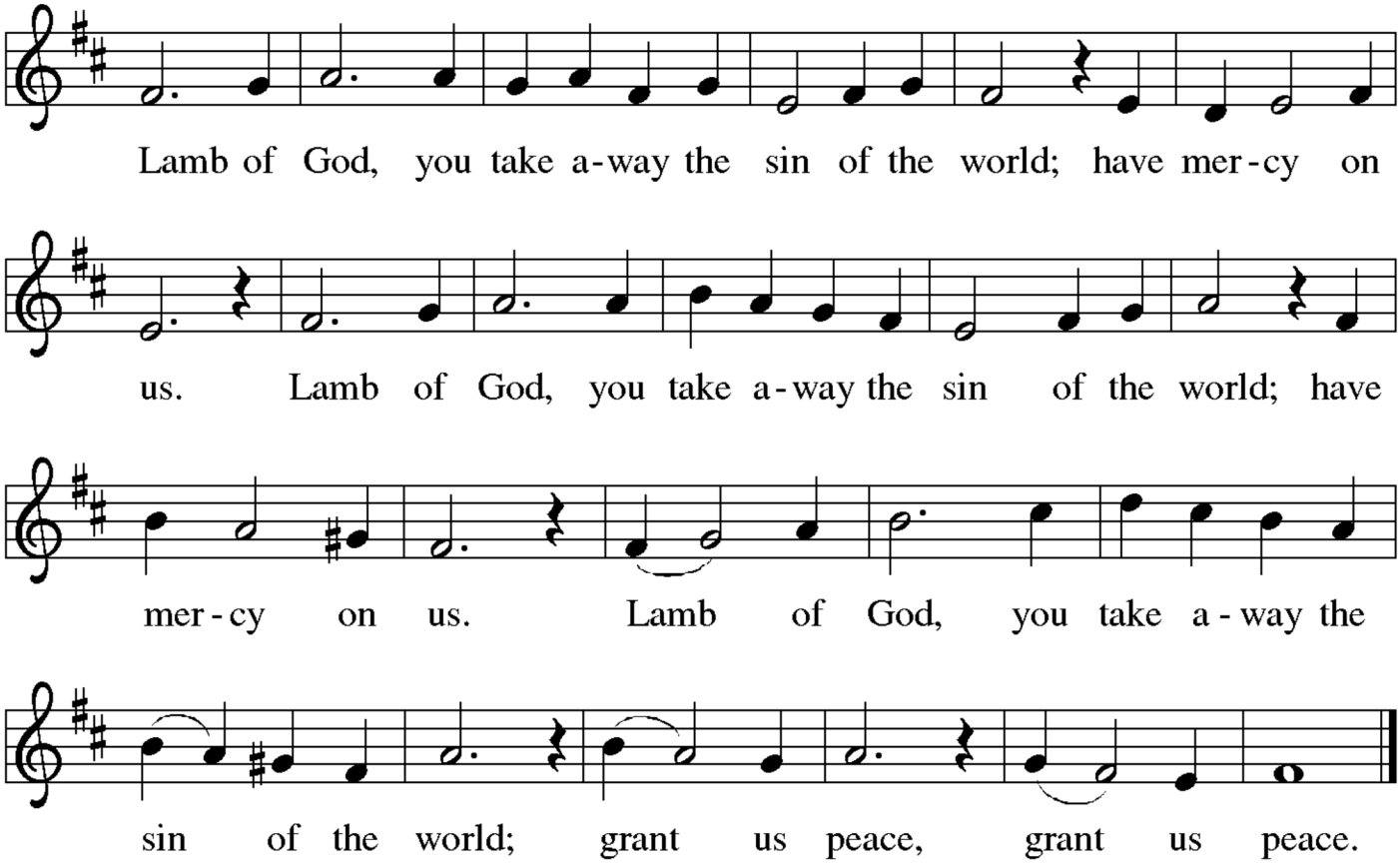
LORD'S PRAYER

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, 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

The glory of the Lord is revealed! Come and taste God’s presence.

COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING

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

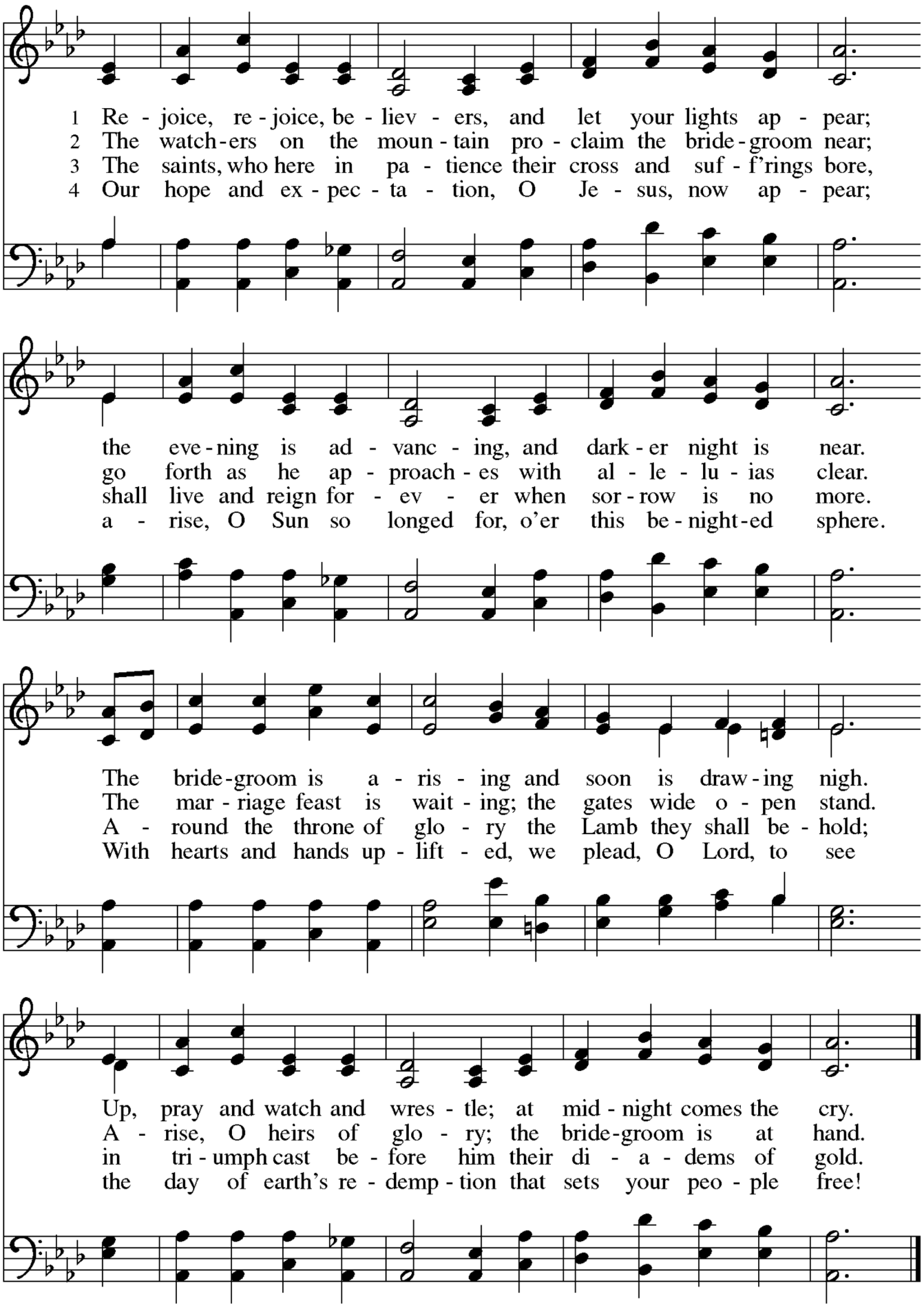
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.


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'rings 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!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.

Thanks be to God.

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8:15 AM Service	Today November 29	Next week December 6
Reader	Sarah Anderson	Candace Camp
Communion Assistant	Jerry Anderson	Sarah Anderson
Ushers	Patsy Bishop Tammy Verheyden	Zachary Bishop Theresa Blackburn
Acolyte	Molly Ferguson	Zachary Baskwell
Sound	Zachary Bishop	Kris Cianci
Camera	Theresa Blackburn	Curt Cianci
Hosting	Tim Bockelman	Dorinda Selby
10:30 AM Service		
Reader	Elizabeth Penn-Sanders	Jenny Stoddard
Communion Assistant	Linda Bloomer	Sue Mannheim
Ushers	Jim anad Pat Palmer	Dan Stoddard Pat Bennett
Sound	Larry Barone	Carlos Smith
Altar Team	Kris Cianci and Pat Collins (December)	

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Mission Statement:
Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love

Core Values:
We hear the Good News of God's Love in worship and scripture.
All are welcome and valued, with no exceptions.
We serve and help our neighbors, community, and those who are in need.
We love, care for, nourish, and support one another.
We are boldly generous with time, talents, space, and resources.

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The Altar flowers are given
to the Glory of God.

The flowers were arranged by Bonnie Miller.

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