Advent 1

November 29, 2026



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Lancaster, PA

The Holy Eucharist

Welcome to Advent! This season is necessary and important for us as we take this time to remind ourselves of our need of a Savior. The prayerful, thoughtful attitude of Advent makes our celebration of the birth of Christ a true time of happiness. Welcome into this time of preparation and hope.

If you are visiting with us, a special welcome. We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher. The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary. If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher. As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all cell phones and other electronic devices, as to fully enter into this time of worship.

Please indicate to the Pastor if you require gluten free wafers, prior to worship, if possible.

We broadcast our church service LIVE every Sunday. If you need to leave the sanctuary for any reason, you are welcome to continue worshiping by viewing the service in either the nursery, located in the basement of the church, or in the bride's room/tech room located off the narthex of the sanctuary. Feel free to see an usher or the tech team for the location of either of these rooms.

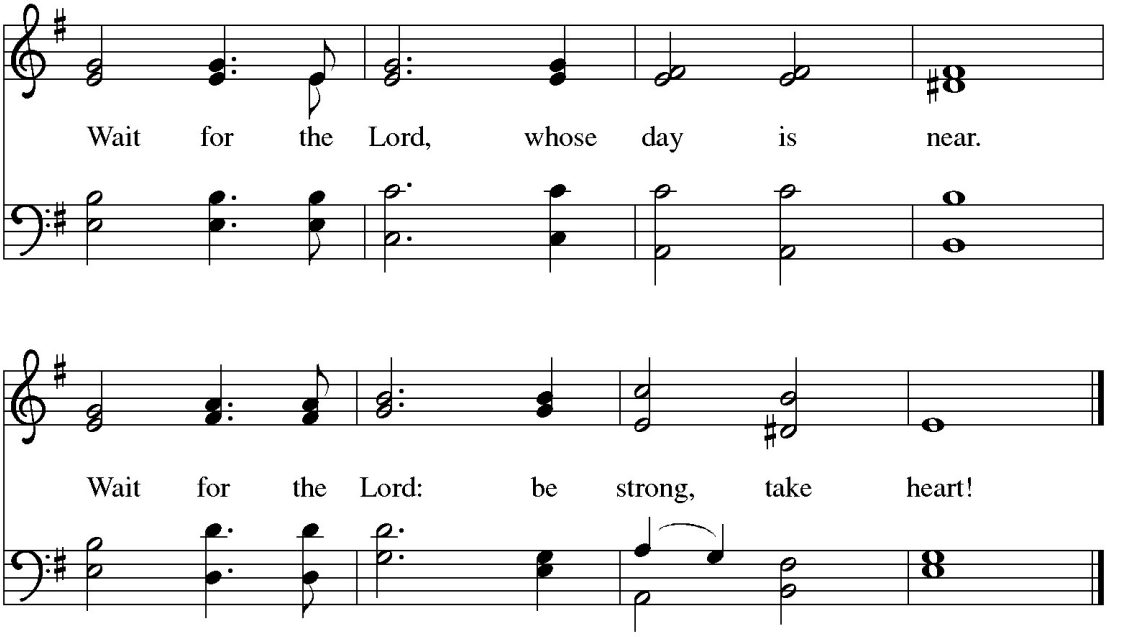
Announcements

Prelude

Time for Silent Prayer and Meditation

Advent Waiting

Wait for the Lord



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Centering Prayer

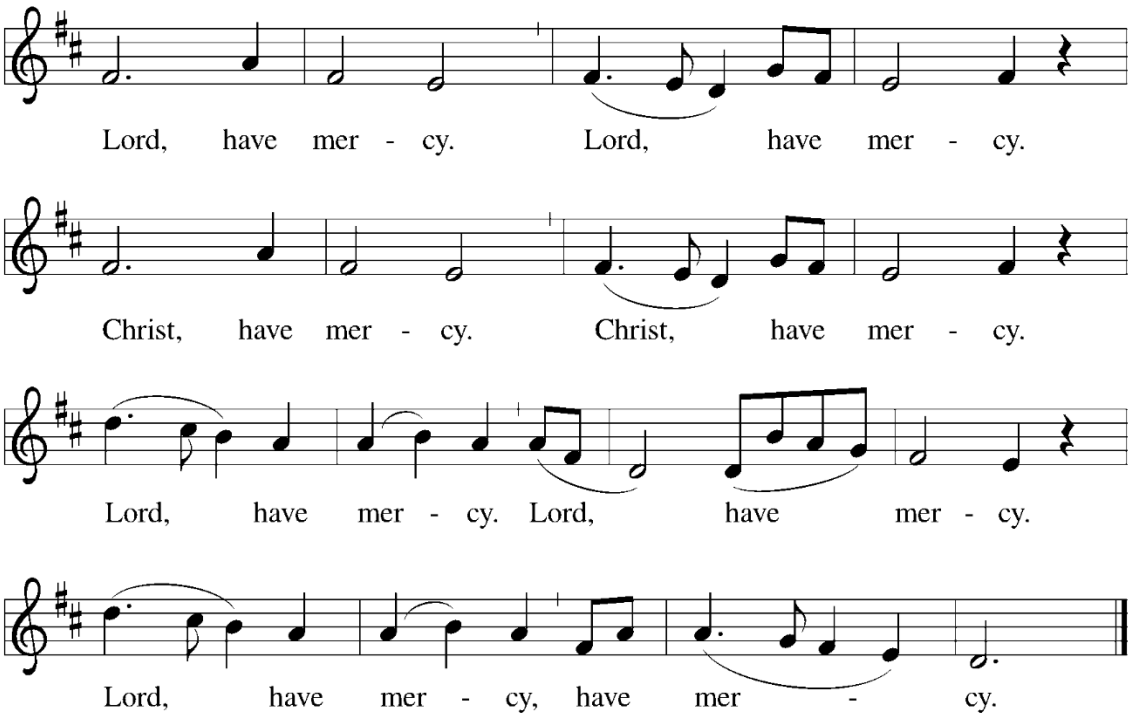
P We praise you, O God, for your creating, liberating, and life-giving Word! You set the foundations of the world, you lead your people into freedom, you lift up the lowly, and fill the hungry with good things. Our hearts sing of our hopeful waiting! Center us in your Spirit, that our lives may witness to your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please stand.

The Kyrie

The Kyrie is sung in dialogue by the Cantor and the assembly.



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Please be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Dandridge Family

R During Advent, God's promise illuminates our hope.

C On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned .

R In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.

C On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned .

R In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

C On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned .

R In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

C On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned .

R This morning we light the **first candle** which reminds us that our hope is the everlasting God who pierces the darkness of this world and reaches into the brokenness of our lives, granting the promise of a new tomorrow.

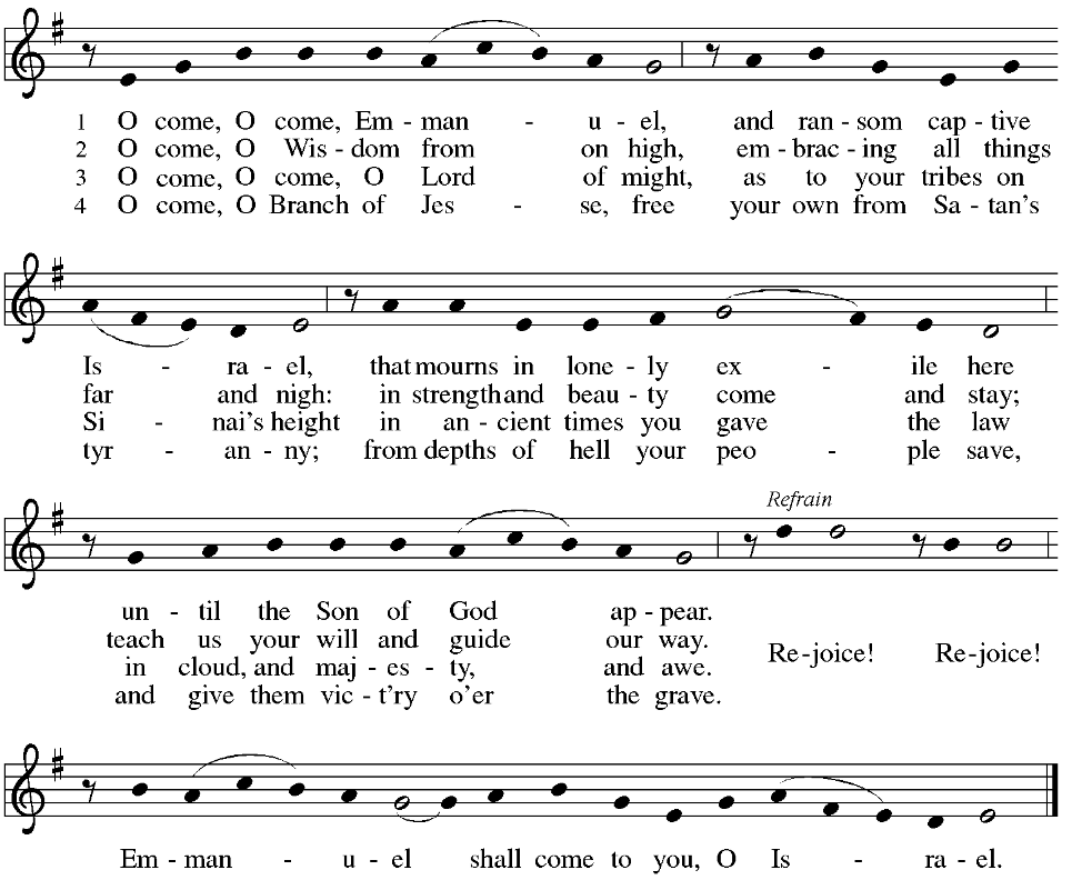
The Advent Candle is lit.

P Gracious Lord, as we move from darkness to light throughout our Advent journey, open our eyes to see your unveiling glory. Guide us, we pray, as we join the refrain of faith. Come, Lord Jesus.

C Amen.

The Congregation sings after the lighting of the Advent Candle

*O Come ,O Come, Emmanuel: Sing **verse one** only*



First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

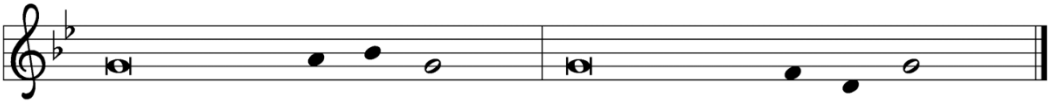
A reading from Isaiah.

[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 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19 *(Sing responsively with the choir.)*



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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?
[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.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

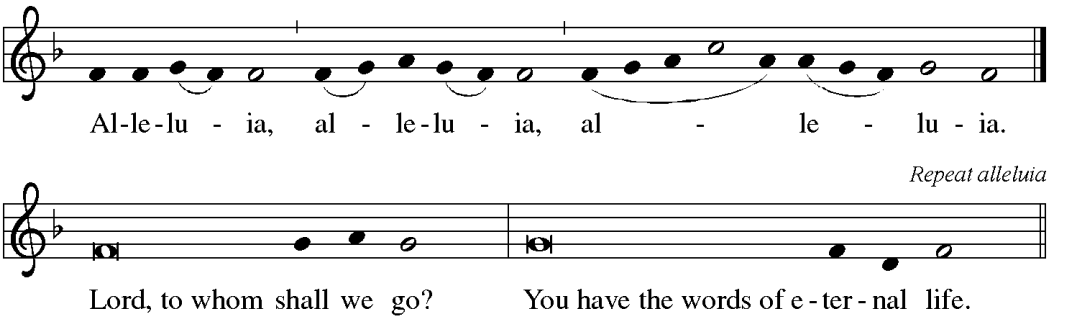
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

A The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

Everyone sings the Alleluia. The choir then sings the verse. Everyone sings the Alleluia again.



Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.
C Glory to you, O Lord

[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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Silence for reflection follows.

Please stand.

The Hymn of the Day

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn Hymn #242

Verse 1 & 3- Choir Verse 2 & 4- Congregation

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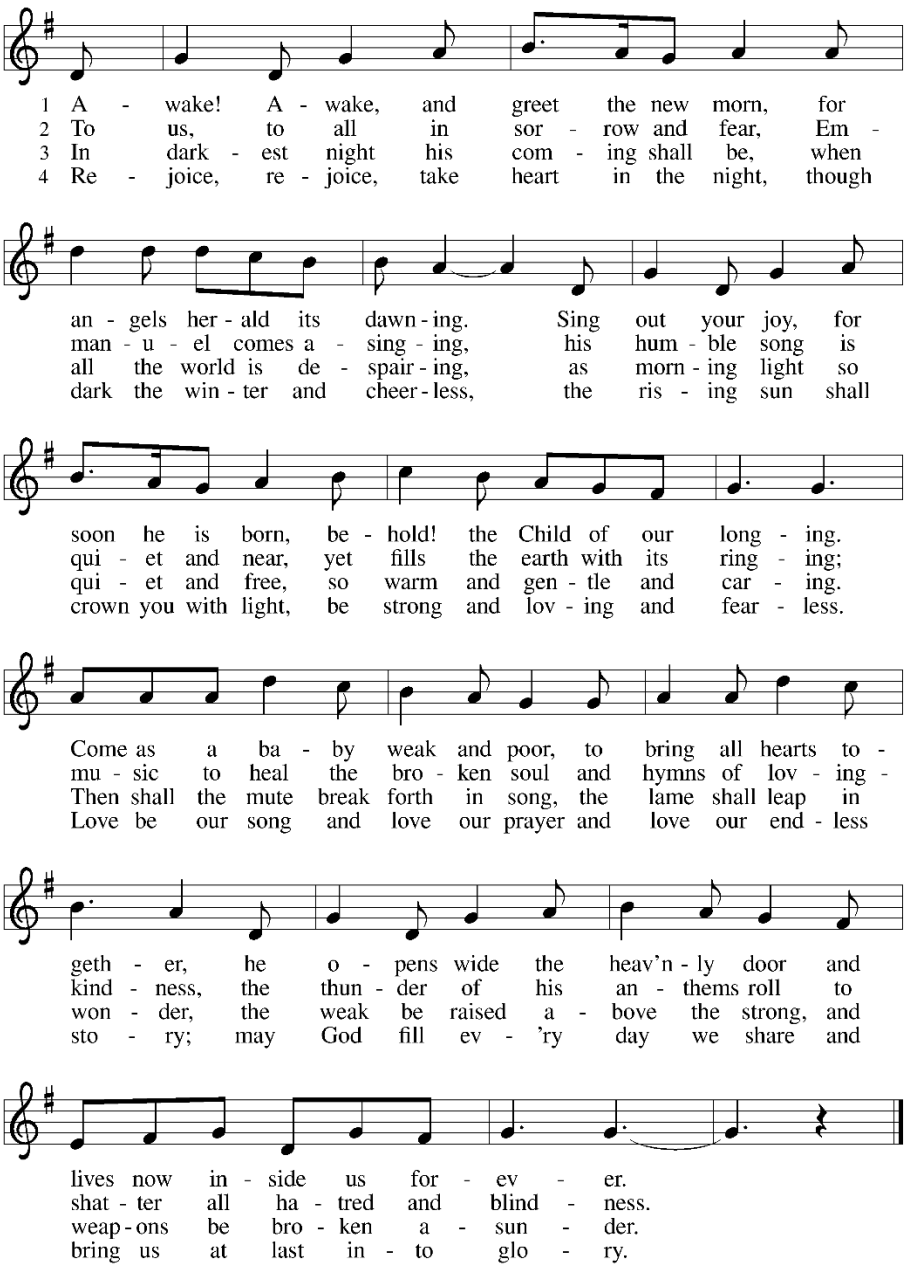

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The Apostles Creed

C 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.

The Prayers of the Church

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

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

After each petition of the prayers, this response will be sung.

A God in your mercy

C Receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

C Amen.

The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Without leaving your seat offer a wave to your neighbor, sharing God's peace, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

Anthem

You Will Know Him When He Comes Hal H. Hopson

Offering

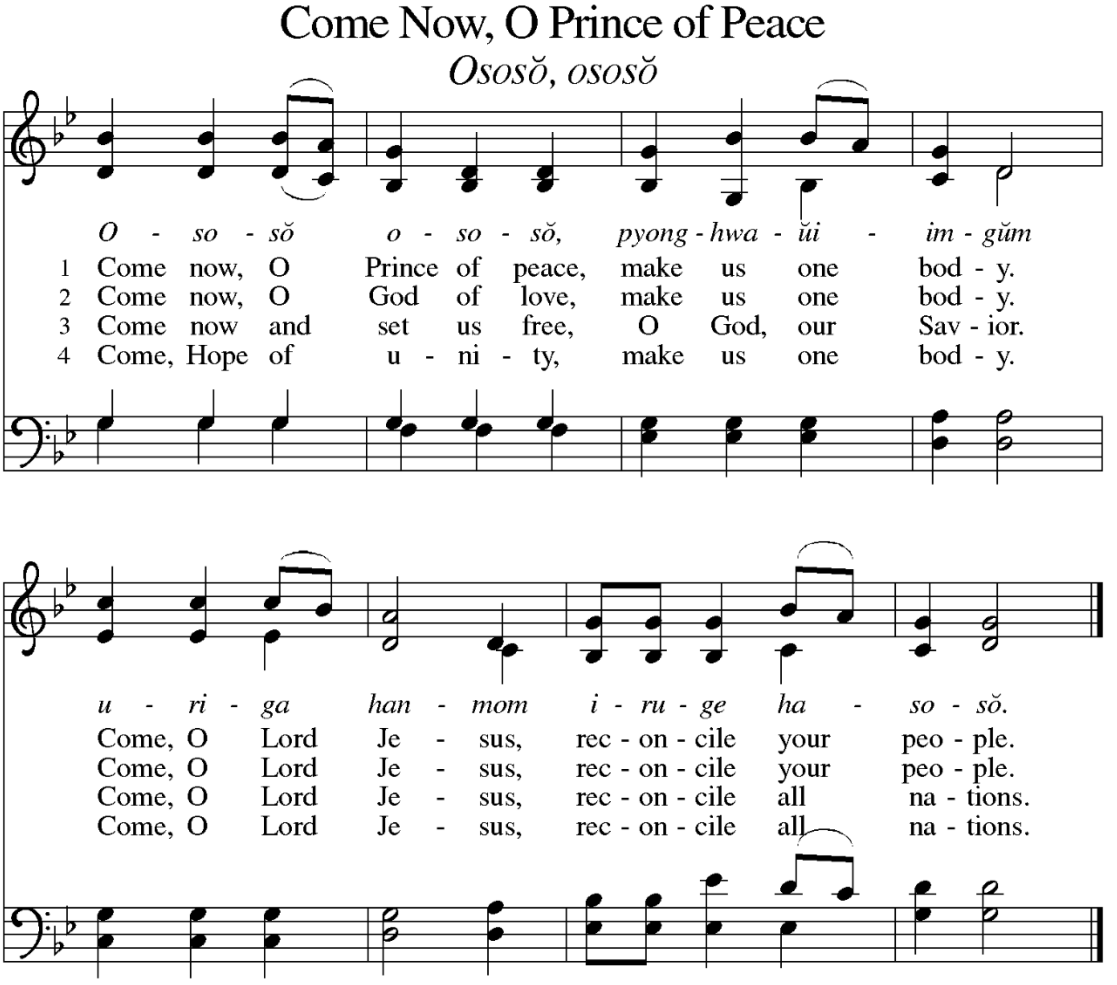
During this time our offerings are represented through the gift of music, bread, and wine. Following the service, you are invited to give your financial gifts in the offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary

Please stand.

The Offertory Response

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Verse 1



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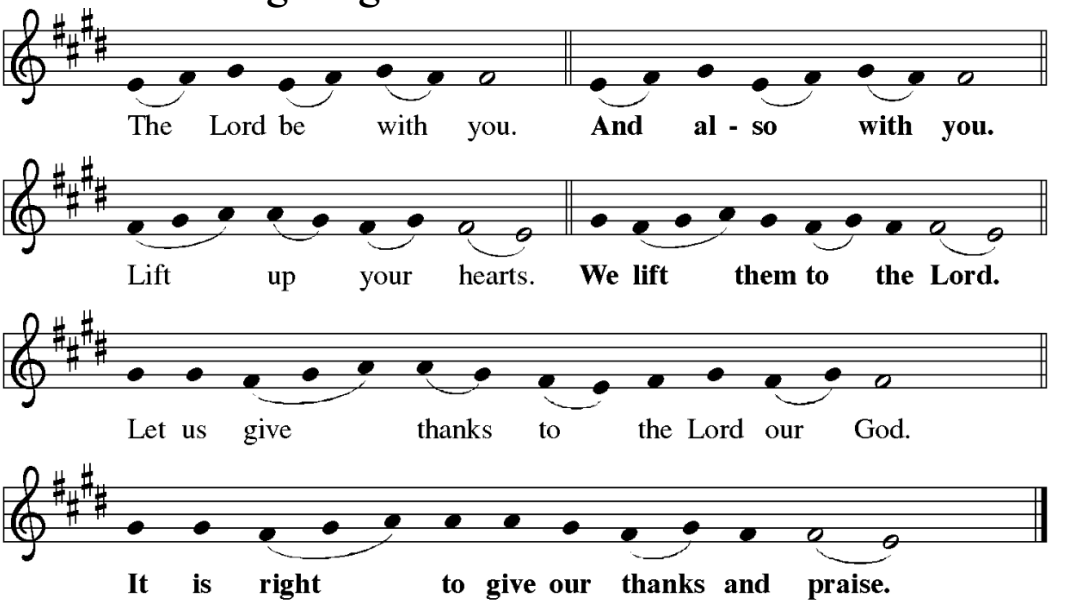
Offertory Prayer

A 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.

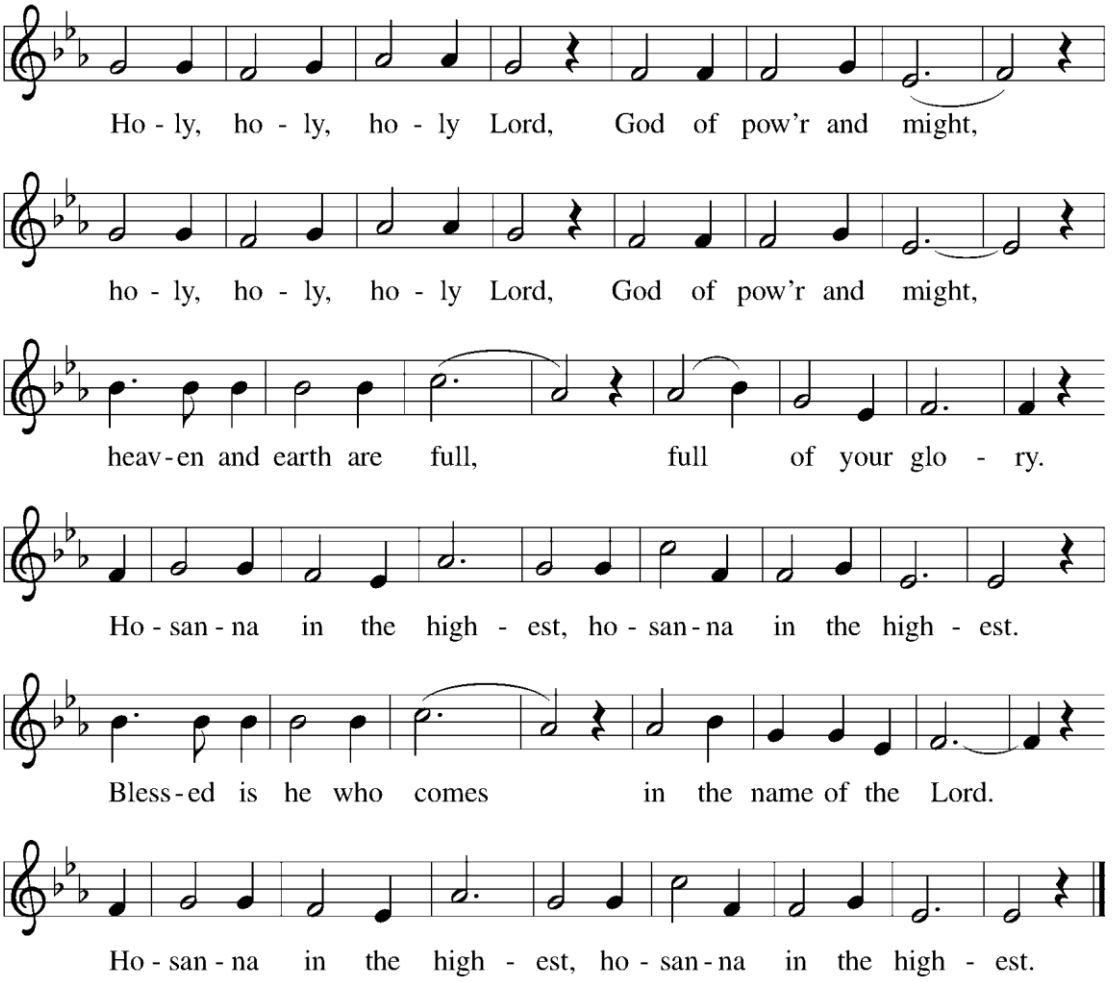
C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



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Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.
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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

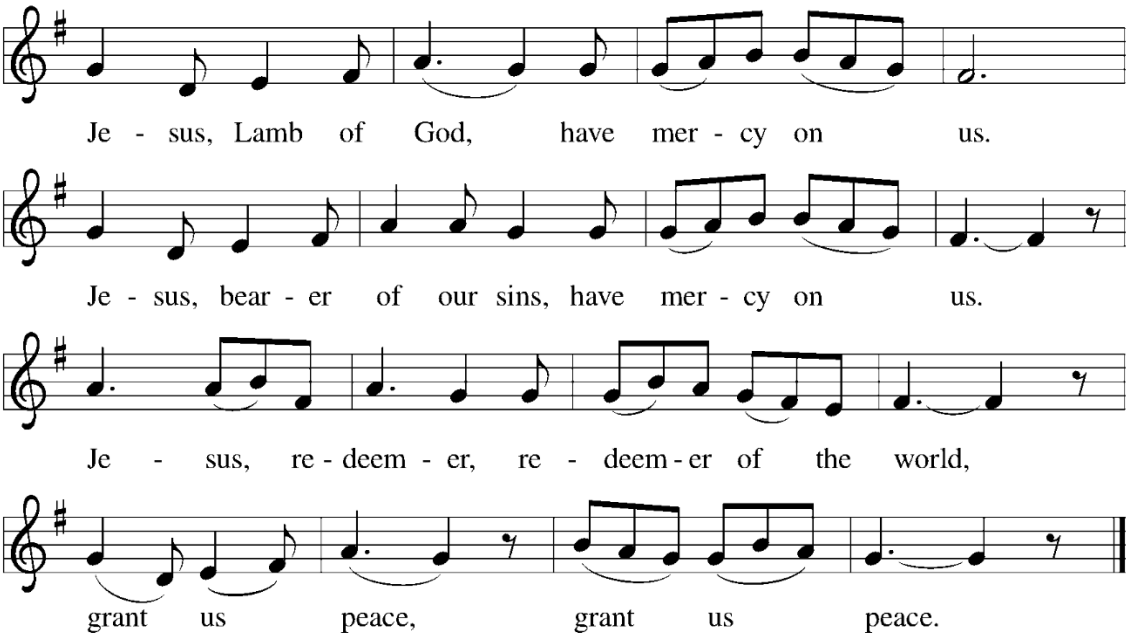
The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Invitation to Communion

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

The Lamb of God



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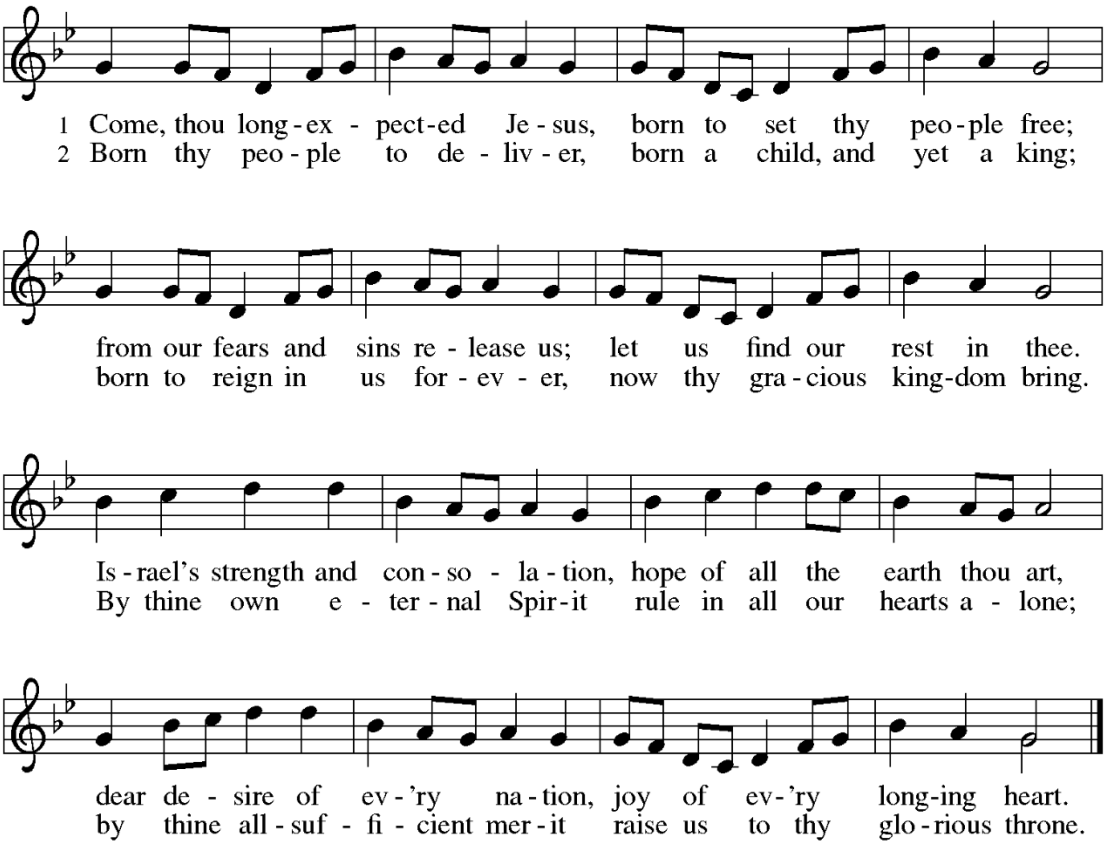
The Distribution of Holy Communion

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices open table hospitality. Baptized communicants of other Christian denominations, of all ages, are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will direct each seating area to come forward to receive the sacrament. Pick up a communion cup as you approach the altar. Please ***stand*** *at the communion rail and the pastor will place the bread into the hands of communicants. The first chalice contains wine; the second chalice contains grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request. Those persons not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Hymns During Distribution

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	Hymn #254
The King Shall Come	Hymn #260
We Are Waiting for Jesus	*Music Provided*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



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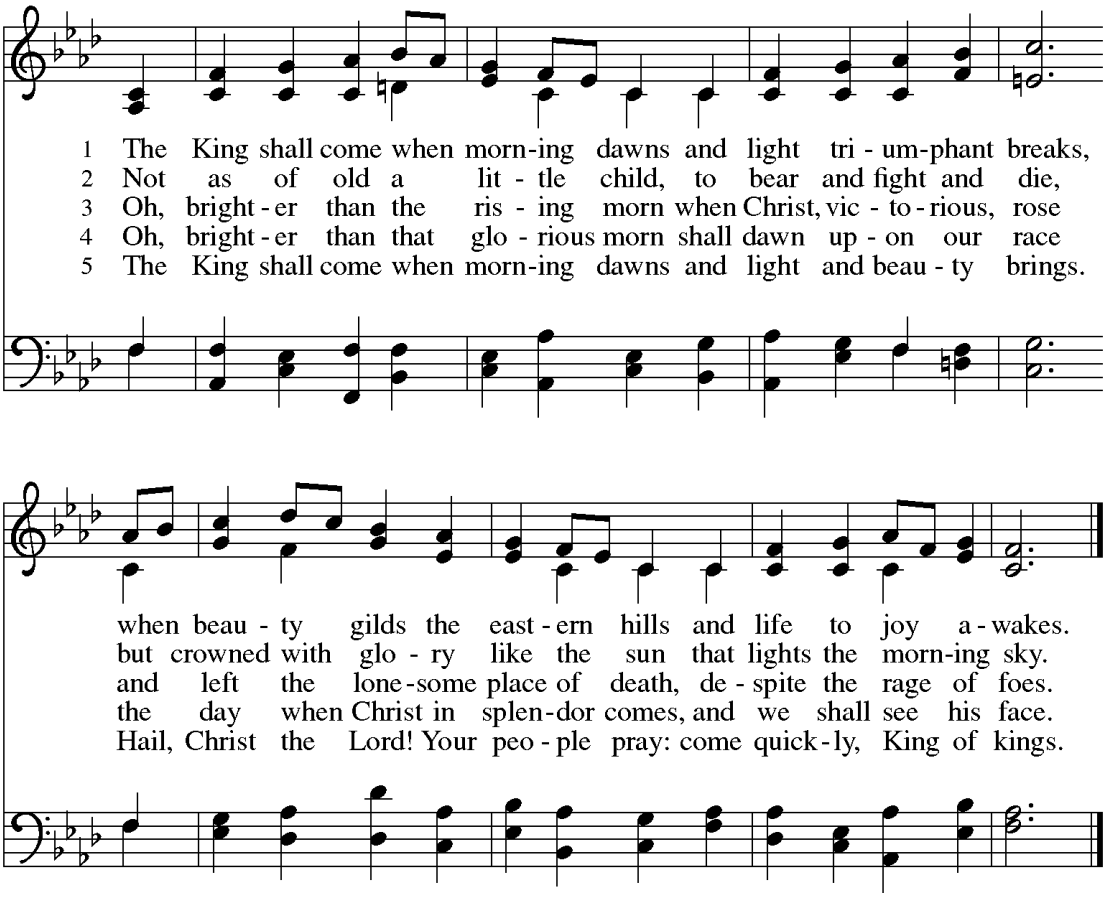
The King Shall Come



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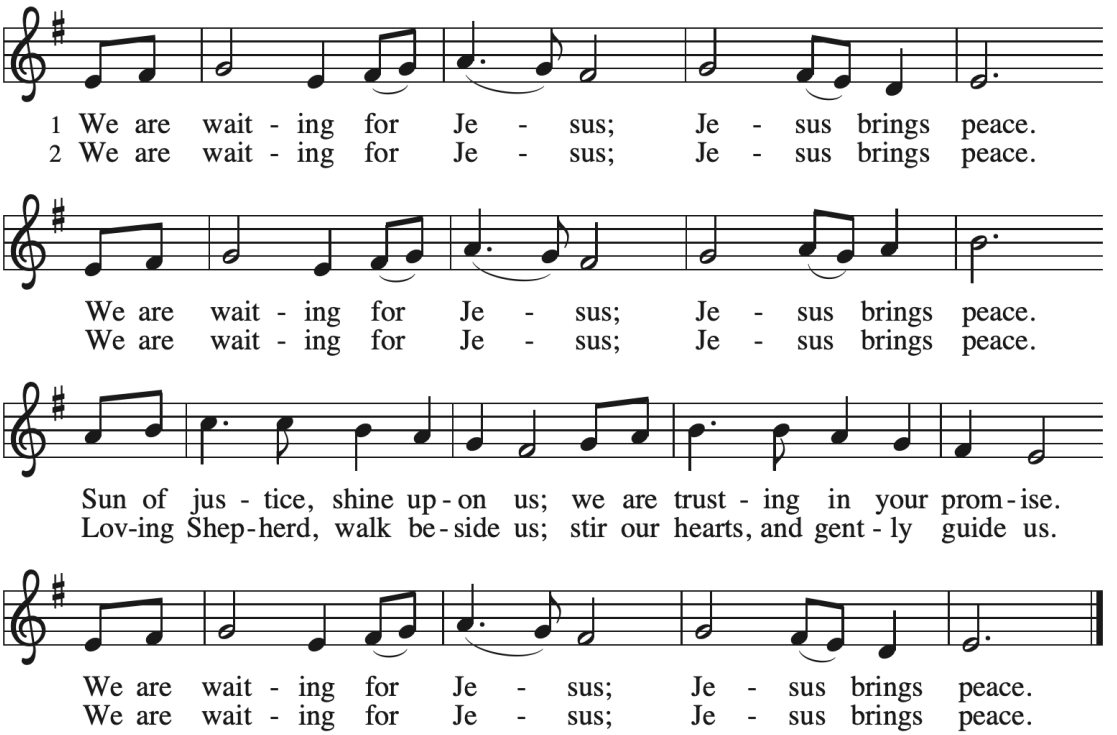
We Are Waiting for Jesus



Text: John Helgen, b. 1957
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Please stand.

The Post Communion Blessing

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

C Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

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

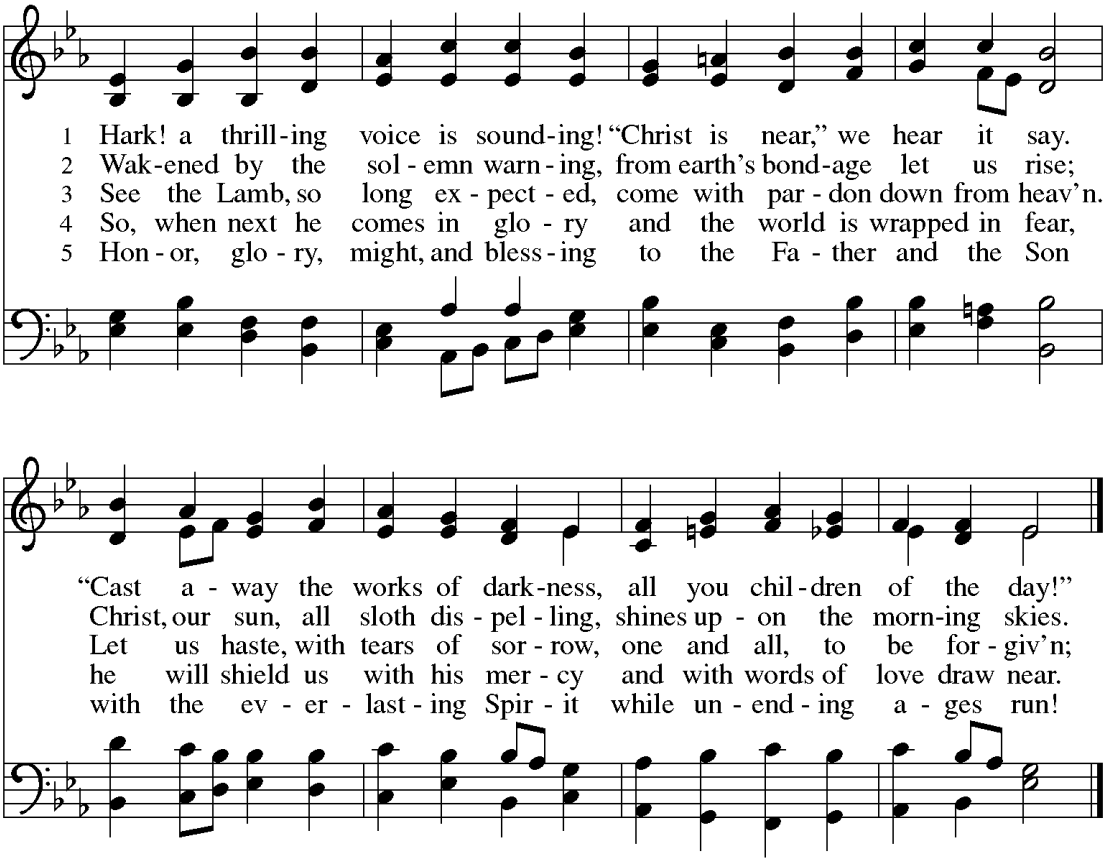
C Amen.

The Sending Hymn

Harkl! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! Hymn #246

Verses 1, 3 & 5- All Verse 2- Women Verse 4- Men

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



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

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Clay Rundell	Marilyn Knaub
Greeter	**Greeter**
Lisa Feree	Marilyn Knaub
Usher	**Usher**
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Donna Null	Diana Thompson
Altar Guild Clean-up	**Altar Guild Clean-up**
Donna Null	Cheryl Amey
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Counters	**Counters**
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Donna Null	Sandy Rohrback
Technology	**Technology**
Tim Brixius	Chip Froehlich
Sam Dandridge	Mel Dandridge

Coming up at Holy Spirit

Dec. 1	Prayer & Meditation, 6:00 p.m.
	Giving Tuesday, Thrivent Gift Match Day
Dec. 2	Prayer & Meditation, 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 3	Christmas Tea, 2:00 p.m.
Dec 5	Christmas Tree Set-up
Dec.6	Decorating the Church for Christmas, *following worship*
Dec. 5	Band of Brothers- Lunch @ Centerville Diner, Noon
Dec. 8	Book Club: Christmas Dinner, 6:30 p.m. At the Square Mile Public House, Mountville, Pa
Dec. 12	Hershey Handbell, 4:00 p.m.

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