First Sunday of Advent



Word and Sacrament

"Not Just Going to Church, but BEING the Church"

Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church

November 29 , 2026 11:00AM

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Worship

This morning we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent.**
The lyrics to the hymns are in the red hymnals in front of you. We extend special greetings to all our guests who are with us today. Your presence, along with our members and friends, is truly valued. Know that all of God's people are always welcome here at St. Bartholomew.

Holy Communion

Saint Bart's celebrates the real presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. We invite all to come and share. At the time of communion, you will come up to the Altar an receive communion.

Praying People

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns during the Prayers of the Church.

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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..

Announcements

Farmer's Market will operate on a week-by-week basis; please check the St. Bart's Facebook page on Fridays

Poinsettia orders need to be in by Sunday December 13th

Advent Midweek Service on Wednesdays starting December 2nd at 6PM at Prince of Peace.

Enid's Pantry will be open December 12th at 10AM. It will be closed for the holiday season.

Wednesday Servicio en Espanol: Wednesdays 7PM

Servicio en Espanol: December 12th @ 9AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is December 24th at 5:30PM

Lessons & Carols December 27th 11AM

We can use any food or monetary donations to help our community in need.

Are there any other announcements?

Bell / Prelude

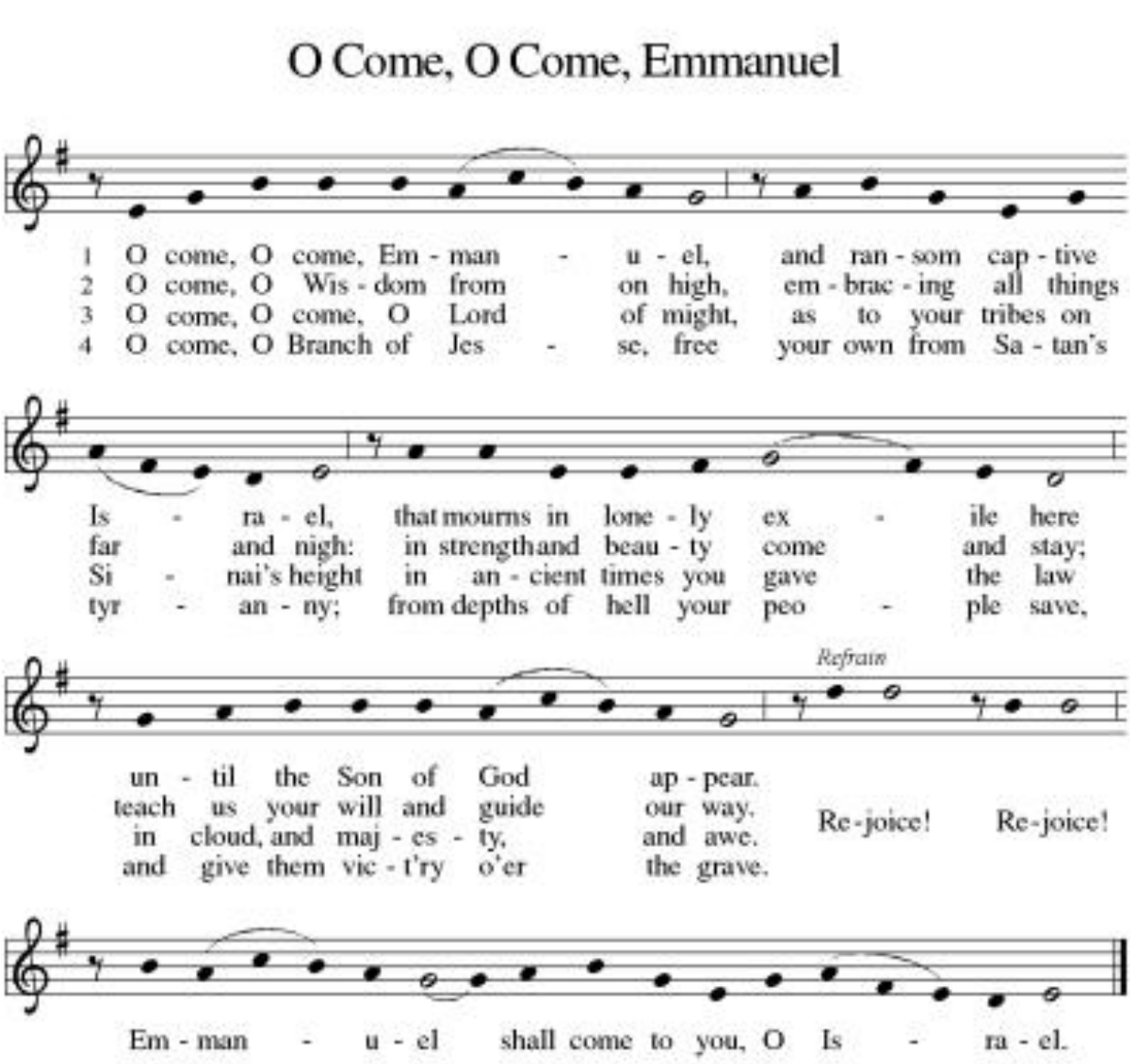
Advent 1

Reader One: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. Particularly in this time of pandemic, so many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight.
Reader Two: When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer–and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight.
Reader One: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope.
Reader Two: In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope.

Light the first candle in your Advent wreath.

Reader One: Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

HYMN: ELW: 257 Vs. 1& 2



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C Amen.

P 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.

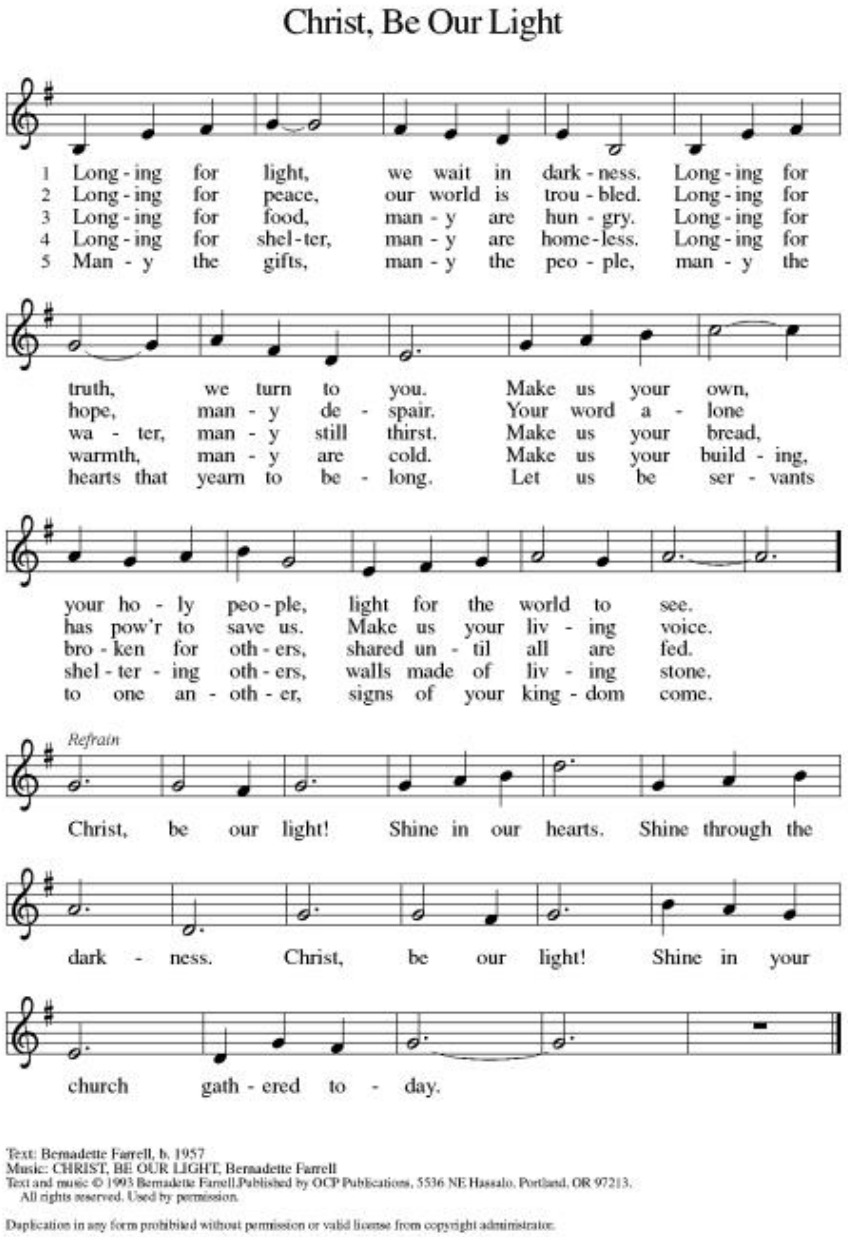
P Comforting God,

C 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 a 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.

P "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!

C Amen. [Thanks be to God!]

Gathering Hymn: ELW # 715



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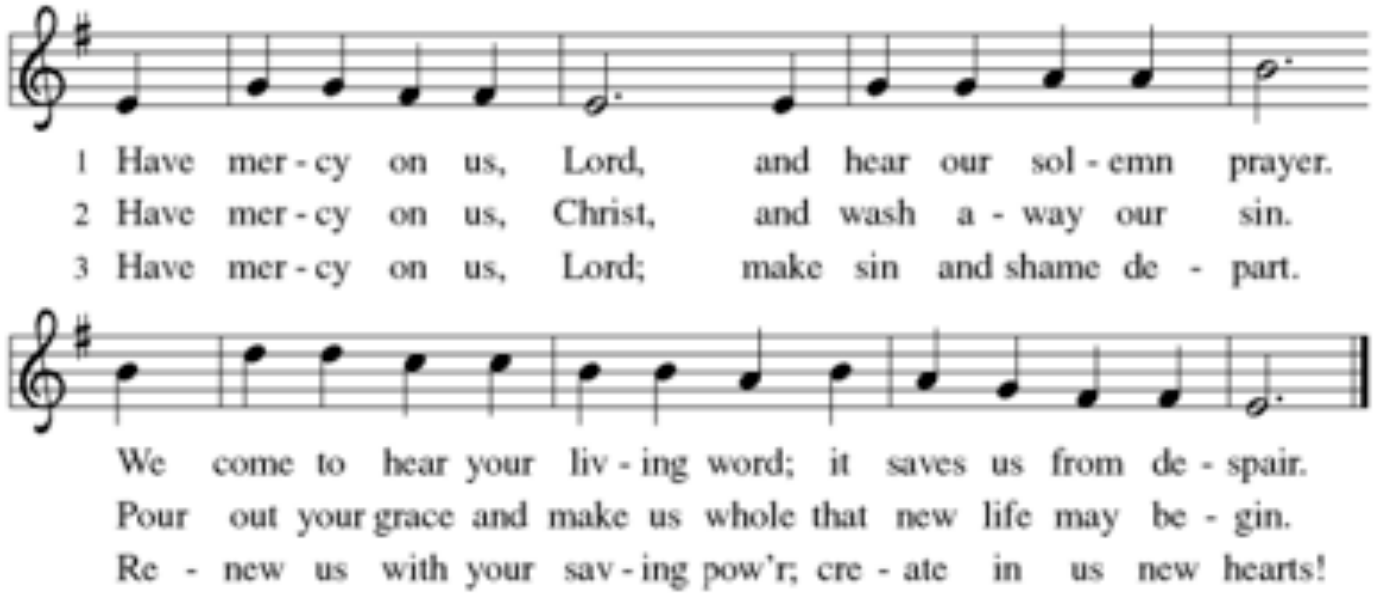
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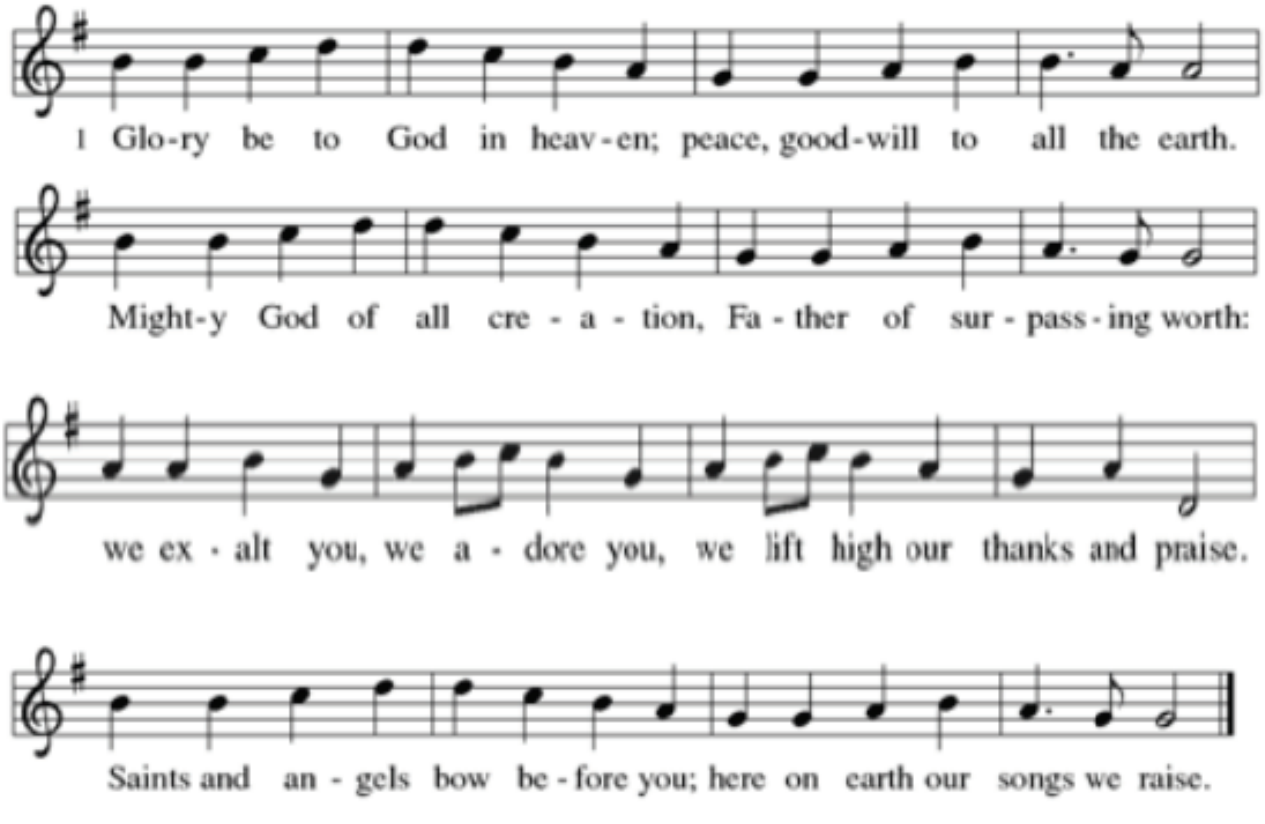
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

Kyrie



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P 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.
C **Amen**

WORD

A I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1). Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst.

C **Amen.**

First Reading: **Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—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! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. 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. 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. 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. 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. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

A Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

C **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

A Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C **O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

A You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

C **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

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

C **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

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

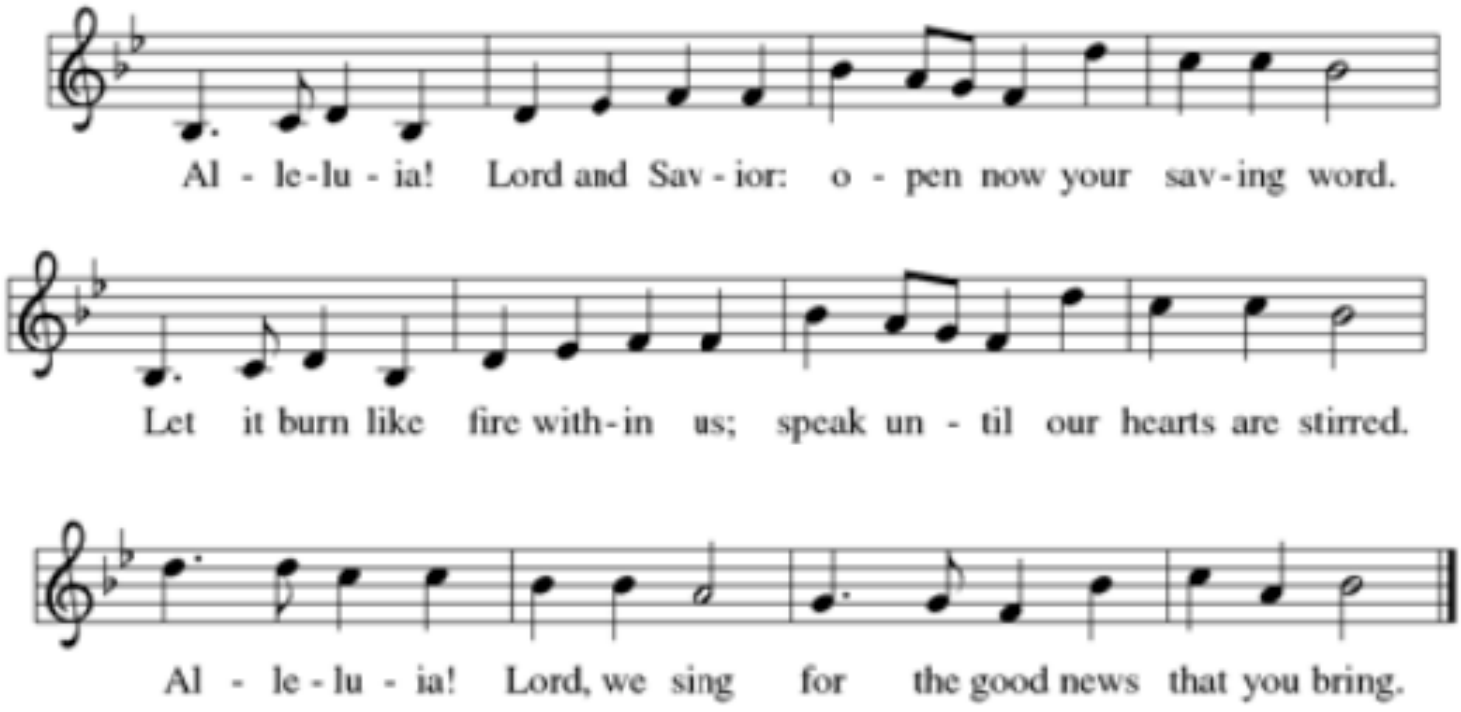
C **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

A Word of God, word of life.
C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



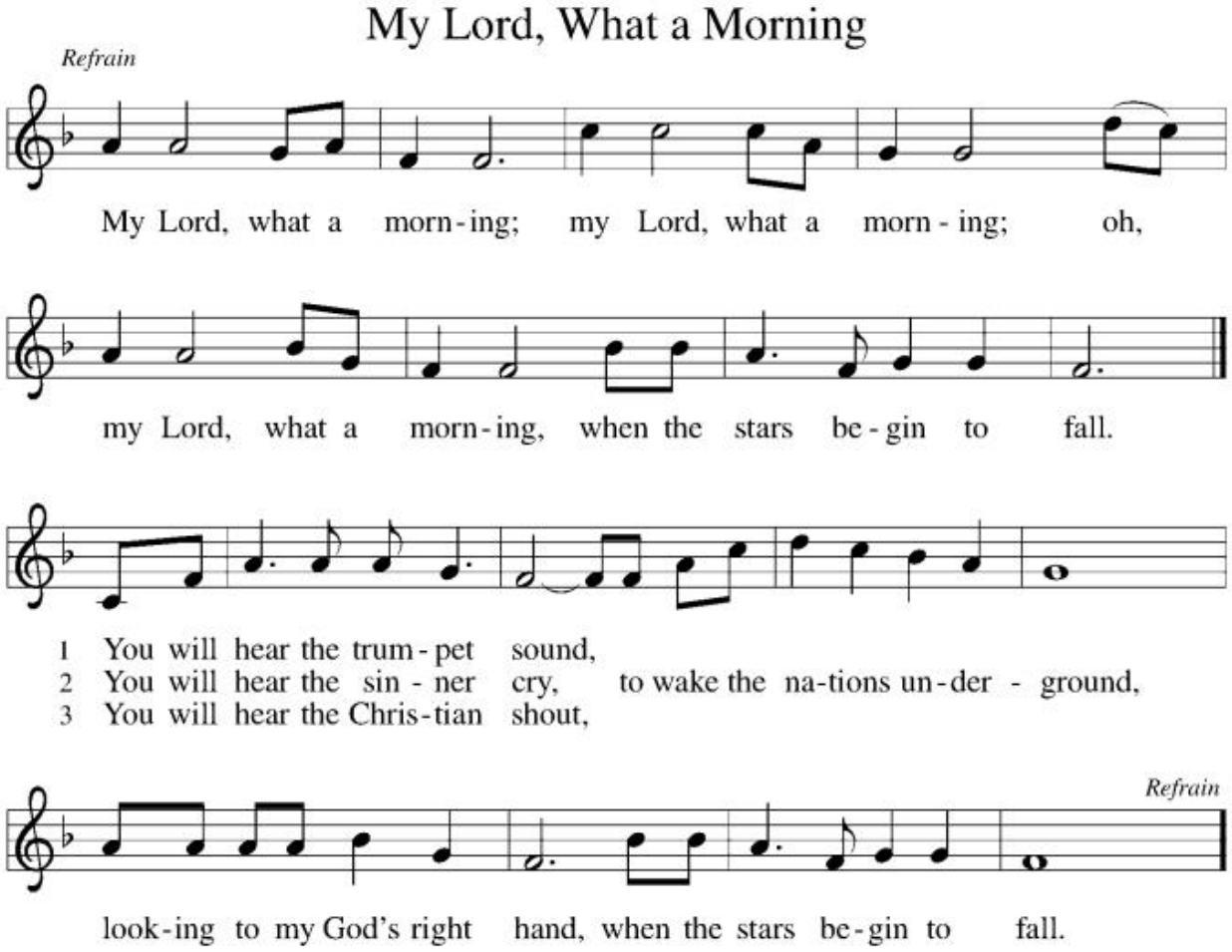
P The Holy Gospel according to **Mark the 13th** chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 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. "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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: ELW #438



PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

APOSTLES CREED

P Let us all affirm our faith by using the words of 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

PRAYERS

Each petition ends:
A God, in your mercy C **Receive our prayer..**

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

A brief silence.

Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive *especially in Palestine, Ukraine, and the U.S.* God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry *especially* Rolf, *Selina, Jayden, Milton, Mary Ellen, Benny, Diego, Kaiden, Shirley, Nick, Bob, Justin, Billy, Rosemary, Edy, and Rich*. Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

]We pray for our partner churches: Abiding Presence and Prince of Peace; We also pray for the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays; and for those celebrating anniversaries; also for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer up prayers for loved ones, thanksgivings to God, or any other intercessions silently or aloud...**(Pause)** . God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

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

THE OFFERING
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Offering Prayer

P 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

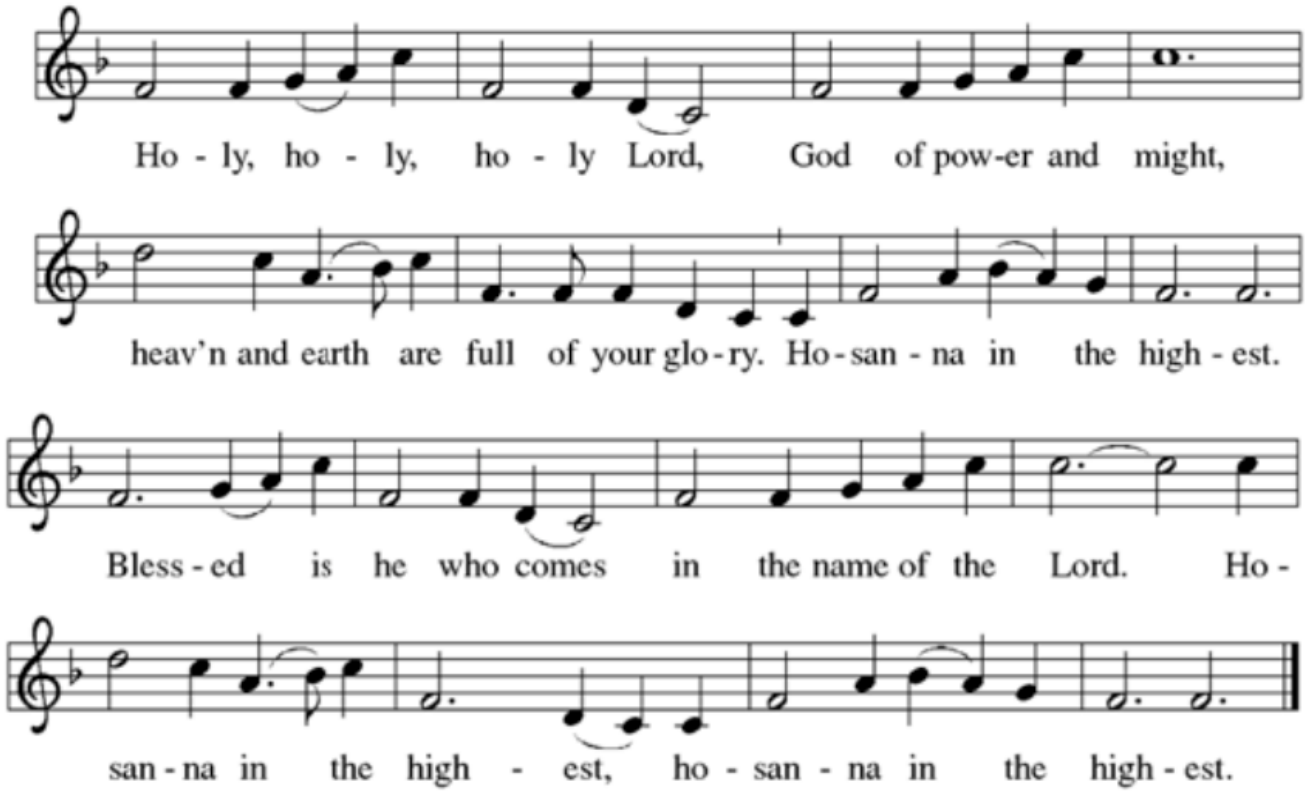
P The Lord be with you
C **And also with you.**

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

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

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory
forever praising you and singing:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen

Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

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

C **Amen.**

Distribution

Blessing

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

C **Amen.**

Post Communion Blessing (STAND)

P 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

Benediction

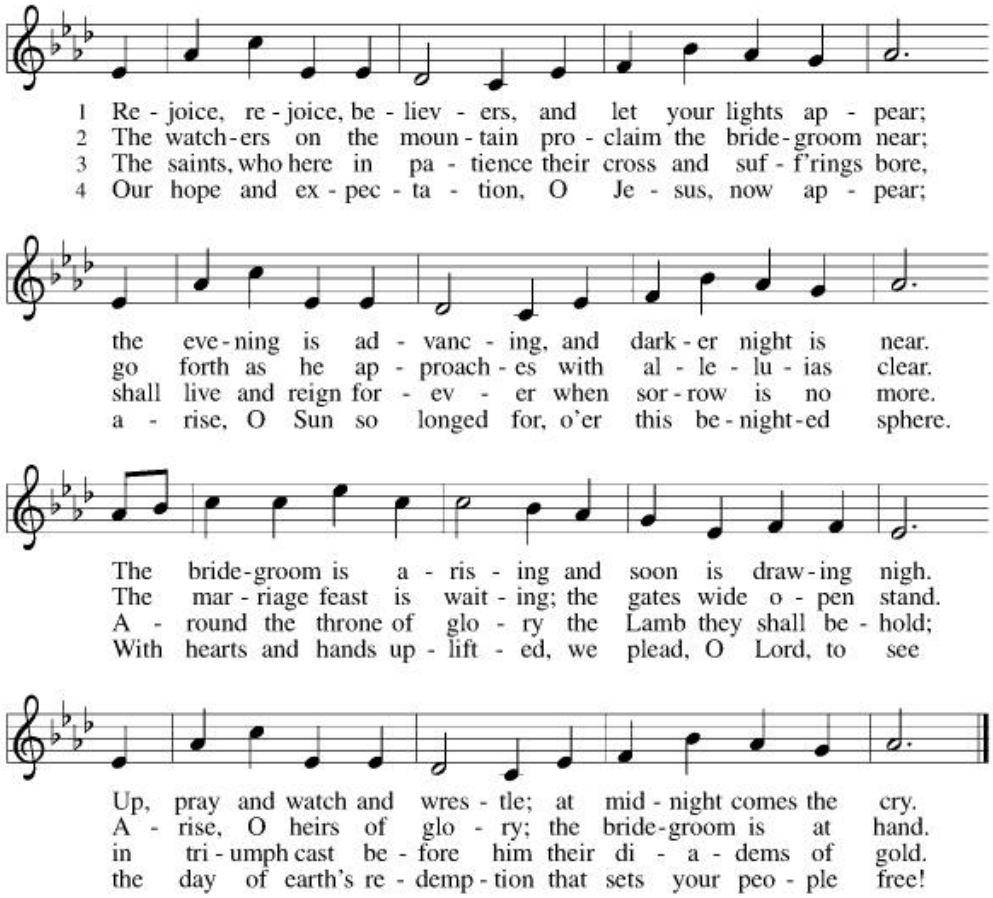
+Sending+

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

C Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW # 244 (NEXT PAGE)

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude