

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
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First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29th, 2026

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS

We are so glad you are here today! May God bless you richly as we worship together this morning. We would love an opportunity to get connected with you. Please take a moment to fill out one of the Connection / Attendance Cards found in the holder in front of you. These can be dropped in the offering plate or given to an usher.

BEFORE SERVICE

As part of the Body of Christ we would be honored to hold your concerns in prayer. Prayer Request Cards are in the holder in front of you. During the opening song, an usher will come by to collect any requests so we can incorporate these into our morning worship.

AFTER SERVICE

Please do join us for a time of friendship and fellowship. Coffee and goodies are on offer most all the time and we'd love an opportunity to meet you. You are most welcome here!



AN INVITATION AROUND HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is one of the most significant aspects of our worship service. It is a moment when we receive Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, as He shares himself with us. Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. He comes to us as a gift of life to His people. This meal sustains faith and life for all those baptized into Christ Jesus as they live out Christ's mission in this world.

As we commune with Christ Jesus this morning, the invitation is from Jesus that trusting Him, you come and partake as He gives. All His fullness, goodness, and mercy is yours simply in trusting and receiving the Lord's Body and Blood given and shed *for you*.

Gluten-free bread and grape juice are both available for special needs so please just let us know as you come forward. Children who have yet to receive a First Communion, are invited to come forward as well for the "same blessing" but for now simply in Word.

You are welcome here. Come and taste that the Lord IS Good!

THE SINGING OUR FAITH LITURGY
THE ORDER OF SERVICE
Holy Communion Worship



PRELUDE

WELCOME

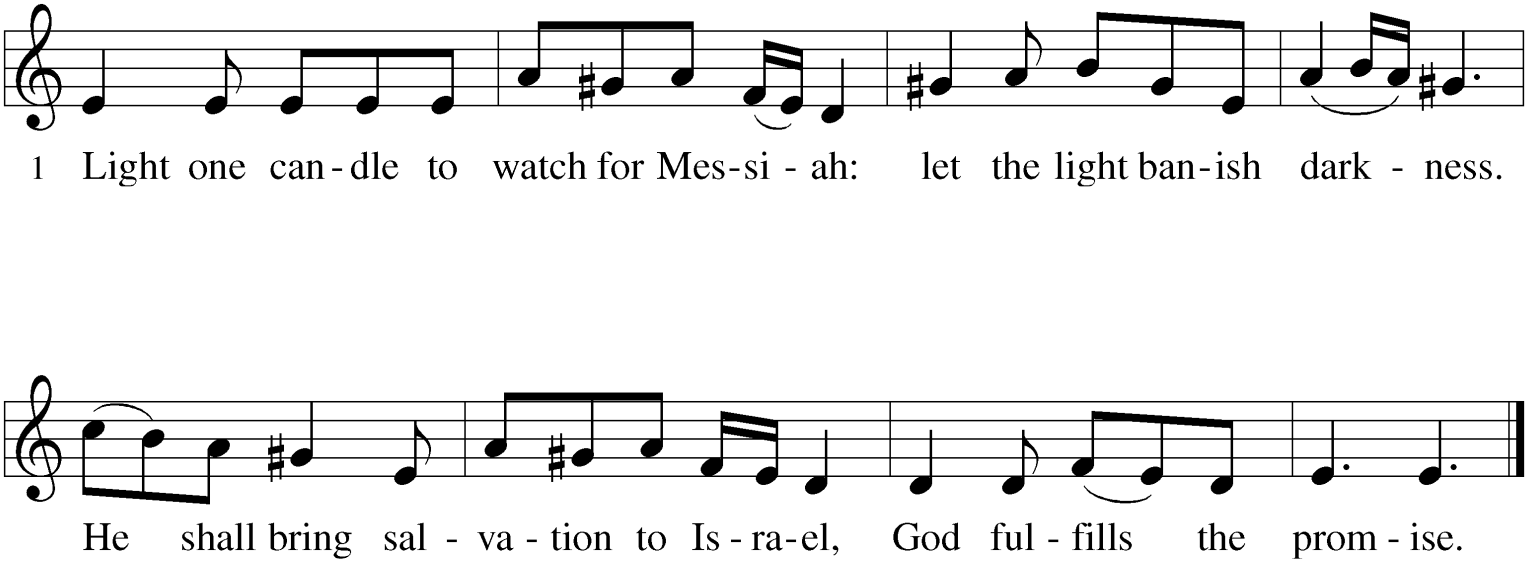
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Congregational responses are in BOLD type.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH & CHILDREN'S TIME

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (WOV 630) verse 1



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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Please rise as you are able.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
have mercy on us.

We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

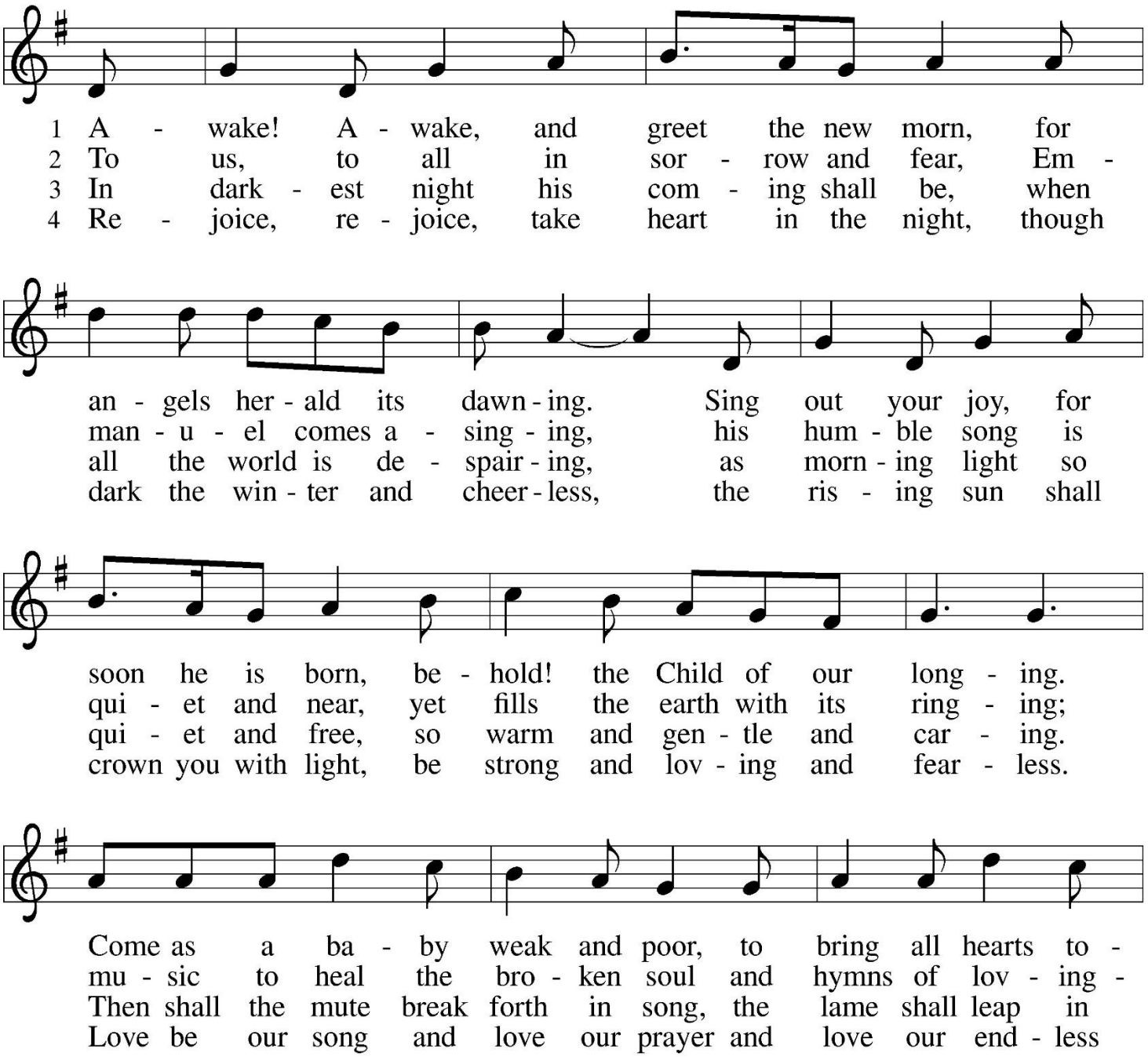
PEACE

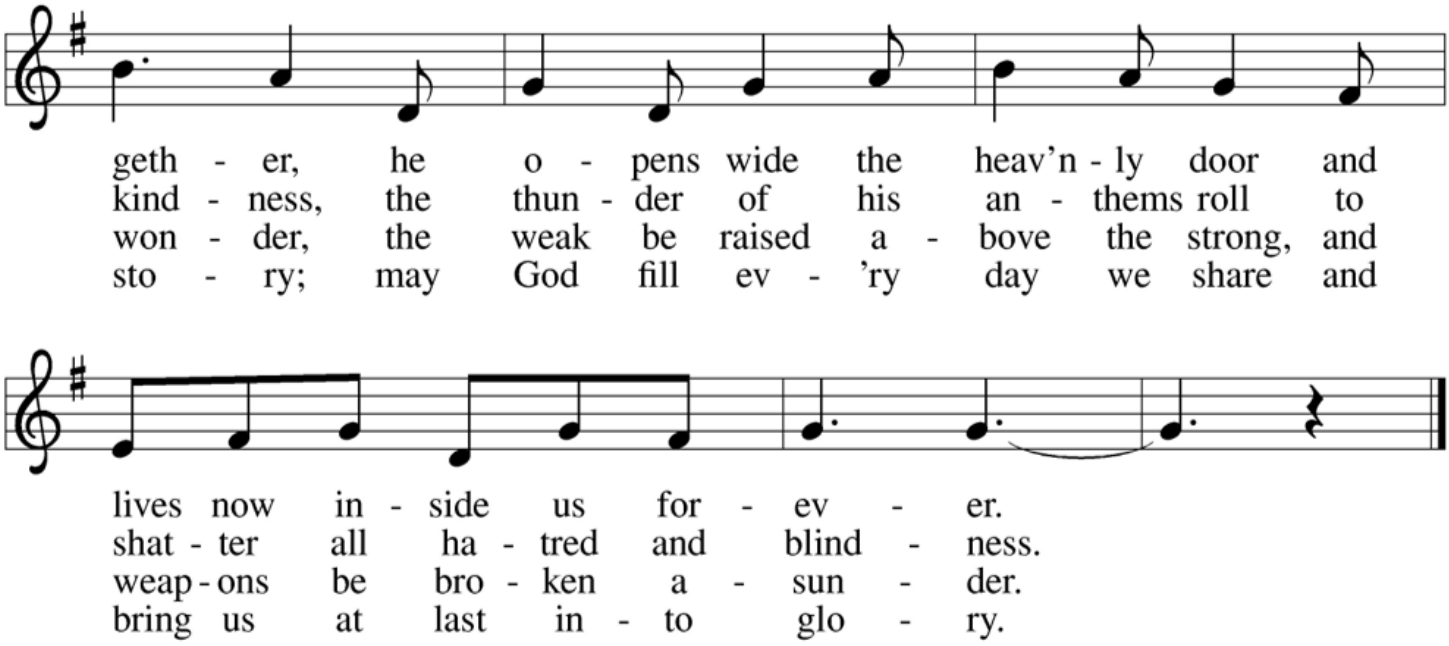
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The service continues with the gathering song.



GATHERING HYMN *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* (WOV 633)





Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen
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GREETING

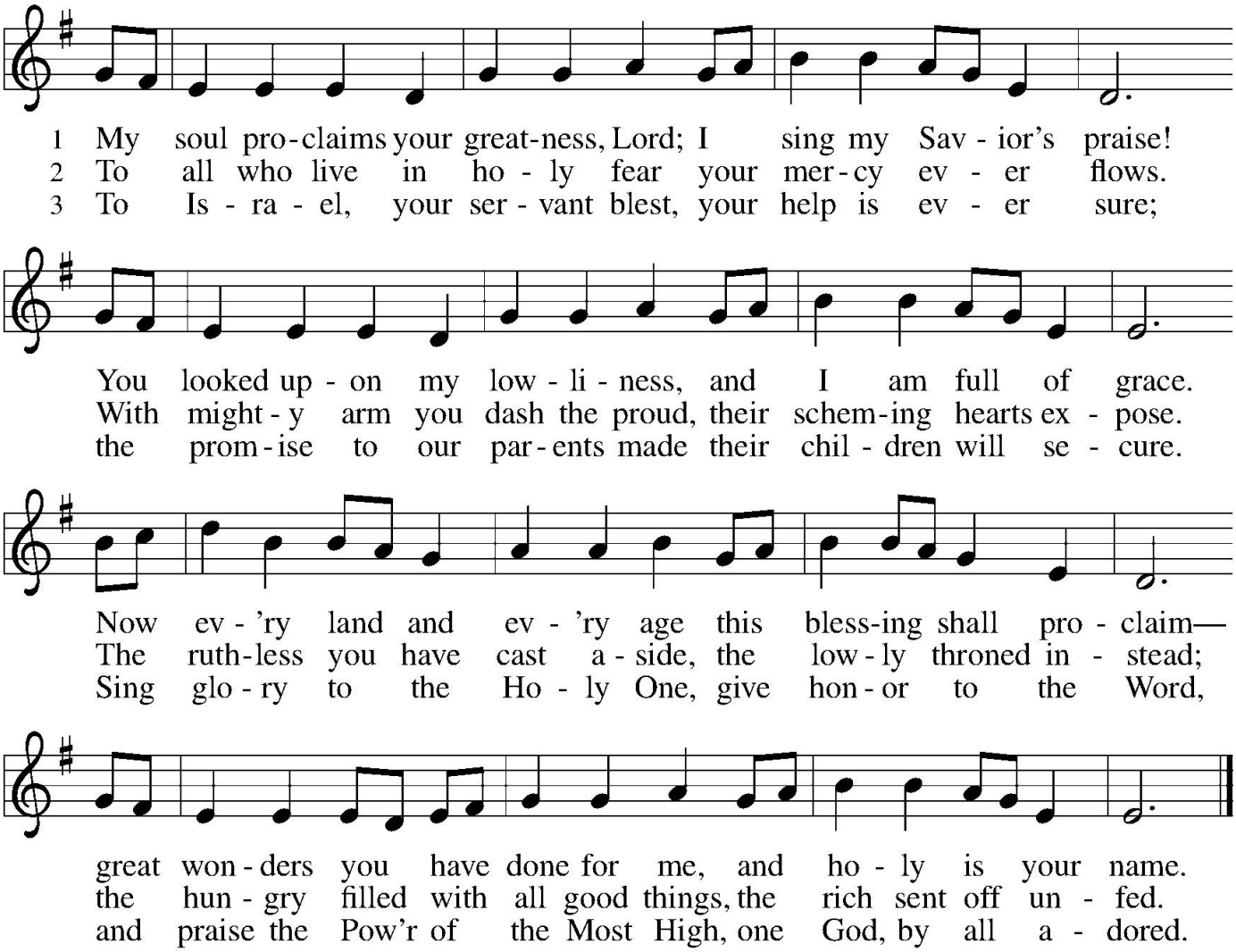
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE
(sung to the tune of *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy On Thy people now, we pray.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, For Thy favor, Christ we pray.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, To the Father Thou art the Way.
Thou, our Lord, us setteth free; With Thy Church e'er shalt Thou be.

HYMN OF PRAISE

***My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* (ELW 251)**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song.

Please be seated
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64: 1-9 (*back cover)*
After the reading.
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

*The Psalm is read responsively, with the congregation speaking the portion printed in **BOLD**.*

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

[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.
[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 LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (*back cover)*

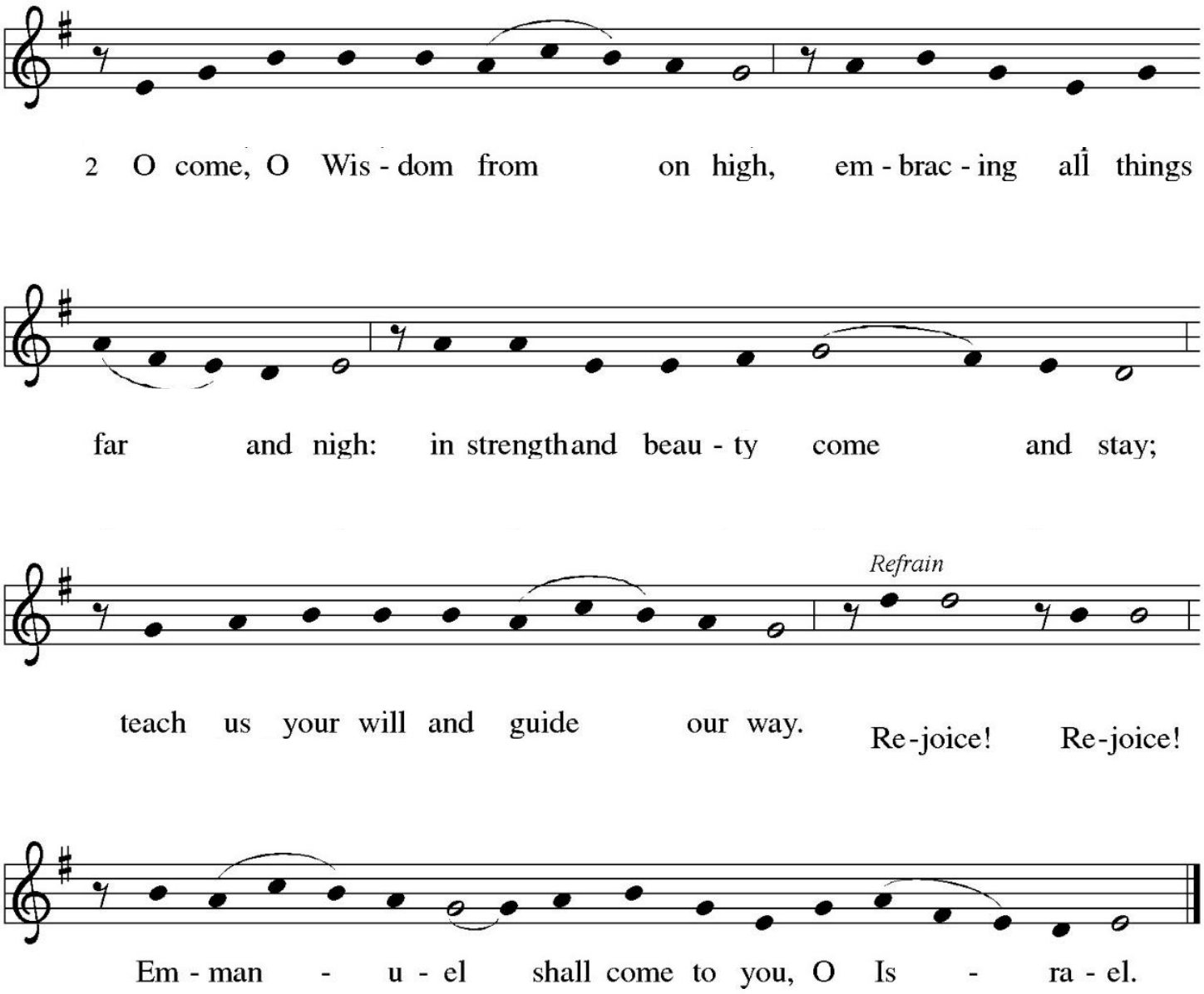
After the reading.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW 257) verse 2



Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37 *(back cover)*
The Gospel is announced.
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON **"Keep Awake, Keep Watch. He is Coming!"**

Pastor Eric Griffith

Silence for reflection may follow.

Please stand as you are able



HYMN OF THE DAY My Lord, What a *Morning* (WOV 627)

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



APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

**Theological Note: the word "catholic" means "universal". Our faith confesses that we are merely part of the Christian Church God is creating through faith in Jesus Christ.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us approach the Throne of Grace, there to pray for the Church, the world, and one another.
Kneel/Stand
A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer; and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our poor broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

MEAL

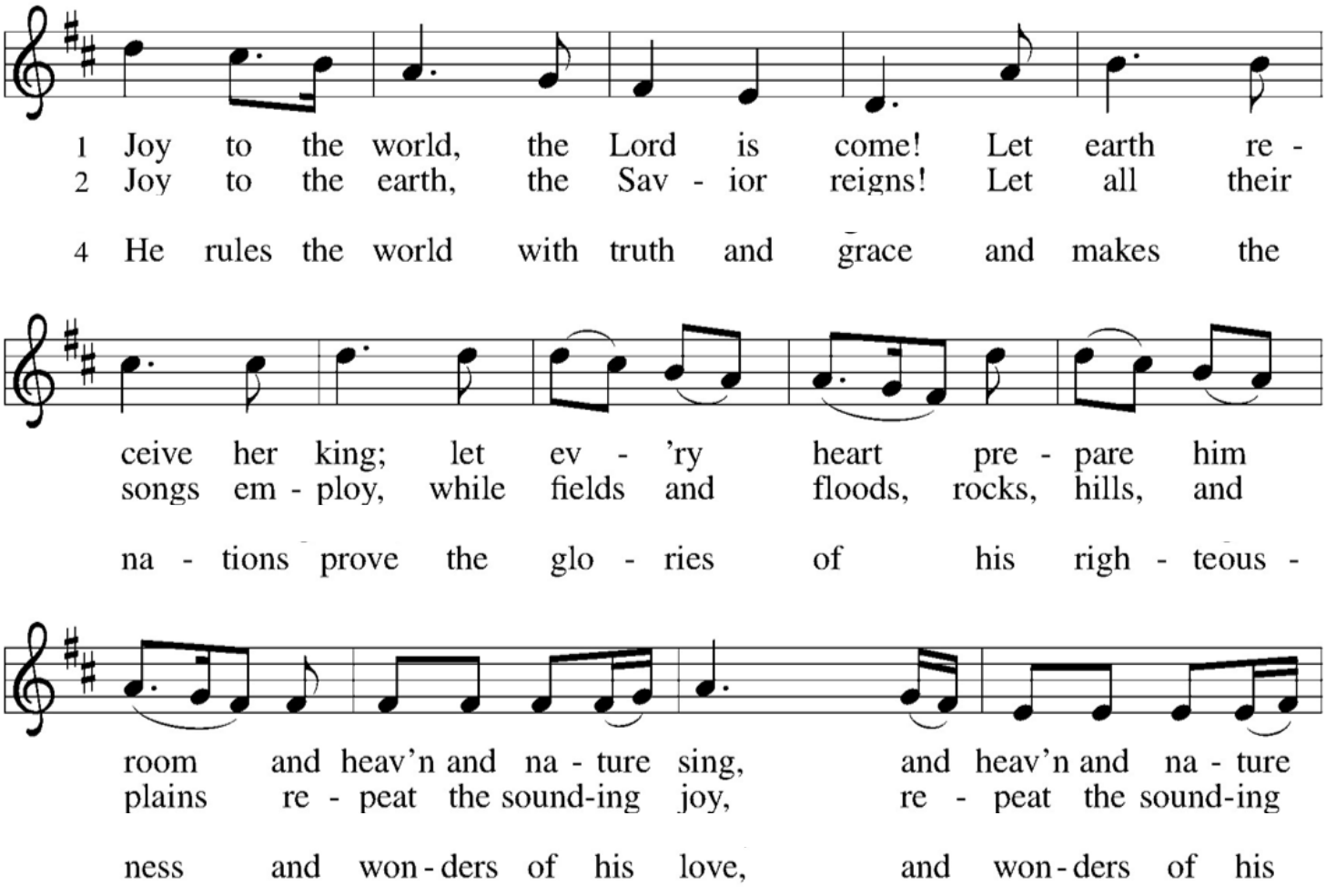
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

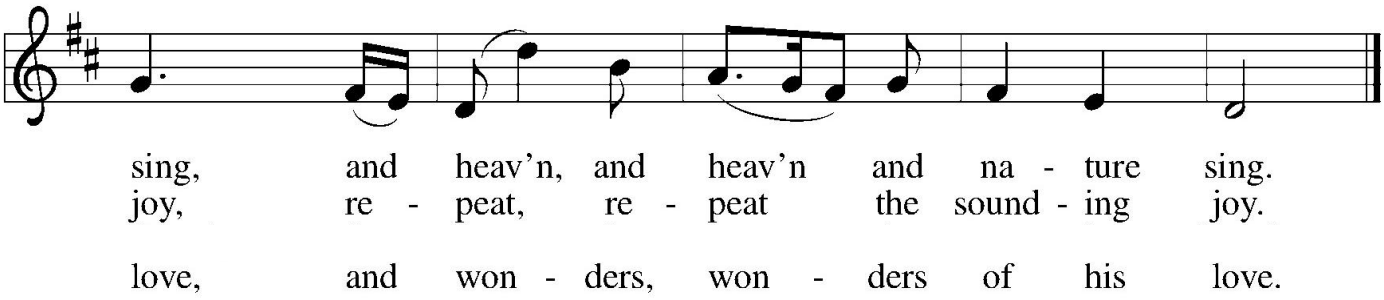
Please be seated



The congregation may be seated as
the offering is gathered, and the table is prepared.
THE OFFERING

SONG OF OFFERING
***Joy to the World* (ELW 267) verses 1, 2 & 4**

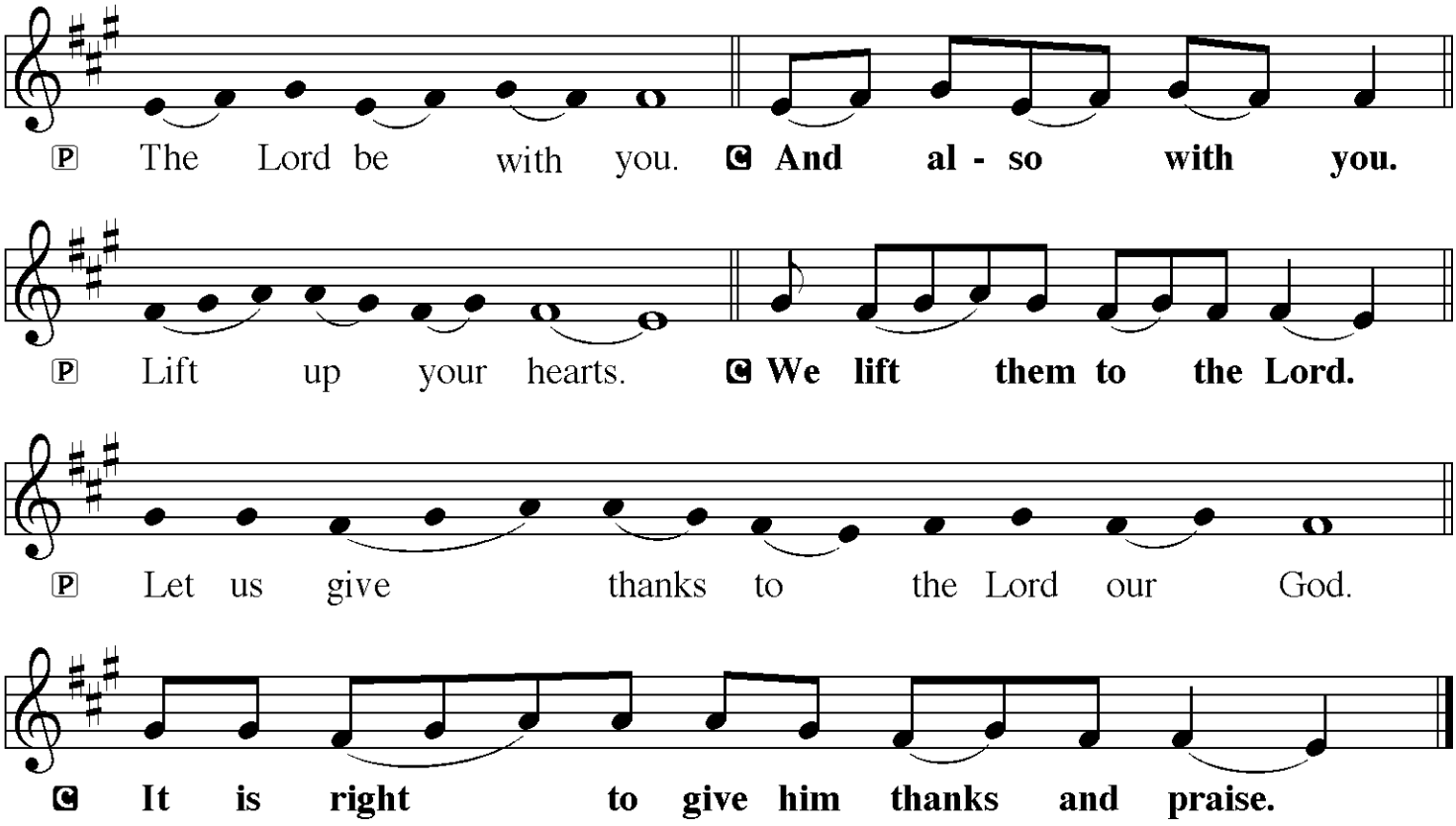




Please rise as you are able.
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Merciful God,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

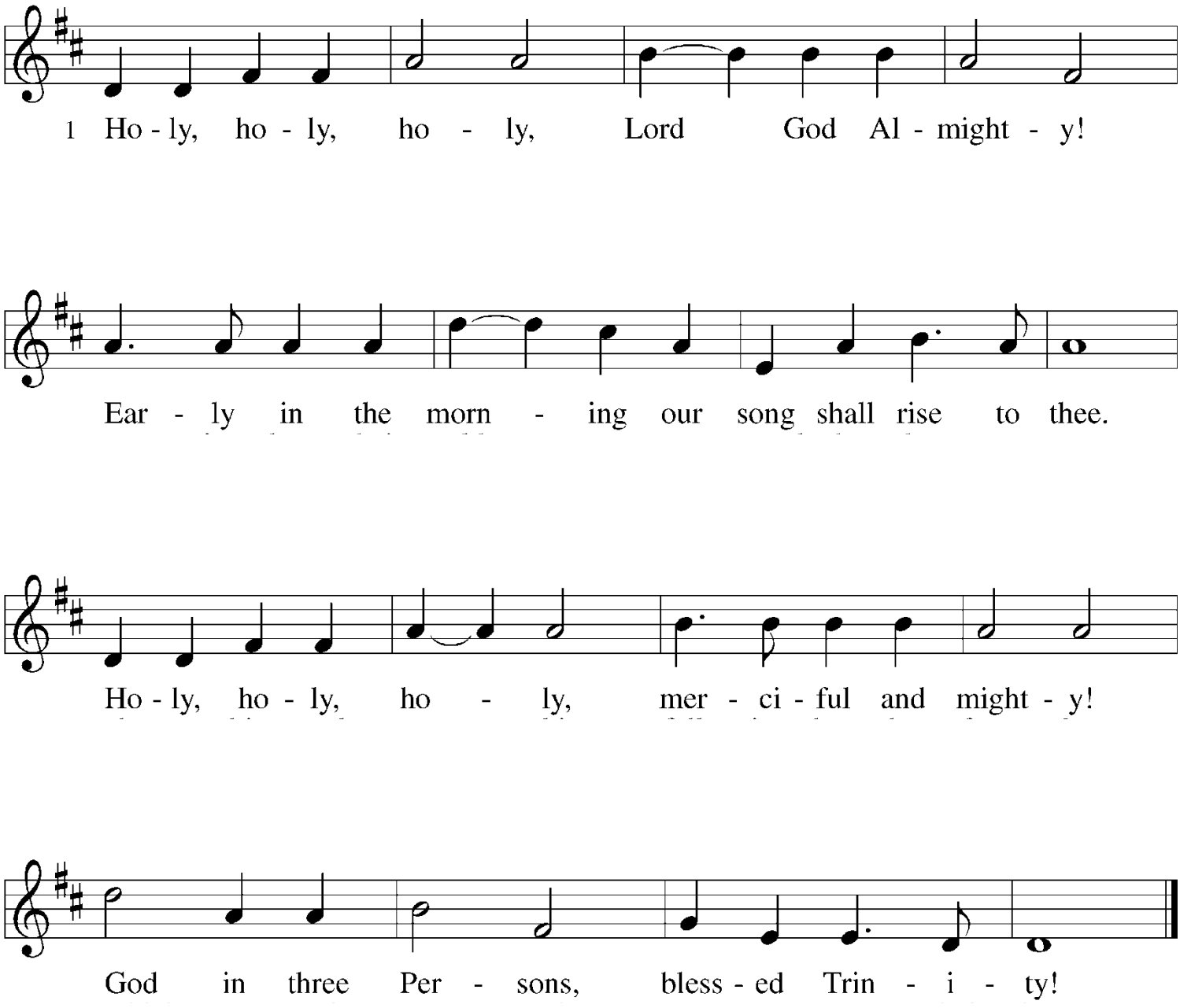
GREAT THANKSGIVING
(LBW Setting #2 – page 88)



PREFACE

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season:
It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
(LBW 165) verse 1



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

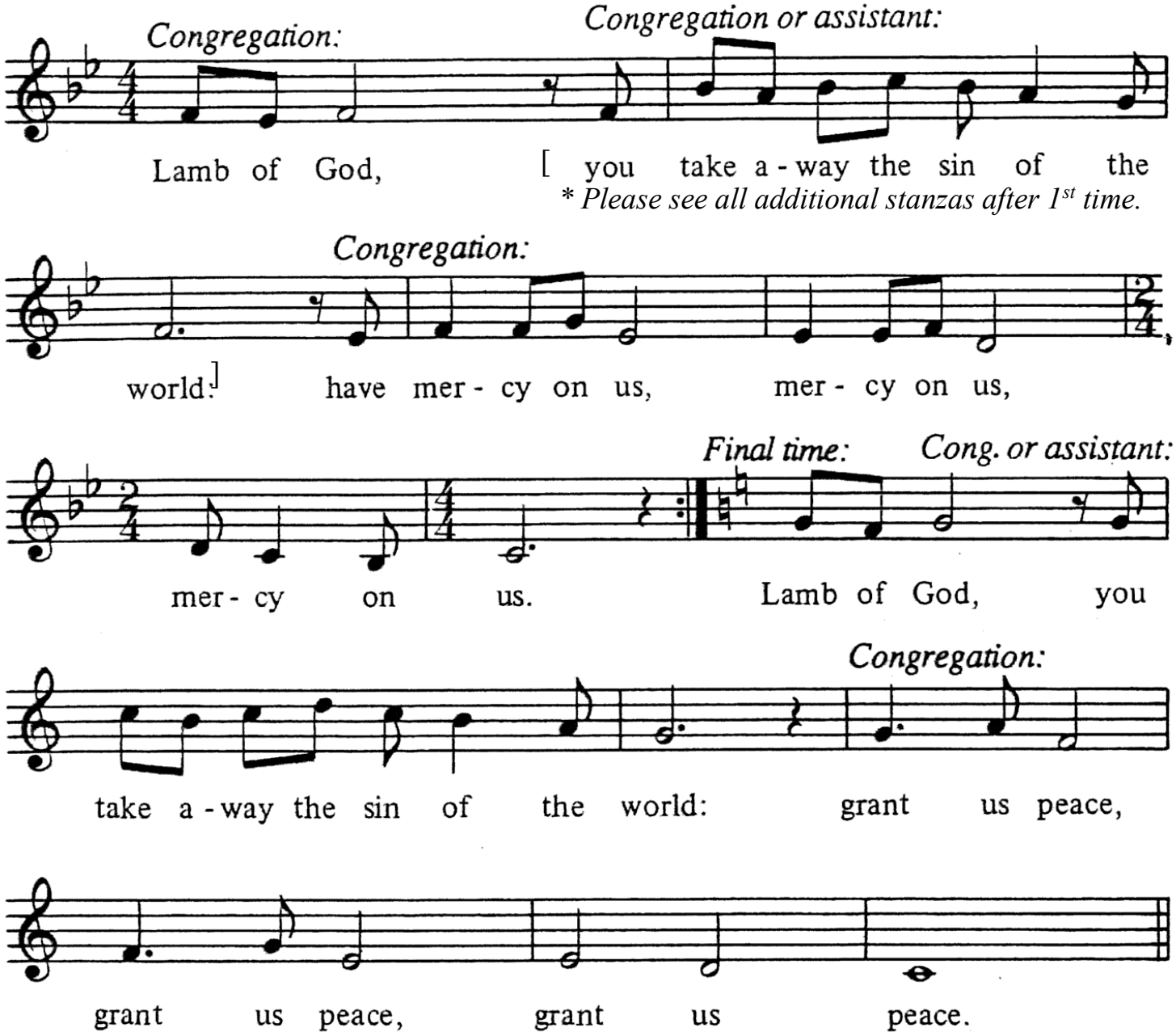
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
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.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

THE 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

LAMB OF GOD



Additional invocations:

2) you break the chains of hatred and fear:
3) you are the way of justice and peace:
4) you are the way of mercy and love:

** Jump to "Final time" after the last line above.*



The congregation may be seated
and come forward at the direction of the usher.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
*The communicant may say: "***Amen"** or **"Thanks be to God" or "Come Lord Jesus"** *or whatever expression of thanksgiving one is moved to in the moment.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: WOV 701, 705, 710

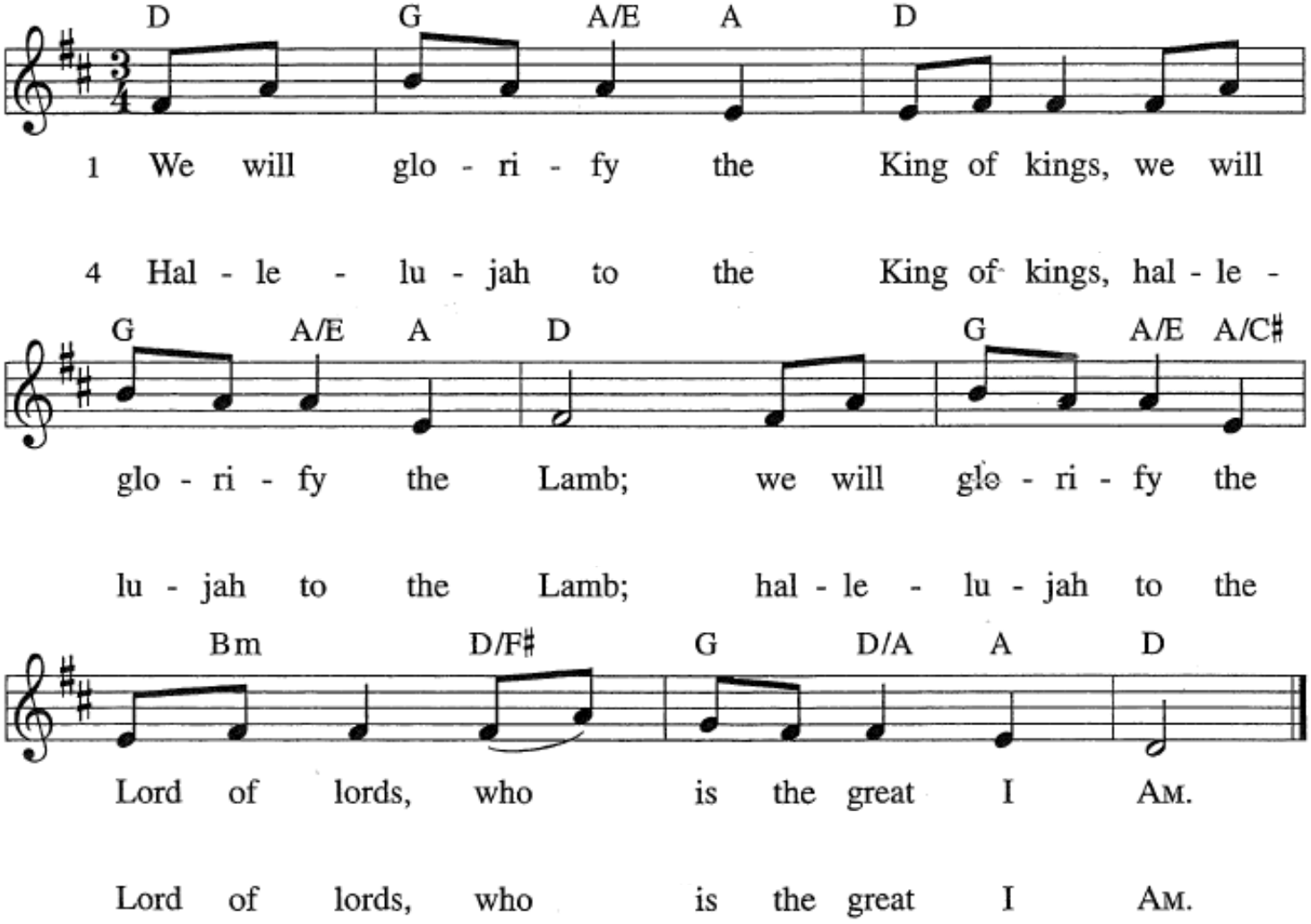
COMMUNION BLESSING

Stand

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



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE
***We will Glorify* (W&P 154) verse 1 & 4**



Text: Twila Paris
Music: Twila Paris; arr. David Allen
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray…
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



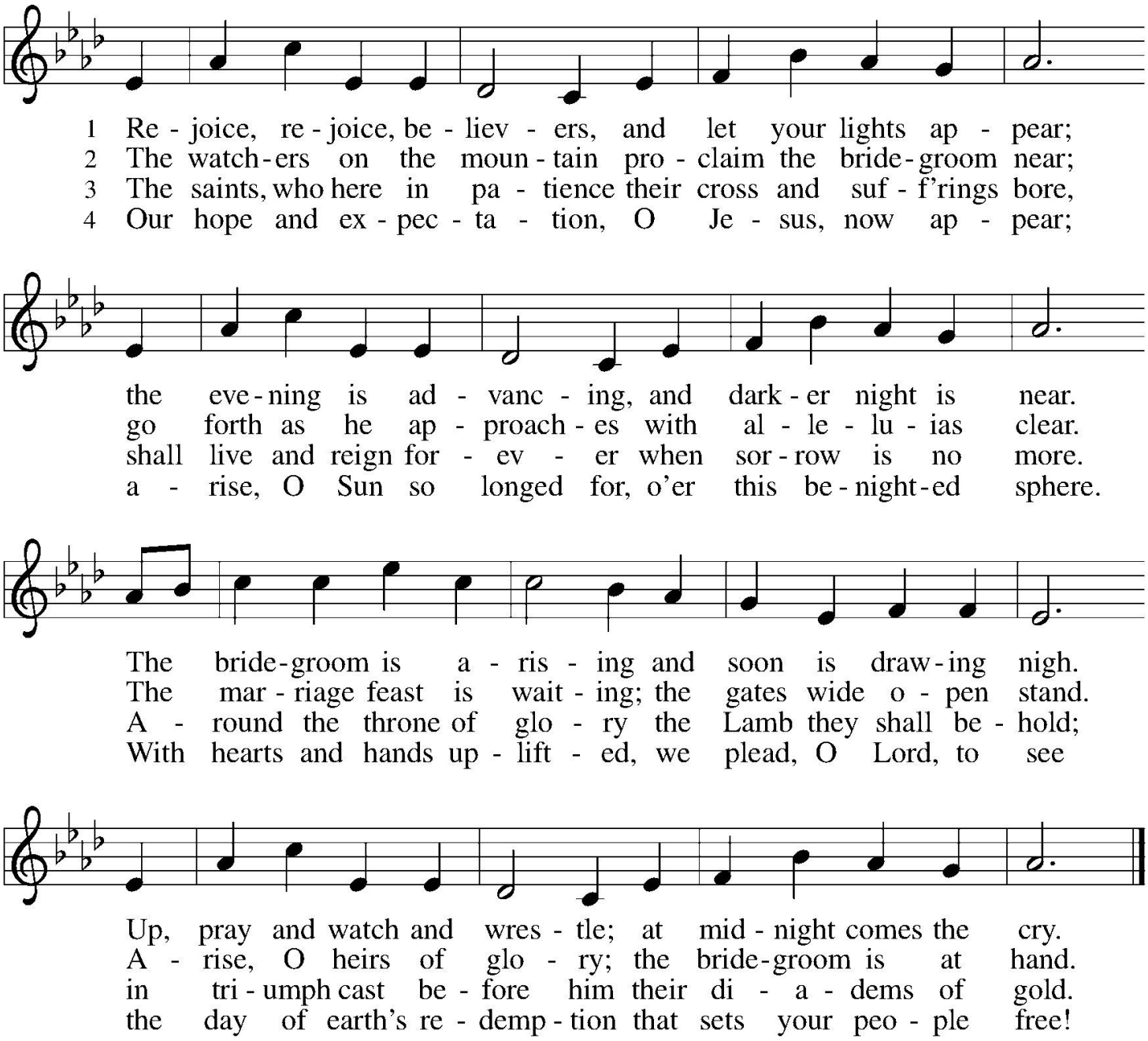
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The flame carried by the Acolyte reminds us that Christ leads us into mission. You are invited to turn and focus on this light as it moves us toward our calling in the world.

SENDING HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (LBW 25)



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

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
grant that the word we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through Your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

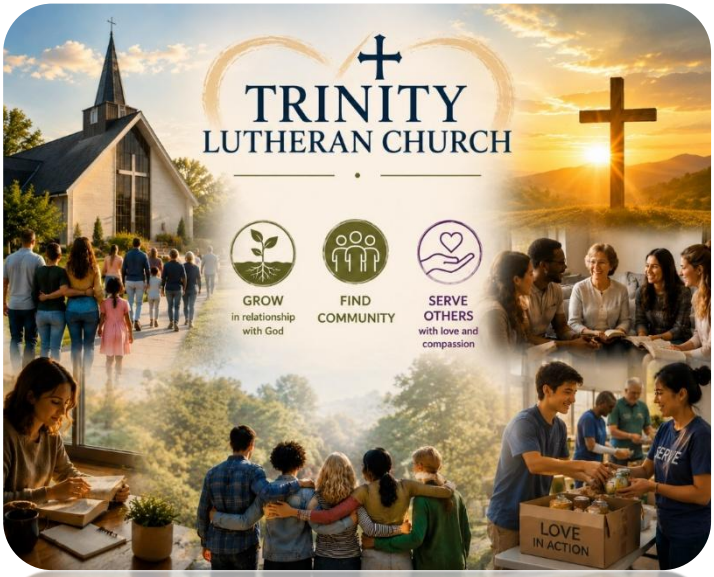
What are we called to do?
We are called by the Holy Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and God's love through word and deed.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church strives to be a church where all can experience the love of Christ, find community, grow in relationship with God, and serve others with love and compassion.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING

Family and Friends of Vince Fibelstad.
Family and Friends of Lee Brown.
Family and Friends of Don Litchfield

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Kathy Olson, Hunter Grossklaus, Jordan Bergeron, Claudette Woodland, Zeny Brown, Ollie Goldammer, LaVonne Heitmann, DeeLee Mendenhall, Connie Riddle, Samuel Poleson, Dennis Riddle, Rebecca Matchey, Carole Lemire, Steve Hanson, Anthony Nedrow, Mick Woodland, Dick Johnson, Marian Haugen, Jeanette Stolte, Kristen Hanson.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Brian Garner: (brother of Mona Gish)
Israel Holden: (friend of Rebecca Matchey)
Ricky Shope: (requested by Carmen Petersen)
Melody and Ivan Thompson of Good Hope
Brook Henze: (daughter of Kim Cushman)
Nadia Skorobogatova: (Elena & Oksana's mom)
Eugeniy Skorobogatov: (Elena & Oksana's dad)
Chuck Riddle: (son of Dennis & Connie Riddle)
Tamra Mead: (granddaughter of Anita Schneider)
Stacey Stamper: (friend of Bob Bergeron)
Neeraj and Nijhar and family: (missionaries)
John Jasinski: (son of Ed Jasinski)

TO HAVE YOUR REQUEST INCLUDED ON THIS PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT EDY MATCHEY.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Worship w. Communion *1. Sunday of Advent*
	10:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Eric
	4:30 p.m.	Worship & Evangelism Board
	5:30 p.m.	Property Board
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Mary, Martha & Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Bethel Bible Series Session 11
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Bethel Bible Series Session 11
SATURDAY	9:30 a.m.	Decorating for the Holidays ***Come and Help!***
NEXT SUNDAY		
Dec. 6th	9:00 a.m.	Worship w. Communion *2. Sunday of Advent*
	10:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	5:00 p.m.	Annual Family Christmas Smorgasbord

MEETING SCHEDULE

Worship & Evangelism Boards: December 1st at 4:30 pm.

Property Board: December 1st 5:30 pm.

Mary, Martha & Prayer: December 3rd at 9:00 am.

Church Council: December 8th at 5:30 pm.

LWR Quilting Dates: December 10th and 17th at 9:30 am.

Choir Practice: December 9th at 6:30 pm.



Our beloved member

Lee Brown

passed away in the morning of November 16th, 2026.

The date and time of his Memorial Service will be announced once arrangements have been finalized.

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR	Eric Griffith
CONGREGATION PRESIDENT	Denise Walk
VICE PRESIDENT	Arlan Matchey
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Nora Fairchild
ORGANIST	Heidi Thornton
CUSTODIAN	Jake Fairchild

SERVING TODAY

SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST	Laureen Trail
CANTOR	Martha Hendry and/or Rebecca Matchey
GREETER	Lee Brown and friends
ACOLYTE	open at time of print
ALTAR CARE	Edy Matchey
READER	Fran Harris
USHERS	Elena Olson / Bill Roper / Kurt Erickson
COMMUNION SET UP	Ramona Gish
COMMUNION SERVERS	Fran Harris & Mary Neuman
CHILDREN'S CHURCH GUIDE	as volunteered
PEW SUPPLIES	Rebecca Matchey & Youth Group



Please join us after worship for coffee hour! We look forward to visiting with everyone!

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Prayer Chain & Prayer List: If you have a prayer request to share with the congregation, please contact ***Edy Matchey.***

Sunday Worship Prayer Requests: Please call 208/743-4414 and leave us a message or send an Email tlclewiston@gmail.com.

Restroom: In the Narthex (back of the church) by the front doors.

Large Print Worship Folders and Children's Busy Bags: Available in the Narthex. (See an usher.)

NALC Newsletter: The latest NALC Newsletter is available at *thenalc.org.*

LCMC Newsletter: https://lcmc-nw.com/northwest-district-newsletter. The national site is www.lcmc.net.

Community Food Bank: ***Thank you*** for donating non-perishable foods, to benefit our food bank and people in need! Please keep contributing as there is need. Your donations may be placed in the northeast corner of the sanctuary. Thank you, *Lee Brown.*

Portals of Prayer: Portals of prayer (through the month of December) are available in the Narthex. If you would like a copy of this devotional, please call the church office (208.743.4414) and we will see that you get one.

DECEMBER 5TH – CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Dec 5th at 9:30 am.** We would love to have you come help and join the fun! Let's get the joy and spirit of Christmas going with some fellowship while making His house beautiful. All the decorations are available we just need some hands to put them out. Hope to see you there!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

"It is that time of year when the Nominating Committee may be asking about your participation in church operations and functions via a position on the council. Please do not automatically say no if asked. Prayerfully consider any way in which you can serve the congregation and our church. We have dedicated people that have served in this capacity for many years, and we owe them a great deal, and maybe we need to give them a rest/break. If you have any questions on what a position entails, any council member would be happy to share that information. Thank you for your consideration."

God's Blessings and I love you all,

Denise



ANNUAL

Family Christmas Smörgasbörd

Sunday, December 6th at 5 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for an evening of delicious food, fellowship and singing Christmas carols.

Sign up sheets will be in the narthex for your favorite dish to bring.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members,
I am again requesting that you make note to take care of God's house and resources. I can't count the number of times I or others have come into the church and found lights left on. Upstairs, downstairs, fellowship hall, everywhere. What is actually worse is that I have found doors unlocked when there is no one there, until I arrive and find them open. We are opening ourselves up to theft, vandalism, damage, whatever. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE check before you leave.** Do not assume someone else will do it!

- The alley doors and East wing fellowship door need to be locked with a **key.** Not all people have a key and are not able to lock it. If you have a key, make sure it is locked behind you. If you need to go in and out, unlock it, open the door, relock it and use the crash bar to keep it open. Once you are done, release the crash bar. Always turn the doorknob to make sure it is in the locked position. If you would like to know how it works, (I had to be shown) PLEASE ASK ME.....I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST!
- I have put up fluorescent-colored signs on all the doors. Please read them until it becomes a habit to check the status of lights and locks. Again, this is God's house, and it would break my heart to see unnecessary damage occur because of carelessness or assumption.



With Christ's Love, *Denise*