1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026 8:30, 11:00 a.m. & Livestream



FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history. Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.

✦ GATHERING ✦

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

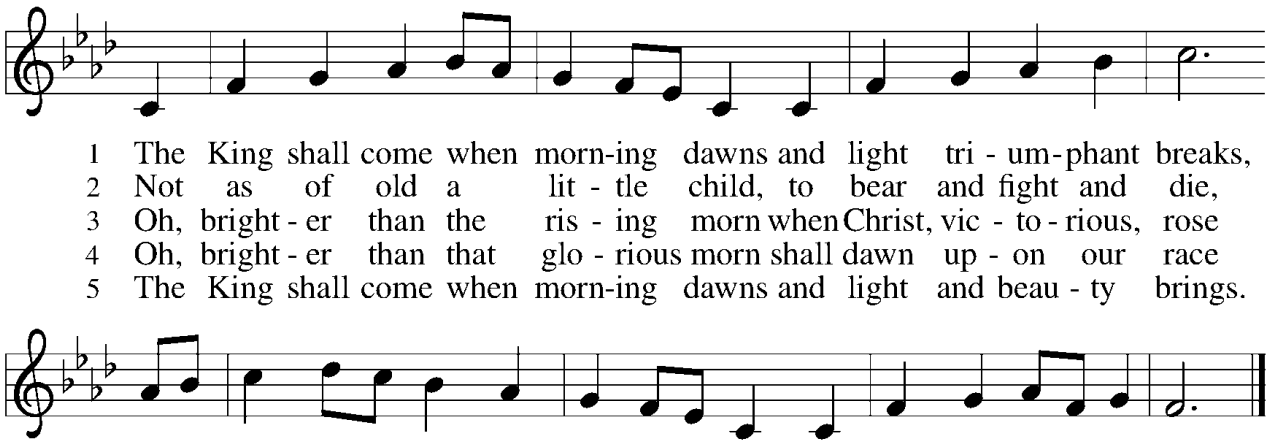
P *Comforting God,*

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 **Thanks be to God!**

Entrance Hymn *The King Shall Come* No. 260



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

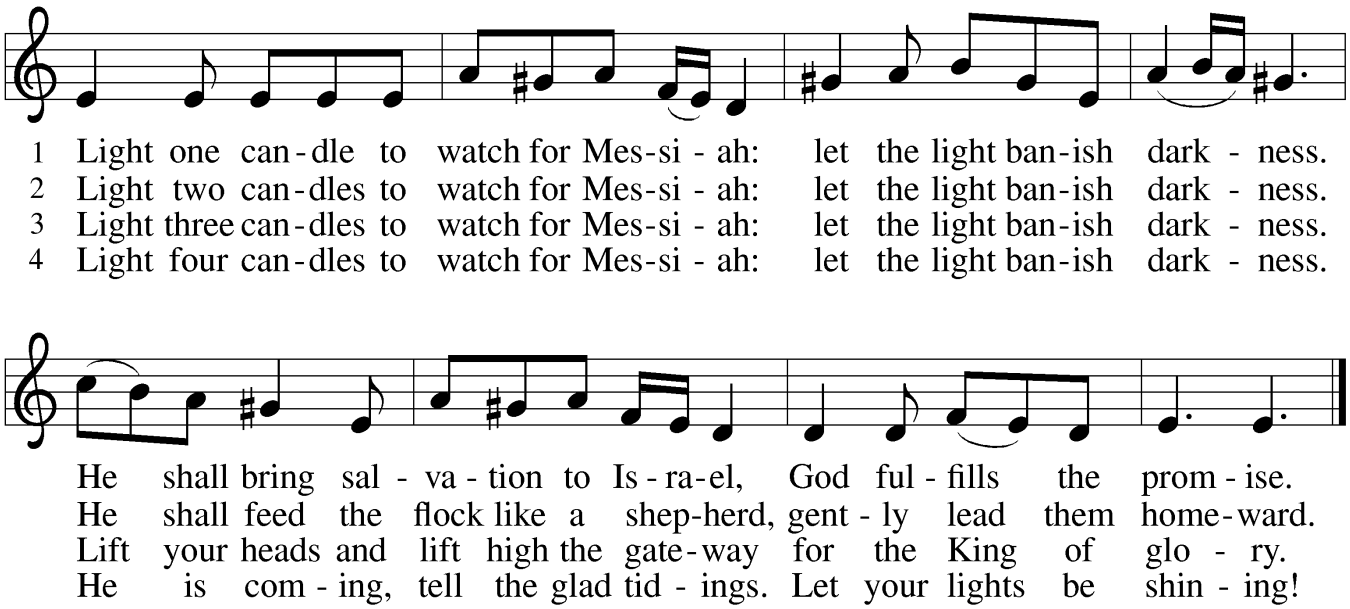
C **And also with you.**

Advent Wreath Lighting

One candle of the Advent Wreath is lit as we will sing the designated stanza, based on the respective Week of Advent.

Hymn of Praise *Light one Candle to Watch for Messiah* No. 240

Verse 1



A *Let us Pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.*

C **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.

✦ THE WORD ✦

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

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

A *[1] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
C **[2] In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and come to help us.

A *[3] Restore us, O God;*
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved
C [4] **O Lord God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

A *[5] You have fed them with the bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
C [6] **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

A *[7] Restore us, O God of hosts;*
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
C [17] **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong for yourself.

A *[18] And so will we never turn away from you;*
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
C [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 *A reading from first 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

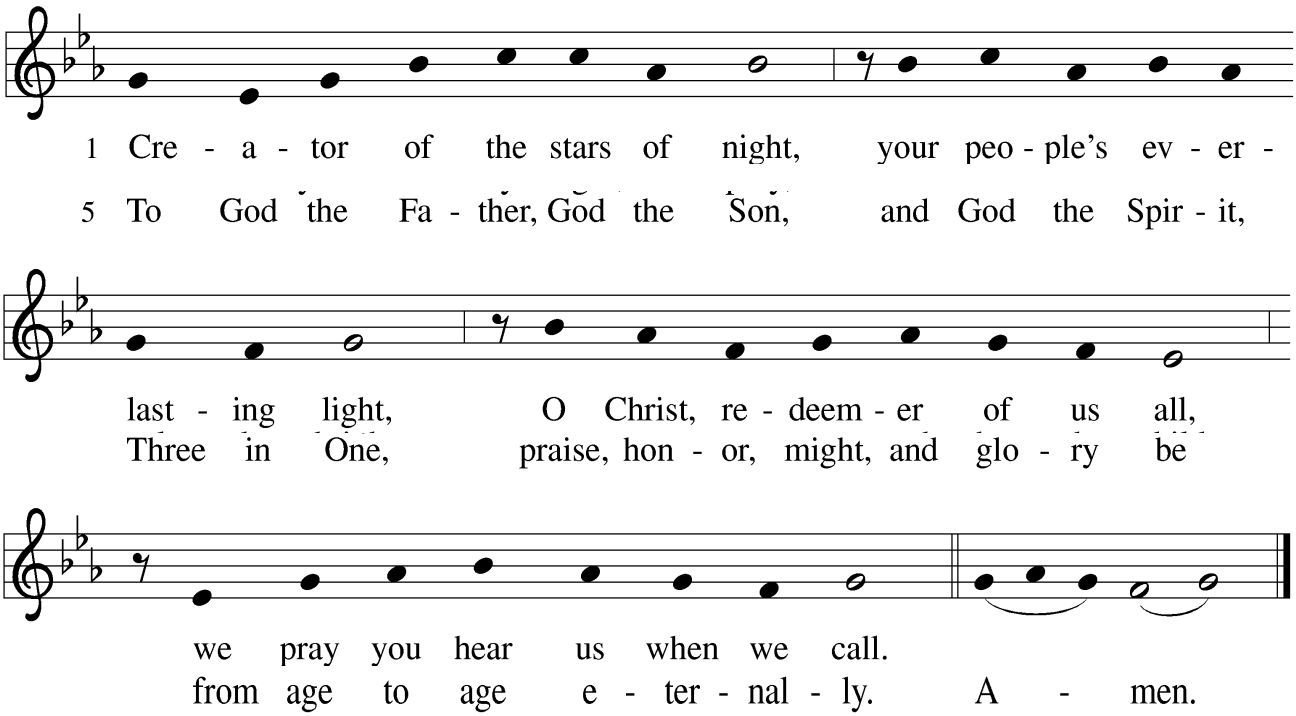
been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless 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.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Creator of the Stars of Night
Verses 1 & 5



Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.*
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P *[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."

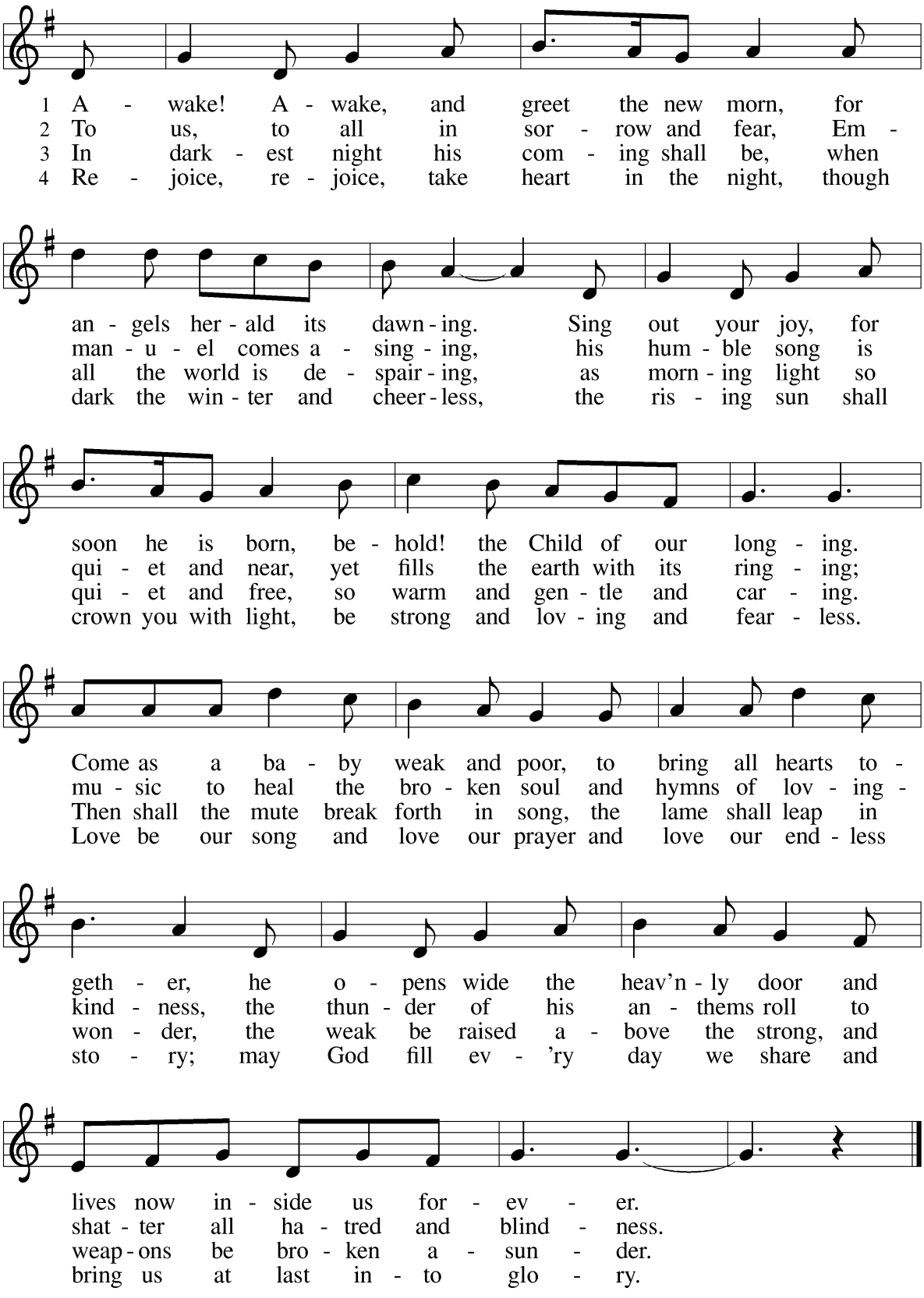
P *The Gospel of the Lord.*
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon The Rev. Drew McCaffery

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day *Awake, Awake and great the New Morn* No. 242



A *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.*

C **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

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

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

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.**

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

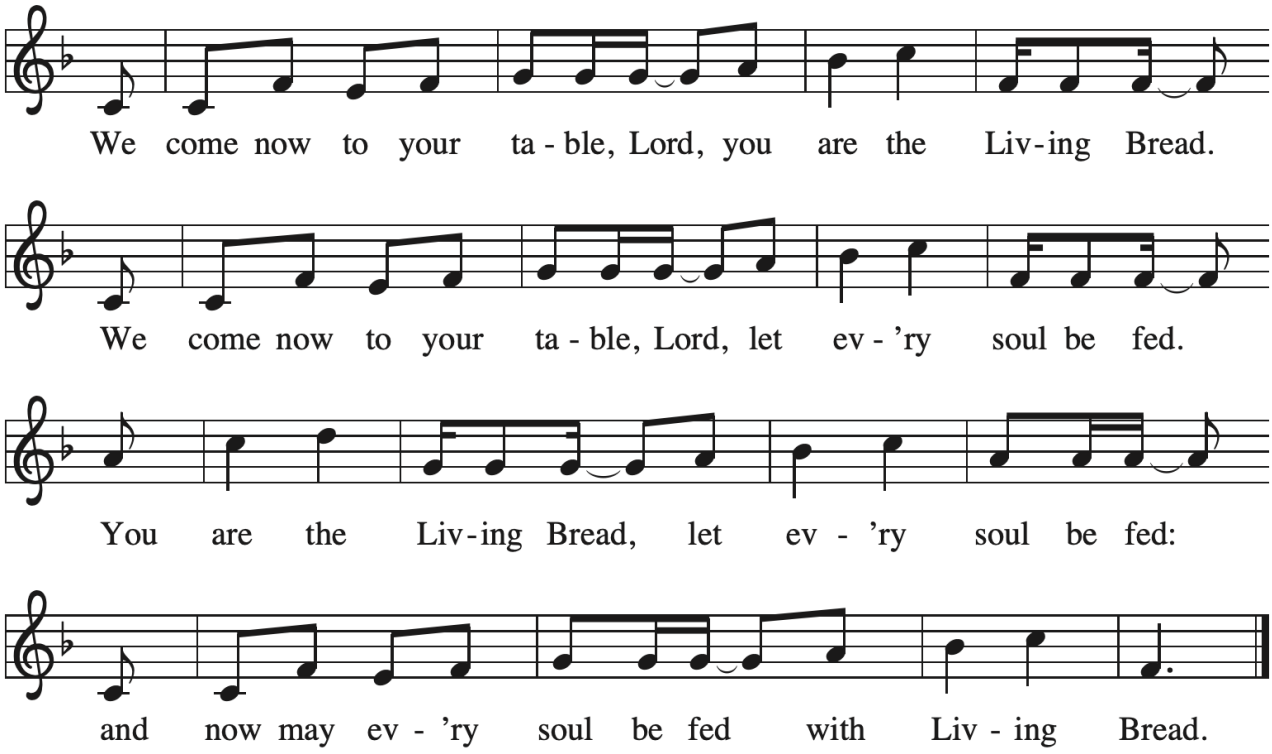
After sharing the peace, please be seated.

Offering & Anthem (11 am)

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach

Choir

As the gifts are presented, please stand as you are able.



A *Let us pray. Holy Creator,*

C **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.**

✦THE EUCHARIST✦

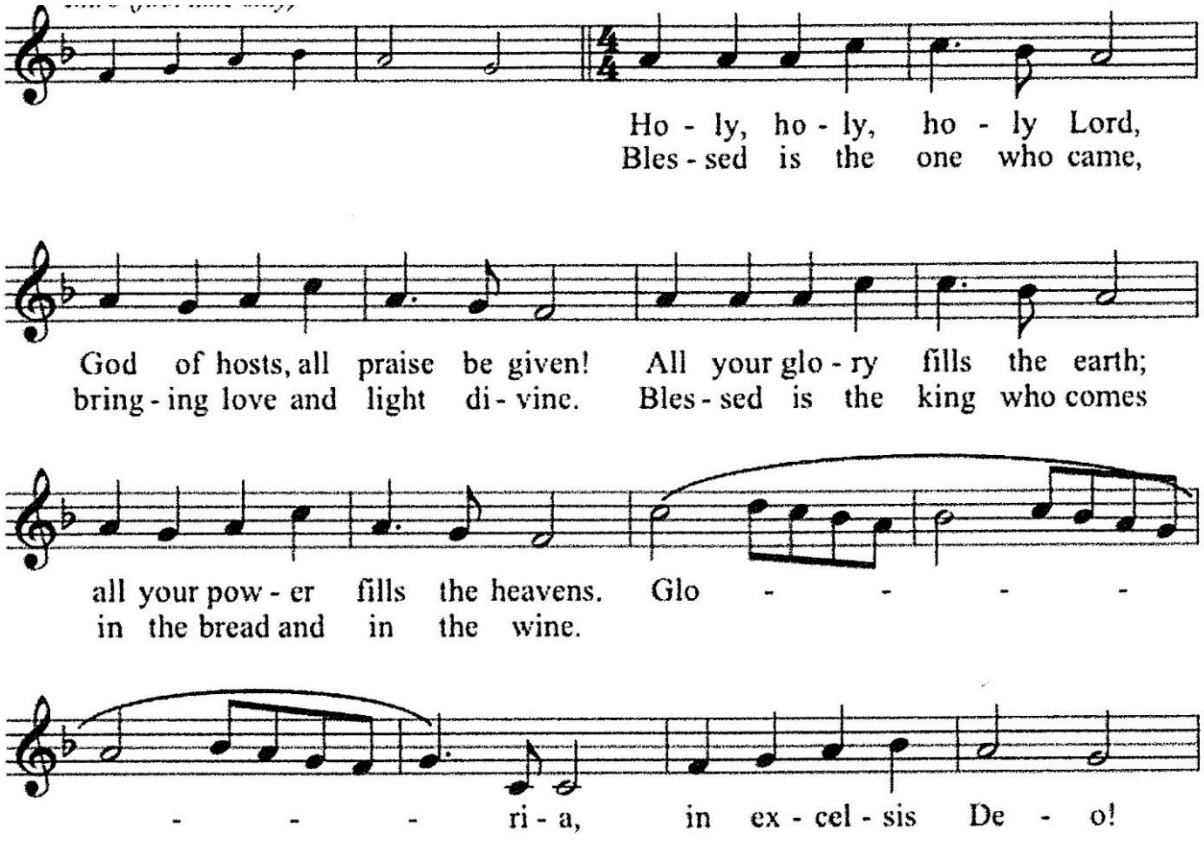
P *The Lord be with you.* **C** **And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P *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:*

The congregation responds to the tune of "Angels we have Heard on High"



P *We praise you, living and loving God, that you have sent your Son to this world. Christ is your Wisdom, sweetly ordering all creation, our Lawgiver, burning with justice, the Branch from Jesse's tree, sprouting flowers from old roots, the Key of David, opening our prison doors.*

P *And let the people cry, O come and save us:*
C **O come and save us.**

P *We praise you, serving and saving God, that you send your Son also to this table, who on the night before he died 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.

P *And let the people cry, O come and save us:*
C **O come and save us.**

P *We beg you, mighty and merciful God: send us the Spirit of your Son. Dwell in this food and in all who share it, that the earth may rejoice in your presence. In Christ, the Dawning Day, enlighten a darkened world, reign as Sovereign to unite all peoples, and live among us, Emmanuel, our deepest desire now and forever.*

P *And let the people cry, O come and save us:*
C **O come and save us.**

P *Even so, come, Lord Jesus, with your Father and your Spirit, to the church, and receive our praises, now and forever.*
C **Amen.**

P *Now with hope for a better tomorrow, we join our voices together to pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray,*

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.

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

C **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

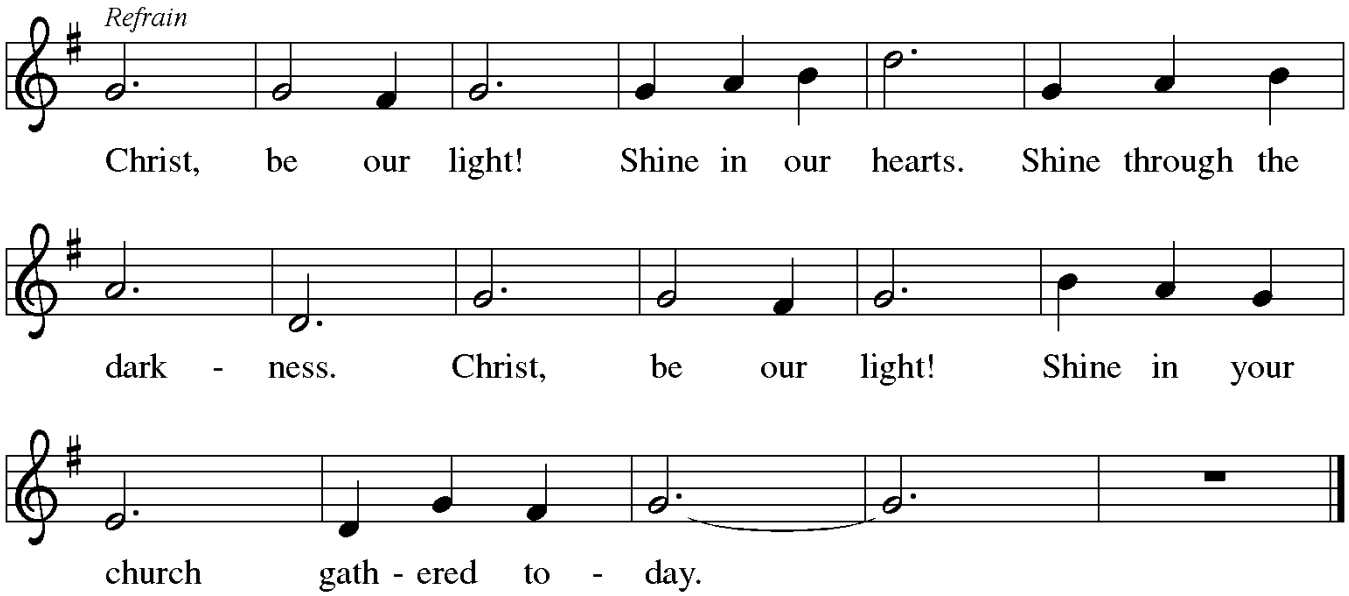
All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and white grape juice.)

During the distribution, the following is sung to the tune of "Once in Royal David's City"

Lamb of God, the world Redeemer,
Mercy to your people give.
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
May we in your mercy live.
Lamb of God, we all implore:
Grant us peace forevermore.

Communion Hymn *Christ Be Our Light* No. 715

Refrain only after all have communed



After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

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

C **Amen.**

A *Let us pray. Providing God,*

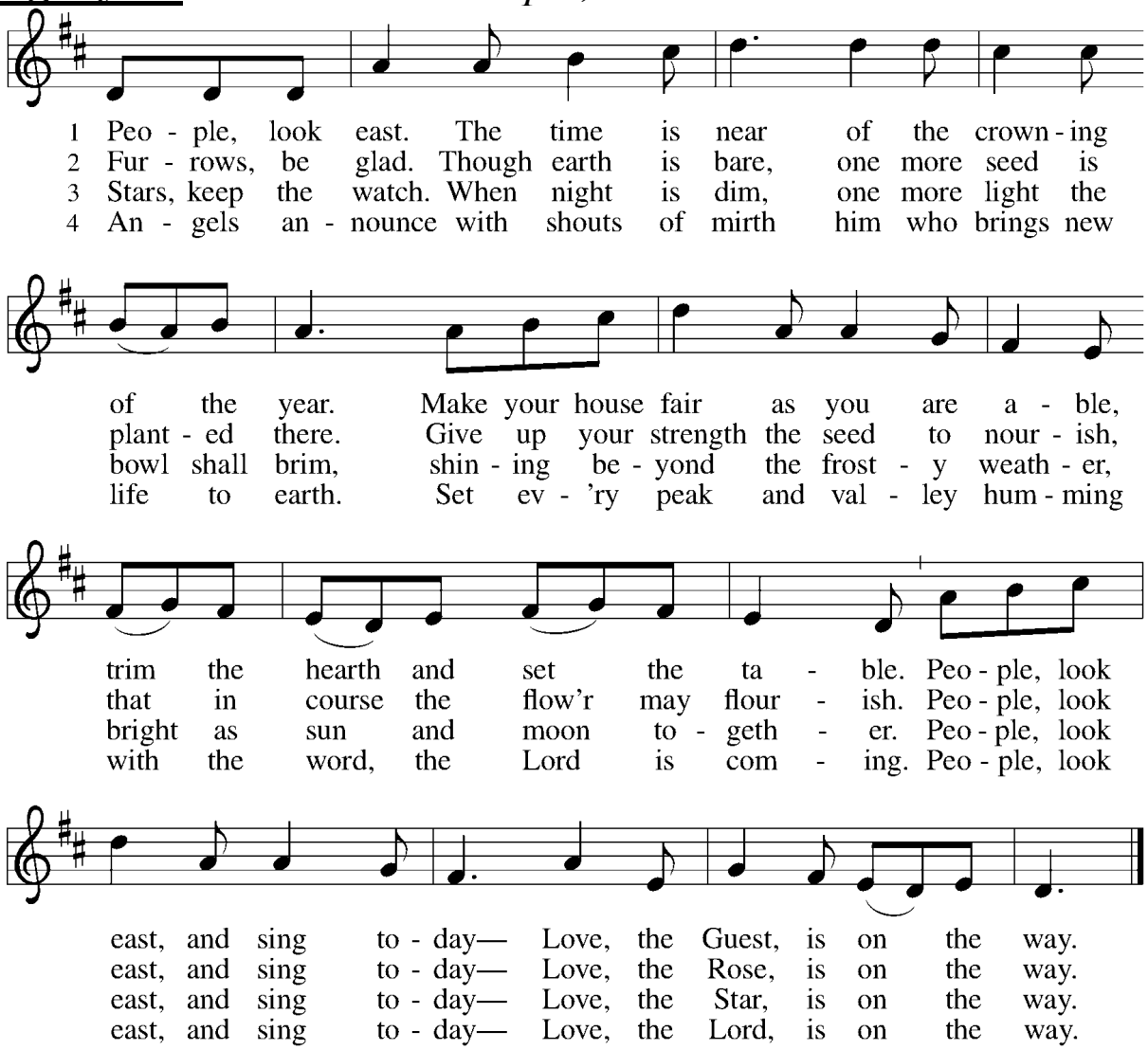
C **you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

✦ SENDING ✦

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

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *People, Look East* No. *248*



A *Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

Paul, Ann, Andrea, Al, Ken, Joan, Daisy, Betty, Nancy, Jean, Michelle, Nick and Lois

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God

in memory of my mom, Gladys Bennett, for her birthday by Dot Miller.

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SERVING TODAY	8:30 am	11:00 am
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