

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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# Welcome to **WORSHIP**

## **We are glad you are with us today.**

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — [www.holyspirit-elca.org](http://www.holyspirit-elca.org). Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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# THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All page and hymn numbers refer to the “red” ELW hymnal.*

## PRELUDE

**“Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying”**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
alive in the world,  
reviving creation,  
arriving soon

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P Long-expected God,

C **we confess that we look to ourselves  
for the peace and security only you can provide.  
We reach for swords and spears,  
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.  
We become impatient while waiting  
and weary of keeping awake.**

P Free us from self-reliance,,


C **and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.  
Increase our trust in God’s timing,  
and awaken us to your advent among us,  
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.  
Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

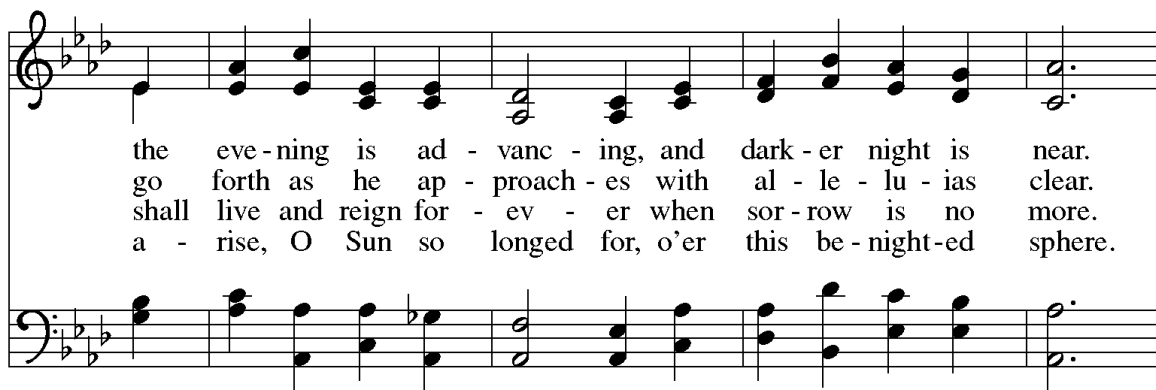
# “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

ELW 244

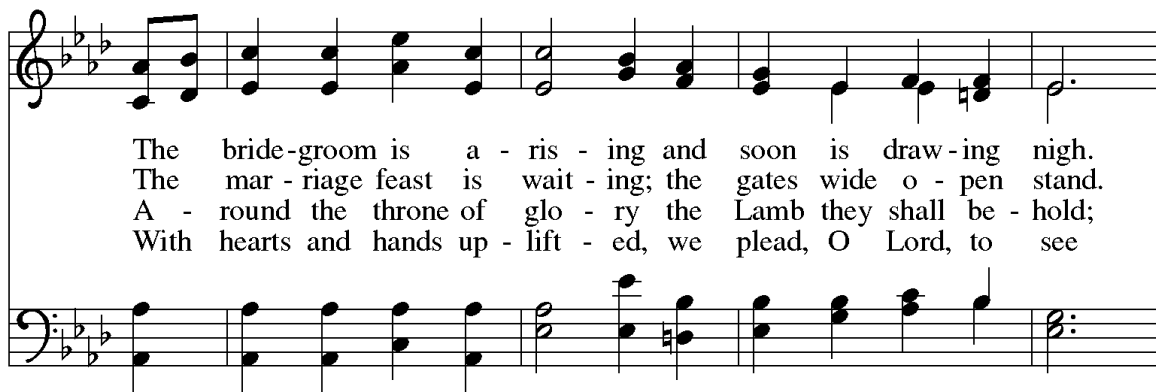
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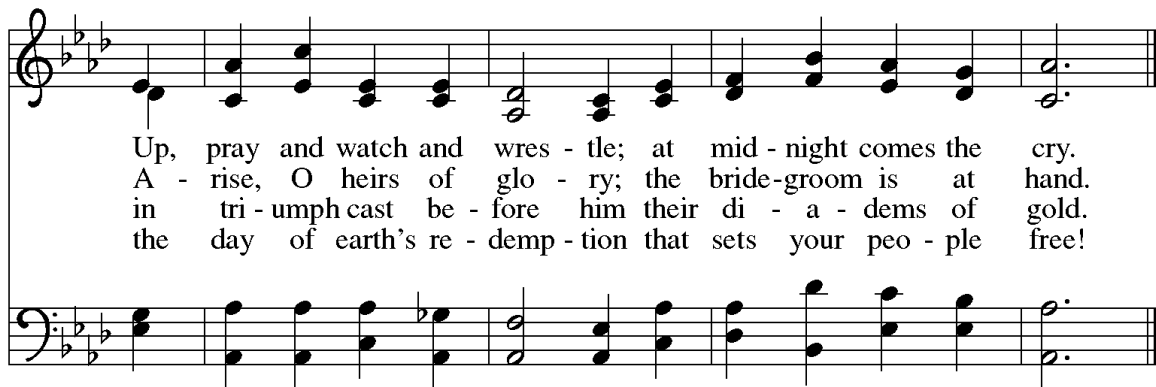
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



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!

## GREETING

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.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

### *Hope for Those Who Wait*

Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our  
light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first three staves form the main body of the song, and the last three staves form the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The refrain is marked with the word 'Refrain' above the first staff of the section. The score ends with a double bar line on the final staff.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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P Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting  
God's eternal time.

C **How long, O Lord, how long?**

P For those waiting for answered prayer:

C **Grant your steadfast patience.**

P For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

C **Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.**

P For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

C **Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.**

P For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

C **Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait,  
the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

## *Candle Lighting*

**P** This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait.

### *Refrain*



This morning we echo the words of the Psalmist, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14)

**P** God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Tim Linstrom**

*Please be seated.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“The Acolyte of Advent”**

**LYFE Choir**

Four candles, and four Sundays  
All for the season to come  
It's a new Advent! A new beginning!  
And our new church year has begun.

I'm a light bringer, an angel singer  
Please don't snuff out my joy as a fly -y!  
I'm a candlelighter, my flame shines brighter  
It's as bright as that star in the sky!

Candle number one is the candle of HOPE!  
Remembering the prophets and the words that they spoke.  
Candle number two is the candle of PEACE!

For Mary and Joseph, on their journey we meet.  
Candle number three is the candle of JOY!  
When the shepherds were the first to visit the boy.  
And candle number four is the candle of LOVE!  
When God sends his light from above!

**Choir:** I'm the Acolyte of Advent  
And I light my candle today!  
In the dark of night, my flame shines bright  
And leads to a child in the hay.

I'm the Acolyte of Advent  
And I shine my light so you'll see.  
There's an advent coming - an adventure that is coming:  
Salvation for you and for me!



Some sleepy shepherds, and three wise men  
And one Mary so mild  
And in the skies before us, an angel chorus  
Announcing the birth of a child!

Open up your calendar and count down the days  
Every little window will leave you amazed!  
We can hardly wait to light our flame for the Lord  
And for the child we adore!

**Choir:** We're the Acolytes of Advent  
And we light our candle today!  
In the dark of night, our flame shines bright  
And leads to a child in the hay.  
We're the Acolytes of Advent  
And we shine our light so you'll see  
There's an Advent coming - an adventure that is coming  
Salvation for you and for me....  
And a candle, for all the world to see.

*Words and music by Bill Vaananen 2025*

## **FIRST READING**

## **Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

**C Thanks be to God.**

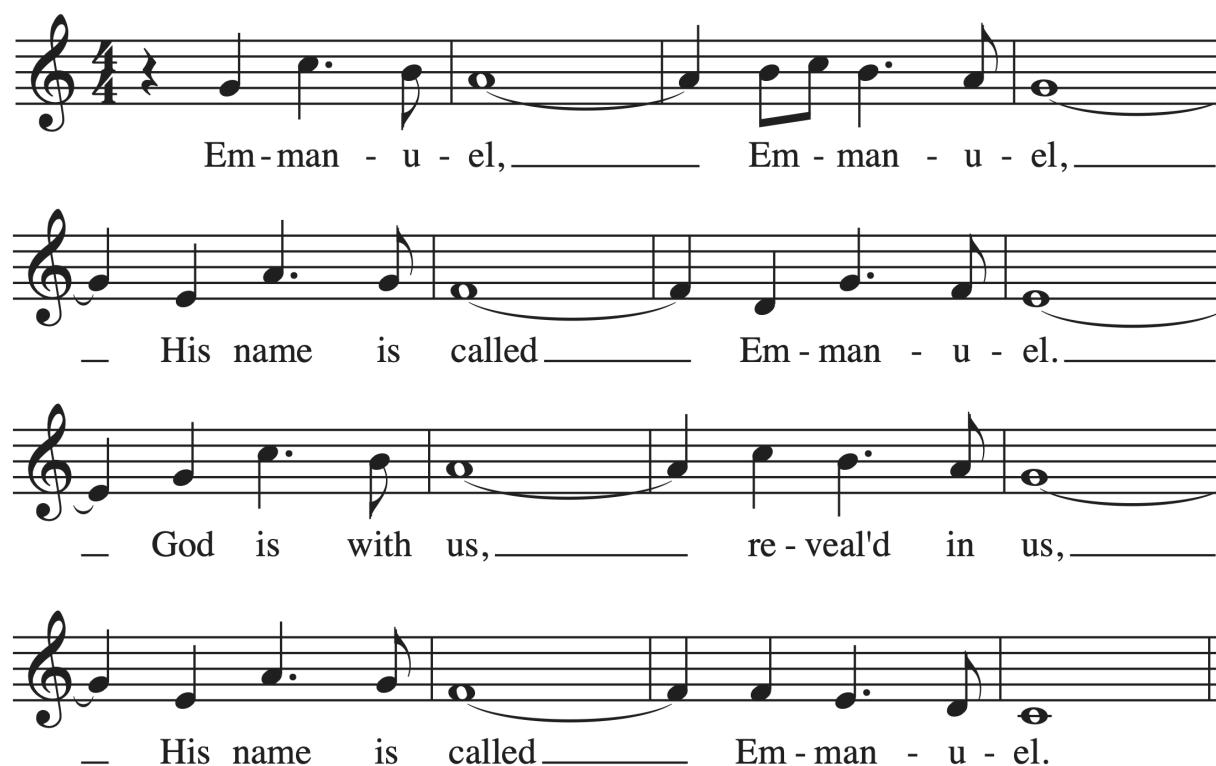
## SECOND READING

## Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## ADVENT GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Em - man - u - el, \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el, \_\_\_\_\_

— His name is called \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el. \_\_\_\_\_

— God is with us, \_\_\_\_\_ re - veal'd in us, \_\_\_\_\_

— His name is called \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el.



## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P** [Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Tim Linstrom**

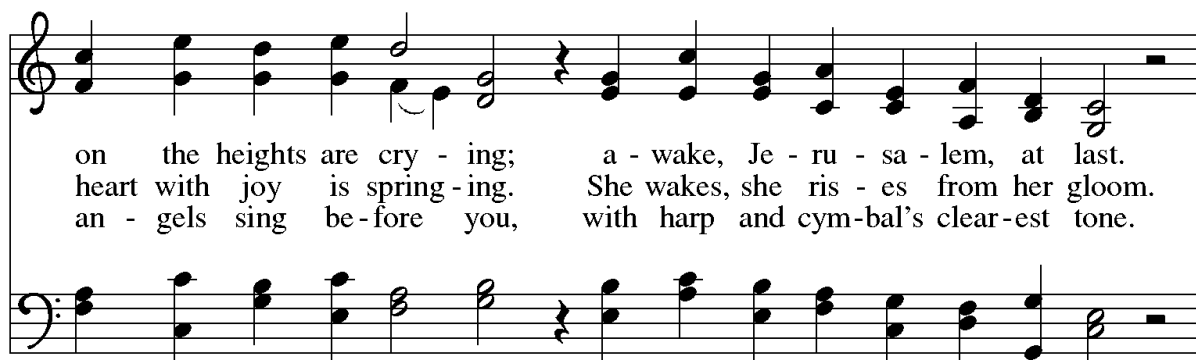
# HYMN OF THE DAY “Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying”

ELW 436

Verses 1 & 2



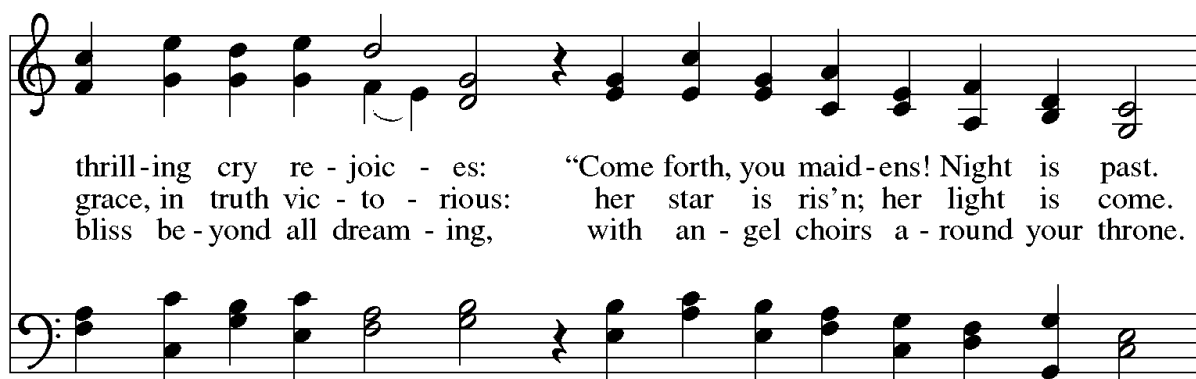
1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: “Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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*Please Stand*

## **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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**A** In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

**A** God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. We pray for those

serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary), **Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie Glenner). God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Amy Dohler, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Darlene Neumann, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Valerie Farran** (friend of the Wittichs), **Jacob Gombar** (uncle of Jeanne Nelson), **Jean Goodale** (friend of Joan Roehl), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Tobey Lannert** (sister-in-law of Carol Duprey), **Vic Larson** (former member), **Cierra Mason** (granddaughter of Jerry Mason), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears**, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), **Jim Wahlund** (brother in-law of Chris Miller), **Dana Zingrone** (friend of Jeanne Nelson). Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**C Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C** and also with you.

*All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.*

## THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**                    **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**      **arr. Sharon Wilson**  
   **Piano - Nila Bilstad**      **Organ - Karen Jirsa**

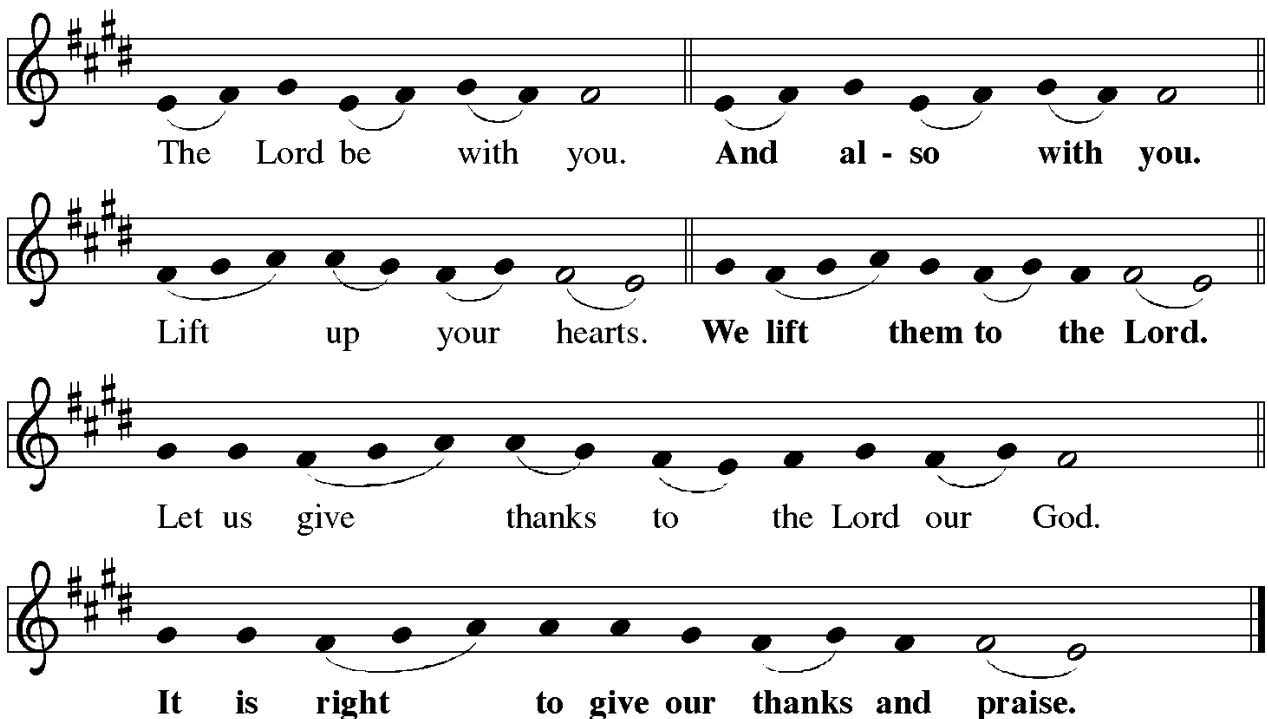
*Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A**    Nourishing God,  
         you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
         Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,  
         that we may rejoice and be for the world  
         signs of your kingdom come.

**C**    Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

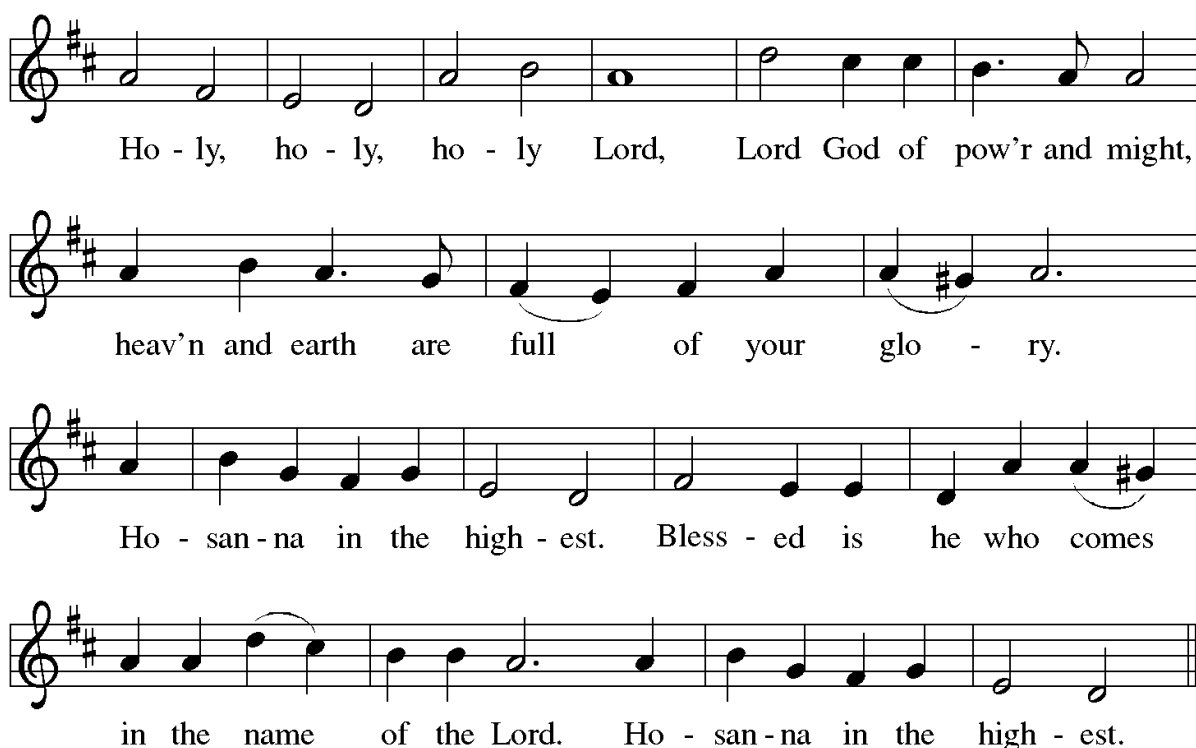


The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
- Staff 2: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4: 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;  
 who on this day overcame death and the grave  
 and by his glorious resurrection  
 opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.  
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your  
 people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with  
 sinners and to become food for the world. 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 life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C     Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P     All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.**

**C     Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**P     Here is life. God is with us.  
Come, receive what God has promised.**

**C     Amen.**



## COMMUNION CANTICLE

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Stand after all have been communed*

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

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has  
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion  
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:  
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A God our host,  
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,  
welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.



## **BENEDICTION**

**P** May God who comes among us,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.

**C** **Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

## “Soon and Very Soon”

ELW 439

Verses 1, 3, & 4



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 no more dy - in' there,  
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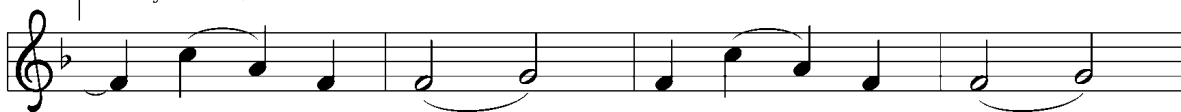


soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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## **DISMISSAL**

A     Go in peace. Keep awake

C     **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“The King Shall Come”

Burkhardt

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Sanctuary flowers were donated by the Dupreys in honor of Thomas’ 10th birthday.

## **WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION** —

This week's donation item: snack bars (granola bars, raisins, fruit snacks).

Join us in the gift of giving and the miracle of multiplying our efforts to the glory of God. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday. Next week: SOUP.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** — Today after our 9:30 worship service, we will be preparing the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Join us as we work together to make our worship space festive and beautiful for the holidays.

## **DINNER TOGETHER THIS ADVENT SEASON** — **December 2nd.**

All are welcome to join as we share a church family meal with Christmas spirit at 6:00 followed by an advent service 7:00-7:30pm. Please rsvp for dinner to Pastor Tim or Jennifer. A free will offering will be collected.

**MID WEEK ADVENT SERVICE** — Tuesday December 2nd 7:00-7:30pm.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT** — Do you still need to make your 2026 stewardship commitment? A link to submit your commitment online can be found on the church website at [www.holyspirit-elca.org/stewardship](http://www.holyspirit-elca.org/stewardship). Stewardship forms are also available in the church gathering space.

**GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORMS** — for anyone who needs to update their giving amount based on their new 2026 pledge this can be done online by logging into your Vanco Simply Giving account. If you are unable to do this or prefer we update it for you, authorization forms are available in the church office.

**EXPOS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – **Wednesday, December 10th.** – All Experienced People of Spirit are welcome at a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 10th at 11:30am. The menu will feature Al Edwards' amazing chili! If you'd like to join us, please contact Jeanne Nelson (847-502-6799 or jnelson814@comcast.net). We're asking everyone to bring a chili topping, a side, and/or help with setup or cleanup. Also, bring a can of non-perishable food for the COOL Pantry.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED** — Have you considered serving on our Church Council? If you would like to find out more, please contact a member of this year's nominating committee: Mike Pedersen (pedersenm785@gmail.com), Jeanne Nelson (jnelson814@comcast.net), Kelly Wittich (kellywittich@yahoo.com), and Ryan Hathaway (rbhathaway@gmail.com). Any Council member would be happy to chat with you.

**ELCA'S GUARDIAN ANGELS PROGRAM** —

The Guardian Angels program provides volunteers who offer a spiritual and physical presence to unaccompanied migrant children and families through their immigration court process. The Guardian Angels volunteers who accompany unaccompanied migrant children and single-parent families through their immigration court process, offer:

- SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT – to provide spiritual support for them at court hearings
- PHYSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT – to be a visible sign of the church in immigration court
- COURT WATCH – to be present in court
- RESOURCE SHARING – If requested, to provide information about local resources to assist migrants in their transition to life in the United States and to encourage families to obtain legal counsel.

Please contact Pastor Tim through the church office, 847-945-1550 or Jeanne Nelson, 847-502-6799 to learn more and express your interest.



**ANGEL TREE** — One of the most rewarding Christmas activities around Holy Spirit is the sharing of gifts with children in need. Each year, we receive the names of children from Lutheran Day Nursery/After School Program for whom we purchase gifts at Christmas. These children have come to be called our “angels”.

Sign up for a child/children through our Signup Genius linked on the church website at [www.holyspirit-elca.org/#tree](http://www.holyspirit-elca.org/#tree). Or by scanning the QR code. **QR codes not your thing?** We have a small tree in the gathering space with a few angel names on it. Grab one and then sign your name on the sheet at the information desk.



If you have any questions, please contact Kari Davenport, [karikdavenport@yahoo.com](mailto:karikdavenport@yahoo.com) or 773-844-7542.

Wrapped gifts are due to the church by Sunday, December 14th.

**Target Gift Cards Too:** Lutheran Day Nursery also has some families in need this year. In addition to the gifts for the children, we will also be collecting Target gift cards to be given to these families.

**IMPORTANT TAX BENEFIT** — Have you reached that golden IRS age of 70 ½? If so, then you can donate directly to Holy Spirit from your taxable IRA with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

- Currently the maximum annual QCD amount any individual can make in total is \$108,000 (index adjusted annually).
- This direct contribution satisfies any RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) you may be subject to.
- This distribution is not included in your Adjusted Gross Income for the year and thus will not be taxable income.
- This amount will not count against your IRMAA (income related monthly adjustment amount for Medicare).

Just direct your IRA custodian to distribute via direct check to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. You may already have a checkbook for your taxable IRA account for making such charitable contributions written directly to the charity. Remittance information should include the donor name. Questions can be directed to Jackie Murphy at [Jmurph2803@gmail.com](mailto:Jmurph2803@gmail.com).

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** — Help us decorate the altar for Christmas Eve services by donating poinsettias to the glory of God, in honor or memory of someone special. Cost is \$20.00 per plant. Checks may be made payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. Please return all order forms along with your check to the church office by December 14th.

**QUILTERS** — The Quilting Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

**PRAYER GROUP** — Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** — Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. Our new study is entitled, "Light of the World: a Beginner's Guide to Advent". Amy-Jill Levine, professor of New Testament studies and author, explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus, including the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories and the Old Testament, the role of women in 1st century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation, and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. Don't miss this wonderful study! Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from the experts and from each other. We always close our time together in prayer.

**ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE** — Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap “Process” to complete your donation. Please scan this code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.



**LIVE STREAM** — Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit](http://www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit) or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.



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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Poinsettias** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$20 each**

**Given to the Glory of God and in memory / honor of:**

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Poinsettias may be picked up following the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve service or any time during the following week.



## HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

<b>Sunday November 30</b>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens
		Advent Wreath Pick up
<b>Tuesday December 2</b>	4:15 p.m.	LYFE
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	4:30 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Dinner Together
	7:00-7:30pm	Advent Service
<b>Thursday December 4</b>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Sunday December 7</b>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
		Youth Watch Party
	10:45 am	Brass

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Ciara Crews

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Karen M. Jirsa

**Children's Ministry Director:**

Jennifer Williams

**Assistant Minister**

Dorothy Stocks

**Communion**

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