

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

November 27, 2022 9:30 AM - First Sunday of Advent



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WELCOME

to Holy Trinity

Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

November Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Rich Belanger, Karen Berg, Eric Berg, Jonathan Bock, Leslie Carson, Scott Carson, Katherine Clement, Jessica Feeley, Judy Galle, Carl Kackenmeister, Paul Karl, Henry Larson, Anita Lindstrom, Kathy McKenna, Lynn Reinhard, Dave Rivoire, Rod Rodeman, Larry Sanders, Geri Seig, Krystal Small, Seth Williams.

Happy Anniversary!

David & Lynn Reinhard, Linn & Nina Opderbecke, Lois & Ron Laurence

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Emergency Pastoral Contact: If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

Donate to Holy Trinity: You can

place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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All Worship Services are livestreamed and available to watch on YouTube after the service ends.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian, Sarah Meier, Judy Hollister, Marilee Clark, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Linda Swiatocha. Homebound: Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom. Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends: Martha LaPerle (Betty King's friend), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Evertt Thorne (Rich Wilcox's friend), Sage Pirnie (Jessica Feeley's friend's grandchild), Anita Creager (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Susan Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin), Katy and Sherry (Shirley Jackson's daughter and sister), Linda Smith and Bill Hutchins (Jill Larson's friends), Geri Sieg (former member of Holy Trinity), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Monica Amundson (Julie Moore's friend).

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Next Week: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle

Choir Director: Ken Galle

Sound System: Mark Donahue & Franklyn Vosburg

Counters: Barry and Phyllis Philbrick

Altar Guild: Julie Moore

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, November 30

4:30 PM: Bible Study (ADVENT TIME CHANGE)

6:00 PM: Advent Soup Supper

6:30 PM: Thanksgiving Worship Service

THURSDAY, December 1

8:30 AM: Property Team **SUNDAY, December 4**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship 10:45PM: Confirmation Class

4:00 PM: NHGMC Concert

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, November 13: 99 (*In-Person*) + No Online = 99 **Offering:** \$4,771.95

Sunday, November 20: SEE NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN for Attendance and Offering

Announcements

Toys for Tots: The holiday season is approaching and we will once again be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Please bring your unwrapped toys to donate to our box in the Gathering Area. All donations must be received by December 11 for timely delivery to the Marines. A suggestion list is available in the folder by the donation box. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Schedule: Beginning on Wednesday, November 23, and lasting through all of Advent, Bible Study will meet at 4:30 PM instead of its usual time. All are welcome to stay after Bible Study for a Soup Supper at 6:00 PM, and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM. After Christmas, Bible Study will plan on meeting at its regular time. For a full list of all of Holy Trinity's Advent schedule, please see the back cover of this bulletin.

Poinsettia Order Forms are now available at the Gathering Area, near the bulletins. Place your order form with a check (payable to Holy Trinity & "Poinsettia" in memo line) or cash in the offering basket or to the church office. Please put any unused order forms on the Usher's table or Children's tables to be reused for the future.

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First Sunday of Advent - Sunday, November 27, 2022 — 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as able

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 - Silence is kept for reflection-
- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

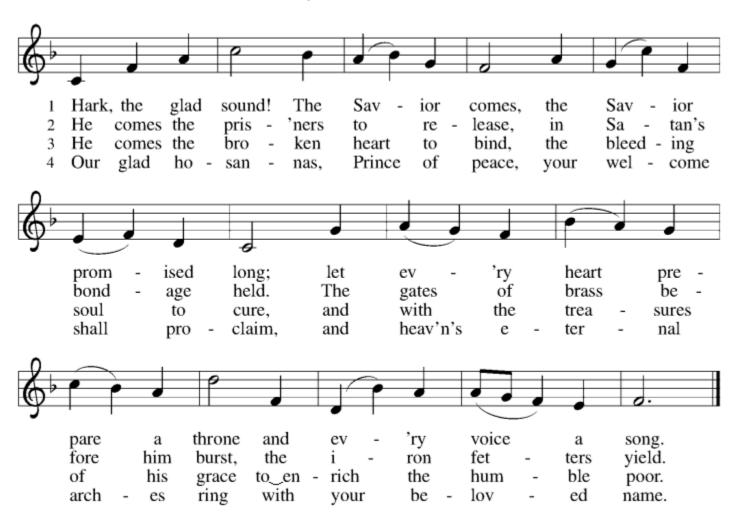
Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of

∃ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW 239 — Please stand as able— Hark, the Glad Sound!



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

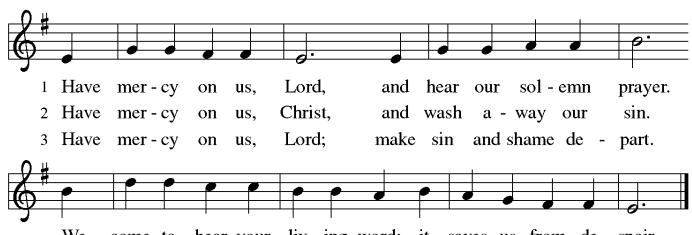
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Greeting

- P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Kyrie

ELW S203 — Please remain standing—



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

First Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In 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. ³Many 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. ⁴He 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.

⁵O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

- L: A reading from Psalm 122
- L: ¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- C: ²Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- L: ³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
- C: 4to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
- L: ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- C: ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
- L: ⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
- C: ⁸For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

- ⁹Because of the house of the Lord our God, L: I will seek to do you good."
- Word of God, word of life. L:
- C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

-Please be seated—

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

ELW 240, verse 1

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



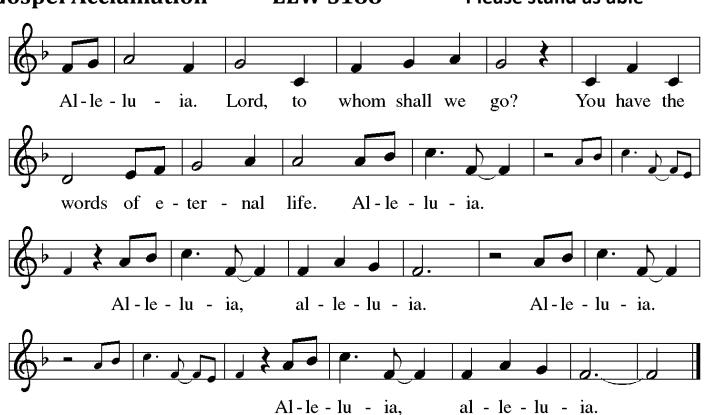
shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, He God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954 Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress.



ELW S188

Please stand as able



Gospel

— Please stand as able—

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew 24:36-44

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

—Please be seated—

Hymn of the Day

ELW 250

Please stand as able

Blessed Be the God of Israel



- Blessed be the God of Is ra el who comes to set us free
- 2 With prom-ised mer cy will God still the cov e nant re call,
- 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new the oath once sworn to to tell God's peo - ple hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree. A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all; they are saved from sin's e - ter-nal sway.



So have the prophets that we might wor - ship Then shall God's mer - cy long de-clared that with a might-y arm with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise, from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our in ho - li - ness and to drive a - way the

en - e - mies and all who wish us harm. righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days. gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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Nicene Creed

P: Let us confess our faith using 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.

Prayers of the People

LD: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

—A brief silence—

LD: God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently.

—A brief silence— God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of light, we pray for the members of our call committee as they seek to discern, on our behalf, a new leader to guide us in our mission so that

we may move forward together in peace, unity, love and service. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of the Lord, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

Offertory Hymn

Church Choir

Offertory Prayer

—Please stand as able—

- P: Let us Pray.
- C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

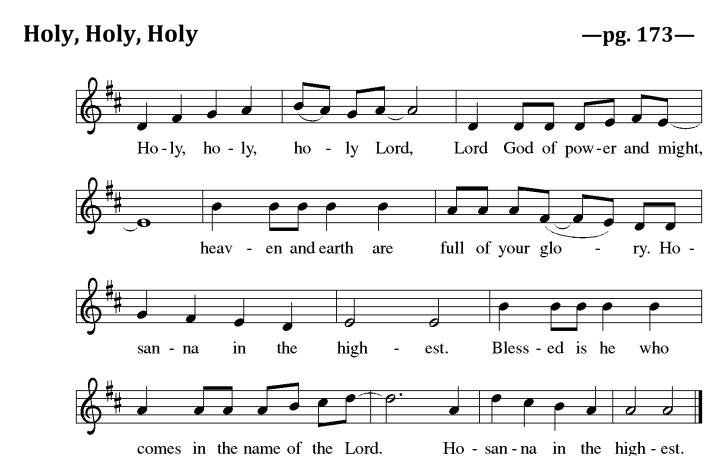
Dialogue

-Please remain standing-

- 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.

Preface

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



Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 Breaking of the Bread

Please remain standing

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.



The assembly may be seated. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine at the usher's direction.

Communion Hymns:

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. **Communion Hymn #1: ELW 474**

Bread of Life from Heaven



Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas Text and music © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

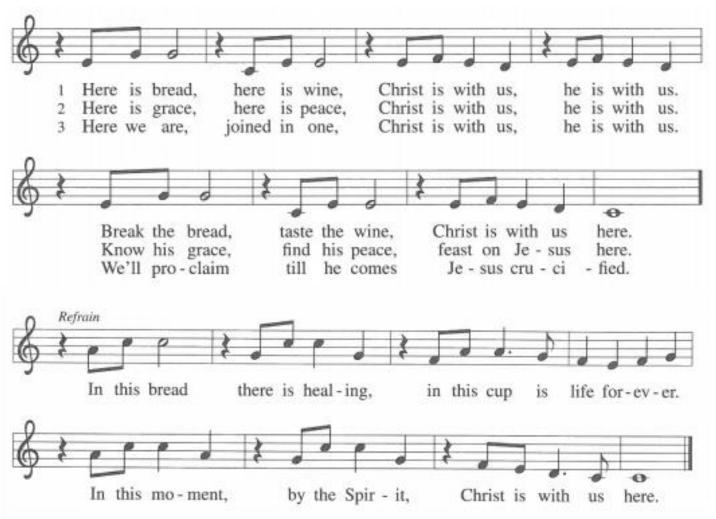
We Come to the Hungry Feast



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever Text and music © 1982 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Here is Bread



SENDING

The Prayer after Communion

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Rites of Passage and Announcements

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Blessing

—Please stand as able—

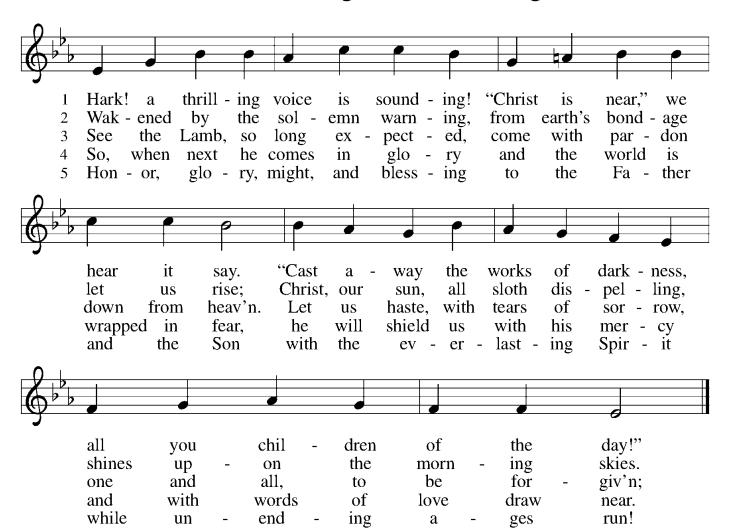
Pastor Zeigler will now lead a blessing for the end of our worship service.

Sending Hymn

ELW 246

- Please remain standing-

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



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

Dismissal

LD: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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