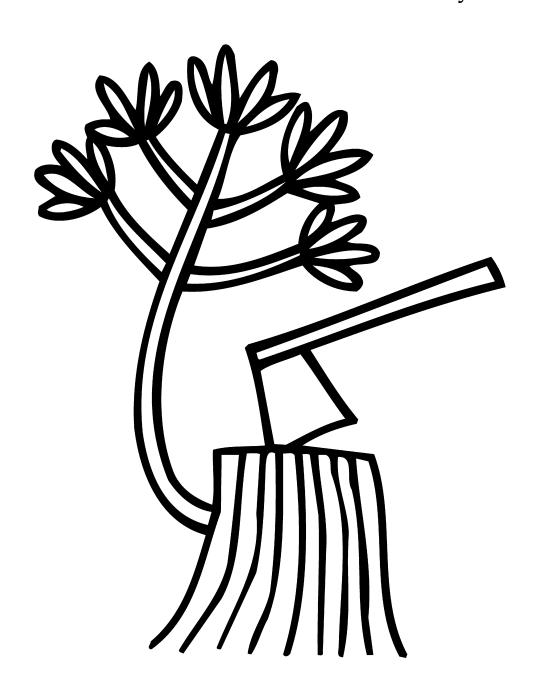


Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

December 4, 2022 9:30 AM - Second 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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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), 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), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter) Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sister).

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

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth.

LECTIONARY

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

Next Week: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock, Jon Koelker, and Dick Topping

Choir Director: Jon Koelker

Sound System: Mark Donahue & Rey Bororing

Counters: Barry and Phyllis Philbrick **Liturgical Deacon:** Yvonne Topping

Lector: Shirley Jackson **Altar Guild:** Bobbie Febbo

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, December 7

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

6:00 PM: Advent Soup Supper 6:30 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, December 8

8:30 AM: Property Team **SUNDAY, December 11** 9:30 AM: Sunday Worship 10:45PM: Confirmation Class

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, November 20: 94 (*In-Person*) + 16 (*Online*) = 110 **Offering:** \$6,337.85 **Sunday, November 27:** 74 (*In-Person*) + 26 (*Online*) = 100 **Offering:** \$4,688.95

Announcements

New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus: Tonight at 4:00 PM, the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus will hold their annual Christmas concert in our Sanctuary. Tickets are still on sale, and available at the door if they have additional room. If you enjoyed their free concert they held for us last April during our Reconciling in Christ celebration, you'll enjoy them again!

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 Bible Study, Soup Supper, and Holden Evening Prayer: 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.

Lectors Needed for Christmas Day Worship: On Sunday, December 25, 2022, we will hold a special worship of "A Service of Lessons and Carols". We are looking for 4-7 people who are willing to read at least one passage during that Christmas Morning worship service. Please see Mark Donahue in the Church Office to volunteer to serve. You will get your assigned passage(s) to read on Thursday, December 22 by email.

Poinsettia Order Forms are now available in your 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.

Christmas Eve Worship Service: Join us on Saturday, December 24 for a wonderful Christmas Eve Worship Service. We will have two worship services:

- At 4:00 PM, we will have a Family worship service. This is a fantastic service to bring young children, as they are encouraged to participate during the entire service. We likely will have glow sticks for the children, instead of candles.
- At 8:00 PM, we will have our Candlelight Eucharistic service. All are welcome to hear the good news on this Christmas Eve night.

The 8:00 PM service will be livestreamed at 8:00 PM, or available to watch anytime afterwards. Our 4:00 PM service will be recorded and uploaded to our webpage on Christmas Day, December 25.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 4, 2022 — 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Welcome

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 中 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.



Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



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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.

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

7The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

9They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

- L: A reading from Psalm 72:1-7,18-19
- L: ¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
- C: ²that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
- L: ³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- C: ⁴Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
- L: ⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- C: ⁶Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.
- L: ⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- C: ¹⁸Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!
- L: ¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.
- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

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

ELW 240, verse 2



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



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

Gospel Acclamation ELW 533, verse 5 — Please stand as able— Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



Speak, O God, and will hear thee, let thy will be Ι done in - deed;



un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



life the is balm for all Here of foun - tain flows; here our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

Gospel

Please stand as able

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew 3:1-12

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

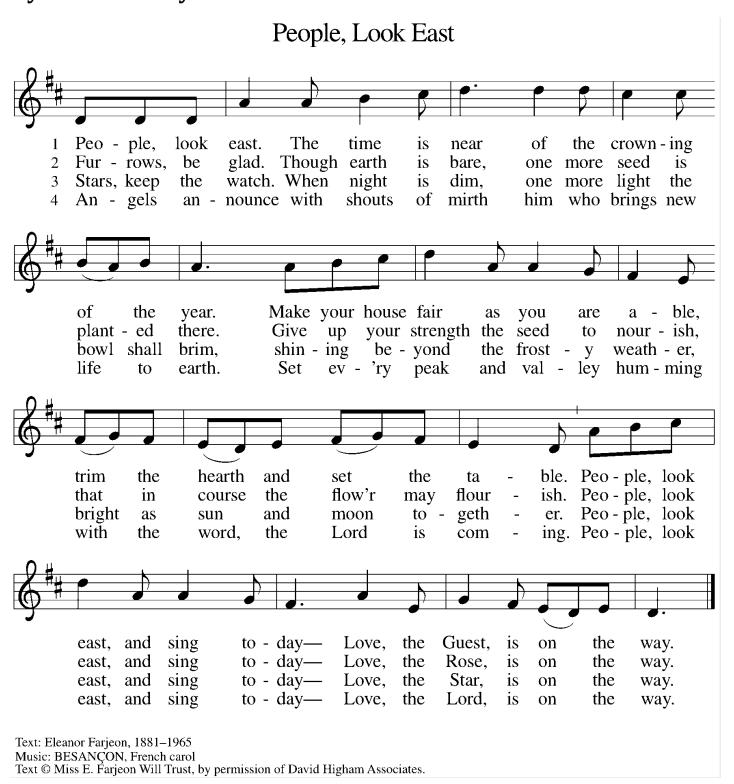
¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

—Please be seated—



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, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. 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: 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: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, 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.

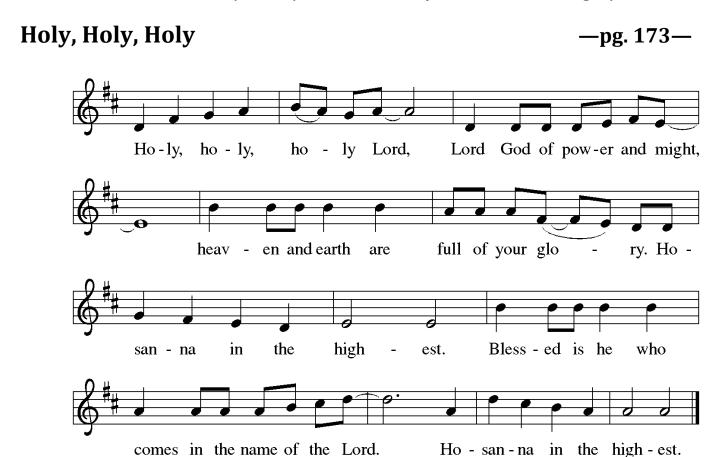
Dialogue

-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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Communion

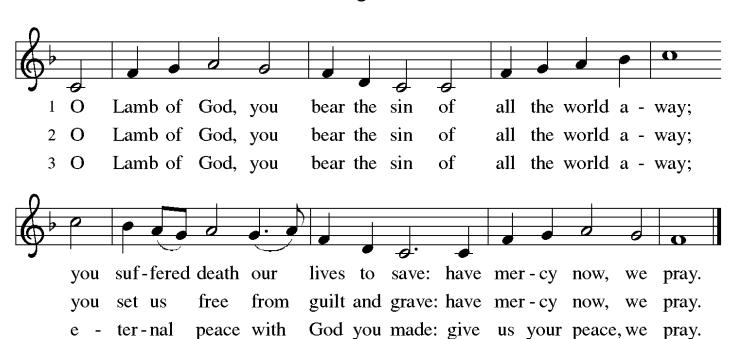
Please be seated—

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion. While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day.

The Breaking of the Bread

- Please remain standing-

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.



Communion Hymns:

Communion Hymn #1: ELW 483



Communion Hymn #2: ELW 487

What Feast of Love



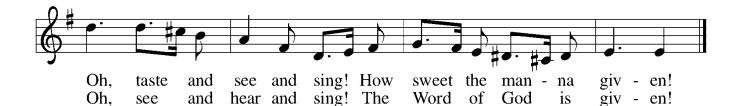
- What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- 2 What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en. is This, this Christ the king, the come down from heav - en. is sun This, this Christ the king, the is sweet - est wine of heav - en.



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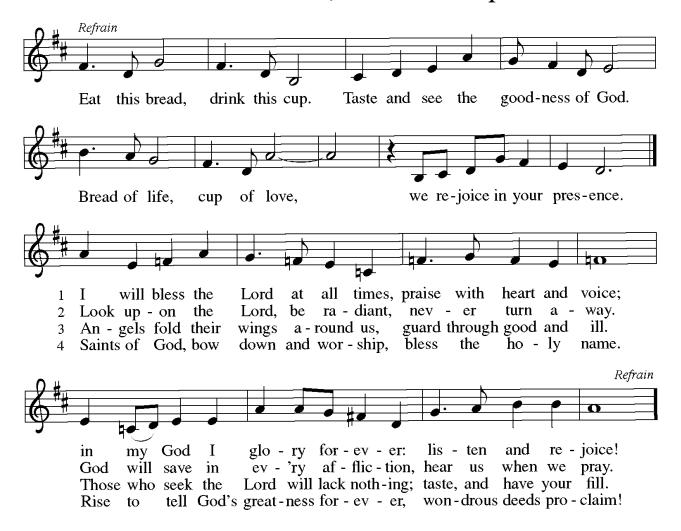
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Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; With One Voice, stanzas, based on Ps. 34 Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young Text and music @ 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

SENDING

The Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through 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—

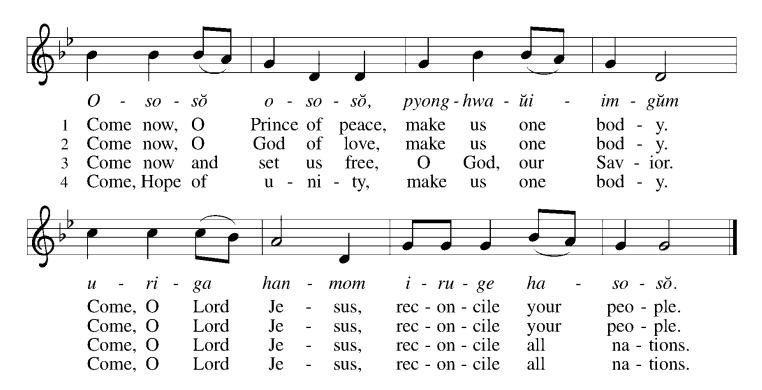
Pastor Zeigler will now lead a blessing for the end of our worship service, leading into our Sending Hymn.

Sending Hymn

ELW 247

-Please remain standing-

Come Now, O Prince of Peace Ososŏ, Ososŏ



Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947 Text and music © Geonyong Lee

Dismissal

LD: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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