

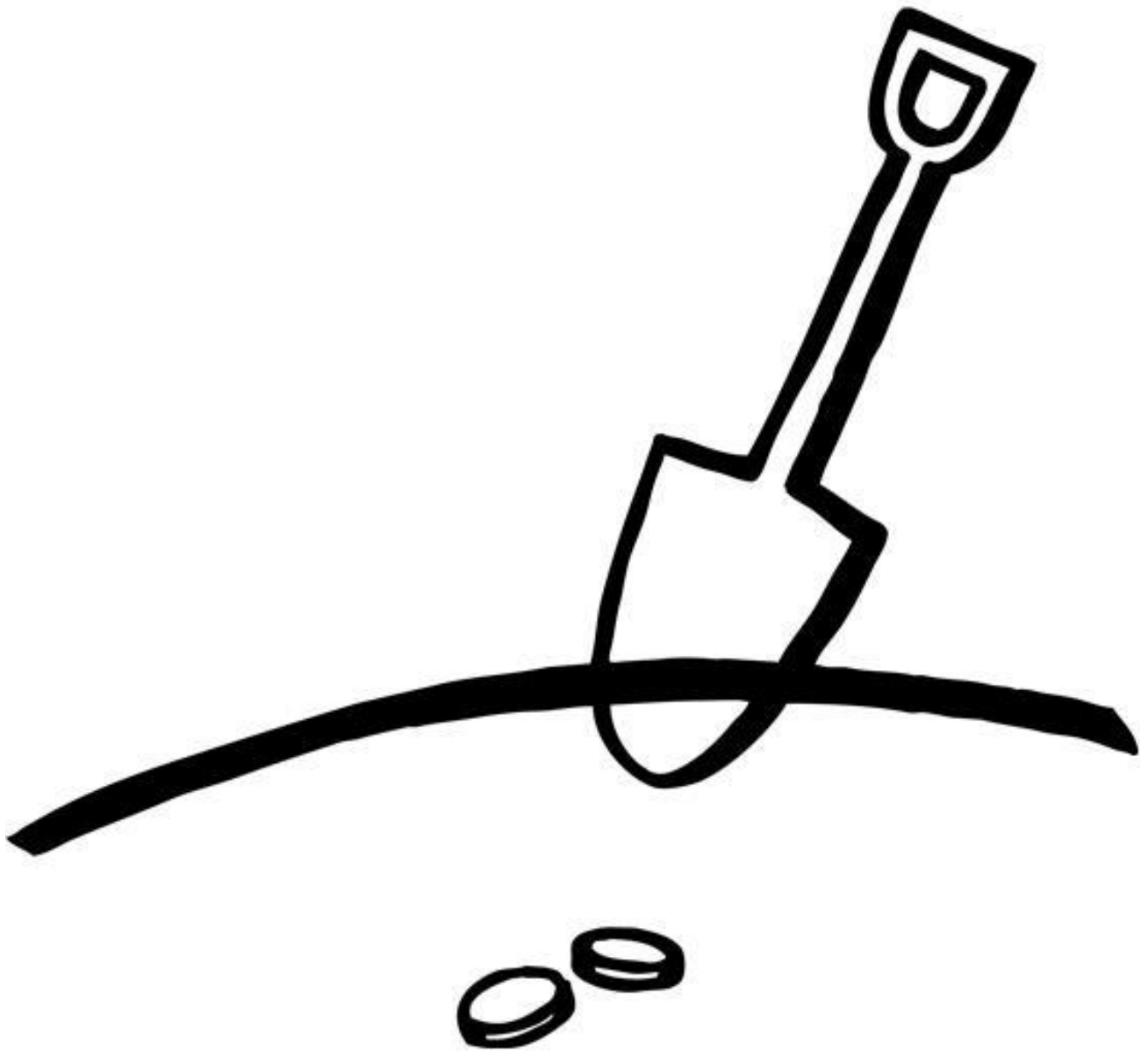


# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

**November 19, 2023 9:30 AM - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



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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!

Dave Rivoire, Jon Bock, Lynn Reinhard, Geri Seig, Sue Althof, Eric Berg, Kathy McKenna, Anita Lindstrom, Jessica Feeley, Rich Belanger, Seth Williams, Krystal Small, Judy Yovichich, Leslie Carson, Henry Larson, Carl Kackenmeister, Judy Galle, Paul Karl, Scott Carson, Karen Berg, & Larry Sanders.

#### Happy Anniversary!

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

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#### 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!

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor's Office: *Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. Email [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com) or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

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**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, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, Steve Bush. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot, Ian Connors.

**Partners in Ministry:** ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

**Friends:** Kathy Wyrick (Linda Marshall's friend), Jacquelynn & Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's sister and brother-in-law), Karin Otero (Lois Laurence's friend), Carol Dumican (friend of Bobbie Febbo), Scott Andrade (Bobbie Febbo's friend), Phil Cahners (Bobbie Febbo's son-in-law), David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother).

## NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

## LECTIONARY

**This Week:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30; Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123.

**Next Week:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

**Choir Director:** Jon Koelker

**Sound System:** Rey Bororing

**Counters:** Dave Smith and Angie Sihotang

**Altar Guild:** Bobbie Febbo

**Lector:** Julie Anderson

**Liturgical Deacon:** Tom Bernth

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**MONDAY, Nov. 20 – THURSDAY, Nov. 23**

Church Office Closed.

**WEDNESDAY, November 22**

9:30 AM: Bible Study

**THURSDAY, November 23**

NO Property Team

**SUNDAY, November 26**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

<b>Sunday, November 5:</b>	112 ( <i>In-Person</i> ) + 25 ( <i>Online</i> ) = 137	<b>Offering:</b>	\$5,979.30
<b>Sunday, November 12:</b>	97 ( <i>In-Person</i> ) + 23 ( <i>Online</i> ) = 120	<b>Offering:</b>	\$8,255.85

## Announcements

**Church Office** will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, from Monday November 20 until the end of the week. Mark will be in the office on Sunday, November 26.

**Dover Friendly Kitchen** will be on Tuesday, November 28 at 3:45 PM. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover. Volunteers are welcome to help support this important ministry. Additionally, please drop off cookies with the Church Office by noon on the same day. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders for more info.

**Bible Study for November 22 has been cancelled.** We will resume our regular Bible Study on the following Wednesday, November 29.

**Nursery Items Needed:** Recently, our Nursery was cleaned out and our team noticed we are in need of a few items. The Nursery is searching for a used playpen and a used play kitchen. Please contact the Church Office if you have one (or both) of these items that you're willing to donate.

**A FORUM ON THE MEANING OF ADVENT--NOVEMBER 26:** After church on November 26, Pastor Luther will lead a forum in which we will explore the meaning of the season of Advent and some of the ways we can celebrate it. From the Latin word for "coming," Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ in three distinct senses: (1) Christ's appearance in history as God become human in the infant child; (2) the promise that Christ will come again at the end of the ages; and (3) the present reality of the risen Christ coming to us in Word and Sacrament now. During the forum, Pastor Luther will distribute a free (!) Advent calendar to everyone who attends and will recommend devotionals and other books that make appropriate reading for the season. Come and learn about this beautiful and holy season!

**MAKE YOUR OWN ADVENT WREATH AS A WAY OF CELEBRATING THE SEASON!:** Please stay after church on Sunday, Dec. 3, for an Advent wreath-making workshop led by Pat Zeigler and other talented wreath-makers. We will provide everything you need to make your own wreath (the greens, the candles, and the wreath holder) and we'll show you how to do it. All you need to do is show up! We have ordered 25 advent wreath kits and there will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area these next two Sundays, so please reserve your spot. (Donations will be accepted but there is no fee for participating.) Pastor Luther will also share a handout with suggested prayers and other family activities to use around the Advent wreath.

**Advent Schedule:** Beginning on Wednesday, December 6, 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 5:30 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.

**The NEXT Work Day at Holy Trinity:** Thank you to everyone who helped out with our projects on Sunday. We were able to wrap up many projects inside and outside the church. Our next work day will be December 3 when we are plan to help prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

**Flower Ministry:** What has been missing? Well much has been missing since Covid, but the good news is these missing things no longer need to be missed. We are used to the way it is versus perhaps, the way we want it



to be, not necessarily the way it used to be. Altar flowers are one way we can once again engage in the beauty of God's creation and praise Him. The flowers may also be an opportunity to honor or remember a person or event in our lives who was or is special. More information will be shared as systems for signing up for flowers are developed.

**Adult Weekend at Calumet:** When last year's Women's Weekend at Calumet was cancelled, several singles and couples took advantage of the reserved weekend and had an enjoyable Adult Weekend. I've been asked by several people about the possibility of having another. Holy Trinity does not have a weekend reserved, but if there is interest it is possible to schedule a weekend this winter or spring with Calumet. If you are interested in an Adult Weekend, please contact Kurt Kasik.

**Offering Envelopes are available for 2024.** If you had an envelope for 2023, your new envelopes will be found in your congregational mailbox in the coming weeks. Additional offering envelopes are available – please speak with the Church Office if you do not have an offering envelope and would like one.

**Operation Blessing** needs Men's and Women's winter jackets. All they have to be is in good condition. They are also low on Children's clothes, both boys and girls, sizes 3-6. Currently, OB has too much stock for baby's clothes, please only donate for ages 2 and up. Thank you.

**Mitten Tree:** will be collecting for the Mitten Tree during the four (4) weeks immediately preceding Advent. The "Tree" will be in the Narthex from November 6 -26. All sizes of mittens, gloves, hats and socks are greatly appreciated. To this I will add Gisela Wemple's yearly reminder that adult sized work gloves are always needed. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

#### **Advent Schedule of Events for 2023:**

- *Indonesian Support Forum* - after worship on Sunday, December 10.
- *Service of the Word* – Sunday, December 24 at 9:30 AM.
- We will be announcing *Christmas Eve Service* times and details shortly.

**Christmas Giving:** This year's holiday giving opportunity will benefit teens served by Operation Blessing. From November 26th until December 17th, we will be collecting gift cards from local stores such as Kohl's, Old Navy, Walmart or the Fox Run mall. This is not a definitive list by any means, but the store should be accessible in the local area, perhaps even on the Coast bus route. Any dollar amount is appreciated. Please drop cards in an envelope, with the dollar amount indicated, in the box in the office. Thank you for your generosity.

**We are Looking for a Christmas Decoration Team Leader:** With the Advent and Christmas seasons right around the corner, there is much to be done in planning for these seasons, including making our church space look appropriately festive with wreaths, garlands, trees, and the like. Our dear friend, Gisela Wemple, had for years been instrumental in coordinating these decorating efforts alongside the Altar Guild and Property Team; but with Gisela's passing, there is now a need to fill this coordinator role. (We are also looking for additional volunteers to fill out the team). If you think you might have the time and talent for leading this special ministry, please contact Pastor Luther.

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*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, November 19, 2023—9:30 a.m.*

## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

—Please stand as able—

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.**

# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*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.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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# Greeting

P: 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



*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake

or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12**

L: <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**

from age to age you are God.

L: <sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

**C: <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**

**and like a watch in the night;**

L: <sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

**C: <sup>6</sup>in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

L: <sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

**C: <sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

L: <sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C: <sup>10</sup>The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even  
eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away  
quickly and we are gone.

L: <sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

C: <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

## Children's Message

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

## Gospel Acclamation

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— Please stand as able—

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 25:14-30

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with



interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**— Please be seated—**

# Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
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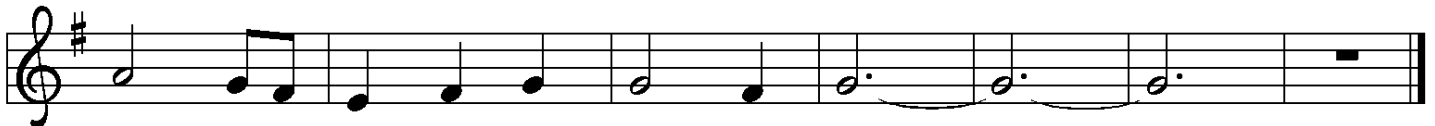
*Refrain*



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
 Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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## **Apostles Creed**

**C: 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**LD: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the  
church, the world, and all who are in need. — A brief silence—**

**LD: Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip  
the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use  
our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**LD: You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another.  
Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all  
people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — **A brief silence**— Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the New England Synod, and their leaders. We also pray for all of our partners in mission and ministry, locally and abroad. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**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.

### Choir Anthem

### Offertory Song

**ELW 885**

**—Please stand as able—**

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.**

**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

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;

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** —To the tune hymn **Holy, Holy, Holy—**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who**  
**Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the  
sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on  
the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we  
proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all  
who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our

Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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

**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:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.



## Communion

— Please be seated—

### 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. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 483 – Here is Bread.

ELW 492 – Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup.

ELW 379 – Now the Green Blade Rises.

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### Prayer after Communion

—Please stand as able—

P: Let us pray.

C: **Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.**

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

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 Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

# Sending Hymn

ELW 866

—Please stand as able—

*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

## Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.





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## **"The Meaning of Advent"**

**Adult Forum**

***Sunday, November 26***



**Advent Wreath**

**Making Workshop**

***Sunday, December 3***



**Advent Soup & Supper (5:30)**

**Holden Evening Prayer (6:30)**

***Wednesdays during Advent***

***Beginning December 6***



**"Indonesian Support"**

**Adult Forum**

***Sunday, December 10***



**New Member Class**

**Session #3**

***Sunday, December 17***

