

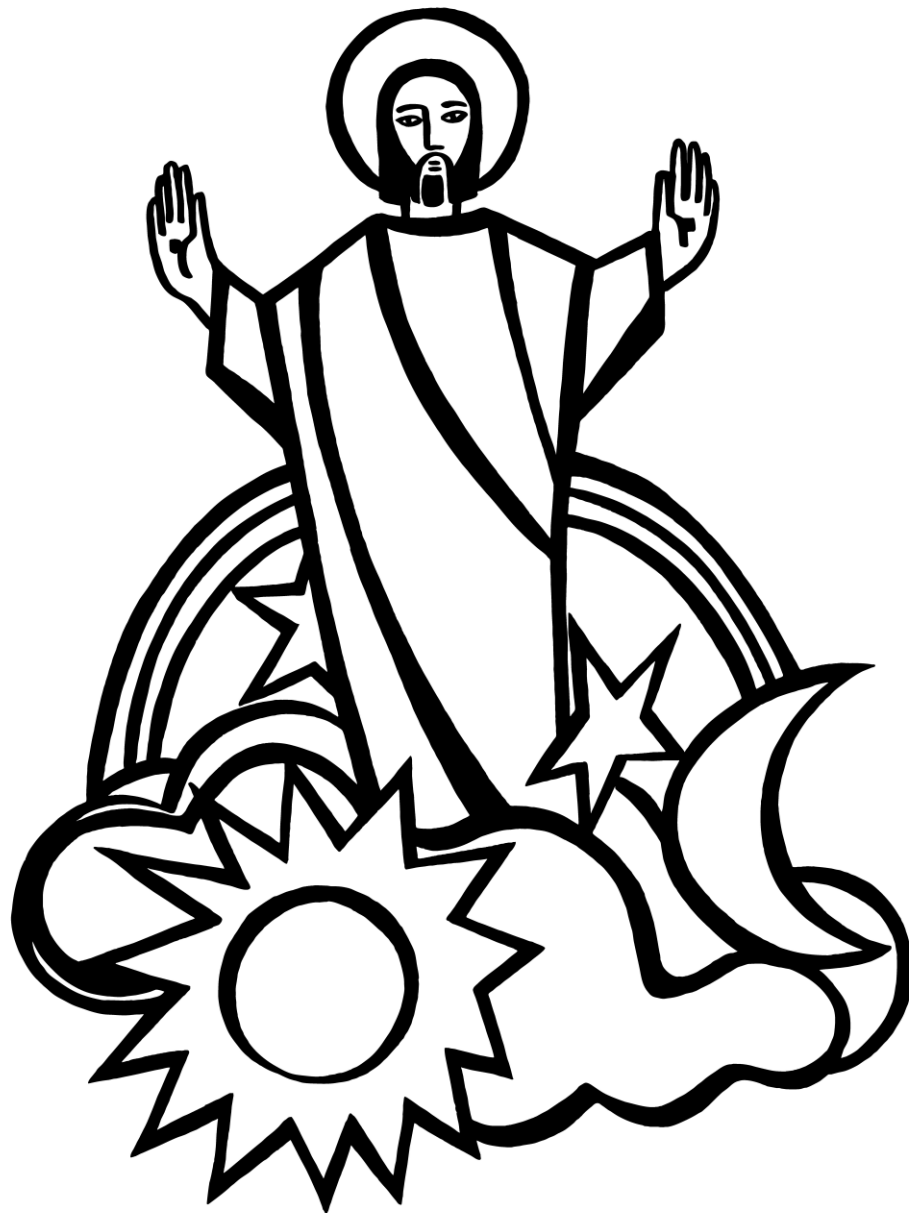


Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

December 3, 2023 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.

December Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Pam Shaw, Jerry Schock, Patrick Roberts, George Parseghian, Annika Mellor, Erlinde Beliveau, Steve Bush, Dick Topping, Shirley Jackson, Fran Mallon, Lena Olsson, Dave Reinhard, Brett Larson, George Saufley, Robert Refsdal, Linda Marshall, and Richard Anderson

Happy Anniversary!

Peter & Lynda Johnson, Karen Gerome & husband, David & Mary Kuck, and Jeff & Heidi Morrison.

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.

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 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, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, Steve Bush. **Military:** Josh Bretz, 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

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

Next Week: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock, and Dick Topping
Choir Director: Judy Evans
Sound System & Live Stream: Rey Bororing
Counters: Barry & Phyllis Philbrick
Altar Guild: Joan Bauer
Lector: Shirley Jackson
Liturgical Deacon: Yvonne Topping
Ushers: Scott & Leslie Carson
Greeters: Kem Taylor & Meredith Goodwin

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, December 6

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, December 7

9:00 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, December 10

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: "Indonesian Support" Adult Forum

10:30 AM: Confirmation

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, November 19:	78 (In-Person) + 34 (Online) = 112	Offering:	\$6,593.25
Sunday, November 26:	104 (In-Person) + (No Livestream) = 104	Offering:	\$3,703.85

Announcements

Workers of all ages wanted: Join us after worship as we decorate the sanctuary and the gathering area for Advent and Christmas. In addition to the decorating, there also will be some minor maintenance projects to do inside the building. Any questions, reach out to Scott Carson.

Our Advent Wreath Making Class will begin shortly after worship. This is the for the 25 people (or couples) who signed up ahead of time. Please meet Pat Zeigler in the Gathering Area.

Altar Flowers have been donated by Leslie Carson, to the Glory of God!

Church Office Closed Thursday and Sunday: Mark will be out of the office on Thursday, December 7 and Sunday, December 10.

Children's Activity next Sunday: On Sunday, Dec.10th, from 10:40-11:30, children are invited to an Advent activity with Lara Scammon and our youth in the back classroom (down the long hall). We will enjoy the story of Jesus' birth and share a snack. Please also look on the front table for a collection of family Advent activities to enjoy at home.

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.

Offering Envelopes Update. The envelopes are a little late being delivered this year, and are expected to arrive Monday or Tuesday. We hope to have them available by next Sunday.

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.
- *Christmas Eve Worship* at 5:00 PM (Family – No Communion) & 8:00 PM (Candlelight – with Communion)

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.

Calumet Lutheran Ministries, partnering together with First Christian Church in Freedom and Nativity Lutheran in North Conway, will present a Lessons & Carols experience on December 16 at the Oasis, Calumet's newest meeting space located directly behind the Conference Center. The event is a follow-up to 2022's very successful "A Calumet Christmas Carol" which was a re-telling of the Dickens classic. **"It's Our Story ... (And We're Stickin' To It)"** will be a wondrous experience that includes story-telling and musical expressions that are anchored in who we are as people of God. The story -- the story that is and has been and will be ours to tell -- is that of Jesus the Savior who is coming in (and is always coming in) to the world. At about 6:55 PM on December 16, you'll make your way to Calumet's YouTube Channel (Boom Chicka Tube) or simply head to Calumet's Facebook page.

Calumet Women's Retreat: Mark your new 2024 calendars (or jot it in your electronic calendar) with next year's date for the women's retreat... March 1-3. This is ADDITION to the opportunity to enjoy an Adult's weekend at Calumet which will be planned for a different weekend. Calumet is a wonderful place to enjoy an outdoor setting, fellowship, good food and great conversations. We will start planning and sign ups in January 2024. Questions, contact Leslie Carson.

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.

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First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 3, 2023—9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

—Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.
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P: God of all time,

C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

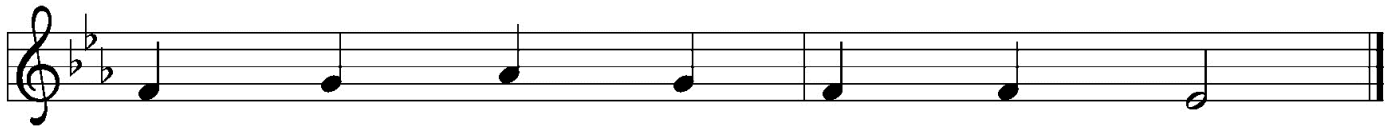
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! “Christ is near,” we
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth’s bond - age
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. “Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
 let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
 down from heav’n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
 wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
 and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!”
 shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 one and all, to be for - giv’n;
 and with words of love draw near.
 while un - end - ing a - ges run!

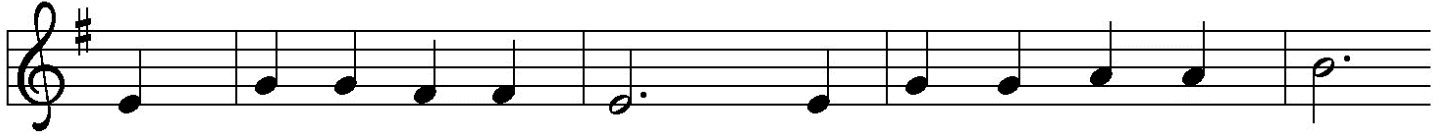
Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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.**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



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 awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
 so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

L: Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively.

L: ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up on the cherubim.

**C: ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

L: ³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**C: ⁴O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

L: ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**C: ⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

L: ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**C: ¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

L: ¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**C: ¹⁹Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Children's Message

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

Gospel Acclamation ELW 533, verse 5 — Please stand as able—

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



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



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



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

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 13:24-37

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

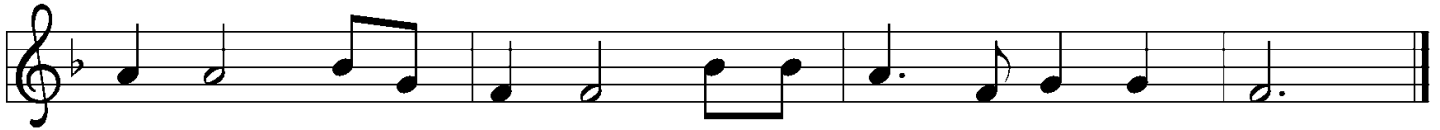
— Please be seated—

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



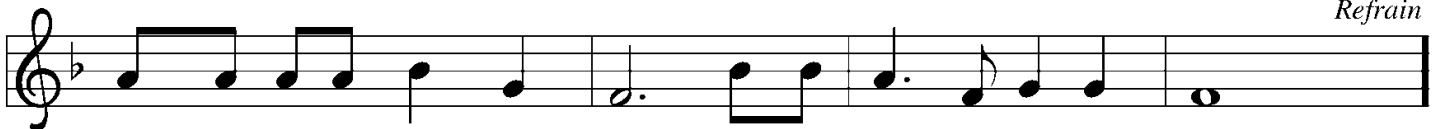
My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Nicene Creed

LD: 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: With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

— A brief silence—

LD: Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief. Deliver all in any need. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently.

— A brief silence— Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

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 466

—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.

In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

Refrain



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith may shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

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.

Sursum Corda

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...

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

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

Communion Hymns

— Please be seated—

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 490, Let all mortal flesh keep silence

ELW 474, Bread of life from heaven

ELW 493, Taste and See

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Prayer after Communion

—Please stand as able—

P: Let us pray.

C: **God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.

P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. And may Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

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—Please stand as able—

The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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**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
*Sunday, December 17***



**Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 24
9:30 AM - Service of the Word
5:00 PM - Family Service
8:00 PM - Candlelight Service**

