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**Sunday, December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.

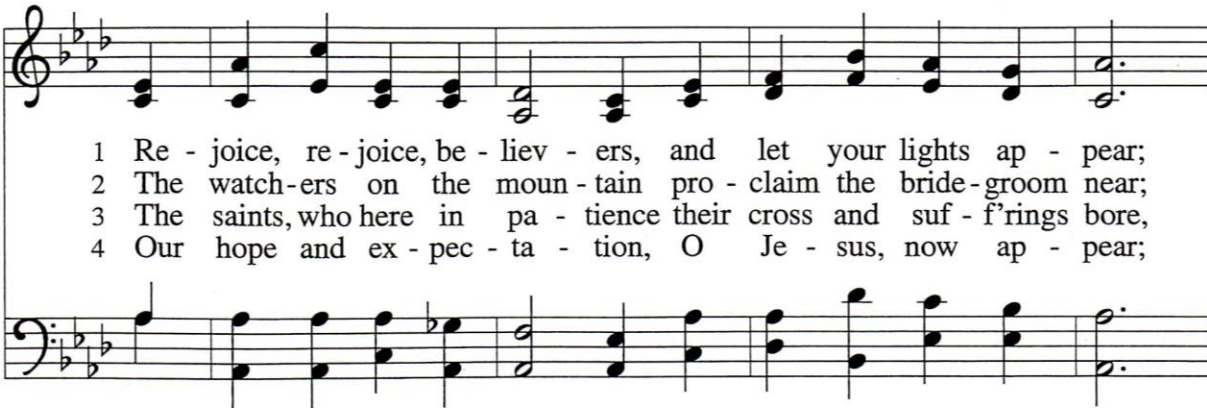
Bring your mercy to birth in us.
A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through ✝ Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.
Amen.

Opening Hymn: Rejoice Rejoice Believers

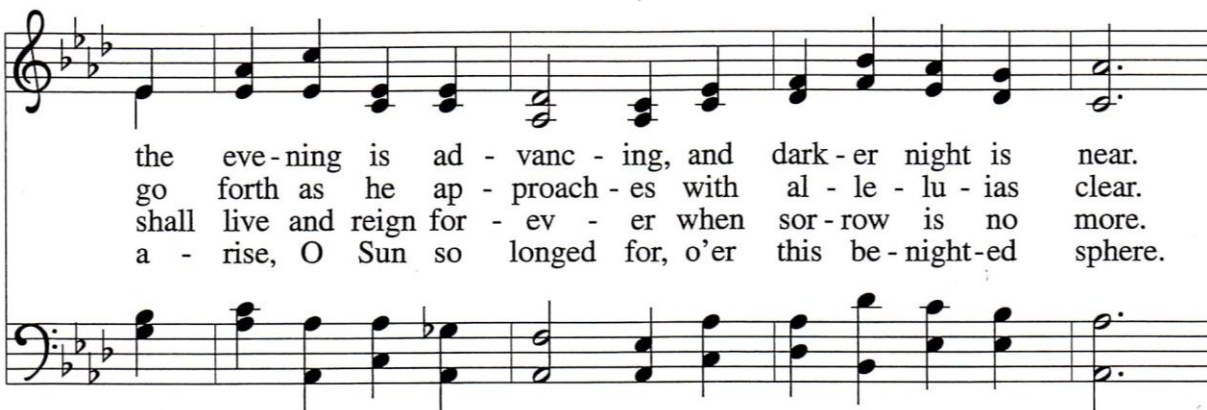
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Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

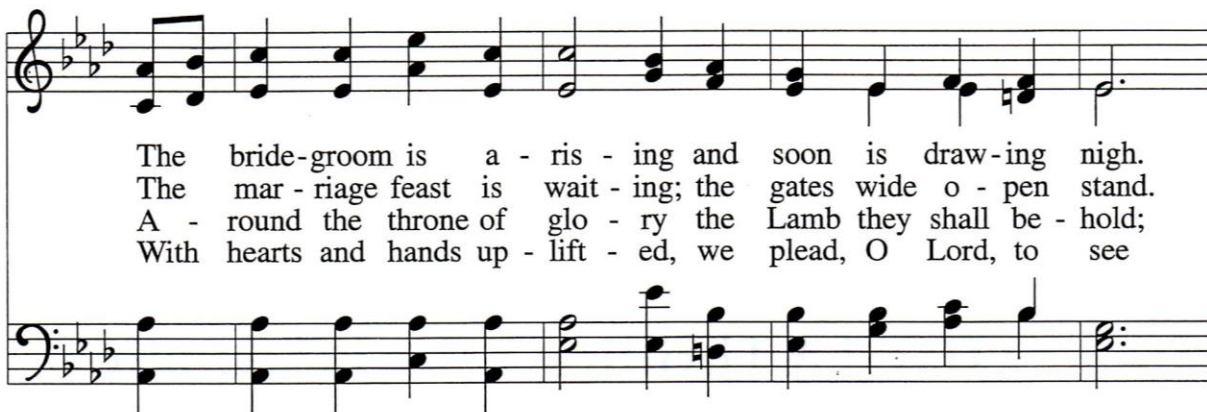
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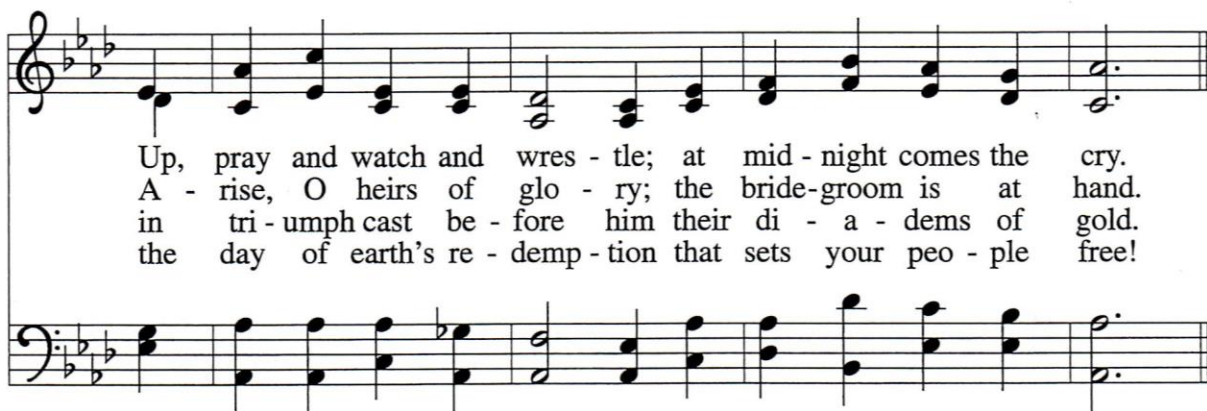
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

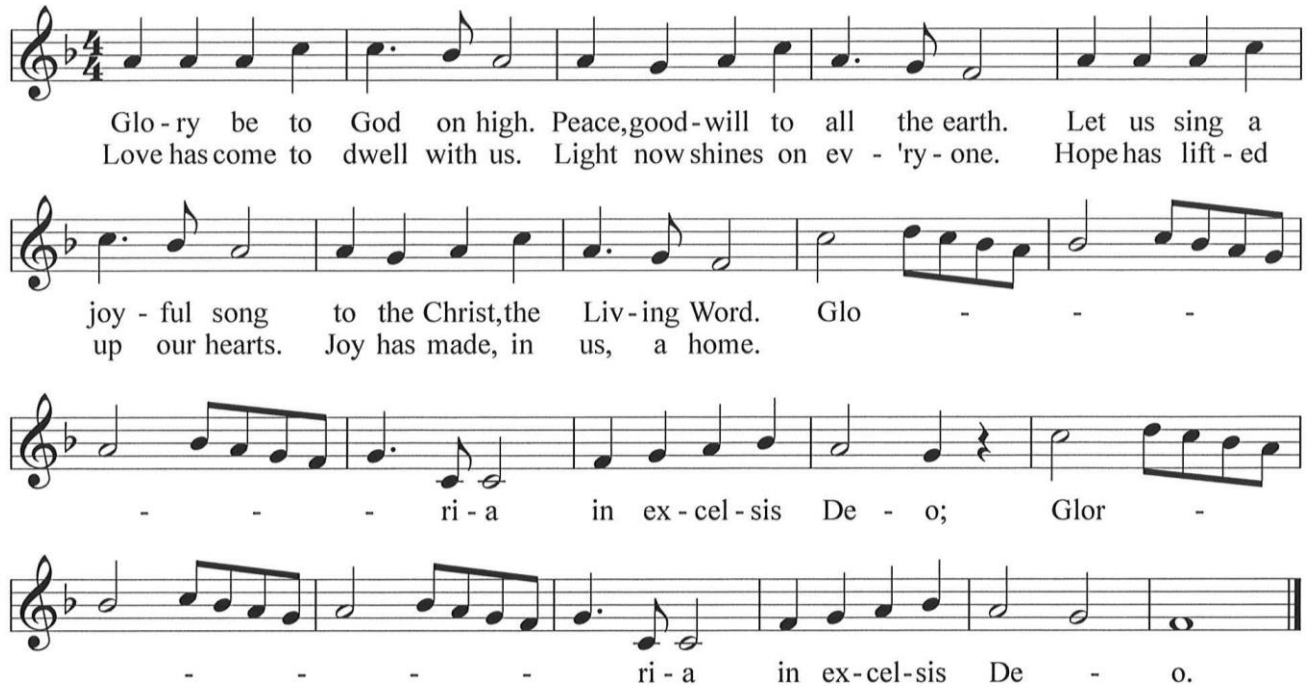


Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Glory To God



Glo - ry be to God on high. Peace, good-will to all the earth. Let us sing a
Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev - 'ry - one. Hope has lift - ed
joy - ful song to the Christ, the Liv - ing Word. Glo - - -
up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.
- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glor -
- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Prayer of the Day

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

Amen.

Candle Lighting Litany - Hope

P: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...

C: When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer — and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

P: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

C: In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope...
(Light the first candle in your Advent wreath.)

P: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

C: May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

P: Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

Hymn of the Month: We Are Waiting for Jesus

No. 905

We Are Waiting for Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

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First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 25:1-10

¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your

hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke,
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: My Lord, What a Morning

No. 438

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,

Refrain

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

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he was 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 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 Intercession

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering (*especially*). In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died (*especially*). Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

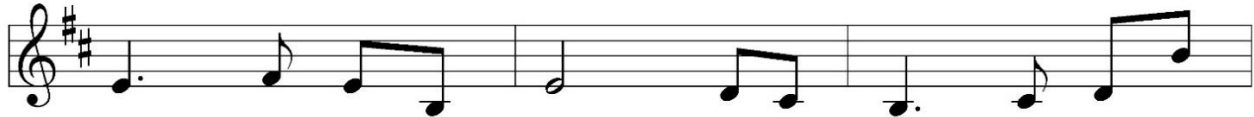
Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song – All is Ready Now

No. 4



1 Qui - et - ly in - to the sta - ble where the
2 'Cross the thresh - old of cre - a - tion, Je - sus
3 Now en - throned as king of heav - en, blaz - ing



Sav - ior sleep - ing lies, we can go, for all are
comes to dwell with us, as he was in the be -
glo - ry like the sun: in his hands are pow'r and



wel - come: shep - herd, an - gel, poor, and
gin - ning, ev - er - more God's gift of
jus - tice, on his lips are peace and



wise. What we have we bring and of - fer, earth - ly
love. Now he calls us to the ta - ble, gift of
love. As our gifts are turned to ash - es, fall - ing



gifts for Child di - vine, giv - ing that which we were
love to bleed and die; man - ger here be - comes an
down in awe we bow, emp - ty - hand - ed, we a -



giv - en, fruits of har - vest, bread and wine.
al - tar, sta - ble Lamb is sac - ri - ficed.
dore him. "Come, for all is read - y now."

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Music: ALL IS READY NOW, Jay Beech

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Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One... God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
is the one who comes... Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending Jesus to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick,
fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.


The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

(Just a reminder that there is grape juice available on the communion trays if you would prefer not to have wine during communion.)

Lamb of God



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give_ us your
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-
joice! Re- joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra- el.

**Lamb
of
God**

Christ, Be Our Light

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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.

Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✝ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: The King Shall Come

No. 260



The King Shall Come

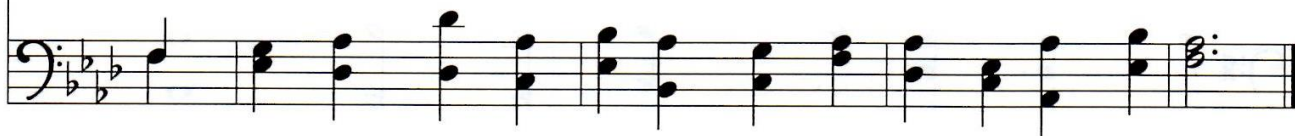
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1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo -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



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CONSOLATION

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Dismissal.

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Russ Stephens
Communion Assistant:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Fred Wobser & Kent Miller
Acolyte:	Tyler Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Natalie Thompson
Communion Assistant:	Cathy Wobser
Usher:	Bob Troike & Denny Sessler
Acolyte:	Mason Russell

December Altar Care:	Ann Streaan & Sally Warner
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PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by tornadoes, and flooding, mass shootings happening nationwide;
FAITH members, including, Mary Ann Neidler;
the Roman Catholic Parishes of Sandusky;
the ministry of Victory Kitchen in feeding those in our area in need of a hot meal.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft's wedding anniversary from Tyler, Carlie, and Ryan.

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Tal & Ann Streaan in memory of Ann's father, Berk Vassor's birthday on December 2.

DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG" support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Lutheran Disaster Response. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

ATTENDANCE

November 24: 44 + 35 = 79

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

November 24

General Fund – \$2,052.50

Building Improvements – \$335.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service Sunday School Hanging of the Greens	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am 11:30 am
MONDAY	Young at Heart – Senior Center Dartball V2 @ V1	11:30 am 7:30 pm
TUESDAY	Worship & Music Meeting	1:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only “We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	9:00 am 7:00 pm
SATURDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer Youth Christmas Program Sunday School Jam Session	8:00 am & 10:30 am 8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:30 am

THE YOUNG AT HEART will have lunch (\$3.50) on December 2 at the Sandusky Senior Center and following lunch the Edison Show Choir will perform. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD TODAY.**



AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR SEATS AND FEETS (underwear and socks) or gloves/mittens or scarfs for Care and Share and Crossroads Homeless Shelter.



OUR ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE is back again this year. This is our annual wider church mission support event and is now out for you to purchase items from.

This is how this works:

Pick an ornament from the tree which you would like to support.

Take it and an envelope with you, fill out the information needed on the envelope.

Place the money in the envelope.

Bring it back next week with you or mail it to the church office.

You get to keep the ornament or give it to the person you have honored or a family member of someone you have memorialized.

All memorials or honoraria will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

OUR ANNUAL THANKOFFERING BOXES are being replaced with ThankOffering Envelopes. Sorry, but our donation counters are asking for no change this year. Please pick up an envelope and place your donation inside and return it any time between now and Christmas Eve. Your donations go towards the Community Mission Fund.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY will be on December 14 at noon at the Castalia Cemetery with the laying of the wreaths to follow.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH at 930 Main Street, Huron is offering a free concert from area churches "Celebrating the Birth of Jesus" on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 pm.

MONTHLY FREE COMMUNITY DINNER at Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia on Wednesday, December 11th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm (or until gone). The menu includes baked ham & scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetable, applesauce, and dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery. See the bulletin board for more information.

FIRELANDS CHORUS INC., will be presenting their annual Christmas program, "Christmas Carols & Candlelight." Friday, December 13th and Saturday, December 14th, at Zion Lutheran Church, 503 Columbus Ave., Sandusky. Doors open at 7:00 pm the program begins at 7:30 pm. Concerts are free with a freewill offering being collected.



ADVENT

Prepare the Way of the Lord