OUR SAVIOUR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026



WELCOME

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.

Welcome Newcomers
We hope you are comfortable here. The right-side margin contains details about the service and readings to help you connect more fully with worship. You can find more details for newcomers on the back page of the bulletin. We are glad you are here - you are welcome in this space because of who you are.

Being Lutheran
As Lutherans, we see, hear, teach, and follow Jesus for the sake of our neighbor. Neighbor means anyone other than us, including creation. We see God in vulnerability - God meets us at the cross. In our deepest pain, God is present. Baptized into Christ, we live a new life - claimed and named forever as God's beloved. In the bread and wine of communion, we receive and share Christ with all of creation. This is because of who God is, not because of what we do (or don't do). We receive God's grace through faith - in Scripture, the living word of God, and the sacraments of baptism and communion, which transform our lives so that we love and serve God, our neighbor and all of creation. A transformed life is one centered in Christ by the Spirit, following and trusting in God alone; freed to love, liberate, and serve.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:
The readings for the First Sunday in Advent concern both hope and need for God's coming among us. Isaiah draws on remembrances of God's past acts of deliverance to plead with God to come and act in awesome ways again. The psalmist repeatedly calls on God to save in a time of crisis and threat. Paul affirms that God will strengthen the faithful as the day of the Lord approaches. In Mark, Jesus speaks of the final days and the coming Son of Man. Since no one knows the day of that coming, Jesus counsels alertness and wakefulness.

As we prepare for worship, take time to look around, to settle in, to receive the Holy Spirit's presence.

GATHER

PRELUDE O Lord, Save Thy People, arr. by Marshall S. Barnhouse, III

WELCOME

As we confess, rise and face the baptsimal font in the back.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who calls out to the weary,
whose word endures forever.
Amen.

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord!"
We are called to confess our sin
and turn back toward God's love.

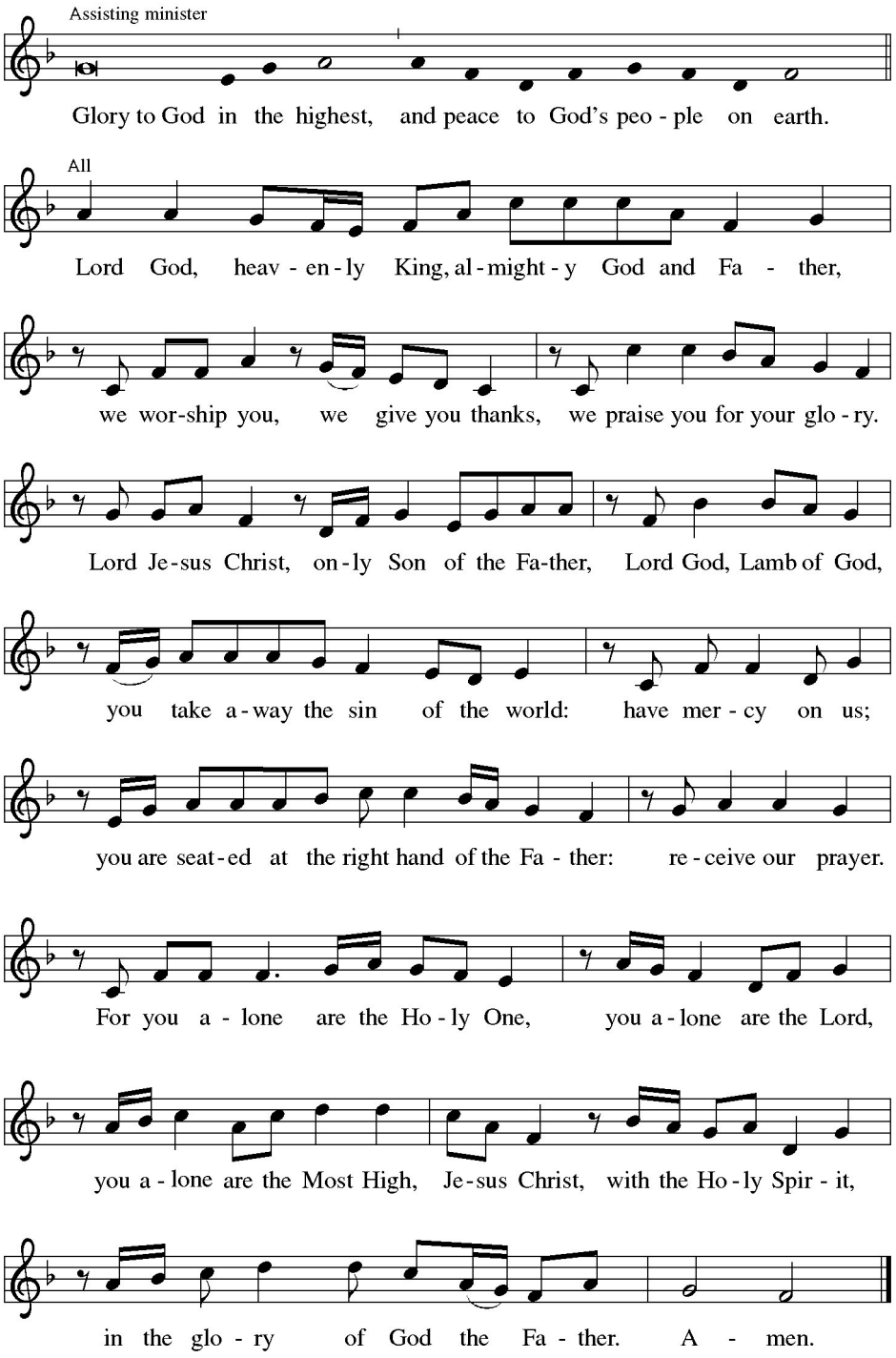
Silence is kept for reflection.

An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit. Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

Comforting God,
we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothe us in your righteousness.
Amen.

Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Amen. Thanks be to God!

*GATHERING HYMN



Turn in the direction of the cross as it passes by.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Wyatt Family

After candle is lit, Congregation sings:

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night.
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The unbroken circle of greens is an image of everlasting life, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. You can create a wreath at home as a family prayer practice.

*GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as 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!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From 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.
5 You 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.
6 We 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.
7 There 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.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Have you ever longed that God would act decisively in ways that would make faith and its hope clear for all to see? Then Isaiah provides a companion for you in this reading. The longing for God to be God comes with disarming honesty. There is confession of our sin and culpability. But even so, the prophet closes with a humble plea for God's consideration of who we are at the core.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19 We will read the psalm together.
(Pulpit Side – Odd Verses; Piano Side – Even Verses)

1Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
4O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
5You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
17Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
18And so will we never turn a- way from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
19Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

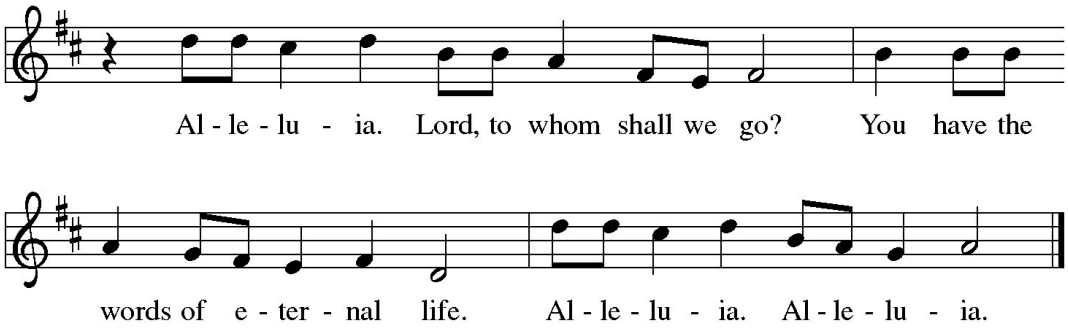
SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Corinth served as a vital crossroads for commercial and religious activities in Rome's empire. Paul founded its church and remained there for a year and a half. Our reading links thanksgiving for the church with Paul's assurance that God would strengthen it for the coming day of the Lord.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL**

Listen deeply as the gospel lesson is being read

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the 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. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

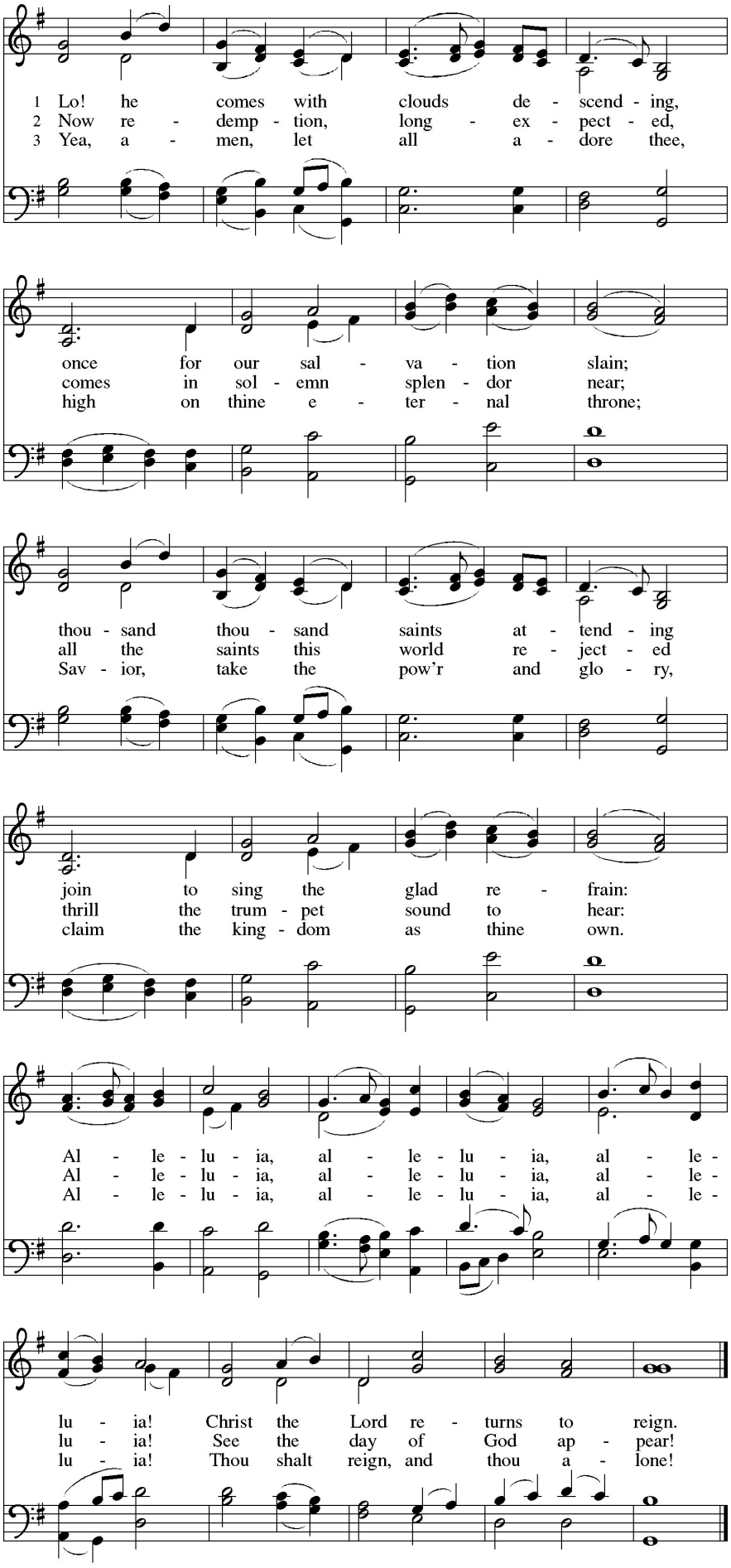
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the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

The gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #435 Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

…God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

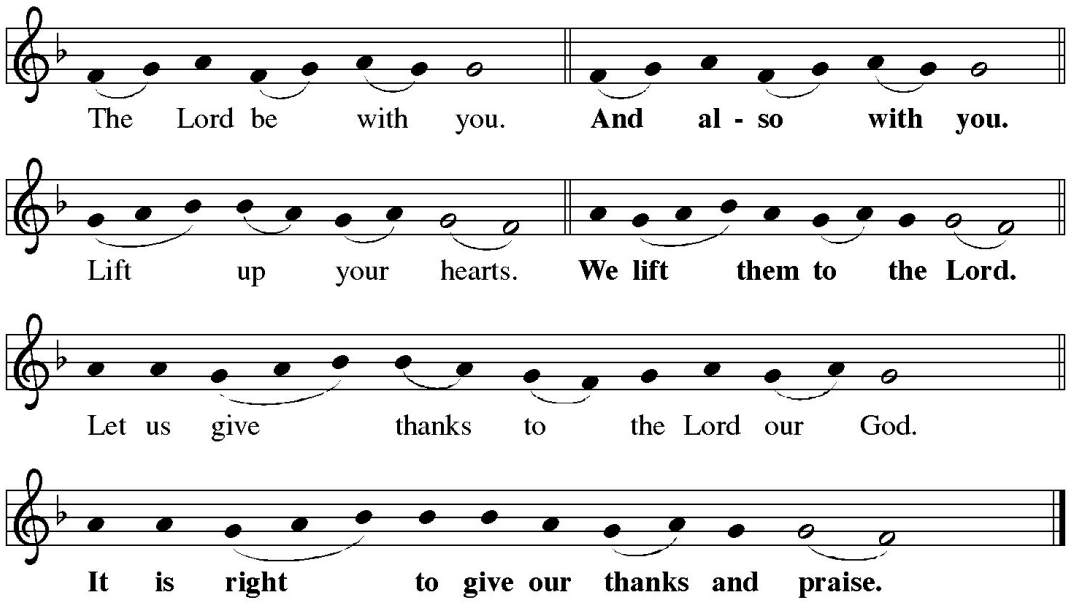
***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING
Love Came Down for All Danny White

During this time, pause to reflect on what you've received from God. If you have an offering to give or a Statement of Intent card to return, you may place it in the plate near the baptismal font as you leave.

***OFFERING PRAYER**
Holy Creator,
we are the clay and you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.**



MEAL

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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 trust and courage.
Blessed are you for 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:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, we pray as Jesus taught,

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.

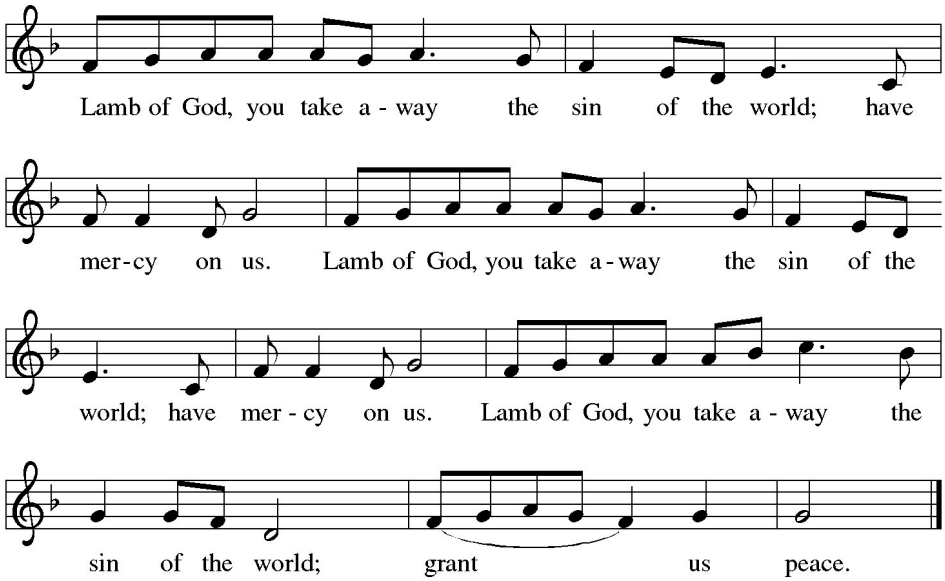
This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

Offering prayer and communion liturgy is from "This Far By Faith," a Lutheran hymnal released in 1999 that was a collaborative project between the ELCA and the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to enrich worship by incorporating gifts of African American songs, words, and traditions.

You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

COMMUNION
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION HYMNS



ELW #696 Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult
ELW #427 For All Your Saints, O Lord

POST COMMUNION BLESSING
Live in forgiveness. Claim your wholeness. Dwell in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING PRAYER

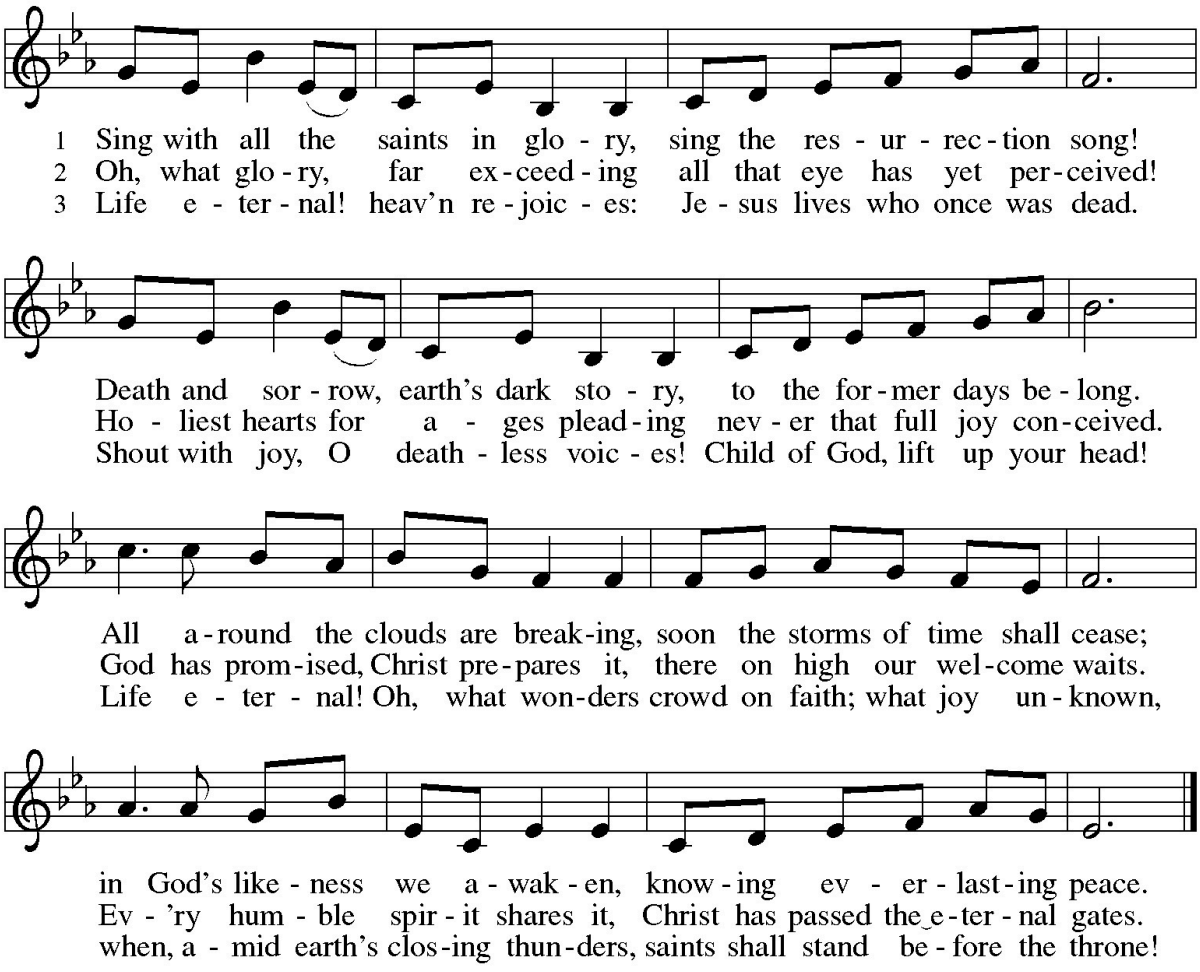
SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

The Post Communion Blessing is from Rev. Phyllis Zillhart, former pastor at St. Francis Lutheran Church in San Francisco, an early leader in welcome for LGBTQ+ people in the Lutheran church.

***SENDING HYMN** ELW #426 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Sing with All the Saints in Glory



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***DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

SEND

Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.

Prayer Requests: Family and Friends of Rev. Jim Lundeen; Bob Jones; Alan Bales; Paul Stum; Pam Hardman; Alecia Chrin; Gerry Meyer; Corky Ronstadt; Mary Neff; and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Community: Joey (friend of Andy and Cindy Bales); Andrew Rosten (son of Erna Rosten); Sandra (Joy Bulawa's mother); Friends and Family of Kathy Greggory upon the death of her husband Gary (friends of Ann and Bill DeVinney); Liz (friend of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Sarah (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Josh, Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Jennifer, Sally, and Ashley, Gwen, and Tyler on the passing of their daughter Elora (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in- law of Theda Doak); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou,(friends of Rachel Starner); Mary Etta (friend of Suzanne Hesh); Rita, Linda(friends of John and Judy Indermark); Nancy (friend of Cindy Bales); Marcus ahd his care team (friend of Suzanne Hesh).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

Advent and Christmas 2026

Guest Preachers - Rev. Bart Smith (Dec 6); Olga Ryan (Dec 13); Rev. Dan Potaznik (Dec 20).
Sunday Forums: Dec. 13 - It's A "White" Christmas with Danny White. **Dec. 20 -** Rev. Dan Potaznik, Grand Canyon Synod Director of Generosity & Mission Support
Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16 - 6 PM (meal) and 7 PM (service) in Koch Chapel - Holden Evening Prayer
Monday, December 21 - Longest Night - 5:30 PM in Koch Chapel - especially for those experiencing grief, loss, and loneliness

Christmas Eve with Candles and Holy Communion - 5 PM on Thursday, December 24
Christmas Day - 10 AM on Friday, December 25 (Christmas Pjs, Sweaters, hiking clothes or your Christmas best!)
Sunday, December 27 - 9 AM - A Folk Christmas with Sophia Rankin

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY 11/29/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Kris Sanchez
Communion Assistants	Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Sharon Reinbott
Acolyte	Olga Ryan
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Danny White
Music	Danny White
Usher	Jennifer Strand, Patty Sirls
Greeter	Sophia Rankin
Cross Bearer	Sharon Reinbott
Coffee Host	Catalina Rankin
Treats	Wyatt Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 12/06/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Preaching Minister	Rev. Bart Smith
Assisting Minister	Mo Krieg
Communion Assistants	Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Jennifer Strand
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Joy Buwala
Music	Chancel Choir
Usher	Mary and Asher Havenhill
Greeter	Sophia Rankin, Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer	Jennifer Strand
Coffee Host	Catalina Rankin
Treats	Mary Havenhill
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
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Newcomers + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Families + we have a small play area (pray-ground) up front. The joyful sounds and movements of children in worship are the welcome sounds of children growing in faith. Parents, thank you for doing the hard work of worshipping with children. This congregation is here to support you.

Hearing Assistance + headphones are available to assist in hearing the service. Please contact an usher to get set up with one.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Liturgy + Our sung liturgy is from Setting 3, ELW

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9:00 - Sanctuary
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