GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
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Worship services: Sundays at 9am,
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Our Mission: "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

Vision Statement: At Grace, we strive to **G**uide and nurture all individuals to be **R**esilient, **A**ccepting **C**hildren of God rooted in the **E**nrichment of God's word.

Welcome to Worship: We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

Communion Instruction: Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. ***Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free***. If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

Offering: Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

Hearing Assistance Available: This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Nursery Available: We love to have children in worship with us**.** For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

PRELUDE (Positive Organ) Charles Callahan (), from Advent Music, Set 1 (1989)

1. Prelude on "O Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" - Tune: Veni Ammanuel
2. Voluntary on "Savior of the Nations, Come" - Tune: Nun komm, der heiden Heiland
3. Bicinium on "Comfort, Comfort These My People" - Tune: Freu dich sehr
4. Prelude on "The King Shall Come" - Tune: Consolation
5. Meditation on "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" - Tune: St. Thomas

WELCOME

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Chancel Choir): Eugene Butler (1935-2024), "Go Through the Gates" (1988) ***See last page of blue sheets for lyrics***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

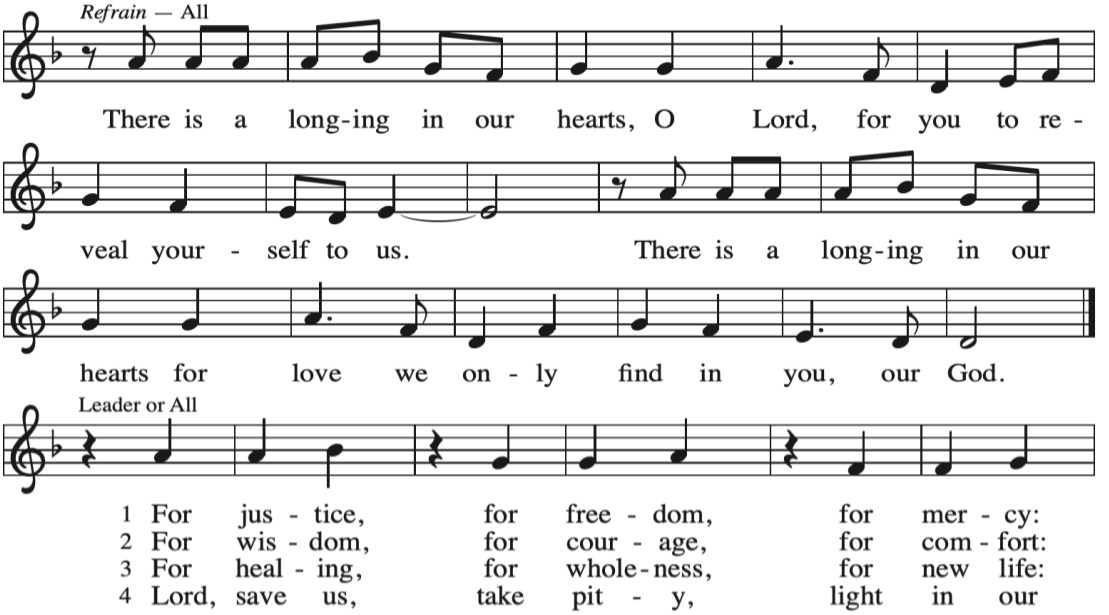
P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open….through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**.

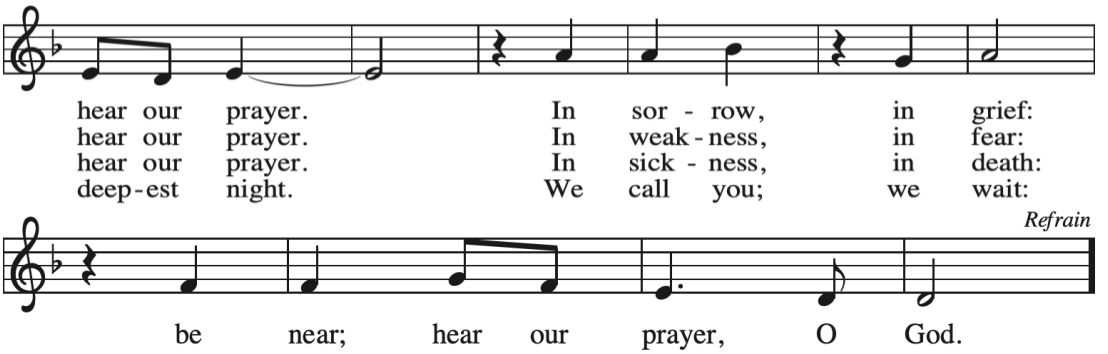
P: If we say we have no sin….cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God… bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

GATHERING SONG ***There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*** **(ACS 1078)**

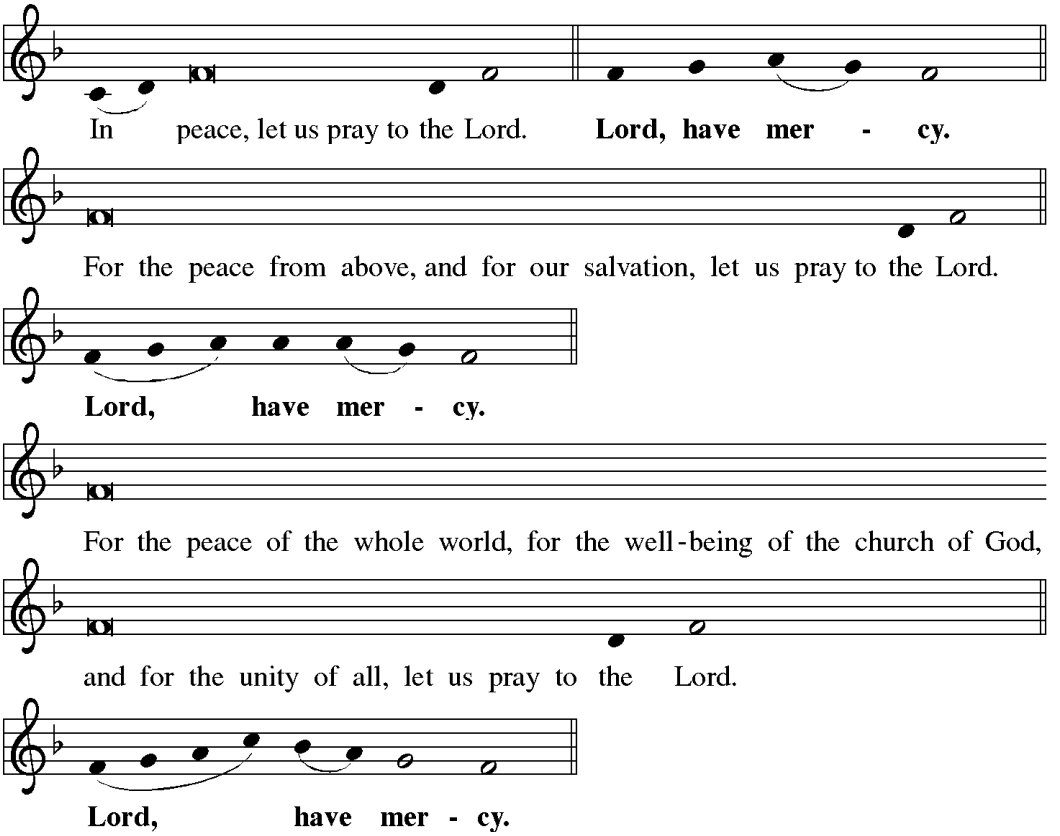


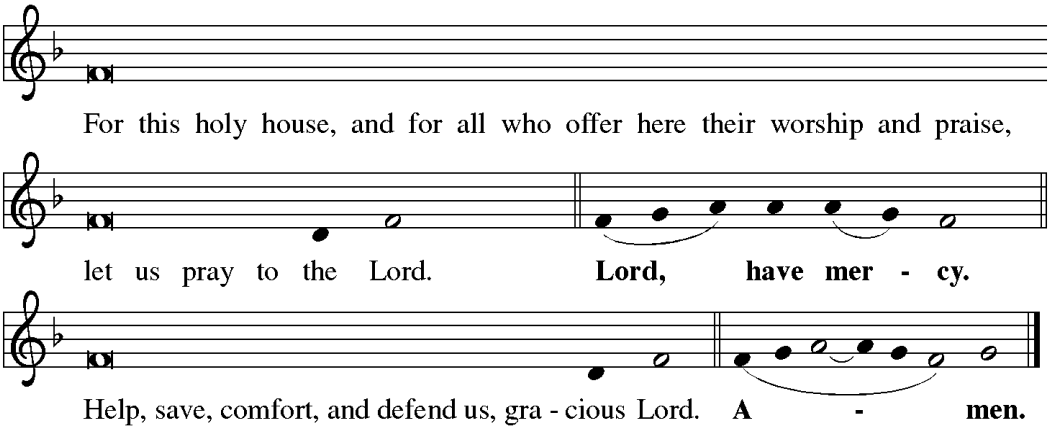


GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord… be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE

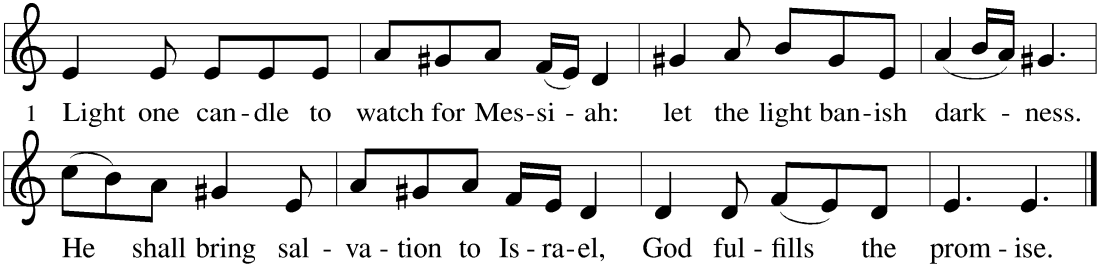




BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: We praise you, O God,…. whose day draws near. **C: Amen.**

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (Vs.1 Only) **(ELW 240)**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) Stir up your power, Lord Christ ….one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

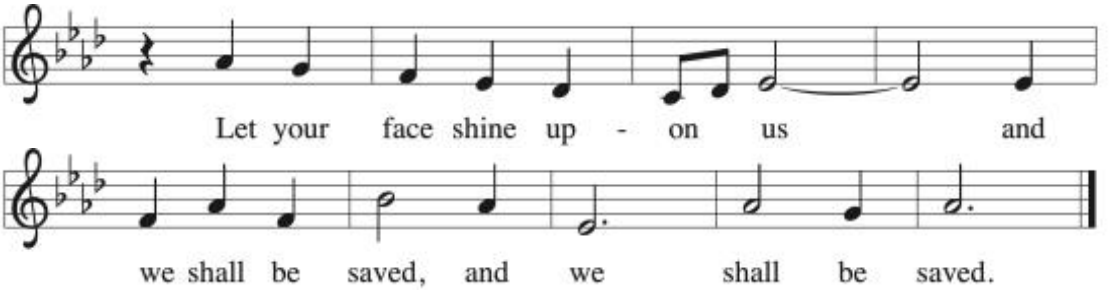
1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at
your presence— 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your
name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3 When you
did awesome deeds 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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 80:1-7, 17-19

Refrain:



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

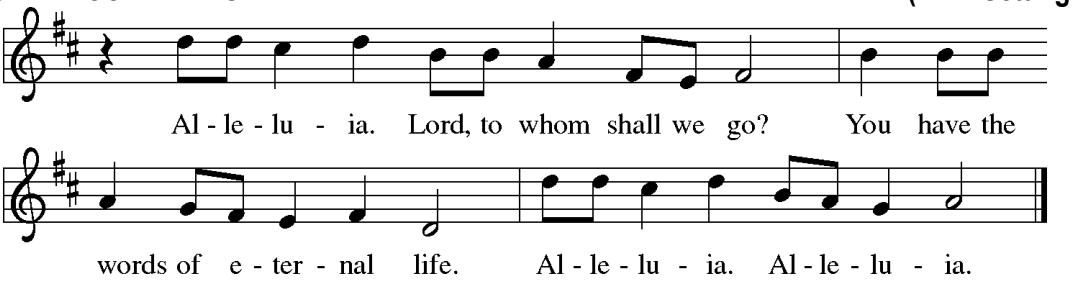
SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

[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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **(ELW Setting 3)**



GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

P: The holy gospel, according to Mark, chapter 13.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*The gospel is announced*)

[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.

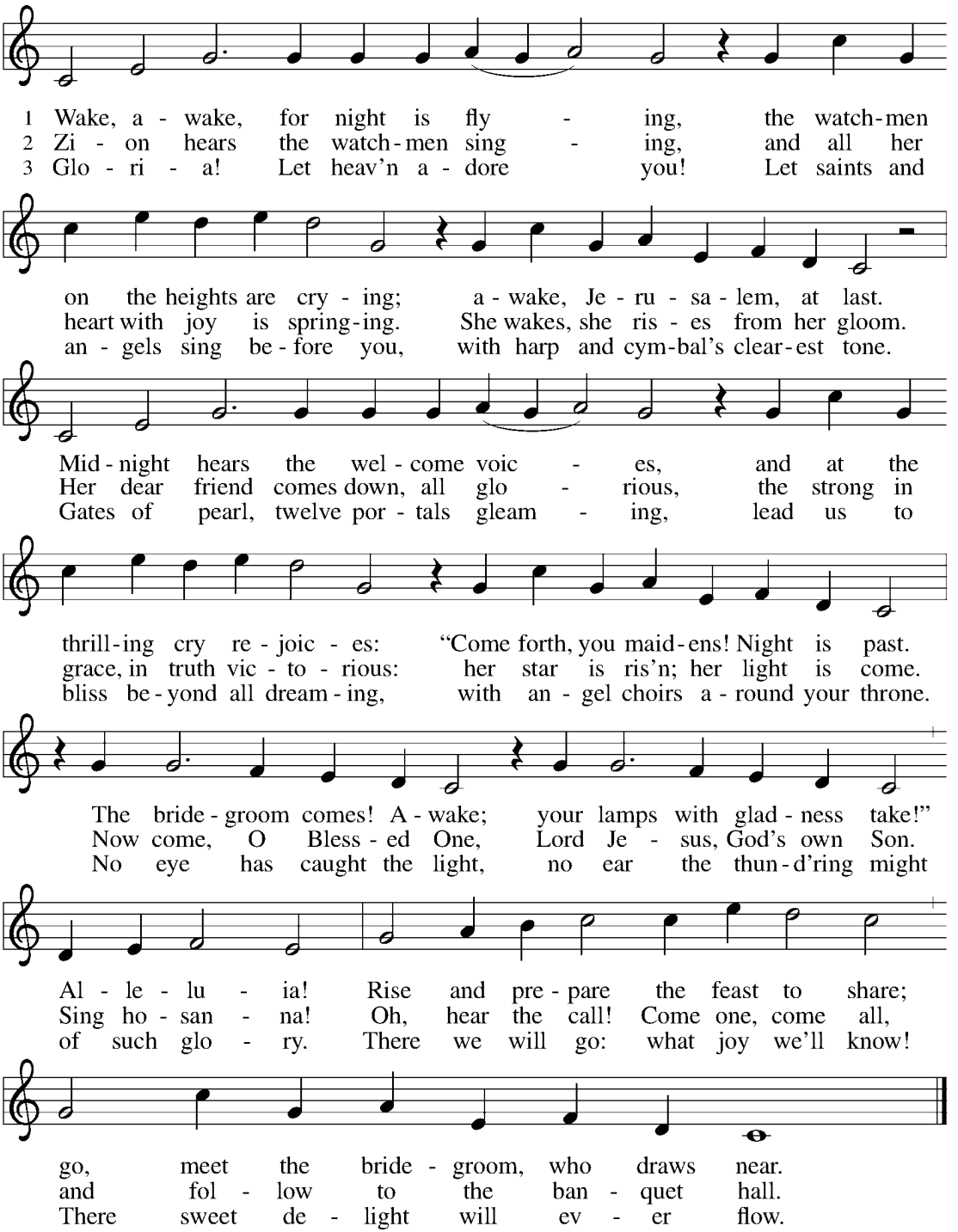
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its
leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you
know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all
these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

P: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*** **(ELW 436)**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: …. God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust these and the prayers…….in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior. **C: Amen.**

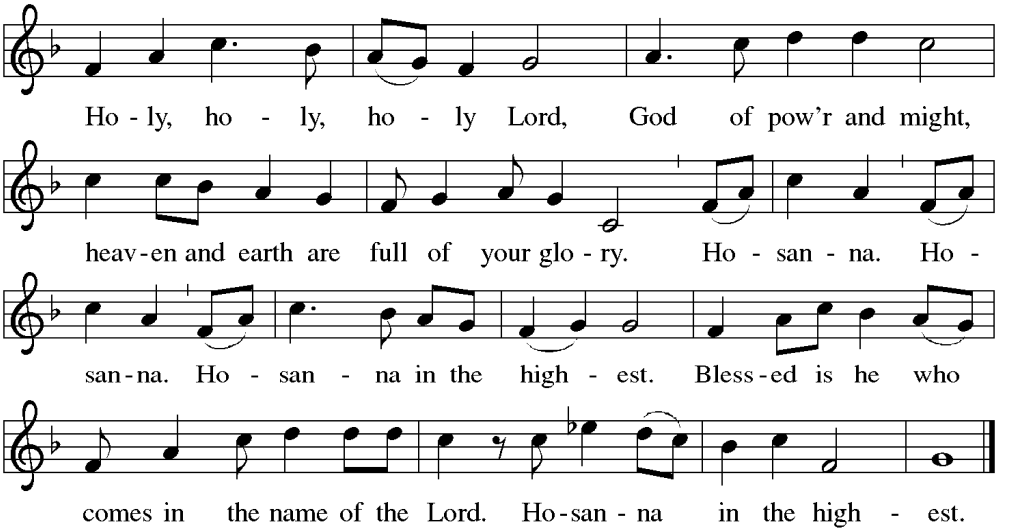
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty…join their unending hymn: **(ELW Setting 3)**



P: You are indeed holy….we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

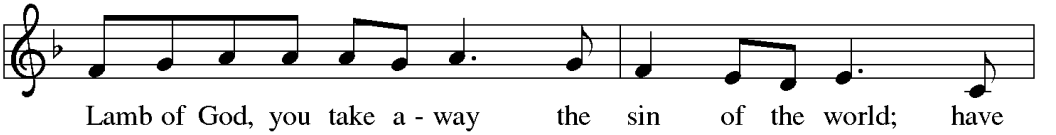
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

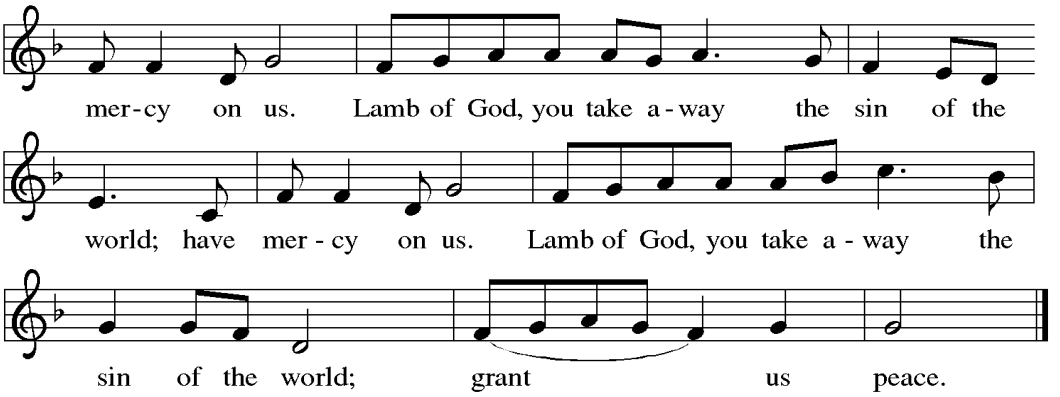
P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command….now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

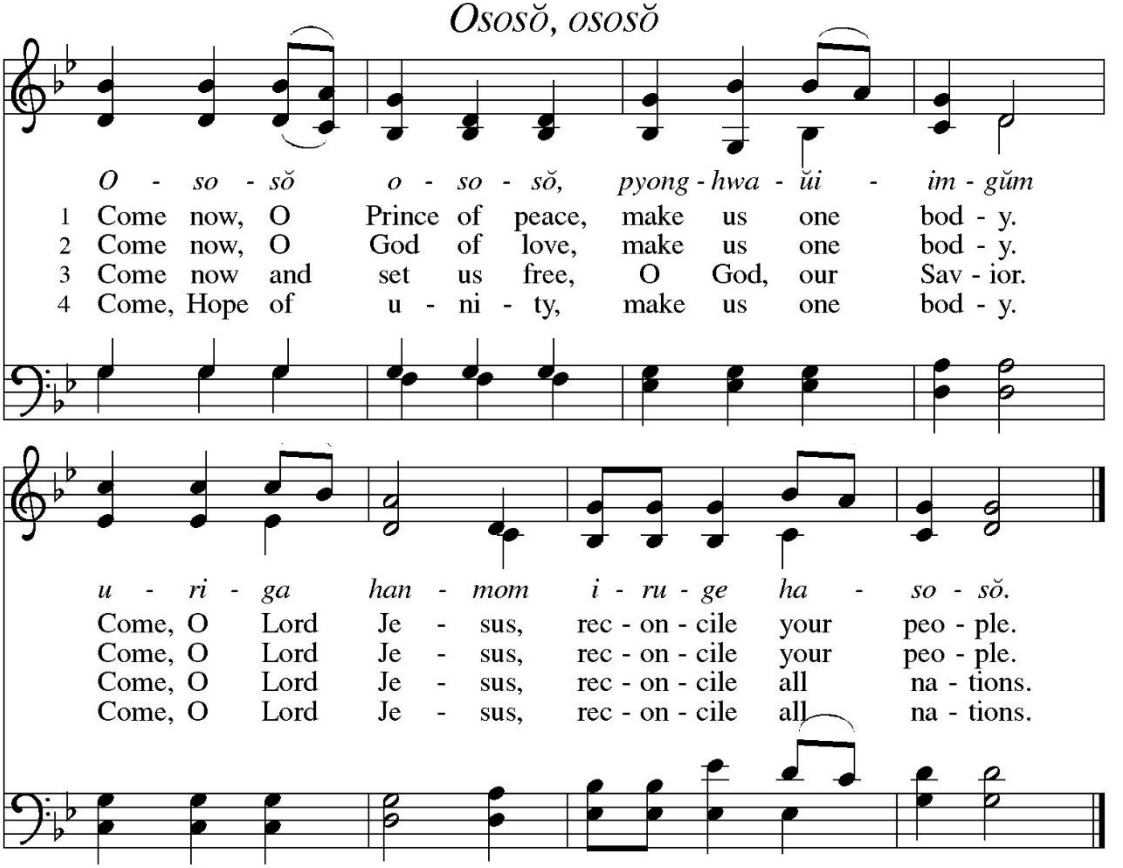
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG **(ELW Setting 3)**

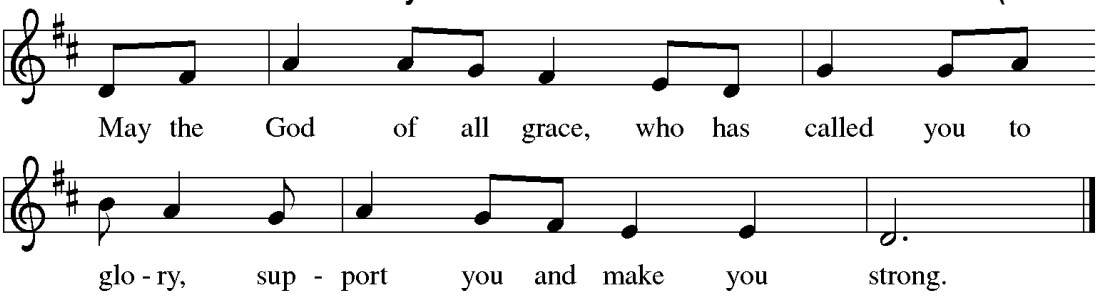




COMMUNION SONG ***Come Now, O Prince of Peace:*** **(ELW 247)**



SONG AFTER COMMUNION ***May the God of All Grace*** **(ELW 217)**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

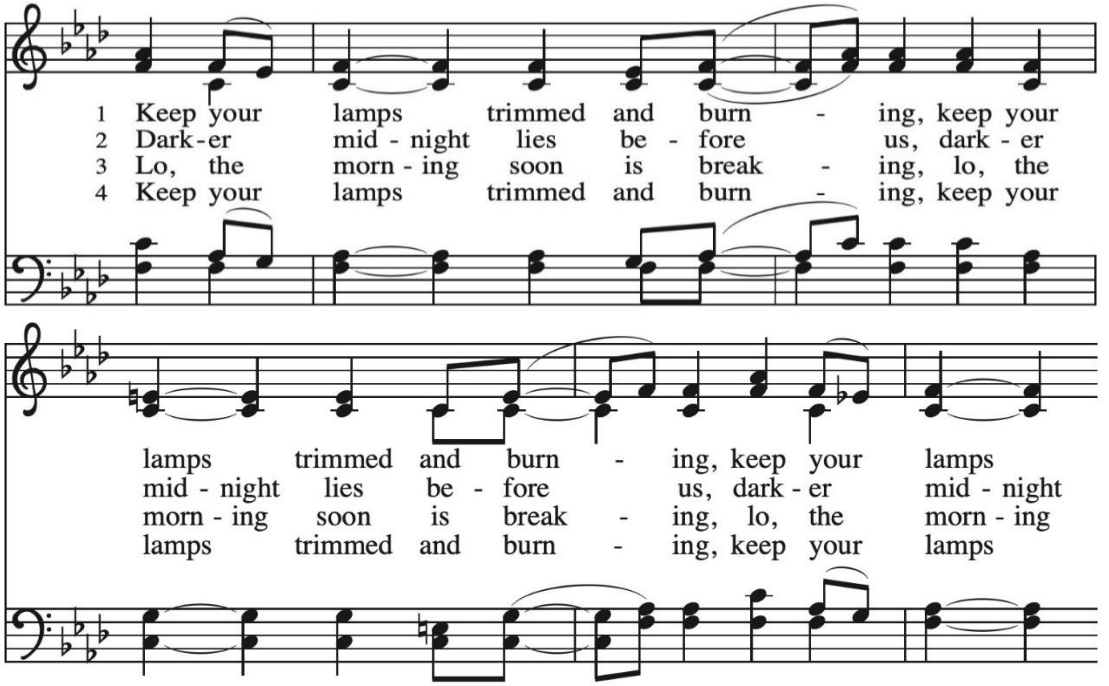
P: We give you thanks, almighty God …for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

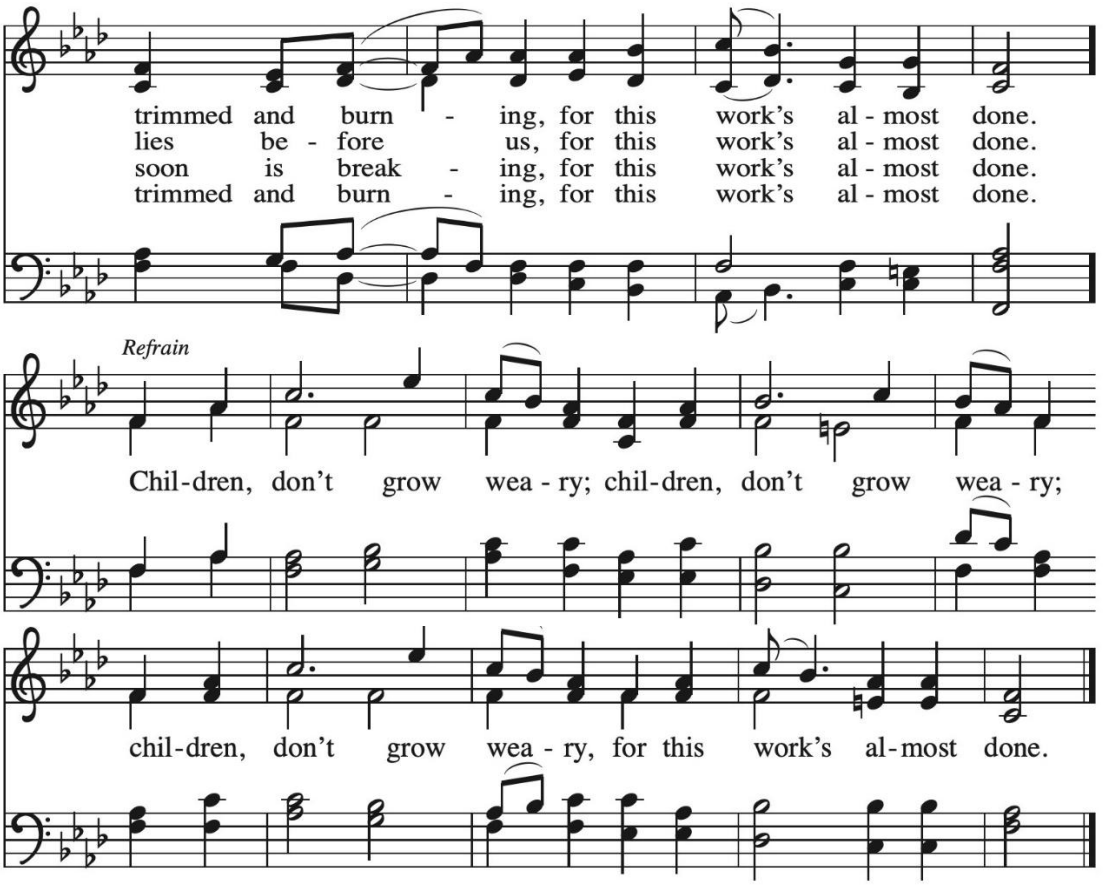
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** **(ACS 949)**





DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (Positive Organ): Charles Callahan (), "Procession on Wake, Awake" from Advent Music, Set 1 (1989) – Tune: Wachet Auf

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Music Notes:

The **Last Prelude** from the Chancel Choir is a seasonal Advent anthem by Dr. Eugene S. Bulter, an American composer, conductor, educator and church musician with more than 1,000 published works. He held the Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Missouri – Kansas City, he was among the earliest composer of music for handbells in the U.S. He served as Director of Music and the Arts at Valley View United Methodist Church in Overland Park, Kansas.

The Organ **Prelude** and **Postlude** comprise seasonal chorale arrangements by Charles Callahan. Dr. Callahan earned degrees from the Curtis Institute of Music and the Catholic University of America. In 2014 he was honored with the American Guild of Organists Distinguished Artist Award "for his illustrious career as composer, performer, teacher, and consultant, and his lifelong service to the sacred music profession."

The **Hymn of the Day** is known as "the King of Chorales." Both the text and the tune were written by Philipp Nicoli (1556-1608). Its partner, the "Queen of Chorales," or "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright," is also by him. Both Chorales look like a chalice when centered line by line – in either German or English. Nicolai was a pastor like his father and was serving at Unna in Westphalia when the plague struck in 1597-98. His house overlooked the cemetery, where he did as many as 30 funerals per day. Both the Queen and the King of chorales were written at this time of intense pain and suffering.

Next week: Advent Choral Sunday. Warmups for Bells (8:00am), Women's Choir (8:20am), Men's Chorus (8:30am), and the three groups combined (8:40am). All three groups provide music for 9:00am worship. Chancel Choir rehearses after worship at 8:15pm. Come this afternoon to Crossroads Presbyterian Church for Handel's Messiah at 3:00pm – doors open at 2:30pm and admission is absolutely free!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Worship Leaders	Next Sunday Worship Leaders
Reader: Pam Johnson	**Reader:** Sherry Siebers
Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, Nancy Perez	**Wine:** JoAnn Holdmann, TBD
Usher: TBD	**Usher**: TBD
Comm. Set Up: JoAnn Holdmann	**Comm. Set Up**: Sheri Besag
Greeter: TBD	**Greeter:** TBD
Coffee Fellowship: TBD	**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD

This week at Grace

Sun 11/29 8:15am Chancel Choir Warm-up
9:00am Worship ~ Chancel Choir Sings

Mon 11/30 10am Crafting Group
1:30pm Violin Lessons

Tue 12/1 12:10pm Devotional Service
3:30pm Violi Lessons
5:30pm Scouts

Wed 12/2 9am-11am Pastor's Collectivo Office Hours
9am Guest House Sandwiches
3:30pm Violin Lessons
6pm Women's A Capella Rehearsal
6:30pm SBG Vocalists Only Rehearsal

Thu 12/3 12pm Bible Study
3:30pm Violin Lessons
6:30pm Women's Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal

Sat 12/5 9am Christmas Program Rehearsal

Sun 12/6 8am Bell Choir Warm-up
8:20am Women's Choirs Warm-up
8:30am Men's Chorus Warm-up
8:40am Combined Ensembles Warm-up
9:00am Worship ~ Bell Choir, Women's Choir & Men's Chorus provide music
10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:15am Community Life Team Meeting
10:15am Children's Education

El Salvador Collection: We continue to celebrate our ongoing relationship with Pastor Julio and our partner church, Mi Buen Jesús in Puerto Parada, El Salvador. Please consider donating to support our college scholarship program for members of Pastor Julio's. Cash and checks are welcome, or you may use the QR code here.

Christmas Meal Bags: All Peoples Christmas meal bags (with lists) are available on the communication desk, along with a signup sheet for your contact information. Please return the bags by **December 6**.

Cookie Sale Fundraiser for the Grateful Giving Team: It's that time again—the annual Christmas Cookie Sale! The sale will be on Saturday, December 12th, and serves as the primary fundraiser for the Grateful Giving Team. We use the proceeds throughout the year to help those in need outside our congregation, including donations to the Guest House of Milwaukee, Family Promise of Ozaukee, All People's Food Pantry, and our sister church in El Salvador, Mi Buen Jesus, as well as other needs as they arise.

We need lots of help to make it a success! We're looking for people to help with setup on Friday night, assist during the sale on Saturday, and—of course—bakers! You may sign up using Sign-upGenius online (link or use QR code) or via the sign-up sheets on the Communication Desk.
Thank you for your continued support!

Scholarships Available: Grace's Endowment Fund is pleased to offer scholarship opportunities to members who are pursuing a college, post-graduate, or technical school education. Typical scholarships awarded are between $500 and $1000 per year. Eligibility requirements are found in the scholarship application form. Application forms can be found on the communication desk. Completed applications should be turned into the church office before November 30.

Next Weekend: Handel's Messiah presented by the Milwaukee Area Messiah Community Chorus and Orchestra (www.mamcco.org). Now in its 17th season, MAMCCO will present the great majority of Handel's Messiah on the first weekend in December. There is no charge to attend and there will be a free will offering for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission (https://milmission.org/), one of the oldest homeless shelters in the nation. The chorus, soloists and orchestra are all under the direction of Brian Dearing, Grace Lutheran's Director of Music. The two dates and venues are:

- Friday evening, December 4 at St. Robert Catholic Church, 4019 N. Farwell Ave., Shorewood, WI 53211. Doors open at 6:30pm, presentation begins at 7:00pm.
- Sunday afternoon, December 6 at Crossroads Presbyterian Church, 6031 W Chapel Hill Rd, Mequon, WI 53097. Doors open at 2:30pm, presentation begins at 3:00pm.

Scam Alert Reminder: Please note that the scam artists are very busy this time of year. Church members are being targeted by scammers impersonating pastors via text or email, claiming to be in a meeting and urgently requesting gift cards for needy people. Always verify requests directly with the staff and never send gift cards, wire money, or click suspicious links. Having Pastor Bill in your contact list will help to identify if he is actually the sender.

Guest House Sandwiches: We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays at 9am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on **December 2 and 16.**

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Information: We're looking for friendly faces to help with coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings. It's an easy but important ministry towards hospitality. There is a great guideline to follow and support is provided!! Just set up coffee, bring a few treats, one always gluten free, and help create a warm, welcoming space for connection after worship. If interested, please sign up at the communication desk, online with SignupGenius using the link in the Grace Notes or the QR code here, call the office, or reach out to Jen Bartz (414-550-5231) or Theresa Umhoefer (262-227-8840)

SignUpGenius

Poinsettias: You are invited to contribute poinsettias again this year in honor or memory of important people in your life. Designations will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. There is no cost, however a donation amount of your choice is welcome. Your poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas morning service. Forms are on the communication desk or you can use the QR code here. Please order by **December 6**.

Worship Volunteers: Calling all readers, wine servers, ushers, greeters, communion setup folks and coffee fellowship helpers! There is a hard copy of the SignupGenius form on the communication desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, and this QR code can also be used to connect to the Signup Genius. Emails and phone calls are always welcome as well. Thank you!

SignUpGenius

Prayers: Jerry Karthauser, **David** Rauth, **Tucker** Kucharski, **Judy** Hogan (Ken Hogan's mother), **Wendy** (friend of Geri Schesel), **Ron** (friend of Diane Omdahl), **Joyce** Winghart, **Sandy** Smith, **Bill** Luebke, **Karen** Krogstad (Courtney Krogstad's mother-in-law), **Madalynne** Baum, **DawnMark** Bacon-Johnson, **Dieter** Bruhnke, **Mark** Thompson, **David** Moskol, **Ian** Roberts (brother of Alice Laukert), **John** Gieschen (Paul Gieschen's father), **Marilyn** DeMore, **John** Stockbridge.

Celebrations this week:
Birthdays: Katy Koppa – 11/29, Samantha Wolf – 11/29, Dieter Bruhnke – 12/2, Dee Christofferson-Robar – 12/5
Anniversaries: None this week.

Food/Item Donations: Please note that at this time we are now collecting items for Family Promise, the All Peoples Church Pantry, and Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. Below are the items needed for these organizations.

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge: If you have any new or gently used coats, boots, or other cold weather clothing you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church in a box outside the Luther room.

Family Promise Needs: The Ozaukee County shelter is currently in need of items listed below. If you would like to contribute, donations can be placed in the bin by the Luther room in the narthex.
Current needs: gas gift cards, full size mattress pads, toothpaste, 13-gallon garbage bags, Lysol disinfectant spray, toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels, toilet paper.

Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church): You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins by Luther room. Items needed include: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal, Canned Pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli), Tuna, Tuna Helper, Spam, Canned Beef Stew, Baked Beans, Pasta, Canned Pasta Sauce, White rice (1lb bags or instant), Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Hamburger Helper, Canned Greens (Collard, Mixed, Turnip, Mustard), Toothpaste, Deodorant.

Welcome to Worship Lyrics: "Go Through the Gates"

Chorus) Go through, go through, go through the gates and prepare the way for the people;
Build up, build up, build up the highway, build up the highway of God.
Vs. 1) Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the earth: your salvation comes.
Build up, build up, build up the highway, build up the highway of God.
Chorus
Vs. 2) For you shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord
The spirit of the Lord is upon you, for the Lord has anointed his people.
Vs. 3) You, Lord, are God; We are your children;
You are the potter; We are the clay; We are the work of your hand.
Build up, build up, build up the highway, build up the highway of God.
Chorus