

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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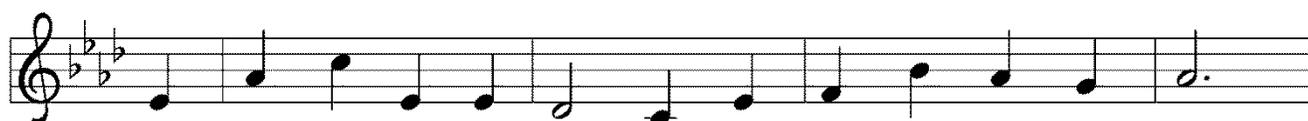
WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

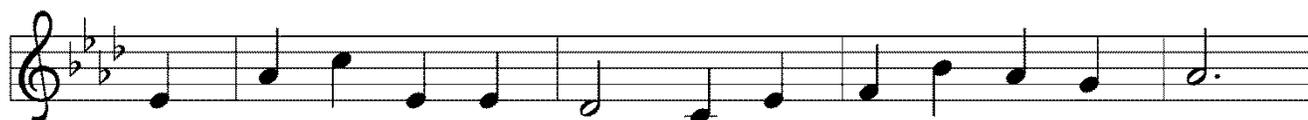
GATHERING HYMN

ELW 224

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



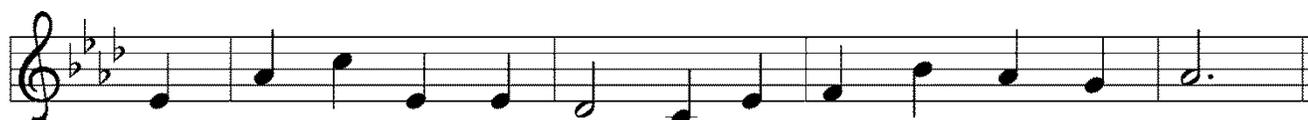
- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



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!

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be God's name forever.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us.

C: Amen.

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

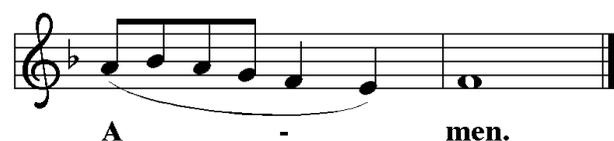
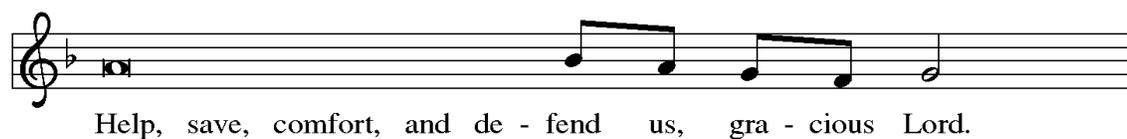
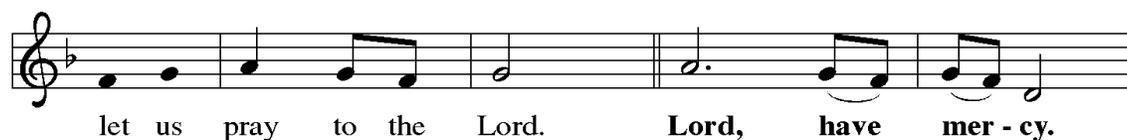
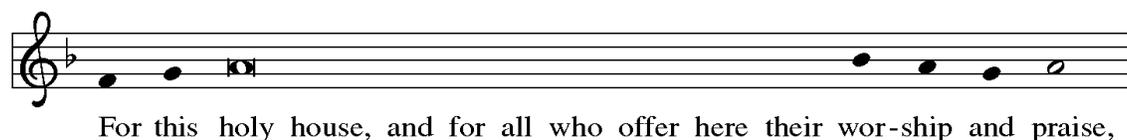
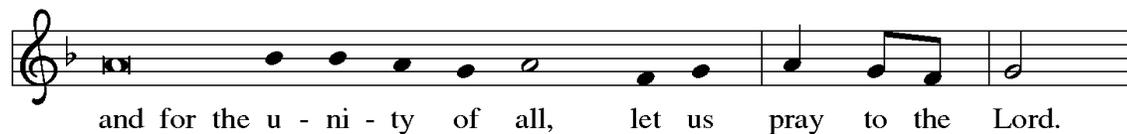
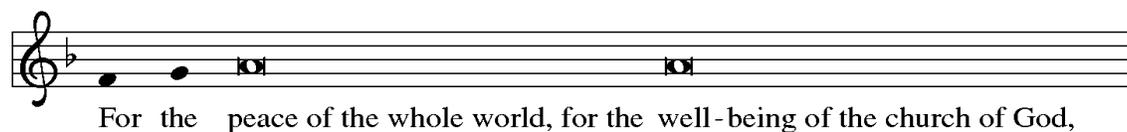
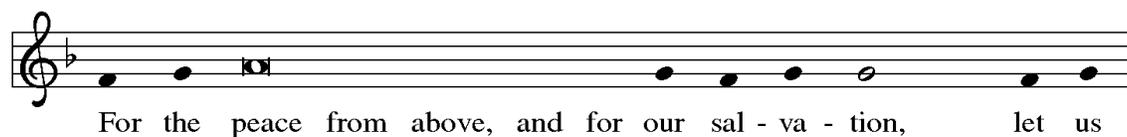
C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**



As the first candle is lit, please join in singing: ELW 266 (vs 1)

All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



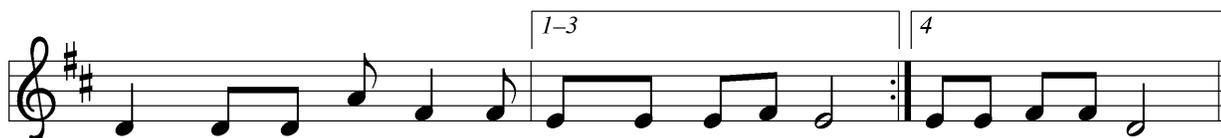
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

THE WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city

that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

*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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

(please be seated)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Rachel Scheible

(please stand, as you are able)

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 438

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*for Advent*)

I believe in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God – the source of all light and life.

I believe that God sent Jesus Christ, as the Word Incarnate, into this World so that all might be bathed in his light and know the true source of life. On the witness of the disciples, I believe that Jesus was crucified, died and was buried – then brought back to life that we might also have new life in him.

I believe the Word of God still speaks today to those who have ears and hearts to listen.

I believe, with the power of the Holy Spirit, that my life can be a witness to God's living presence and grace. Amen

+ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD +**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(response after: God, in your mercy)

C: hear our prayer.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

Please be seated as we finish singing

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

*If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the basket as you exit.
Thank you for your generosity.*

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox, mailed in, or made on our website Holyspiritsecane.org, under Mission tab.

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Come by Here



- 1 Come by here, Lord, come by here; come by here, Lord, come by here;
- 2 Some-one needs you, Lord, come by here; some-one needs you, Lord, come by here;
- 3 Send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here; send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here;



come by here, Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.
some-one needs you, Lord, come by here.
send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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 in 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.*

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

(Please be seated)

***P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray:

Faithful God,

in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.

As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.

Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

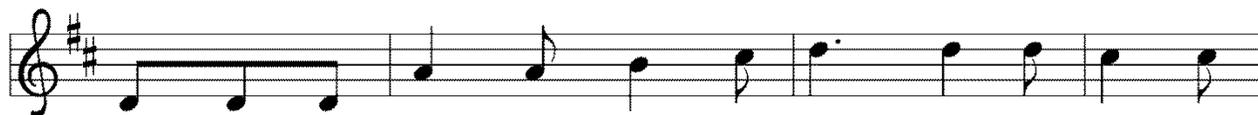
P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

ELW 248

People, Look East



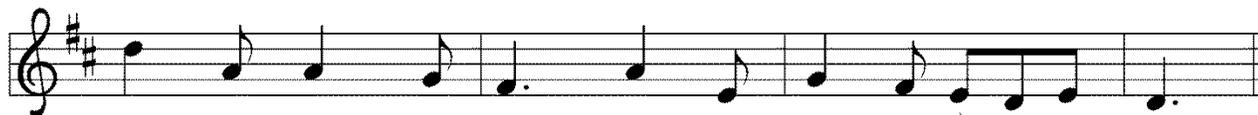
1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Joe Monte

Linda Taddie

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Jean Brown

Betty Lake

Anne Rainsford

Gary Wilkinson

Christine Abate

Joanne Warshaw

Scott Smith

Fred Shappell

Mariann Trice

Jackie Dewitt

Larry Poff

Ann Ferguson

Gary Kline

Ed Shoup

Ruth Dukes

Victor Klein

Lou Vallies

Carol Devine

Richard Barndt

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Dec, please call the office or add to the prayer list outside sanctuary).

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

POINSETTIAS – Orders start **Nov 27th thru Dec 11th**. Forms will be included with your bulletin. Help decorate for Christmas.

Help is needed for the Hanging of the Greens on **Dec 4th** following the service.

FIRST FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS - Our next Friday Fun Night will be **12/2**. We gather from 6:30-7:30pm and ask for a monetary donation.

COUNCIL MEETING – **Tuesday, Dec 6 at 7:00** in the hall.

NURSERY SCHOOL COIN HARVEST Once again this year, the Nursery School will be doing a “Coin Harvest” during the month of November. This year we would like to invite the Holy Spirit congregation to join us in our coin collection. During the month of November, there will be a container marked “Coin Harvest” in the hallway. Please consider helping us by bringing some extra change each week to donate! All proceeds will be donated to help feed the homeless.

Thank you. Holy Spirit Teachers

SHOP WITH SCRIPT (RAISE RIGHT) – Dates that orders will be sent in will be **December 4**. Please hand in your order forms to Raymond (Pastor’s husband) or put in Pastor’s mailbox. Extra forms can be found in the office.

BEARS - The **Bears** are available to be dressed for the kids at CAADC and the Fair Acres residents. The deadline to have them back will be **Sunday, December 4**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Plan to stay after church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday of each month**, for a God's take moment. We will meet at **11:30** for Bible discovery, and singing. All ages are welcome.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It is that time again, when we donate Christmas gifts to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County AND Fair Acres to help sponsor residents that have no family to buy them presents.

Starting Sunday, November 13, you will see a Christmas tree in the Social Hall with ornaments on it. Some of the ornaments will have specifics for items to purchase for the Fair Acre residents (clothing, sizes, etc.). Monetary gifts will also be accepted to buy gifts for the residents. If you decide to provide gifts for the residents, please take an ornament off the tree and attach that ornament to the **UNWRAPPED** present and return it under the tree by **Wednesday, December 1**, so they can be delivered to the agency by Friday, December 5. All monetary gifts should be handed to Bill/Cyndi Kline or left in the church office.

Other ornaments will have a present on it for toys, puzzles, games, socks (boys or girls – any sizes), underwear (boys or girls – any sizes), books, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. New clothing for any age can also be donated. All gifts can be for any age, including adults, and for male or female. Please return the **NEW - UNWRAPPED** gifts for CAADC and leave it under the Christmas tree. The ornaments do not have to be attached to the gifts. You can buy whatever you want and as many as you want. **DEADLINE for bringing in CAADC gifts will be Tuesday, December 6**, so they can be delivered to the agency by Friday, December 9.

Thank you for helping those who are less fortunate.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church invites you to:



Saturday, December 3

Seatings are 9:00 – 10:15 am and 10:45 am – 12:00 pm

\$5 each (children 2 and under are free)

Meet Santa, hear a Christmas story, make a Christmas craft and enjoy a Pancake Breakfast

Reservations are a must. Please email holyspiritevents2545@gmail.com to make your reservations. Let us know which seating time and how many are attending.





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GOSPEL MESSAGE

Turn On. Tune In. Wake Up!

In the 1960's people were urged to turn on, tune in, and drop out—to leave the material world behind in favor of an alternate reality. In today's gospel, Jesus also urges us to tune into an alternative to the material world, one he called the coming of the Son of Man. In Jesus' person, the dominion of God comes into the world, and the risen Christ continues to give us abundant signs of its presence. Jesus commands his followers not to drop out of the world, but to be on the lookout for him in it.

Christians await the second coming of Christ, the *parousia*, when we believe we will experience God's reign in its fullness. In the meantime, we live, in the words of some theologians, "already, but not yet." We look for glimpses of the dominion in the here and now. The season of Advent, and today's readings, are designed to help turn us on to the excitement and anticipation of God's reign in our lives and tune in to the infinite opportunities we have to participate in it. In other words, they want to wake us up!

St. Paul exhorts us in today's second reading to lead lives of faithful obedience until the final day. He also challenges us to participate in God's dominion in the here and now, calling us to wake from sleep, to "put on Christ." Eyes wide open and wrapped in Christ, we are called to a new day. Isaiah describes his own vision: gathered by God, learning and teaching God's ways, walking in God's paths, beating swords into ploughshares and spears to pruning hooks. Wide-awake, active, and ready for encounters with Jesus, we may find God's dominion when and where we least expect it.