WELCOME TO WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Worship Assistant C: Congregation P: Presider

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.
Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
"KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD'S LOVE!"

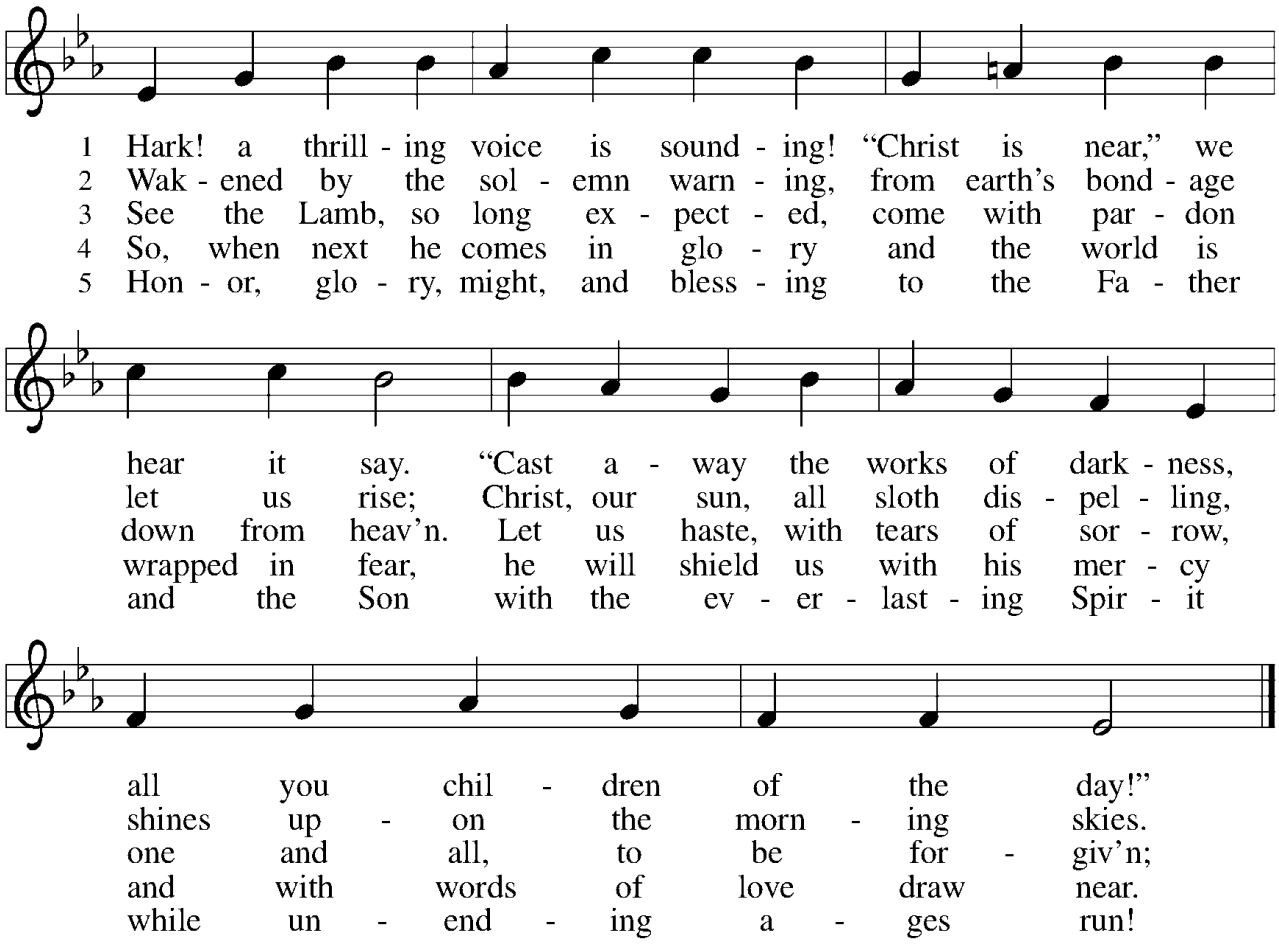
ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

***GATHERING SONG: Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding**



Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
Music: MERTON , William H. Monk, 1823–1889

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

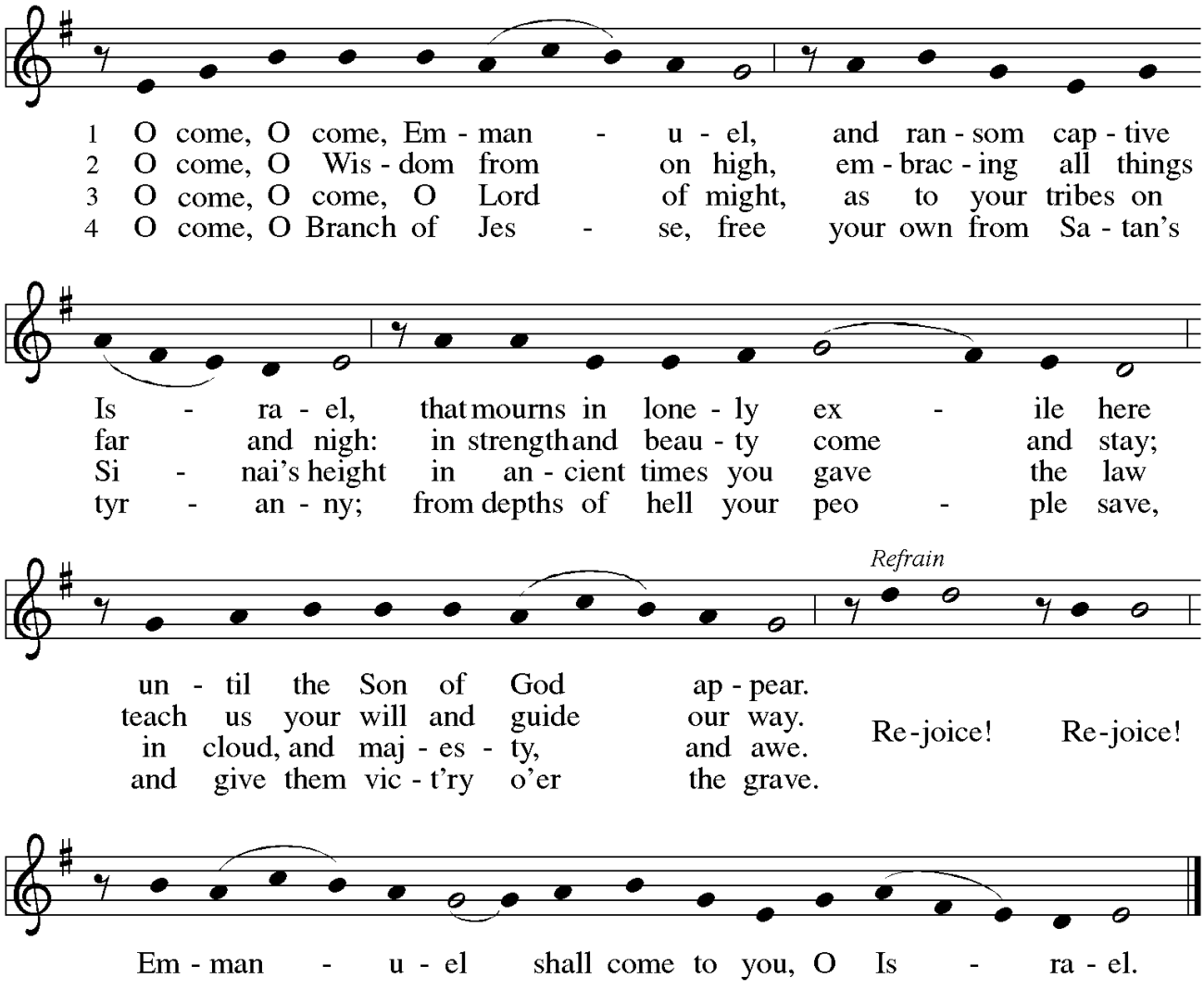
C: By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. **Amen**

As the first candle is lit, please join in singing: ELW 257 (vs 1)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



(Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.)

+ 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

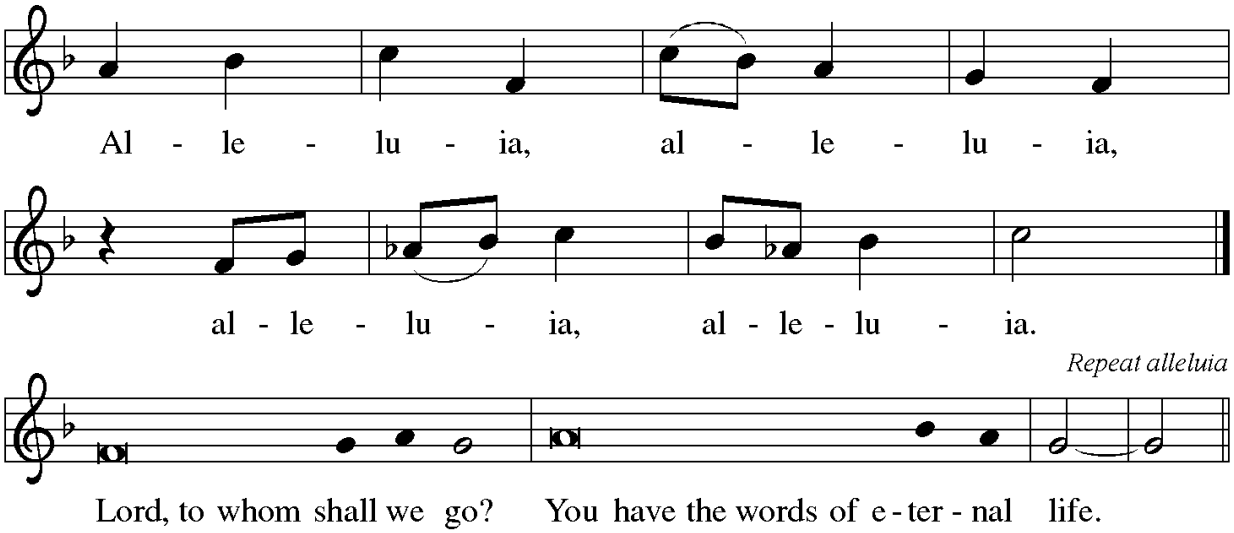
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

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

(Please remain seated.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 2)



GOSPEL**: **Mark 13:24-37

P: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
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,

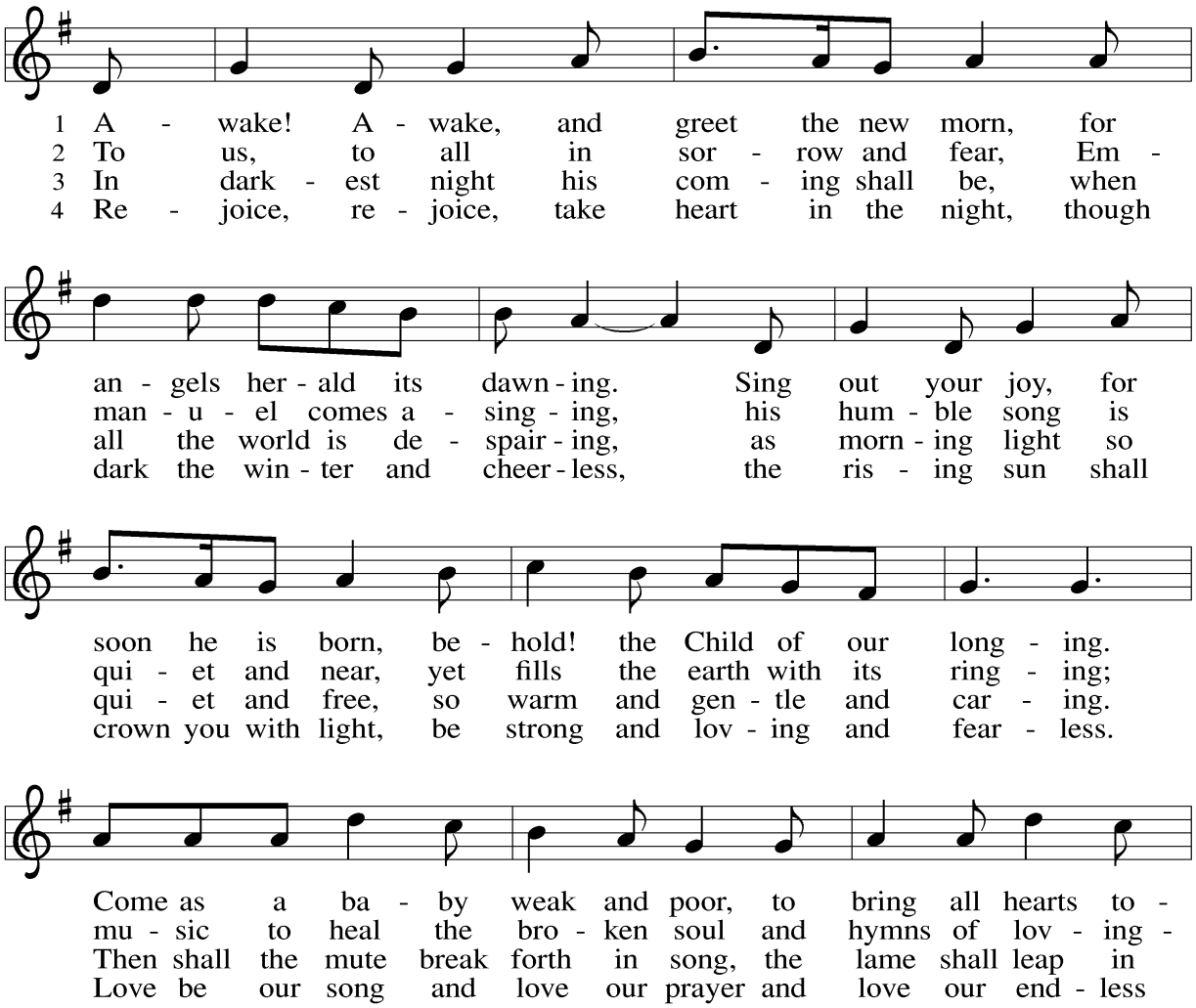
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work,
and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep
awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in
the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find
you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all:
Keep awake."

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON — Rev. Christopher Drummond

(Please stand as you are able)

*HYMN OF THE DAY: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



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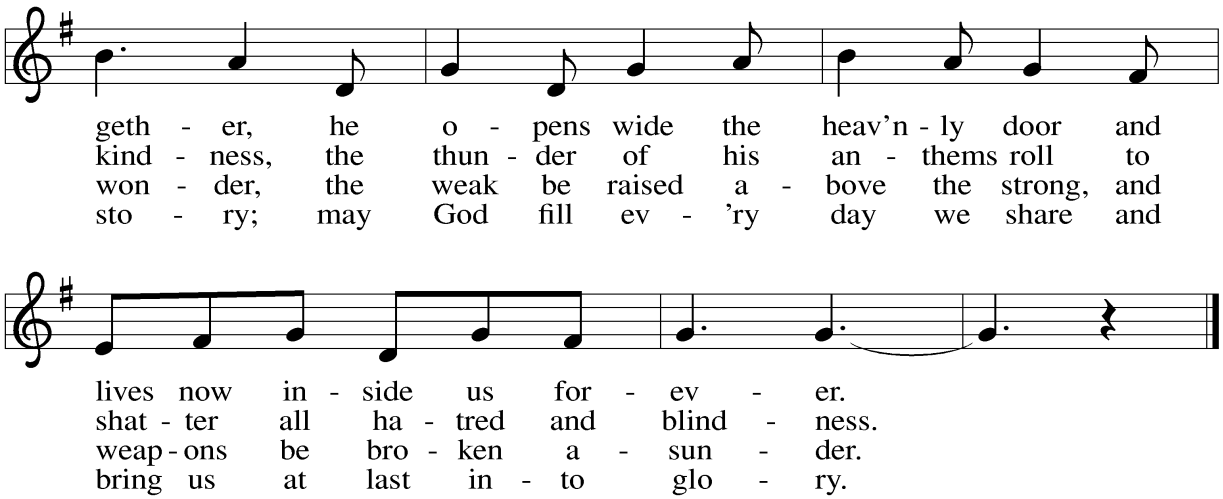

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** ***(for Advent)

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

(Please remain standing)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: God, in your mercy,)

C: receive our prayer.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Let us confess our sins against God and one another…
God of all mercy,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you; ☩ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.
(Please be seated for the Offering and The Great Thanksgiving.)

OFFERING:

A: Let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving of time, talent, and treasure.
It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

As the Offering is presented at the Altar, we sing:

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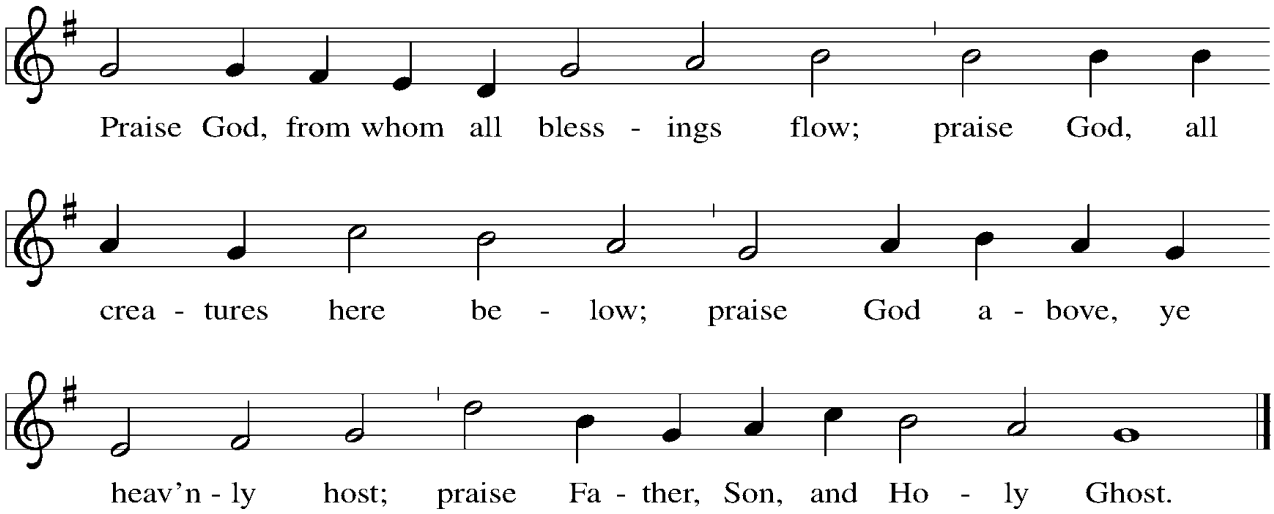


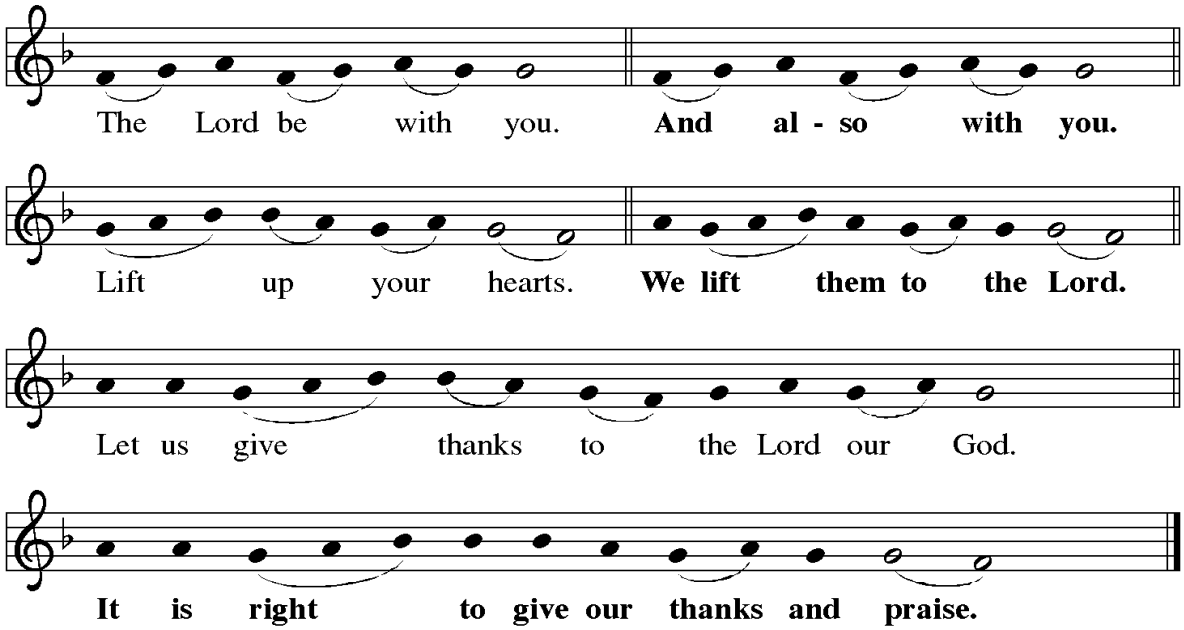
OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of abundance,

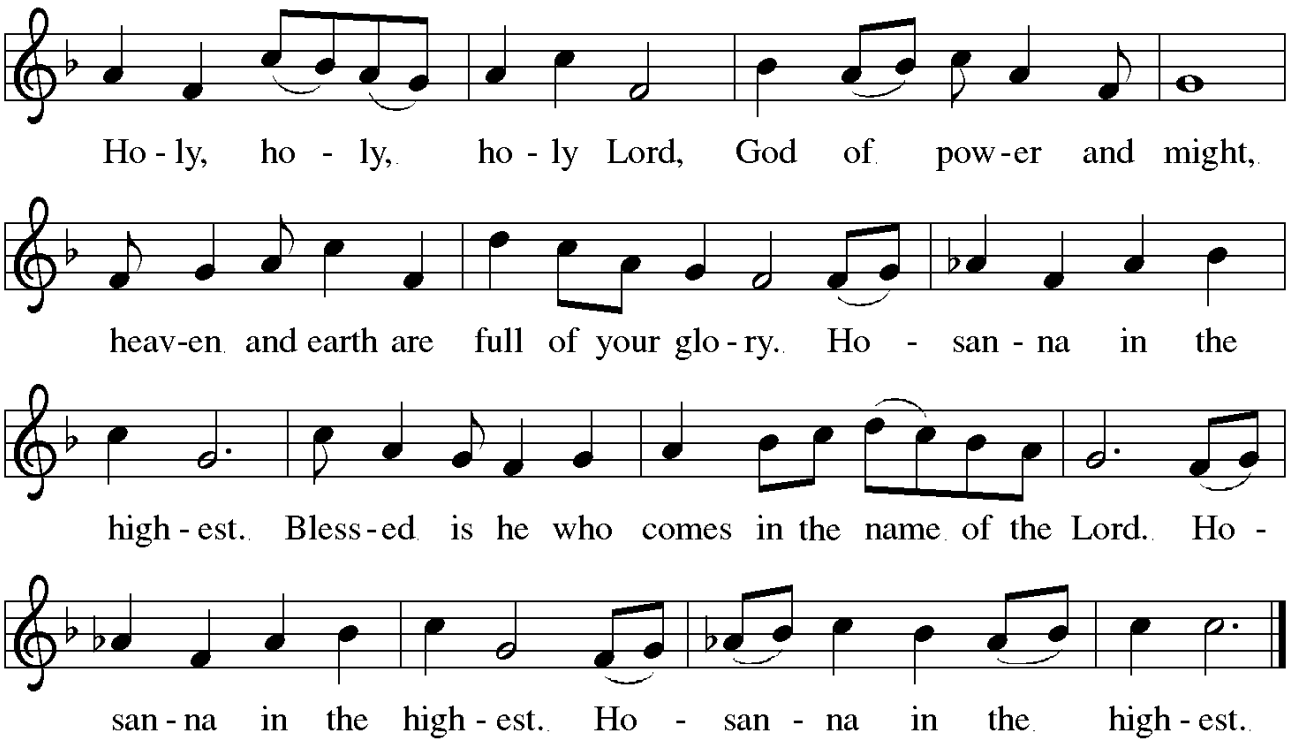
C: We bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please remain seated.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy […] 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, as we sing:



P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

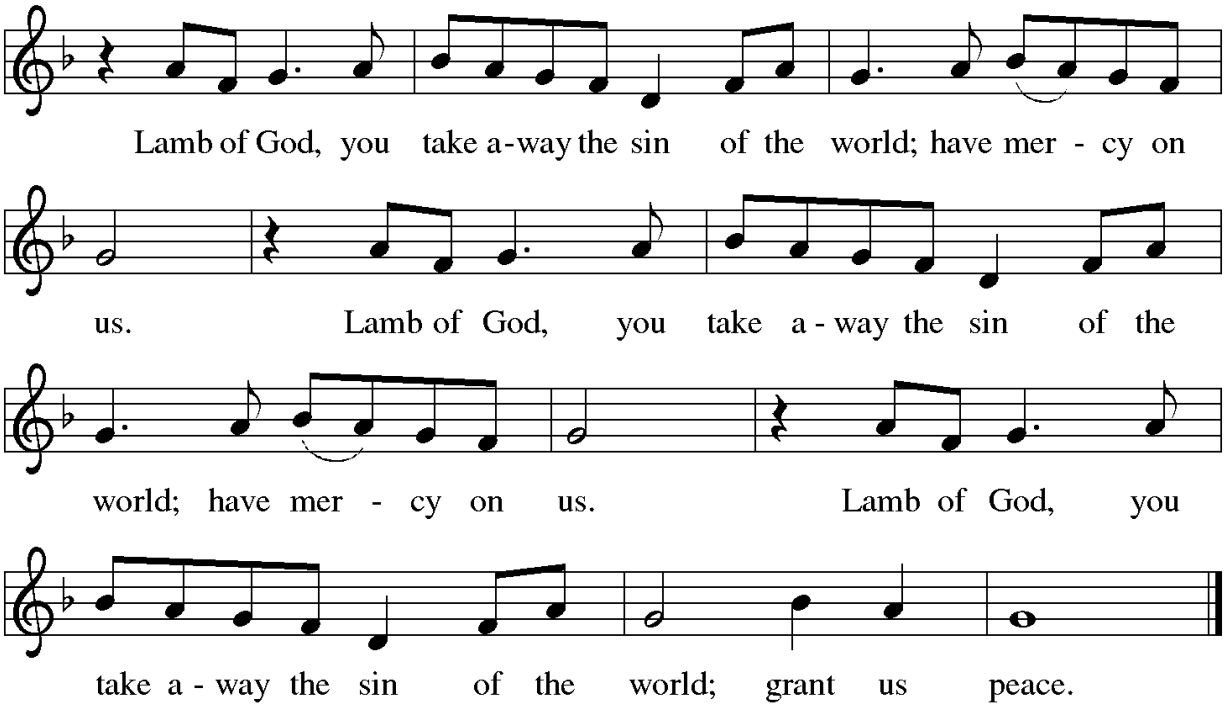
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

(We sing the Lamb of God following the Invitation.)

LAMB OF GOD (SETTING 2)

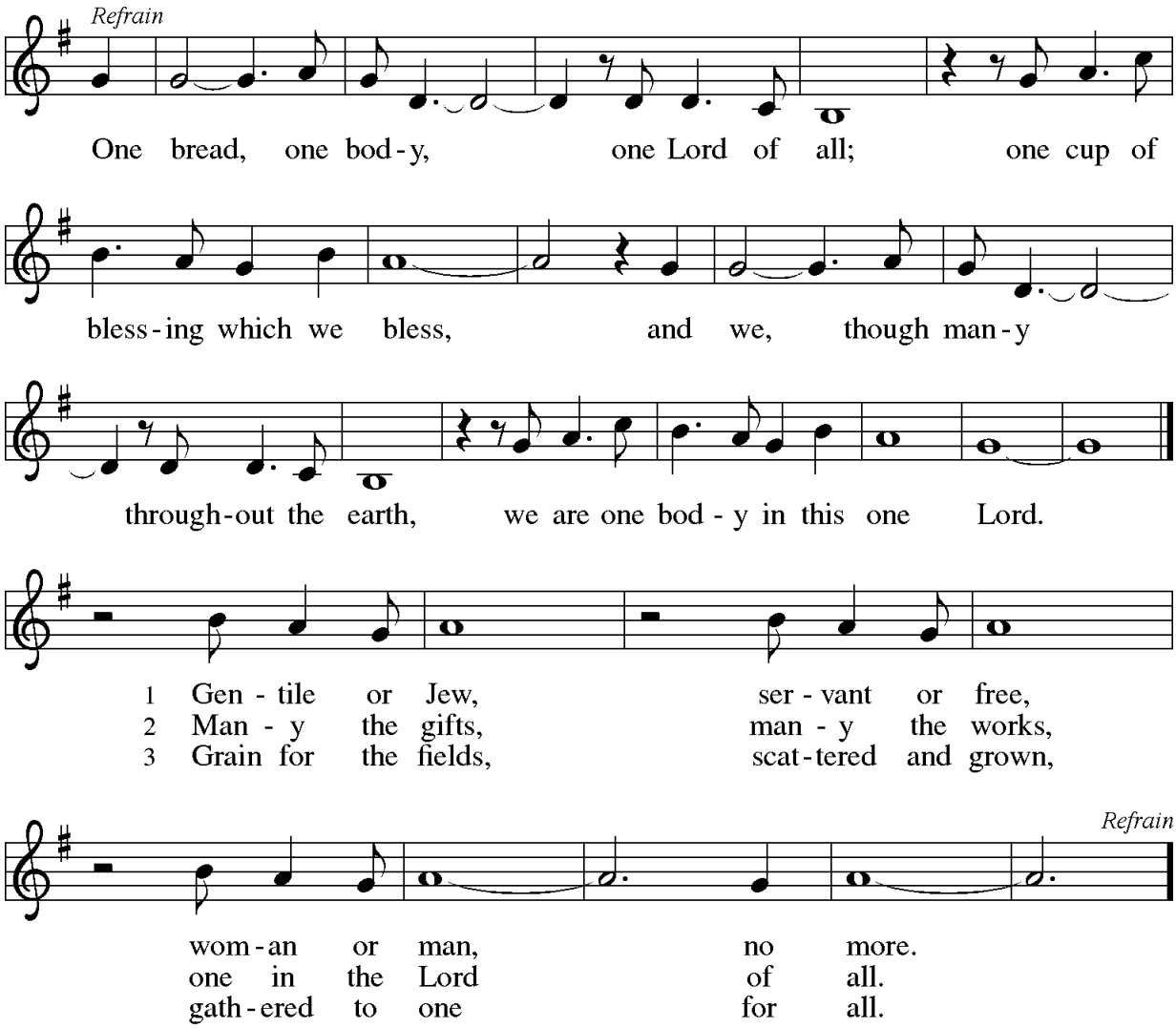


In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION SONG: One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)



Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939
Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ
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(Please stand as you are able.)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God for whom we wait,

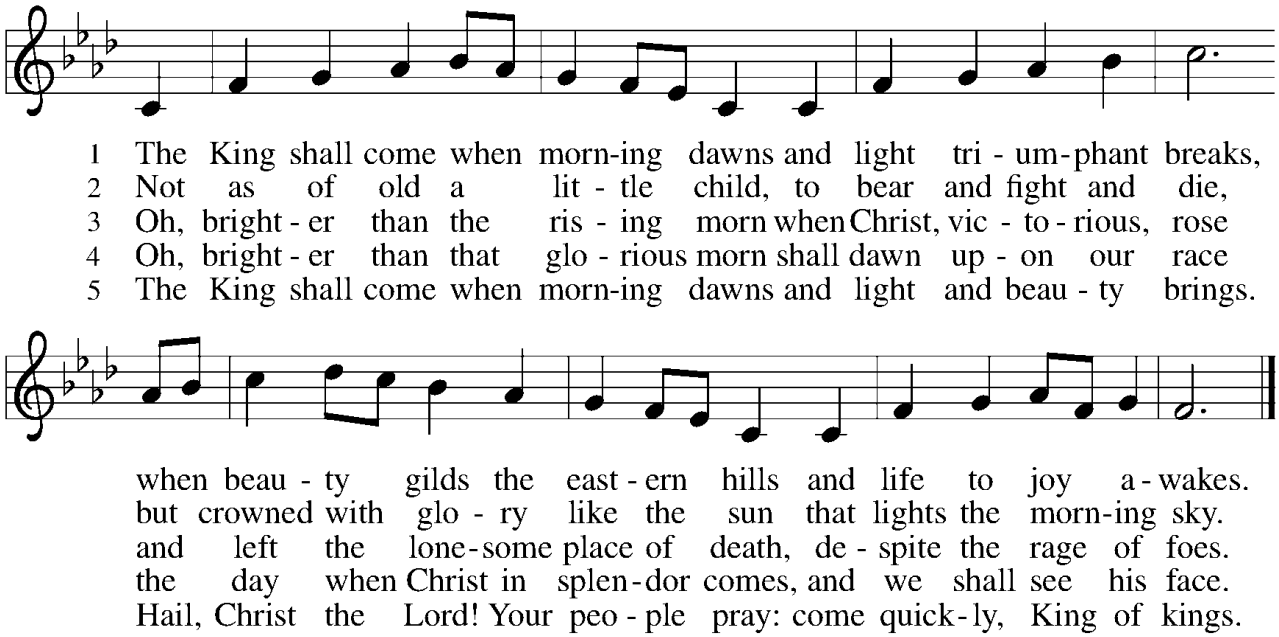
C: In this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BLESSING

P: […] And may Almighty God, ✝ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life, bless you now and remain with you forever.
C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: The King Shall Come (Verses 1, 3 & 5)



Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Bring the Good News to the brokenhearted.
C: Thanks be to God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Eugene Fornuff by Gary Pysher.

Oct's Income: $11,268
Oct 's Expense: $9,861 Average Attendance: 22

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 11/29	**Scheduled to serve 12/6**
Greg C.– Assisting Minister	*Alan D. – Assisting Minister*
Gary P.– Ushers	*Gary P. Usher*
Greg C.– Counters	*Crepacks - Counters*
Gary P.– Altar	*Volunteer - Altar*

********************WEEKLY CALENDAR*****************

Mon, Nov 30	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	10:00am – Hanging of the Greens
	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Tue, Dec 1	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
Wed, Dec 2	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	7:30pm - AA (Hall)
Thu, Dec 3	**5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)**
	7:00pm – AA (Hall)
Fri, Dec 4	**Hall Set up for Santa Breakfast**
Sat, Dec 5	**9:00am – Santa Breakfast**
	11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Dec 6	**10:15am – Worship**
	12:30pm – Song of Praise

UPCOMING
HOLY SPIRIT/IMMANUEL/ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

- **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!** On **12/11 (Friday)** Caroling will take place at Immanuel to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Immanuel's Manger Scene. Caroling will start at 6:30 at Immanuel. There will be no chili or caroling on Saturday 12/12.

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

Healing:

Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller
Shirley May
Johnathan Igoe
Stephen Colahan
Diane Kuhn
Naomi Mastrocola
Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Harry Collins
John Turner
Nick Img
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas
Nancy Harris
Sonya Baxter
David Pysher
Joan & John Grossi
Dan Mallarkey

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Janet Kline, Joan Grossi and Bob Kerns.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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.

POINSETTIAS ORDERS – Orders will start **Nov 22nd thru Dec 13th**. Forms will be included with your bulletin. Help decorate for Christmas.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Each year during the Advent season we decorate the church in anticipation of Christmas Eve. Just like you decorate your home, **we need help to get ready** for Jesus here also. We need help to put up the tree, decorate the tree, hang the lights and roping and wreaths on the doors. There are bows to tie and candles to prepare for the Candlelight Service. This year we will meet on **Monday, Nov 29th at 10:00am**

TEDDY BEARS - It has been a Holy Spirit tradition in recent years to dress Teddy Bears at the holidays and distribute them to CAADC and Fair Acres. We are experiencing some issues with the distributor this year in addition to a significant cost increase.
Due to these issues we have elected to skip the Teddy Bears this year. With the difficult economic environment right now we felt it would be more sensible to use that money to provide additional clothing items for those people in need through the CAADC.
Hopefully we will be able to return to the Bear tradition next year.

ALTAR – We are in **need** of **volunteers for November** and **December** to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. **2027** Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office**. Flowers are $20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is $15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Old Problems and New Beginnings

By now the last of the leaves have likely fallen from trees in northern climes, and any still holding on look dry and dead. In some places, snow has arrived, and its thick blanket shows the stains of filth and grime, reminding us of the waste we are pouring over the land and into the water. This is the season we begin a new year in the life of the church and, as with our worship, we begin with a confession of our participation in the world's suffering.

Heavy hearts and burdened consciences will relate to the prophet's confession, "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" (Isa. 64:6). Just as nights in the northern hemisphere reach their longest, Mark addresses us with promises that the signs of the coming of the Son of Man will include the darkening of the sun, moon, and stars. Hold on, there is hope!

The promise of Advent is that God is always at work in the world, bringing new beginnings and a new creation to people and powers long bent on destruction. Yet, because we live in the generation that exists between the "already" of Christ's resurrection and the "not yet" of God's full restoration of the creation, we cannot know when that final day will arrive. Instead of becoming preoccupied with the end times, we are counseled to live our lives in a state of preparedness—trusting that our home is God's home and that God is coming once again to dwell with us. That trust is the strength that sustains us as we "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7).



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