A Warm Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church on this

24th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. November 8, 2026



Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Eliza Van Kan, piano

You may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

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

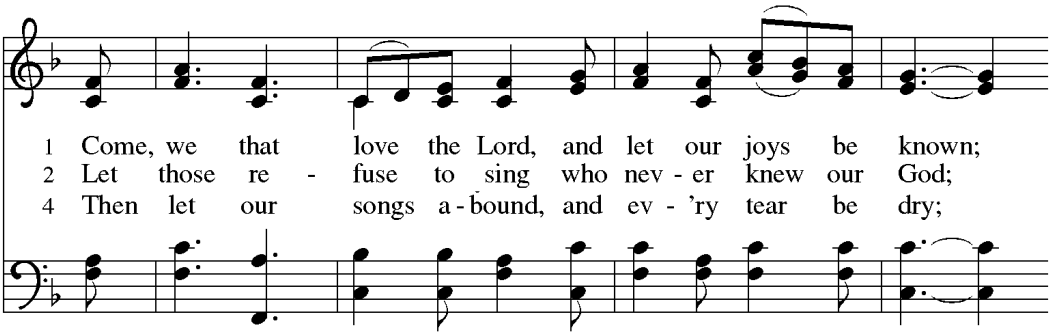
Holy God,

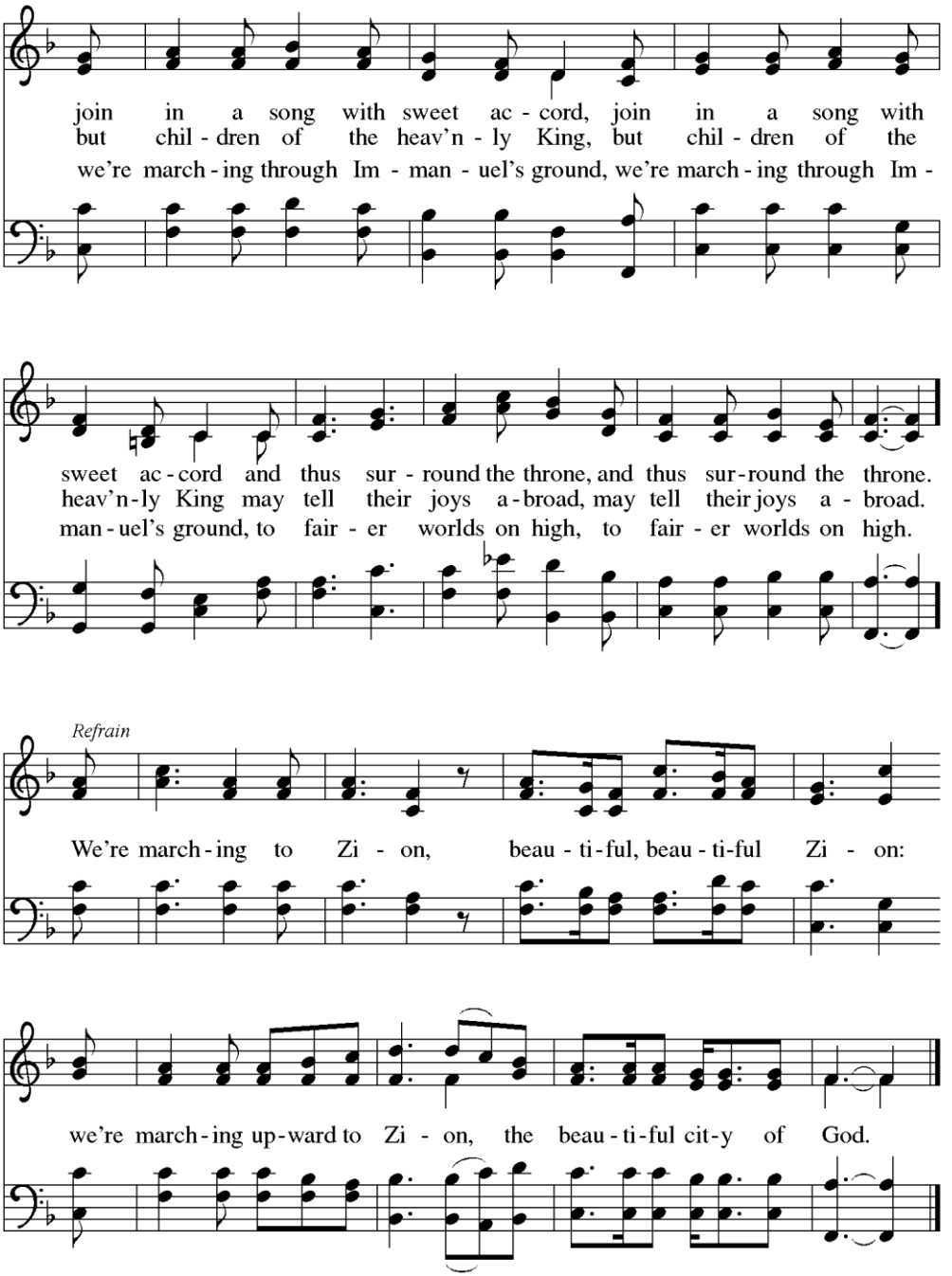
C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ***Come, We That Love the Lord*** ***ELW 625, vs. 1,2, & 4***





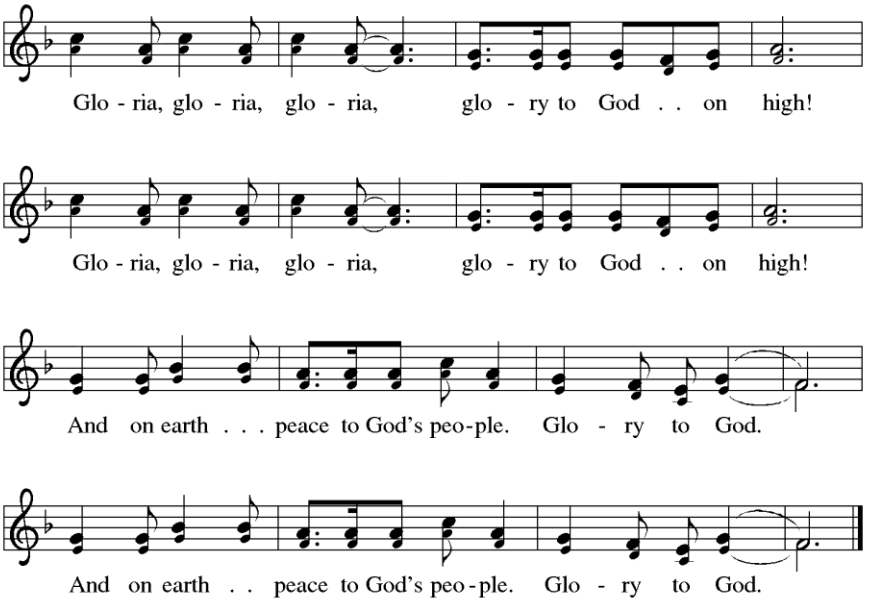
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

GREETING

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

C And is also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C And is also with you.

Please take a moment to share the peace

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

C O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
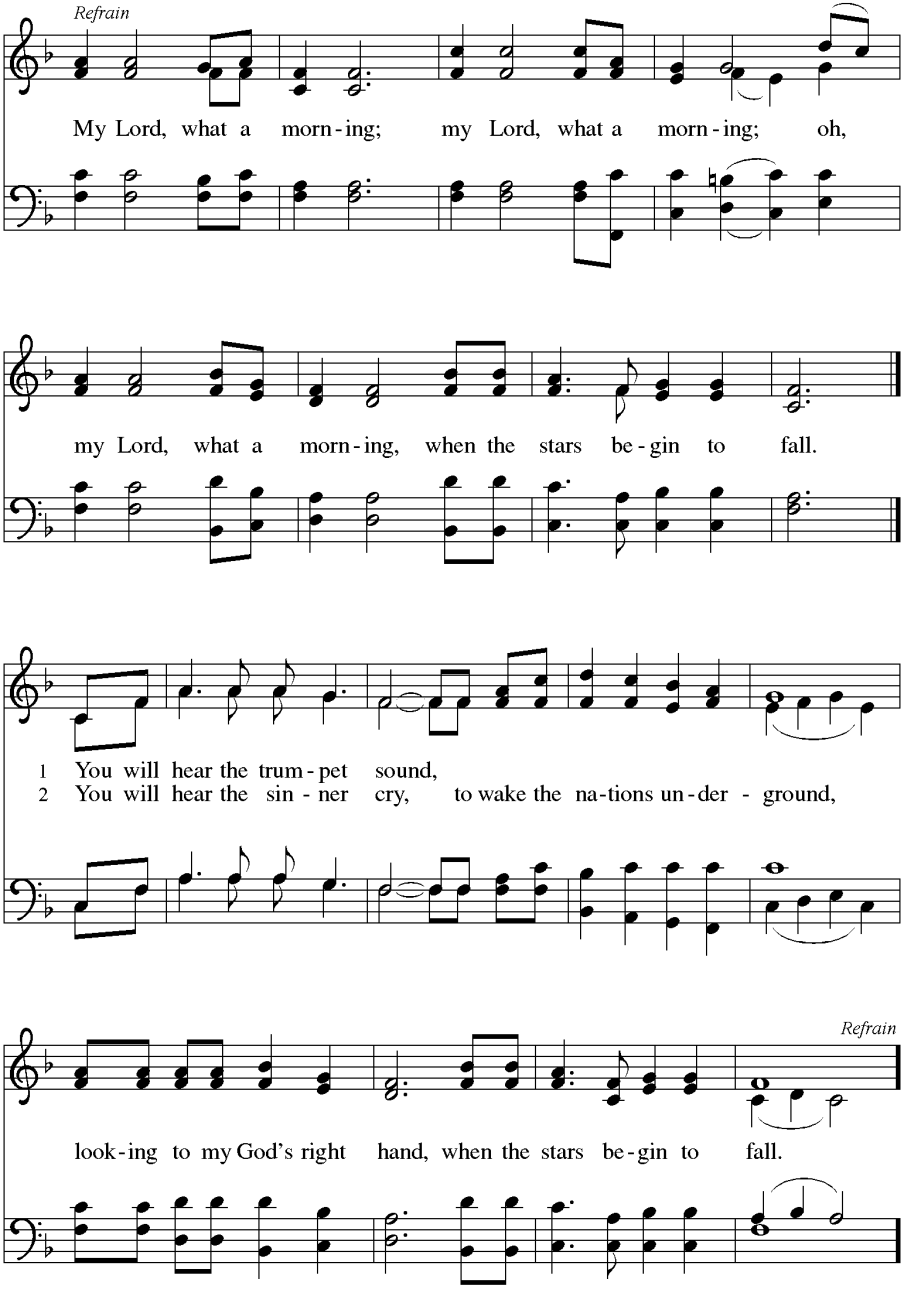
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM ***My Lord, What a Morning*** *ELW 438 vs. 1,2*



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

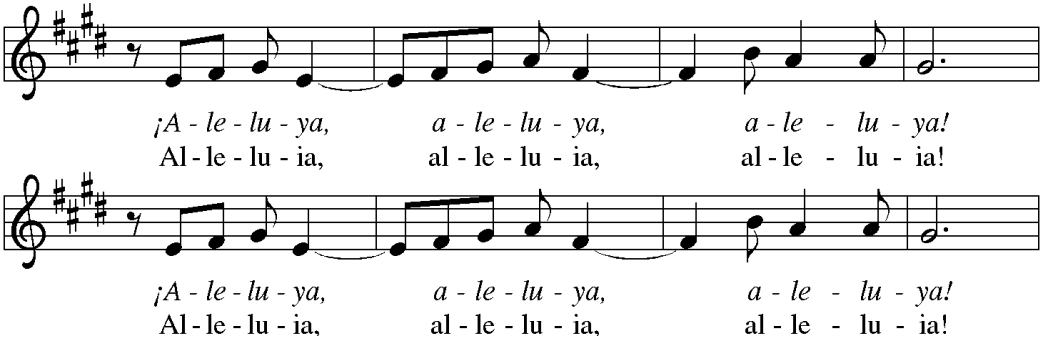
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we
believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him
those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we
who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede
those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and
the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up
in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the
Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

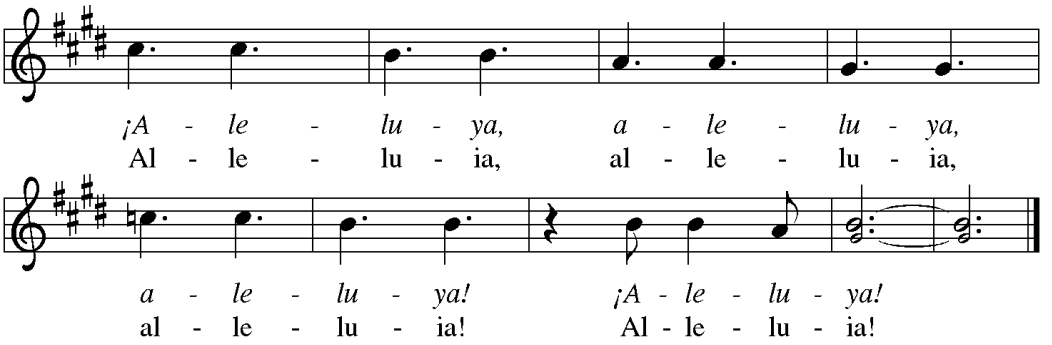
After the reading:
A The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You may stand.

VERSE





P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

MESSAGE **Pastor Joel Richter**

SPECIAL MUSIC

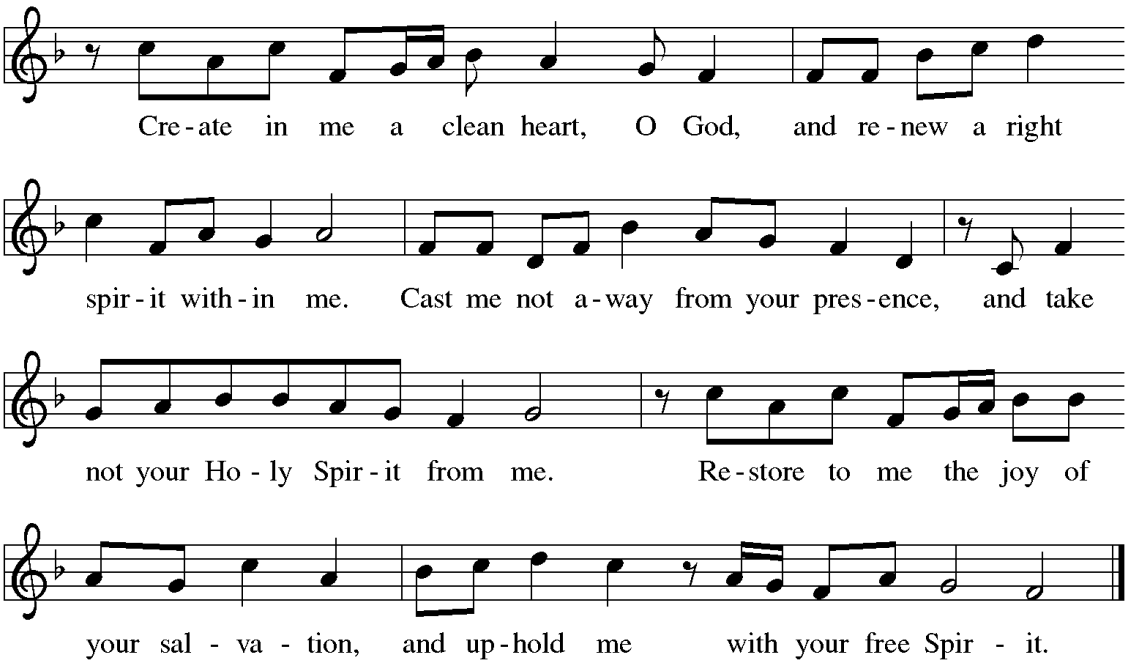
8:30 Eliza Van Kan, piano

11:00AM ***Wake Up Sinnuh, Let the Glory In*** *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Advent Choir

Offering is taken and the offering plates will be passed. You may put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plates, or use the "Online Donator" card, found in the pew rack. You can also support Advent's Ministries by using this QR code:

You may stand.



OFFERING PRAYER

P Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

A Christians, what do we believe?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the 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

A United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

A Christ, prepare our hearts and minds to notice the kingdom that is already stirring among us, that we might wake up to your transforming love—grace that does not wait for us to get it right, but is already at work in the ordinary places, the unfinished places, and the people right beside us. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A By your Spirit, show us the wisdom and wonder held in nature's balance, the quiet order you keep even when we do not. Make us careful stewards of our common home, people who receive the world as gift rather than possession and who learn to tend it with the same grace we have been given. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Christ, encourage those who stand with vulnerable communities and who help rebuild when conflict has left its mark. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. Keep us awake to the ways your restoring love is already at work—making room for the wounded, holding the weary, and teaching us what it means to seek the peace of your kingdom. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A By your Spirit, comfort those facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or living with uncertain treatment options. Be near them in the waiting and the fear, and keep us awake to the ways your restoring love is already at work—holding the vulnerable, steadying the weary, and teaching us what it means to bear one another's burdens with grace. We pray especially for Amy, Brenda, Dee, Jerry, Jen, Jean, and those we name on our lips or in our hearts (*pause for prayers*). God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Christ, as the days grow shorter in the north, teach us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days. Awaken us to the gift of quiet and stillness and keep us open to the ways your restoring love is already at work—holding the weary, steadying our pace, and meeting us in the pauses we so often rush past. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A By your Spirit, sustain us with the same grace that has already claimed them, and keep us awake to the promise of everlasting life already stirring among us. Hold us in your mercy as we walk this side of the veil, and draw us, day by day, toward the fullness of the life you have prepared. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

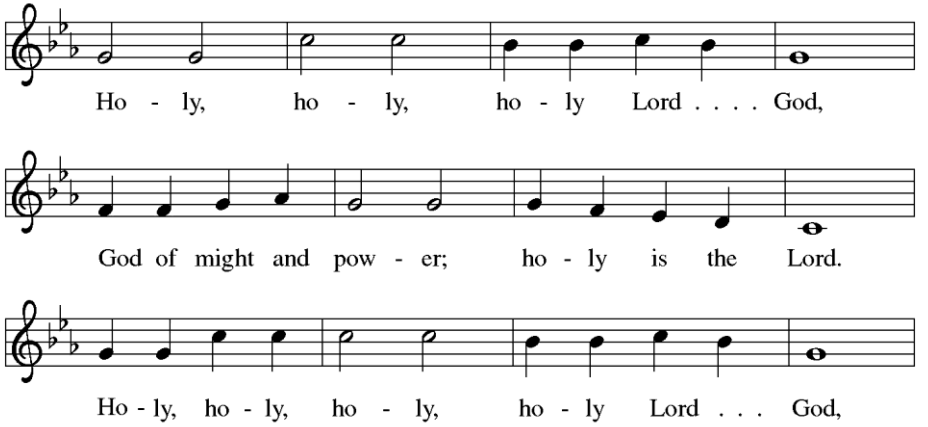
P Lift up your hearts.
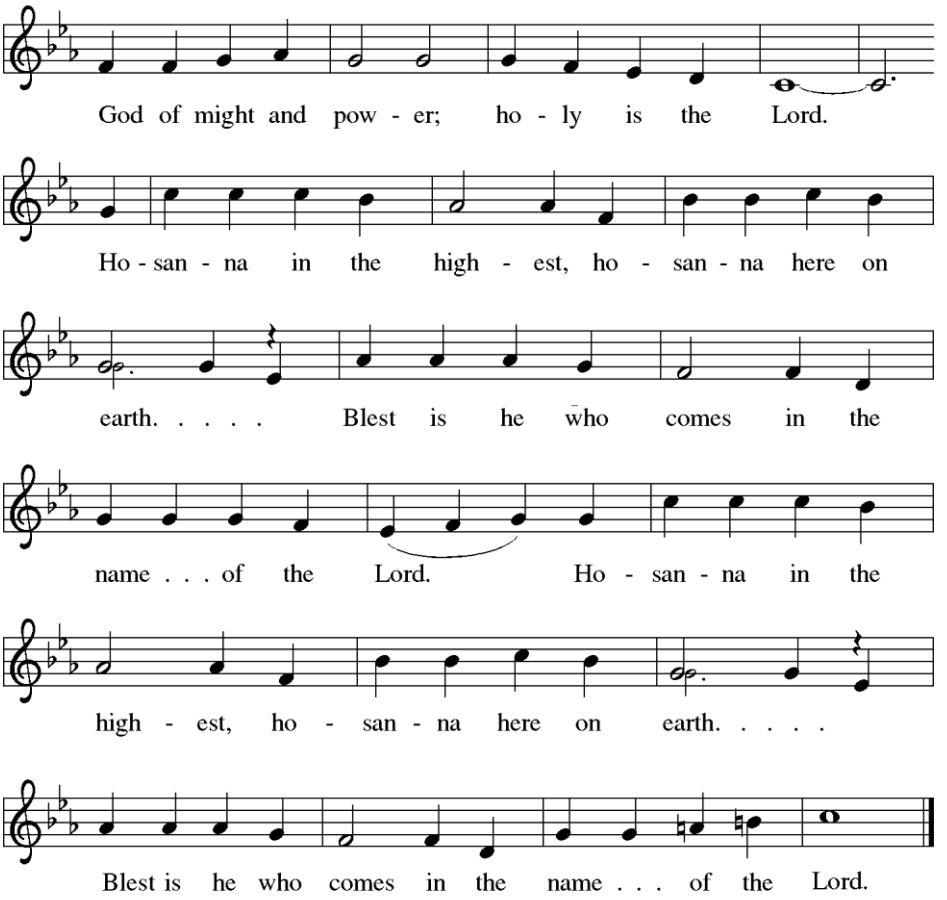
C We lift them to the Lord.

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 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

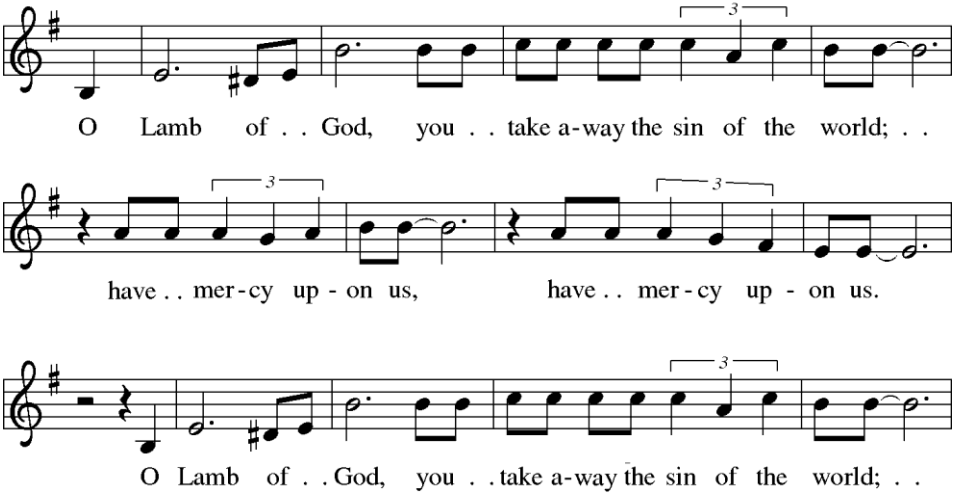
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

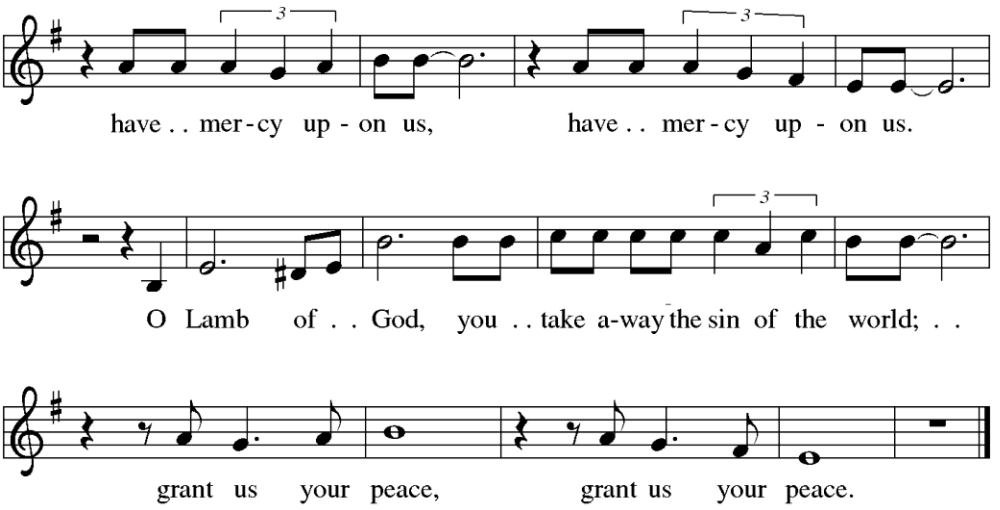
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

You may be seated.





DISTRIBUTION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Believing in the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, this family of faith practices Eucharistic hospitality. All are welcome when they are worshipping us.

Holy Communion Instructions

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. *The communicant may say:* **Amen**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say:* **Amen**

This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets provided on the first row of chairs.

If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know.

You may stand.

POST COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER

A Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C Amen.
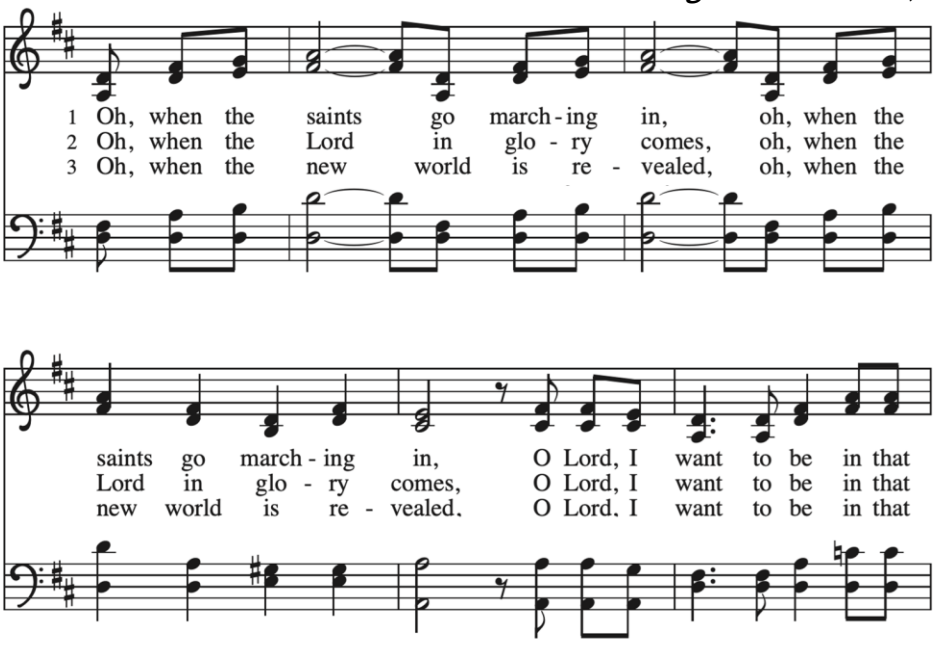
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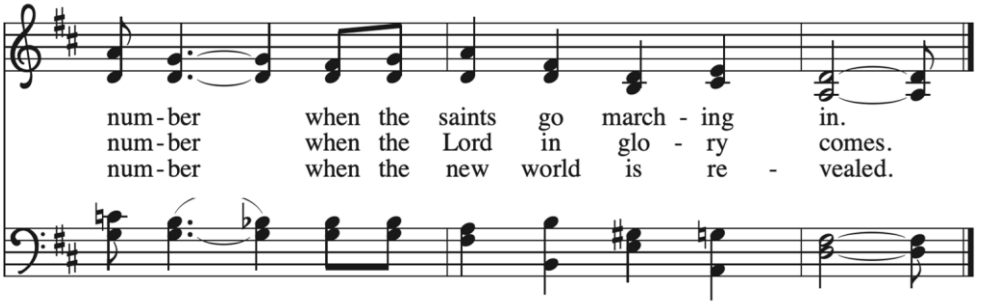
BENEDICTION

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN ***Oh When the Saints Go Marching In*** *TFF 180, vs. 1-3*





DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Acolyte		Greta Canfield
Assisting Minister	Brent Welch	Jennifer Parker
Pianist/Organist	Eliza Van Kan	
Pastor	The Rev. Joel Richter	

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, in celebration of Beth Pittman's birthday, from her family, and in loving remembrance of her parents' birthdays, from Jennifer Parker.

Please check the 2026 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Open date is December 27. Price is $25.00 per vase.

This Week at Advent

Sun Nov 8	Worship Service	8:30am
	Sunday School/Adult Learning	9:45-10:45am
	Worship Service (livestreamed)	11:00am
	Baked Goods at Pastor's Open House! 2937 Palmetto St, Columbus, OH 43204	1:00-3:00pm
	Sr. High/Confirmation	5:30pm
Mon Nov 9	Worship & Witness team meeting	6:00pm
	Administration Team meeting	6:30pm
Tue Nov 10	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed Nov 11	Worship @*The Estates*	2:00pm
	Praise & Worship Band rehearsal	7:00pm
Thur Nov 12	Church Staff meeting	4:30pm
	Advent Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
Sat Nov 7	Bed Brigade delivery	9:00am

Looking Ahead:

Sun Nov 15	Baked Goods and Punch with Pastor	12:15pm
Tue Nov 24	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:00pm
	Thanksgiving worship service	7:00pm
Sun Dec 6	First Sunday Fellowship	in between services
	Live Nativity!	**5:00pm - 7:00pm**
Thu Dec 24	Family Christmas Eve Worship Service	4:30pm
	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service	7:00pm

Upcoming Commemorations:

Wed Nov 11, 2026:

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397
Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

ADVENT'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Stained glass windows have adorned churches for centuries. They originally had a two-fold purpose. The first was decoration. The bold rays of colored light streaming through the glass flooded the interiors of the massive stone cathedrals with a mystical aura of being in the presence of the holy. Stained glass is also very durable. There is nothing to fade as with oil paints. The colors of quality stained glass will be as brilliant 700 years from now as they are today.

Education was another important function of stained glass. In the Middle Ages very few people could read and write. Stained glass brought the words of the Bible to life. People revisited and rehearsed the great images and themes of Holy Scripture each time they entered the church.

For all our modern progress, this two-fold purpose of stained glass (decoration and education) is in many ways as relevant today as it was so many centuries ago.

THE ADVENT ISAIAH WINDOW

The centerpiece of Advent's windows is the rose chancel window. Eight feet in diameter, the rose window depicts one of the Christian faith's great Advent season texts from the prophet Isaiah: "*A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*" (11:1-2)

The Cross of Christ rises heavenward from the tree stump's center. A Star of David rests among the tree's roots symbolizing our Lord's Hebrew heritage and Jewish faith.

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