A Warm Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church on this

Christ the King Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. November 22, 2026



On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Advent Lutheran Church
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ***Lord of the Dance*** *arr. Patti Drennan*
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.

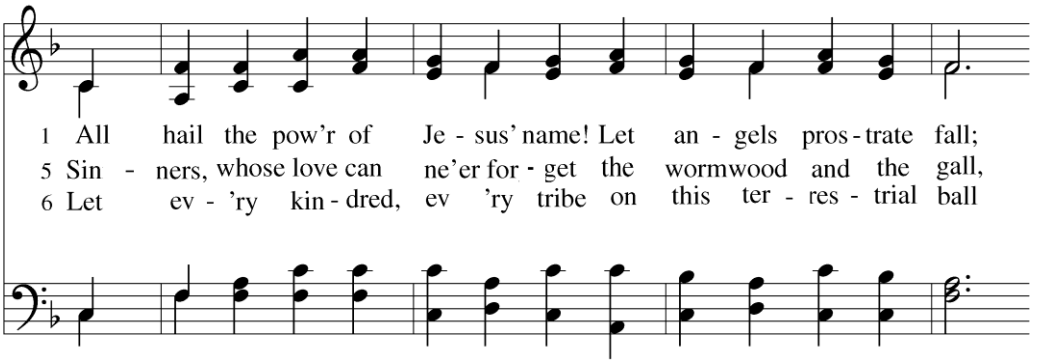
Holy God,

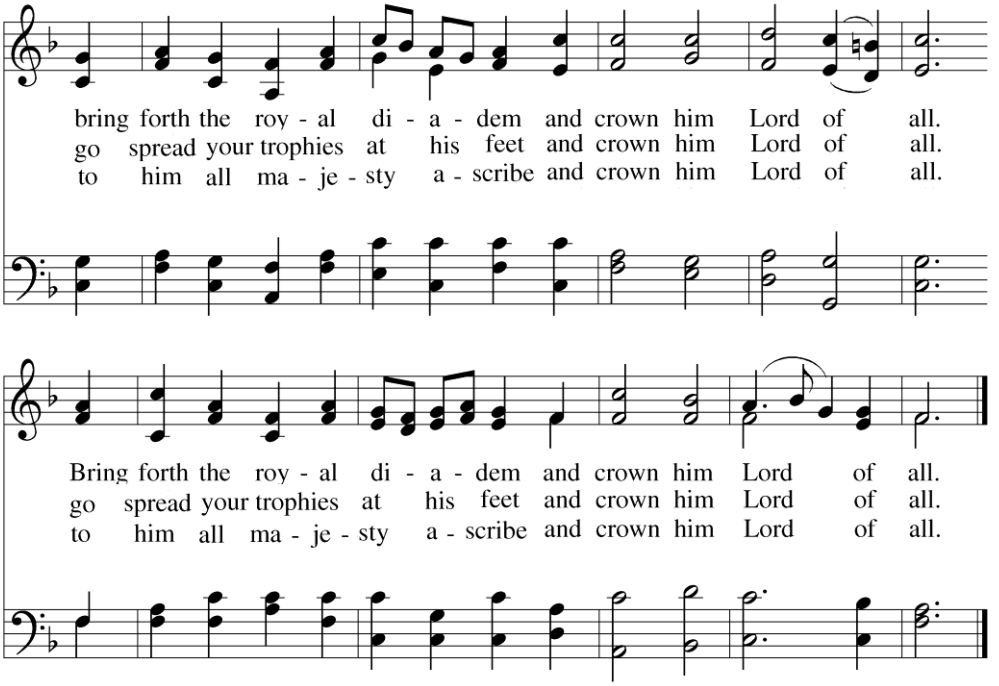
C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse 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 ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*** ***ELW 634, vs. 1,5, & 6***





Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–5; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 6–7
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

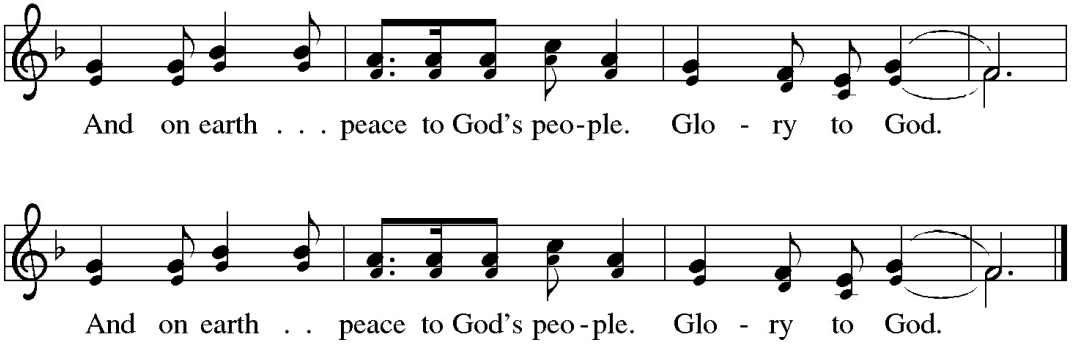
GREETING

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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

[11] Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. [12] As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my

sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

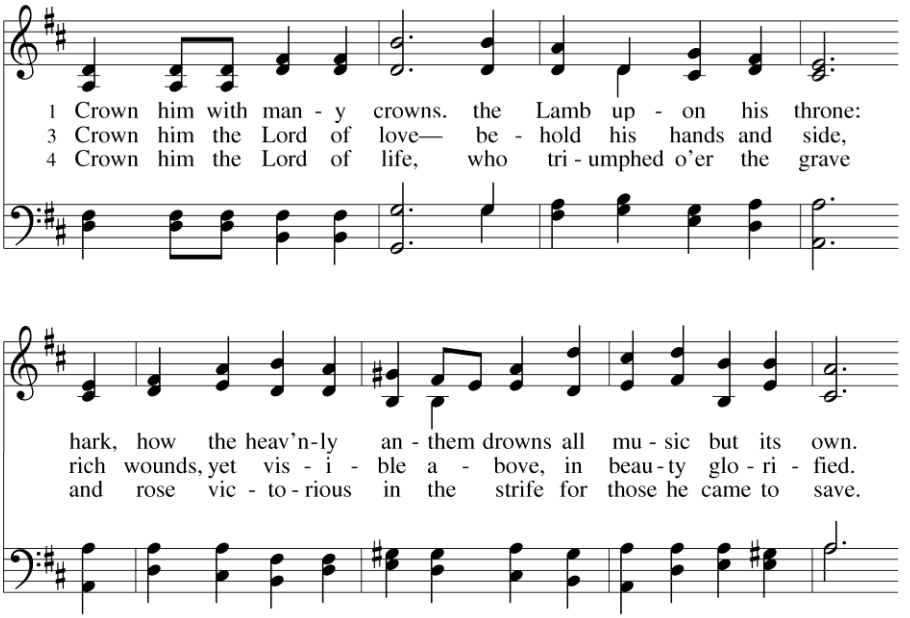
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

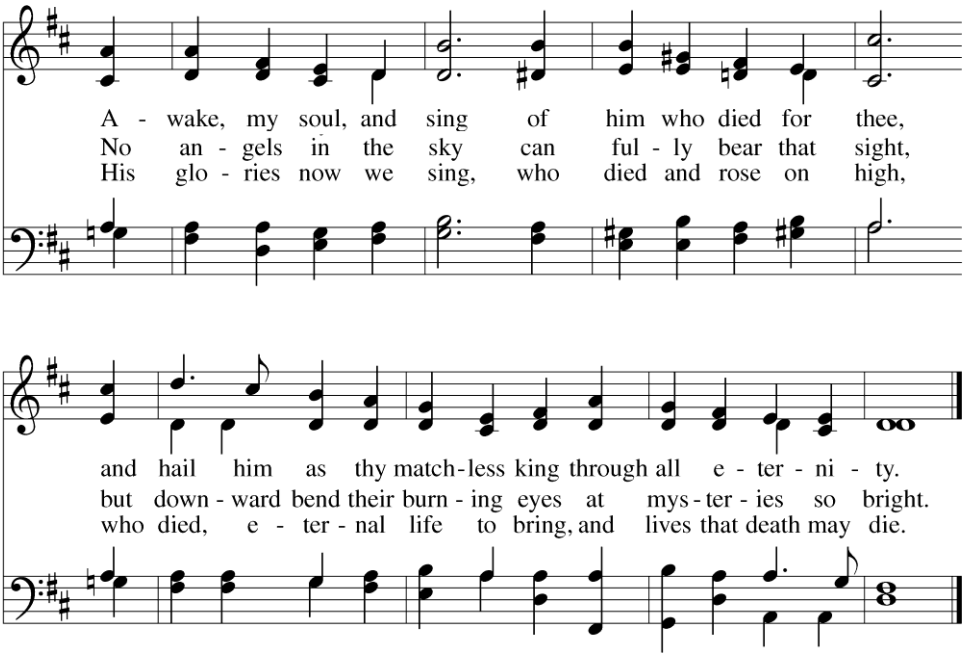
After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** *ELW 855, vs. 1, 3 & 4*





Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as
you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive
what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance
among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above
all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only
in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made
him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all
in all.

After the reading:

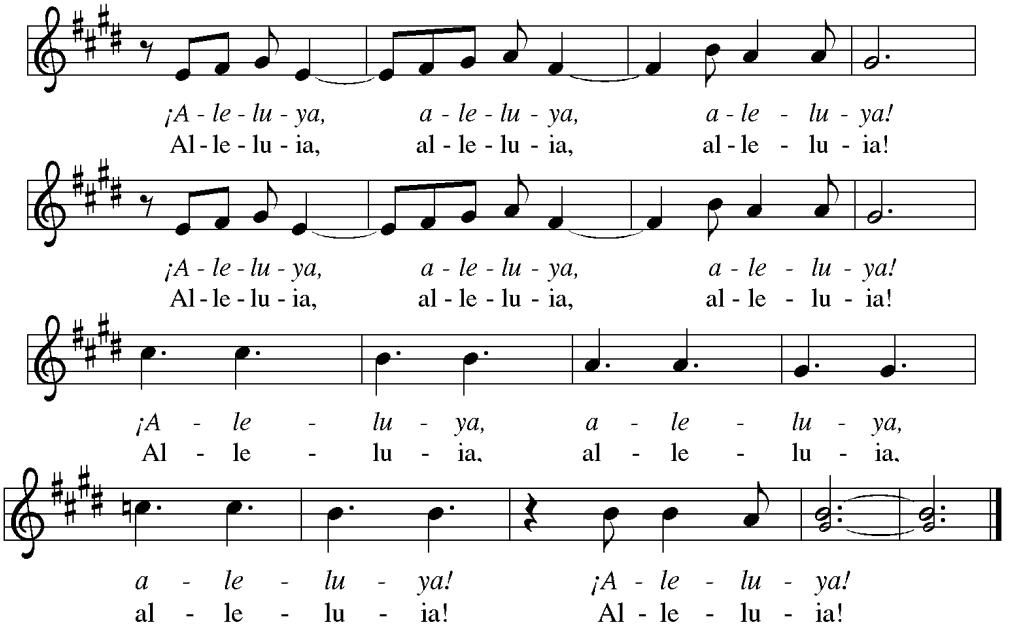
A The Word of the Lord.

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 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?

39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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 ***I Will Be a Child of Peace*** *arr. Elaine Hagenberg*
Eliza Van Kan, piano

11:00AM ***Thanksgiving Medley*** *arr. Cindy Berry*
Advent Choir
with Dale Nawrocki, trumpet
and congregation participation!

Verse 1: Choir & Congregation

Verse 1: Choir & Congregation *Arranged by* **CINDY BERRY**

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
Words by Martin Rinkart, 1636, trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858;
Music by Johann Crüger, 1647.



Verse 2: Choir Only

Verse 3: Choir & Congregation

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DOXOLOGY
Words by Thomas Ken, 1709; Music from *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.



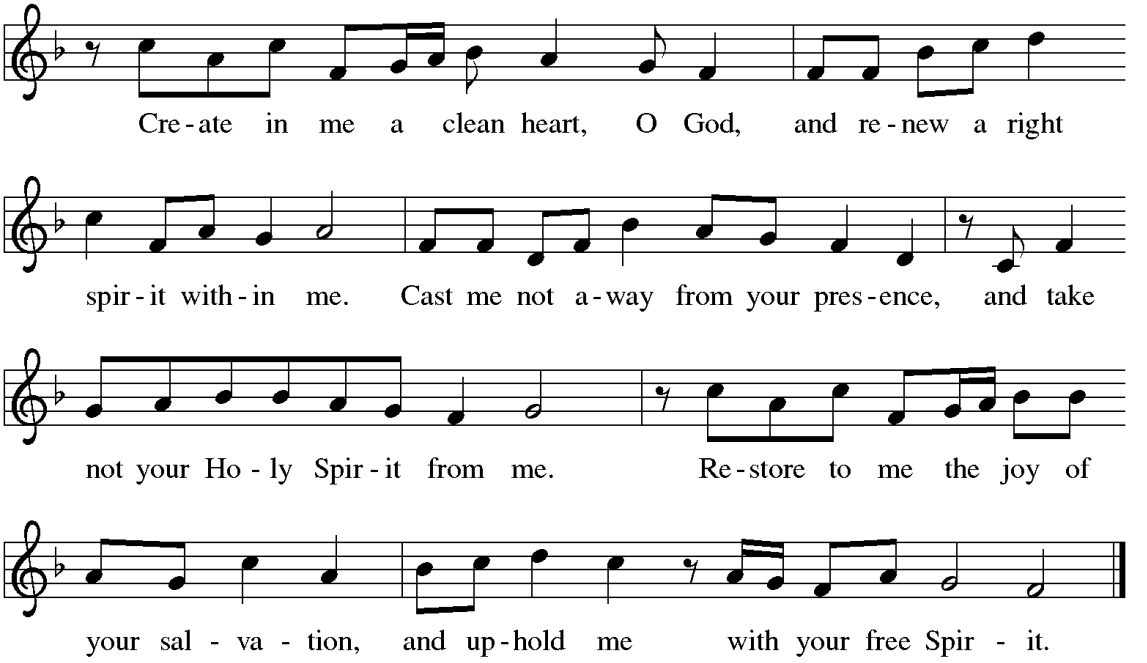
Postlude: Choir Only
Amen, amen, amen, amen!

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8:30 Service Only: *No Presentation of New Members. Go to the Apostle's Creed and Prayers of Intercession*

A Christians, what do we believe?

11:00 Service Only *(Participants may gather at the baptismal font.)*

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation:

Brian and Debbie Lehner
Pastor Joel Richter

P Brian and Debbie have come to our congregation from St. Paul's Lutheran in Westerville. Pastor Joel comes to us from Faith Lutheran Church in Wilmington, OH.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sister and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us welcome this sister and these brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(Participants may return to their seats.)

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

(11:00 only) A Dear God, we give you thanks for our new members, Debbie, Brian and Joel, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of the bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of the coming reign, prepare your people for your kingdom among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Creator God, all the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of the nations, gather all peoples at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Merciful God, bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide those facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need, especially Amy, Brenda, Jerry, Jen, Esther's family, and those we name now on our lips and in our hearts (*pause for prayers*). God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of peace, accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Eternal God, fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. 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.

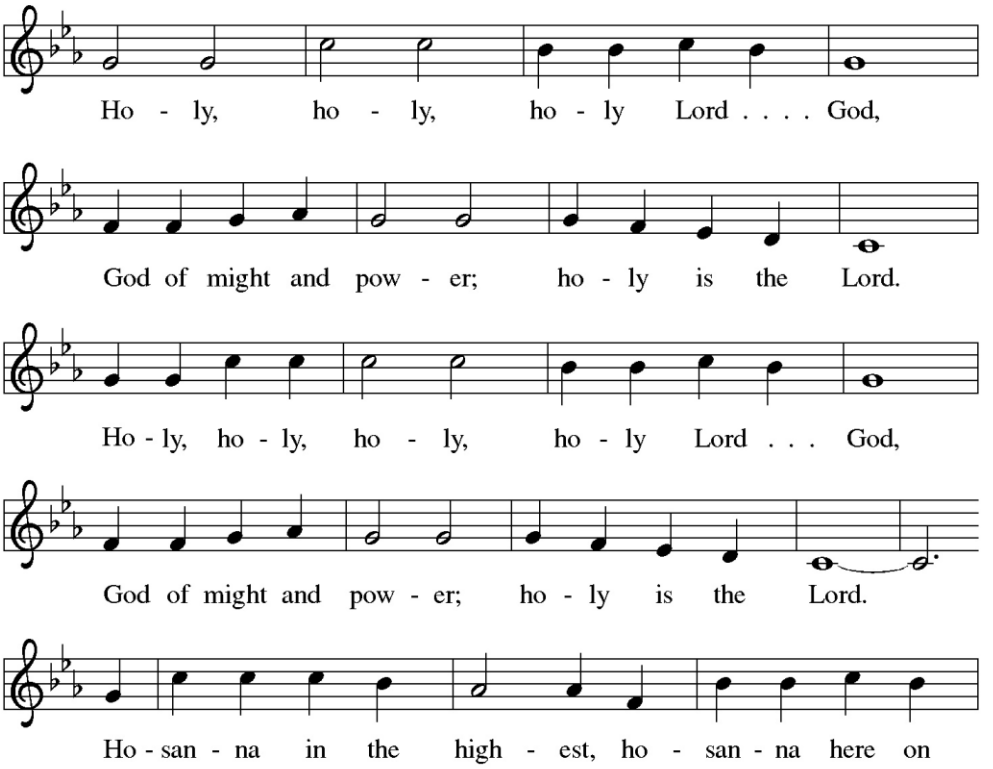
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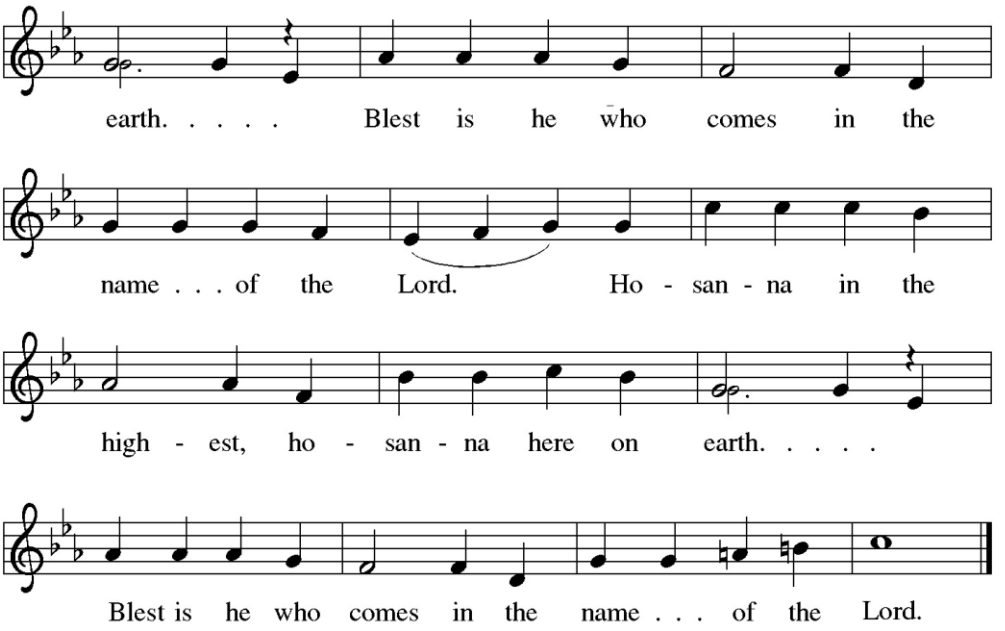
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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.

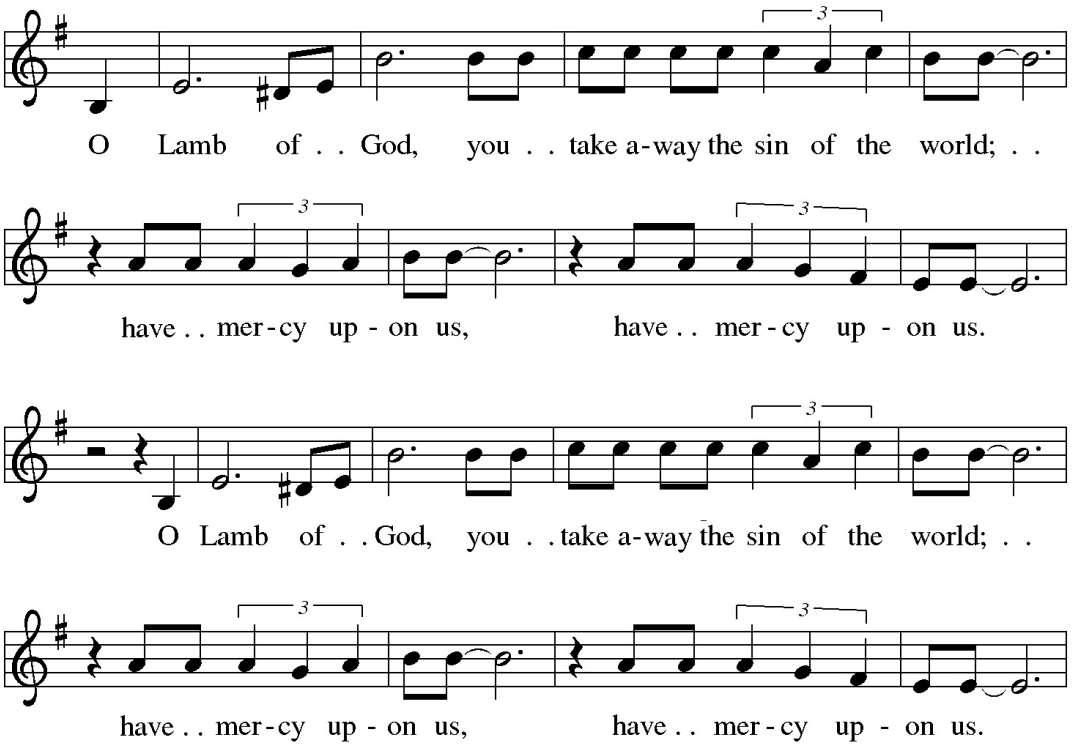
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

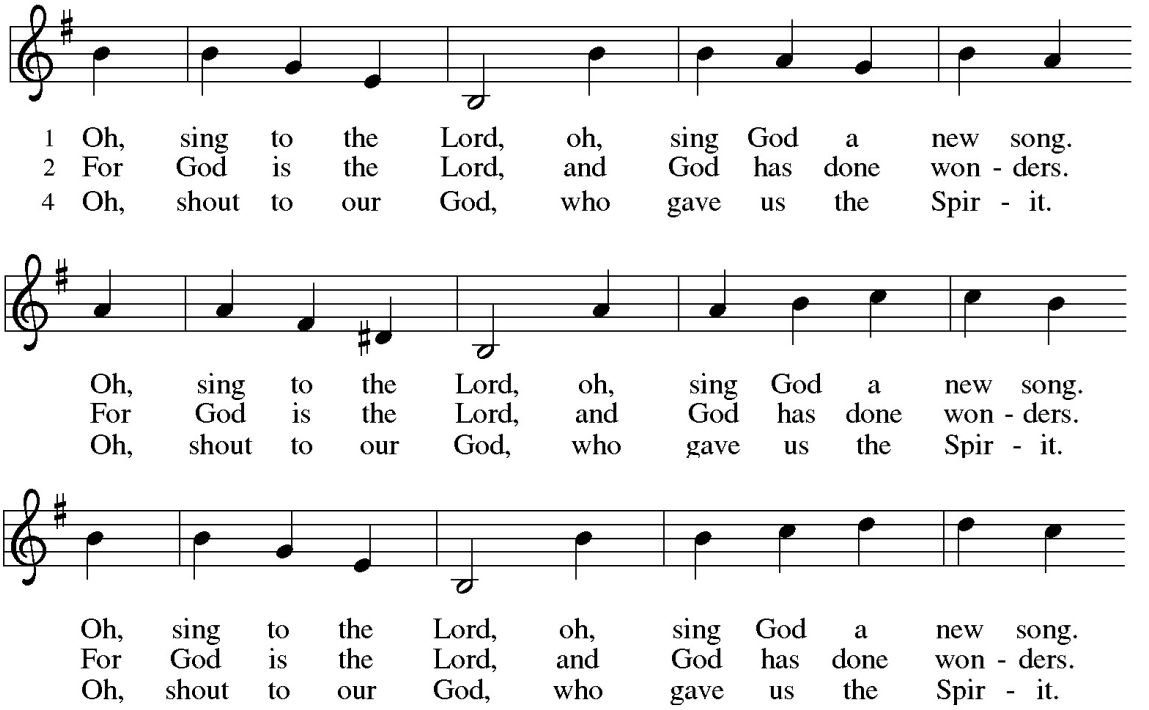
WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

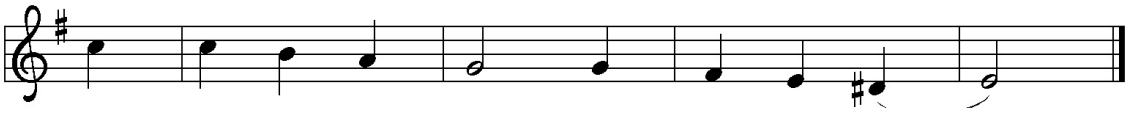
BENEDICTION

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 ***O Sing to the Lord*** *ELW 822, vs. 1, 2, & 4*





Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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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		Andrena Samuel
Assisting Minister	Alysha Clous	Beth Pittman
Pianist/Organist	Eliza Van Kan	
Pastor	The Rev. Joel Richter	

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in remembrance of Mary Lou and Larry Kable and Betty and Robert Milligan, parents of Mike & Jana Milligan.

Please check the new 2027 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions.

This Week at Advent

Sun Nov 22	Worship Service	8:30am
	Sunday School/Adult Learning	9:45-10:45am
	Worship Service (livestreamed)	11:00am
	Confirmation	12:15pm
	Sr. High provides dinner for Jacob's Porch	5:15pm
Tue Nov 24	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:00pm
	Thanksgiving Worship Service	7:00pm
Wed Nov 26	**NO SCHOOL Nov. 25-27, 2026**	
	Worship @*The Estates*	2:30pm
	Young Adult Group Thanksgiving Potluck*(offsite)*	6:00pm
Thu Nov 26	Office Closed –	
Fri Nov 27	Office Closed	

Looking Ahead:

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
Sun Dec 27	One Worship Service – Lessons & Carols	10:00am

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS:

Mon Nov 23, 2026: **Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Mon Nov 23, 2026: **Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927**

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Tue Nov 24, 2026: **Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America**

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Wed Nov 25, 2026: **Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748**

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

ADVENT'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

THE GOSPEL WINDOWS – FACING THE ALTAR

The two lancet windows in the northern wall of the Nave and the two in the southern wall depict the four gospels using the traditional iconography for the four evangelists – the winged man, the winged lion, the winged ox and the soaring eagle. These symbols are based in Ezekiel's prophetic vision: *As for the appearance of their faces; the four had a face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle.* (1:10)

ST. MATTHEW – THE WINGED MAN – 2ND ON RIGHT SIDE

The winged man is a symbol of St. Matthew the Evangelist because he begins his gospel with a detailed genealogy of Jesus. When this figure is shown holding a sword and scales the symbol is for St. Michael.

ST. MARK – THE LION – 1ST ON LEFT SIDE

A winged lion is the symbol of St. Mark the Evangelist because of his clear proclamation of the Lord's Resurrection. The lion came to be a symbol for Jesus as the Lion of Judah. The ancient myth that lion cubs were born dead and come to life after three days also reminded early Christians of the death and resurrection of Christ.

ST. LUKE – THE OX – 1ST ON LEFT SIDE

A winged ox became the symbol of St. Luke the Evangelist because of his emphasis on Jesus' sacrificial atonement. The ox is also a symbol of strength, service and patience. It was sometimes used in Renaissance art as a symbol for the nation of Israel.

ST. JOHN – THE EAGLE – 2ND ON LEFT SIDE

The eagle came to symbolize St. John the Evangelist because of his 'soaring' proclamation of Jesus' divine nature. The eagle has a rich symbolic history. An early legend held that the eagle would periodically renew its youth, plumage or eyesight, by flying near the sun and then plunging into a lake or fountain. This theme of renewal became the basis of the use of the eagle as a symbol of the resurrection. Since the eagle soars upward, it also came to symbolize Christ's Ascension into heaven. Eagles also came to be used as a symbol for Christians who through their baptism into Christ have died and risen with Him.

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