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**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 7, 2025

### INTRODUCTION

*At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

**PRELUDE**      "PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY" arr. Krentz Organ      **Jean Pontious**

*You may remain seated or stand.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P      Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth,  
whose salvation is sure.

C      **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

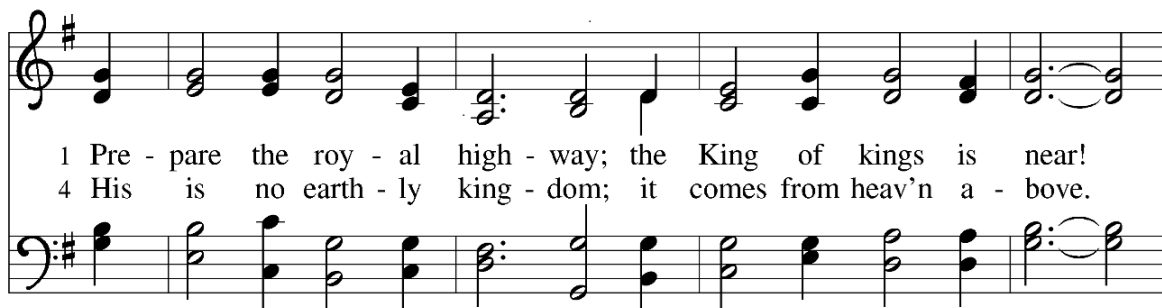
C      Long-expected God,  
**we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

P      God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩  
You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

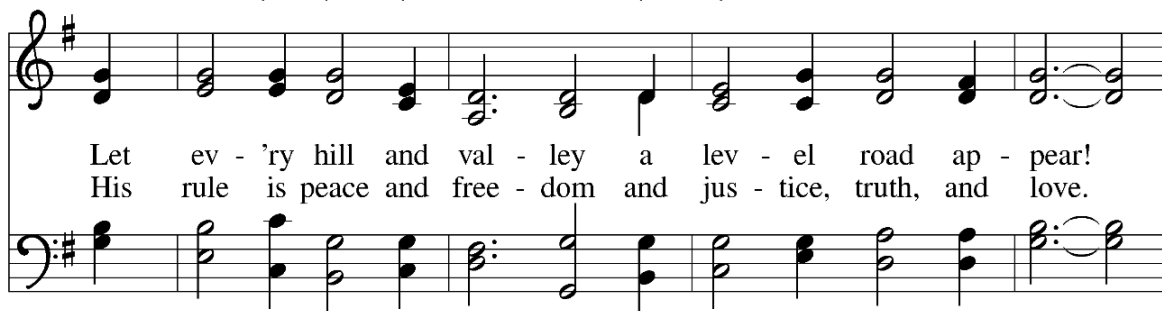
C      **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

## “Prepare the Royal Highway”



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

## 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.**

### Second Sunday of Advent - *Hope for Those Who Are Weary*

#### *Responsive Litany*

- P The Light shines in the darkness,
- C **but the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength,
- C **The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**
- P We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.
- C **The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**
- P We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.
- C **The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**
- P For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:
- C **Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

#### *Candle lighting*

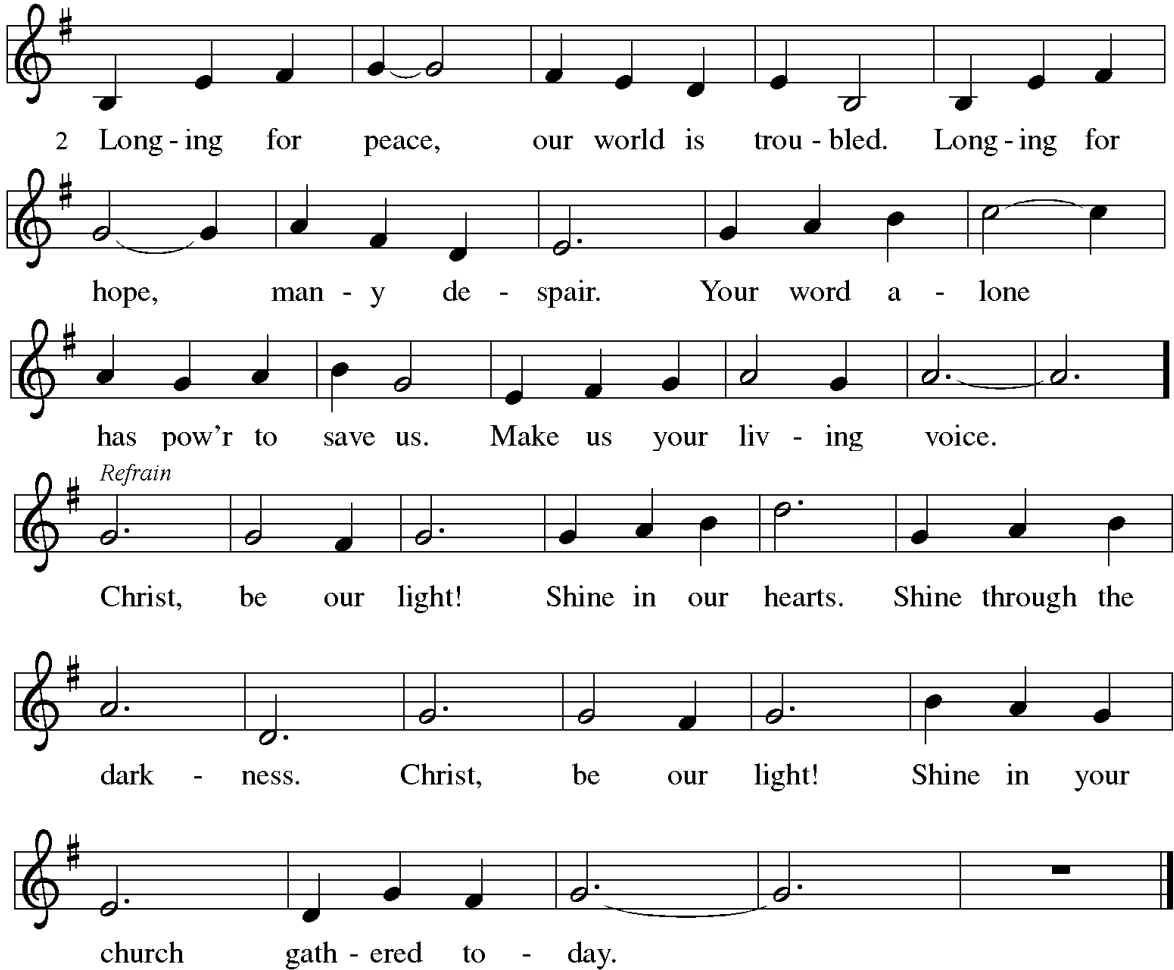
- P Today we light two candles. The **first candle** illuminates patience in the areas of our lives where God has called us to wait. The **second candle** extends the promise of strength to all who feel weary and weak in the shadows of this world. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope be kindled as the light grows brighter.

**8:30** Susan Lindenberger Cockerill

**11:00** The Bunch Family

# HYMN

## "Christ Be Our Light", vs. 2



2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

# 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 **God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and wariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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## WE HEAR THE WORD

*The pericopes readings for this week are: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12*

### READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

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. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

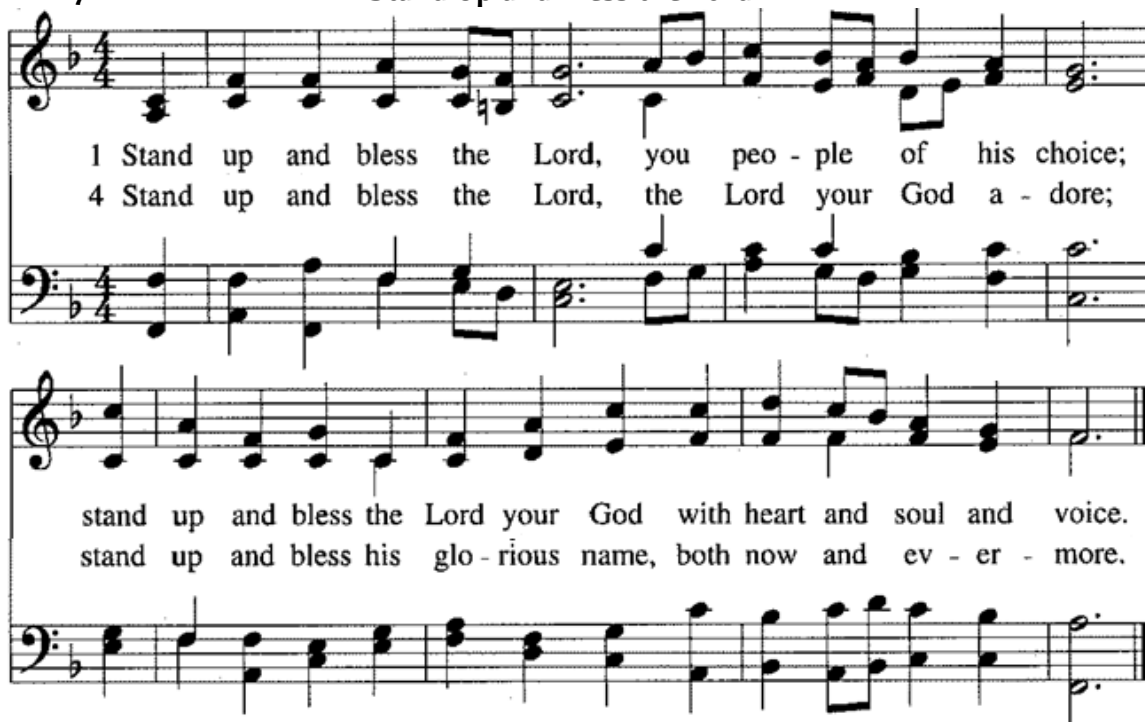
*After the reading:*

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"



1 Stand up and bless the Lord, you peo - ple of his choice;  
 4 Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God a - dore;

stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.  
 stand up and bless his glo - rious name, both now and ev - er - more.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*You may remain seated or stand.*

ALLELUIA VERSE



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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*After the reading:*

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**  
**PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN**



## SPECIAL MUSIC

**8:30 A.M.**

“SOON AND VERY SOON”

**ADVENT’S ANGEL CHOIR**

**11:00 A.M.**

“MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING”

arr. Krentz Organ

**JEAN PONTIOUS**



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**OR put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plate.**

*We give thanks for the many ways that as individuals and as Advent congregation we give our time, talent and financial resources that make it possible to carry out Advent’s call from the Holy Spirit. The lives touched by these ministries appreciate what you do. Thank you from our social agencies, especially at this critical time LSS Food pantries. All those who serve Advent, your staff, our volunteers, and our Bishop rejoice in these many ways that you strengthen the ministry the Spirit has given to us. A special word of thanks to all who had the time to fill out the questionnaires for “Here am I send Me” stewardship emphasis.*

*You may remain seated or stand*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## 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 In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence*

A With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. Guide our Bishop Suzanne and national Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. We take a moment now to pray for those in need of healing; family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know by name, either out loud, or silently in our hearts (*pause*). God of grace,

**C     hear our prayer.**

A     With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,

**C     hear our prayer.**

A     God of guidance, be with Advent as we prepare and witness to the birth of your Son during our live nativity sharing with the community. God of grace,

**C     hear our prayer.**

A     God of calling, be present in us, as your Advent family, as we reflect and respond to your call with “Here I Am, Send Me”. God of grace,

**C     hear our prayer.**

A     God of today and tomorrows, grant us and our call committee wisdom, patience, freedom from anxiety, and reassurance as we await your Spirit’s voice and revelation concerning a new leader who will walk with us. God of grace,

**C     hear our prayer.**

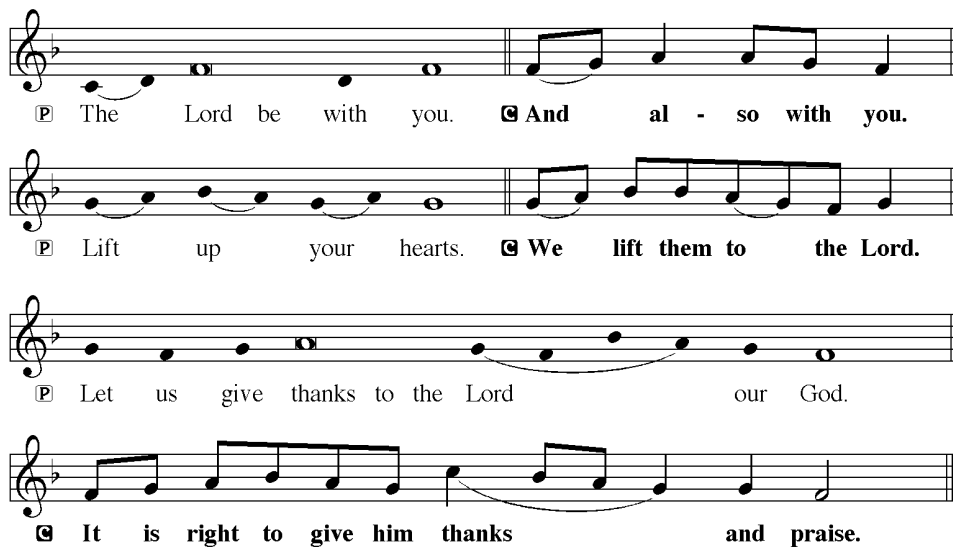
A     With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace,

**C     hear our prayer**

A     Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**C     Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic and ends with an 'A' (Allegro) dynamic. The second staff begins with a 'P' and ends with an 'A'. The third staff begins with a 'P' and ends with an 'A'. The fourth staff begins with an 'A' and ends with an 'A'.

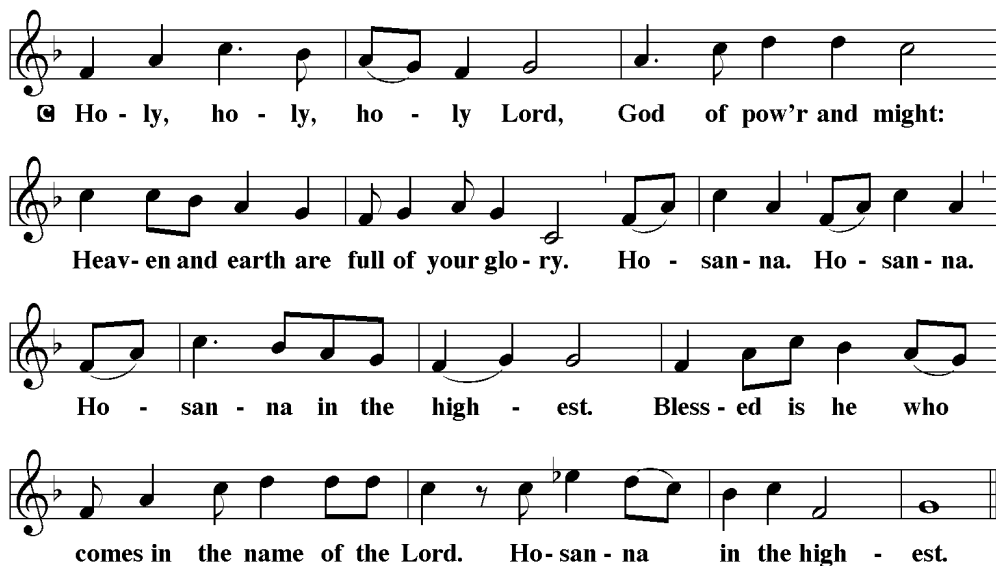
**P** The Lord be with you. **A** And al - so with you.

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

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

**A** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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.

## 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 Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

## DISTRIBUTION

***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.***

**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## POST COMMUNION

**P** And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in peace and may the Lord be with you.

**C** **Amen**

## PRAYER

**A** God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

## BENEDICTION

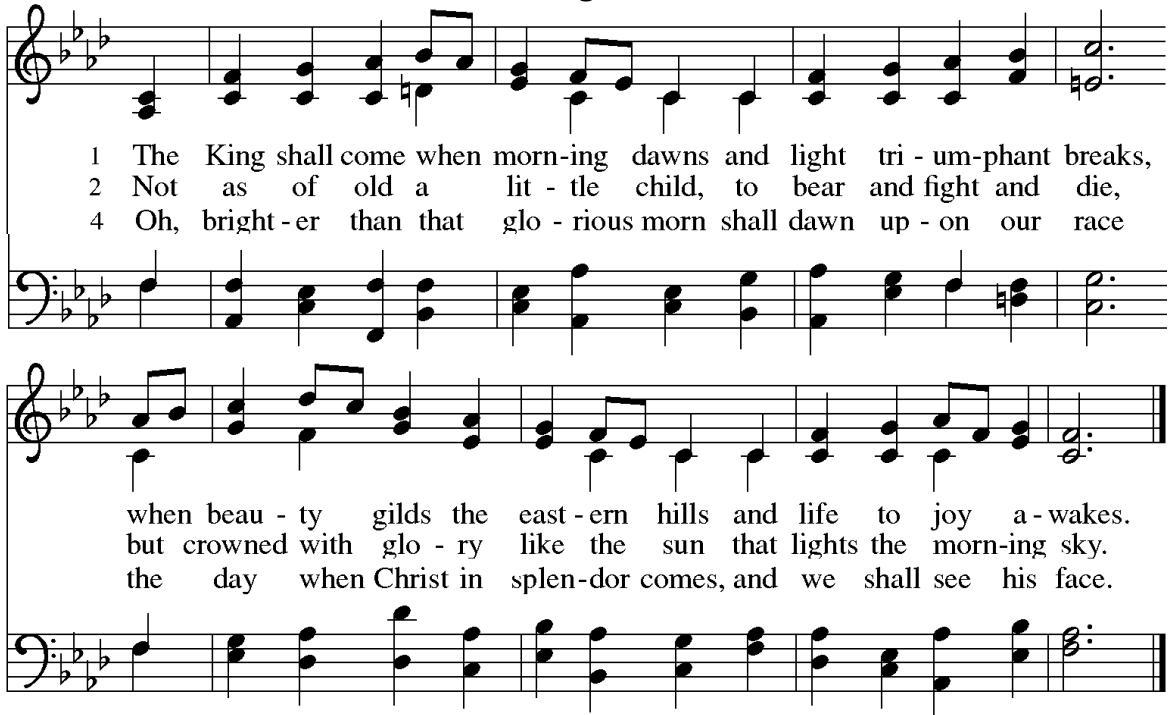
**P** May God who comes among us, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

**C** **Amen.**



## SENDING HYMN

## “The King Shall Come”



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last three lines. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The score ends with a double bar line.

## 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		SAM WITTEN
ASSISTING MINISTER	BETH PITTMAN	TYLER WITTEN
PASTOR	INTERIM PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN	



*The Altar Flowers are given from Jeffrey Alles and Jennifer Parker, “in loving memory of my mother”.*

*Please check the 2025 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$25.00 per vase. Available dates coming up: December 14 & 21. And be sure to sign up for the dates you want in 2026, as well!*

**This Week at Advent**

<b>Sun Dec 7</b>	Live Nativity!	5:00pm-7:00pm
<b>Tue Dec 9</b>	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
<b>Wed Dec 10</b>	Worship at The Estates	2:00pm
	Preschool Christmas Program	4:00pm-7:00pm
	Wednesdays in Advent Zoom Worship	7:00pm
<b>Thur Dec 11</b>	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:40pm
	Adult Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
<b>Fri Dec 12</b>	Christmas with the Staff	6:30pm-8:00pm
<b>Sat Dec 13</b>	Bed Brigade Delivery	9:00am

**Looking Ahead:**

Weds in Advent	Wednesday Night Zoom Worship	7:00 pm
Wed Dec 24, 2025	Christmas Eve Family Service	4:30 pm
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7:00 pm
Thur Dec 25, 2025	Christmas Day Service	10:00 am
Jan 6, 2026	Epiphany Worship Service	7:00 pm
Fri Feb 13-Sat Feb 14, 2026	Fun in Faith Retreat, Grades 2-5	Hopewood Pines
Wed Feb 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday service	7:00 pm
Weds in Lent	Soup Suppers & Worship Service	6:30pm/7:15pm
Thur April 2, 2026	Maundy Thursday Worship Services	12Noon & 7:00pm
Fri April 3, 2026	Good Friday Worship Services	12Noon & 7:00pm
Sun April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday! Worship	8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sun May 3, 2026	Advent's 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!	

## **Commemorations This Week:**

### **Sun Dec 7: Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397**

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

### **Sat Dec 13: Lucy, martyr, died 304**

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.