First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2026 9:00am Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE Wachet Auf (J.S. Bach) with Loren Barker, trumpet

WELCOME

- Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, welcome to those joining us through our Listen to Church service.
- Welcome and thanks Pr. Dale Freberg for sharing the gospel with us today.
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *title slide only*

Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus' coming again. We don't know when or where or how Jesus will return, but we can be assured he will come. He will come to do what he has always come to do: to bring light to the world, to bring love where there is hate, to turn our swords into plowshares, to bring the fullness of his kingdom of justice, mercy and peace. We light this first candle to remind us that the future breaks into our self-absorbed present and demands our attention. This candle calls us to watch for Jesus' coming every day with awe and reverence.

Small group of confirmands to sing He Came Down 253:1 **as f***irst candle of the advent wreath is lit.*

ADVENT PRAYER

Let us pray:

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying 436:1, 3

1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

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GREETING

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

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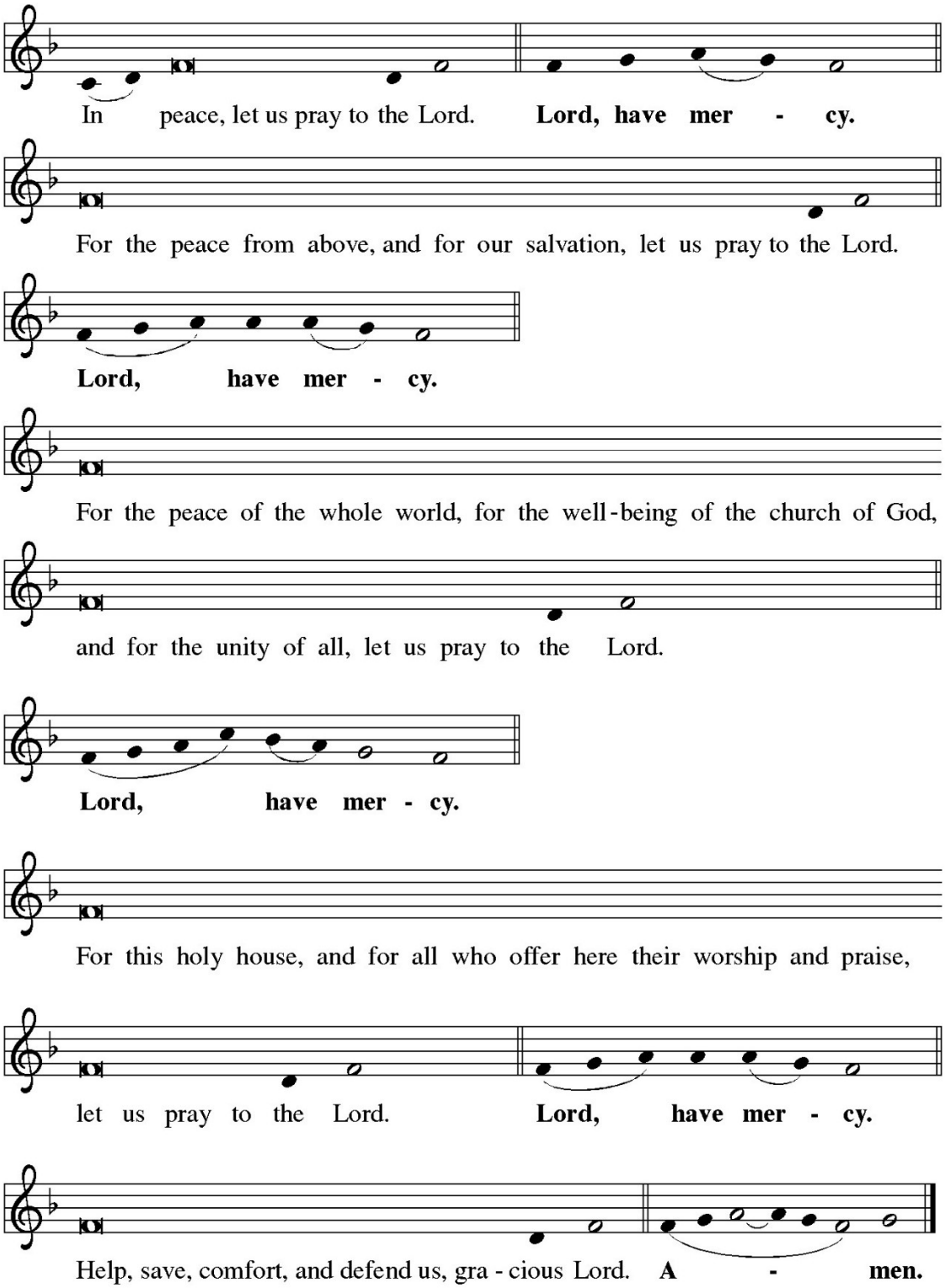

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. 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.**

WORD

READING Revelation 1:4-6, 16, 20; 5:1-2; 6:1; 8:1-2; 16:1; 21:1-7 *Dale*

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and
who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us
from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory
and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a
sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. 20 As for the mystery of the
seven stars that you saw in my right hand and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels
of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

5:1 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the
back, sealed with seven seals, 2 and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy
to open the scroll and break its seals?" 6:1 Then I saw the Lamb break one of the seven seals, and I heard
one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, "Come!" 8:1 When the Lamb broke the
seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand
before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the
seven bowls of the wrath of God."

21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and
the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said,
"Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha
and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the
water of life. 7 Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my
children.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Dale Freberg

HYMN OF THE DAY I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 815:1, 3

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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APOSTLES' CREED
Together we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 *Reader*
In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead worship and prayer. Nourish all people with the gifts of your word and grace that through them we may be ready for your coming. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry *especially* Molly Cockeram, Pauline Liesenfelt, Judy Kahl, Dwight McNaughton, Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine, Kelly Warfel, Chuck Smith, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson. Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Stir up in us your peace and joy this Advent season. Teach us to use our time wisely on earth as we await Christ's coming. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY In the Bleak Midwinter 294:3
3. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man

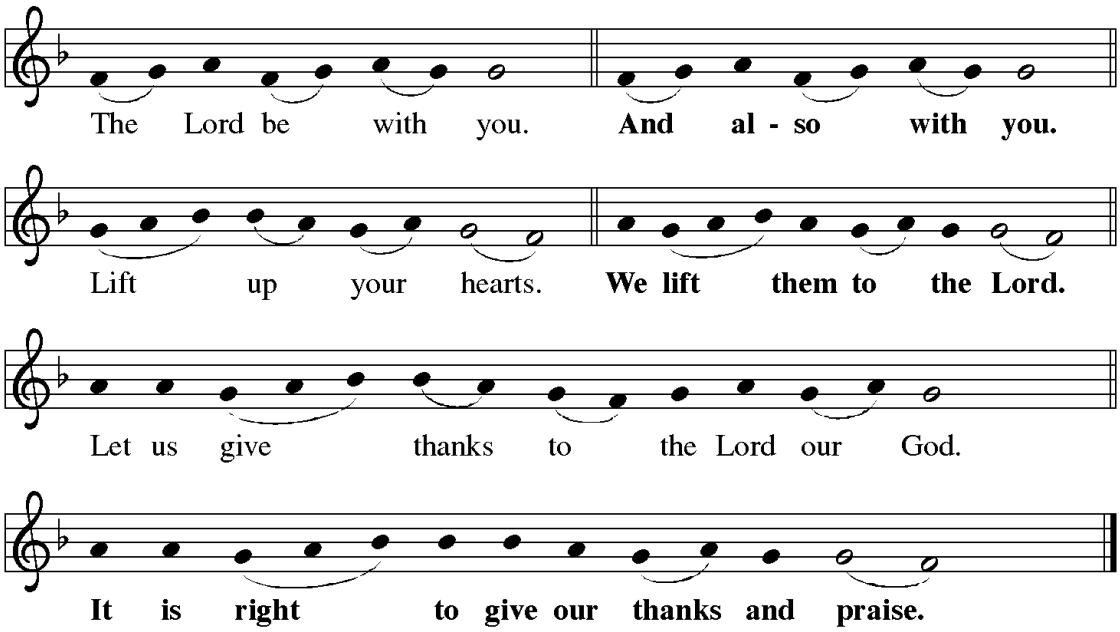
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—
give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
Savior of the nations, come and make your home here in us. As you feed us with your love, may our lives become signs of your tender compassion for all the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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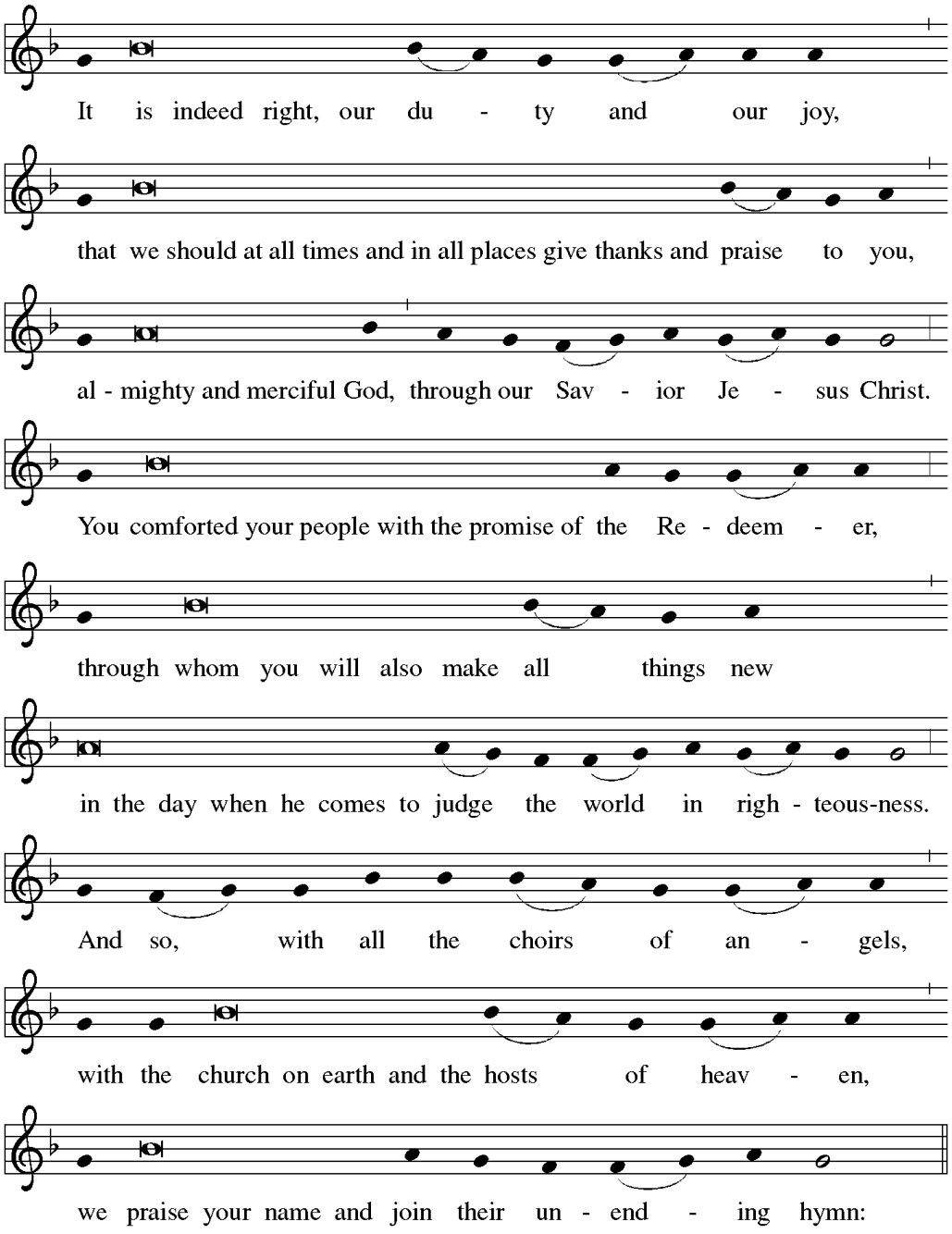

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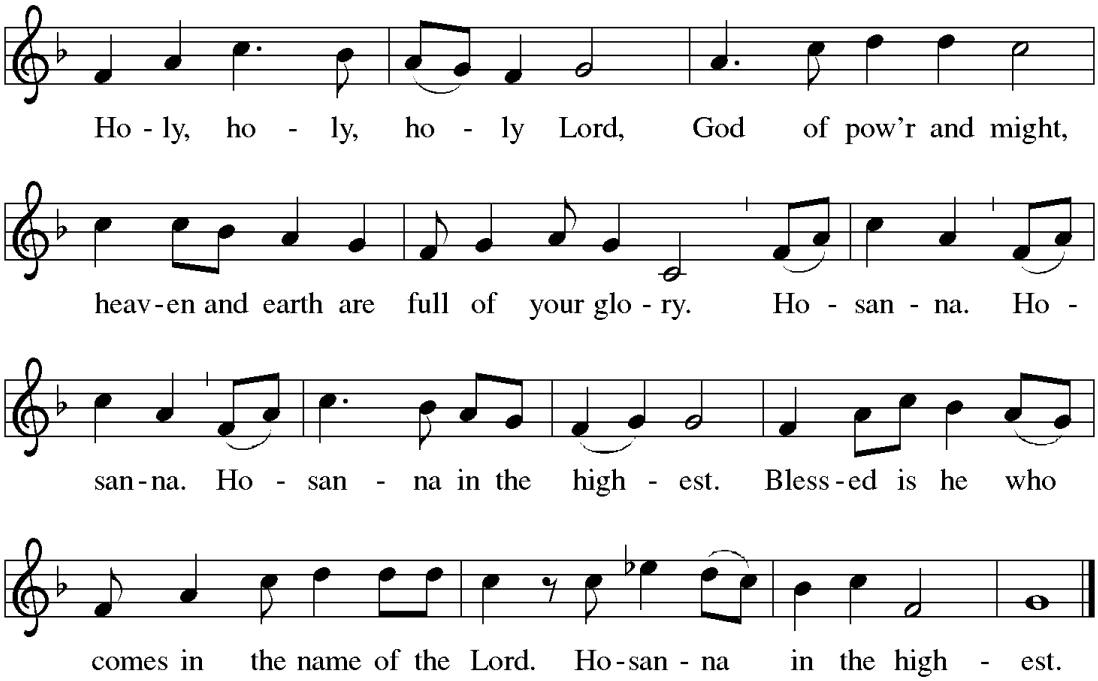
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 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. Bless 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.

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.
Come, Lord Jesus.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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Lamb of God

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! 246

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3 See the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;

4 So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

Christ, Be Our Light 715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Let us pray,
Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

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.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending 435:1, 2

1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Now redemption, long-expected,
comes in solemn splendor near;
all the saints this world rejected
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
See the day of God appear!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (Pachelbel)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Molly Cockeram (granddaughter of Laila Davis) Pauline Liesenfelt, Judy Kahl, Dwight McNaughton, Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine (sister to Donna Lark), Kelly Warfel (sister to Kim Holten), Chuck Smith, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan.
Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish.

Thank you to Catherine Gulsvig and Loren Barker on trumpet for their special music to enliven our worship.

Join us TODAY after worship for our Adult Bible study on Revelation, continuing Nov 29 & Dec 13.

Introducing the Gospel According to Mark
Led by Pr. Sarah on Sunday, December 6
Join Pr. Sarah as she introduces us to the unique themes of the Gospel according to Mark, the source of Gospel readings for the new church year.

Children, Youth and Family
No Sunday School on November 29

Christmas Program
ALL Speaking Role Rehearsal in Rec Room on Nov 29 at 10:15am

Building Renovations
Do you need to make a required minimum distribution for 2026? The property committee and council encourage you to consider giving to the OSL Building Renovation dedicated account. This account will be used to help pay for needed upgrades to our building, especially phases 2 and 3 of our Building Project. Look for more information about the scope of the project in the coming months.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Nov 29	Worship, 9:00 am No Sunday School All Sunday School Program speaking roles report to Rec Room, 10:15 am Adult Ed, Pr. Dale Freberg, Revelation, 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15 am
Monday, Nov 30	Mission Endowment, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec 1	
Wednesday, Dec 2	Confirmation and HS, 5:45 pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm
Thursday, Dec 3	Baking day
Friday, Dec 4	Lefse making day
Saturday, Dec 5	Scandinavian Bake Sale, 9:00-noon Stout concert, 7:00 pm

OSL's Scandinavian Bake Sale
Dec 5; 9:00-noon
Join the Fun and Help with Our Bake Sale! There are many ways to help make our bake sale a success! Volunteers are needed throughout the week to bake treats, package, and label items, and help with sales on Saturday. If you can lend a hand, please sign up in the Friendship Room.

The OSL Worship Band is getting back together! We're looking for a few vocalists and instrumentalists to join the band. If you are interested or have questions, reach out to Ted Bensen at ted.bensen@charter.net.

The donations for The Little Church will go to the Menomonie Area School Lunch Angel Fund for the month of November.

The OSL Adult Choir is headed to Norway in June 2028 for a memorable tour through Sweden and Norway that will include concerts, sightseeing, and cultural experiences. If you've been considering joining the choir, this may be the perfect opportunity. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; contact Jean Enyeart to learn more.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Mar-Oct	Oct
Income	$268,898.58	$32,207.93
Expenses	$223,945.12	$27,626.04
Over/short	**$44,953.46**	**$4,581.89**

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