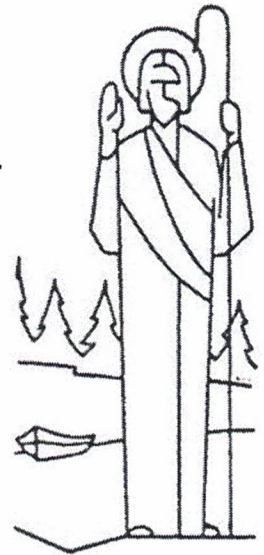


## **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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# Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

Sayner, Wisconsin



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**Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 am.**

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### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in the chalice or individual portions as you prefer. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

### Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube. Go to the Church website at [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org) and look for the  symbol. Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

## Readings for December 5, 2021:

**First Reading** Malachi 3:1-4  
**Psalm** Luke 1:68-79  
**Second Reading** Philippians 1:3-11  
**Holy Gospel** Luke 3:1-6



## Don't Wait for the Kingdom—See It

As Advent begins, we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' first coming to the world in the light of a text that promises his final coming. We, like the gospel writer, Luke, live in the time between these two "advents" of Jesus. Today's gospel gives us guidance on how to live faithfully as we wait for Jesus to return. However, in this in-between time, it is easy for us to become distracted and lose sight of the promises of Jesus. Daily tasks and routines can lull us into apathy. Ease and success can allow us to ignore our spiritual needs. Struggles, setbacks, and disappointments can cause us to lose hope and fall into despair. But Jesus tells us we should not feel beaten down or defeated by the struggles of this world, but instead "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

Jesus goes on to say that there will be signs, signs of new life and growth, such as the sprouting of a leaf on a fig tree in the summertime. These signs are perceptible to us here and now. These signs help us know that God's kingdom is coming. In fact, they remind us that in Jesus, God's kingdom has already come near, and Jesus words will not pass away until this kingdom has fully come. We should live with our eyes focused on today's signs that demonstrate God's reign and trust that Jesus' redemption of the world will one day be complete.

### CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. Saturdays 5:30 pm May 29 – August 28, 2021. If you wish to wear a mask, we have them available on the table in the entryway. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later in the day.

### FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:

The second Sunday of each month will be our regular fellowship brunch. Bring a dish to pass as you can.

### CHILDRENS CORNER:

Church School is open. All children from the community (ages 4 to grade 6) are welcome. Come and see: Bible stories, activities, crafts, and songs are ready for you. Come and see!

## COVID 19 DELTA VARIANT CONCERNS:

Please know that we take this issue very seriously. We do not have any plans to close our church. *We have increased our cleaning and sanitizing of the church, but we depend upon you to also help keep us safe.* If you do not feel well, please do not attend church in person, but instead worship online. Keep in mind social distancing, masking, and hand sanitizing. We will work through this new variant as carefully as we did the first outbreak with the Lord's help.

The executive board and council have had Covid plans in effect since last year. We are constantly refining those with the latest developments, and will be publishing them via email and the next newsletter at the request of individuals. We have been in contact with the Vilas County Health Department and have been receiving updates regularly for the past 18 months. If you are diagnosed with Covid and have been active at church, please contact either Bill Wendorf or Bill Sima so that they may contact others who may have been exposed. This will and has been done very discretely.

## HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH:

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. Holy Family Catholic Church will be hosting this non-denominational seminar before the Christmas holidays on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The session will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, 8950 County Highway J, Woodruff. Pre-registration is encouraged at least one week prior to the seminar date. The cost is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the Survival Guide that accompanies the seminar. Child care is not available.

Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

Social distancing will be practiced, and masks are required.

For more information and to register, call Holly Dionne (Extension 168) or Lyn Baumgartner (Extension 155) at 715-356-6284



## PRAYER REQUESTS



*(Please note: "Current issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list.)*

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

### **Pray for those with ongoing health issues:**

Larry, Mel, Shelle, Cassie,Carolynn, Jeanne, Henry, Sandy (friend of Barb C).

### **Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

### **Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:**

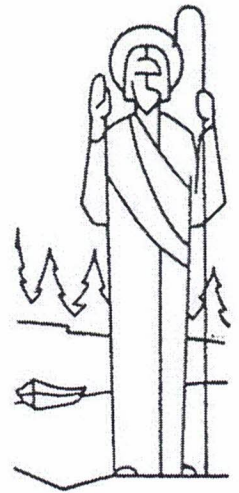
Mel and Elisabeth.

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# Season of Advent

First Sunday in Advent  
November 28, 2021

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Lighting of Advent Candle

*(Candle Litany)*

## First Sunday of Advent

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Christ is our light. By grace he came, in power he rose;  
we wait for Christ to come again.**

*(The first candle of Advent is lit.)*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill  
the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

**In those days and at that time God will cause a righteous  
Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and  
righteousness in the land.**

Make known to us your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our  
salvation; for you we wait all day long.**

## Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,  
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,  
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

**Amen.**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Let us come before God in confession of our sins known and unknown,  
things said or left unsaid, things done or left undone.

### **Prayer of Confession**

To you, O God,

**we lift up our souls.**

**You know us through and through;**

**we confess our sins to you.**

**Remember not our sins;**

**remember us with your steadfast love.**

**Show us your ways; teach us your paths;**

**and lead us in peace and truth,**

**for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong Christ; you are anointed to serve.

Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

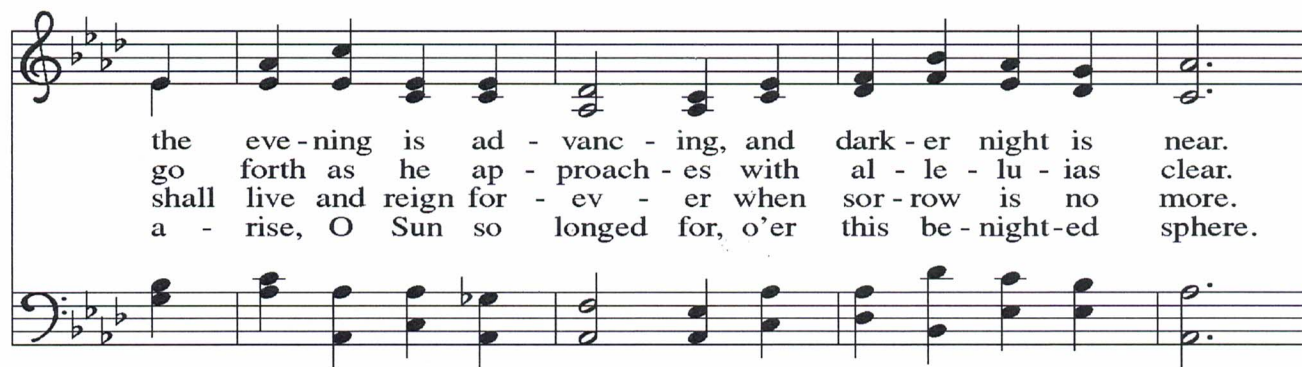
**Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable)*

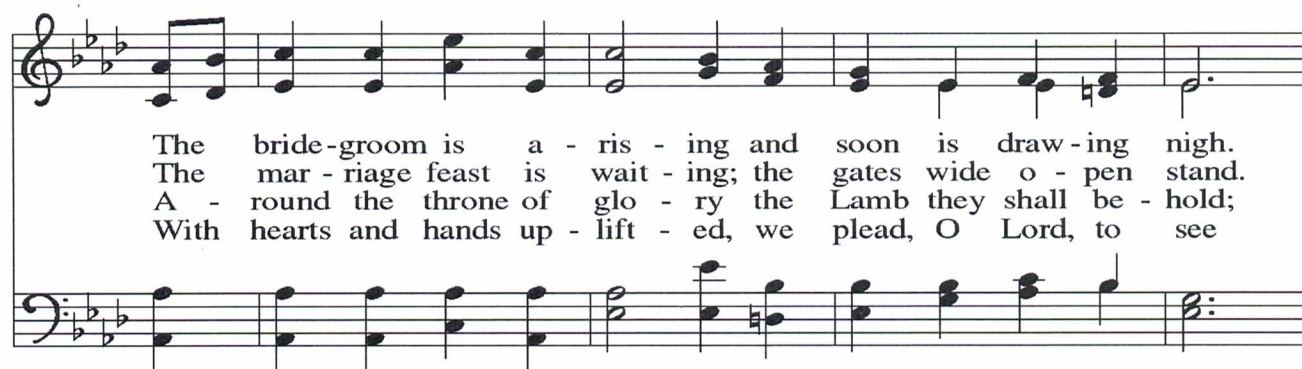
## Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



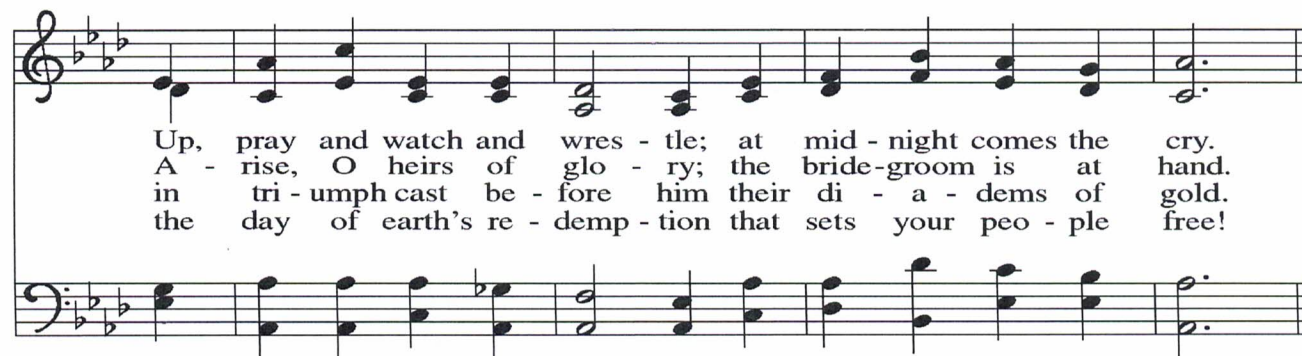
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

# Advent Dialogue

Surely God is my salvation;

**I will trust, and will not be afraid,**

for the Lord God is my strength, and my might;

**and has become my salvation.**

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;

**His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.**

Advent Song

ELW 264

Verse 1

## Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
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!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
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:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
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!

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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 alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of peace, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **First Reading            Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

### **Psalm 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## **Second Reading      1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Holy gospel According to.....

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Holy Gospel**

### **Luke 21:25-36**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

(Please stand)

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



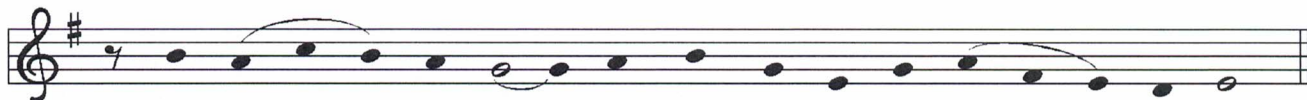
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heav'nly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here  
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

## Sharing of the Peace

*(PLEASE GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR FROM WHERE YOU ARE SEATED)*

## Offering

The offering plates will once again be placed at each entry to the narthex.  
Due to the resurgence of Covid 19 we will not be passing the plates in the sanctuary.

*For those of you worshipping with us at home –*

*You can mail your donations to:*

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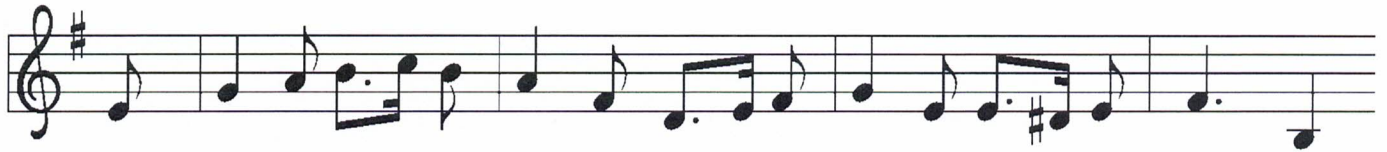
*You can donate through our PayPal account.*

*“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”*

# As the Lord's table is prepared;

Please join in singing "What Feast of Love" ELW 487"

## What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

In this moment of worship, we embrace your presence, O God.

**And we offer you our love.**

In this moment of prayer, we proclaim your purpose for the world.

**And we offer you our resources.**

In this moment of giving, we hear your call, O Lord.

**And offer you ourselves. Use us—all that we have and all that we are—  
to touch the world with the Christmas message. Amen!**

## Holy communion

May the God of Advent be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of Advent, lift up your hopes.

**We lift them to the One who comes to share our lives with us.**

People of hope, offer your thanksgiving to God.

**Joy, praise, adoration are in our hearts and on our lips!**

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

**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

Come to the Lord's banquet, for all is now ready and all are welcome.

*(Please be seated and come forward as the ushers direct.  
All those who wish to commune are welcome at the Lord's table)*

## Distribution

*If you wish to commune this morning, please come forward as the usher directs,  
one side of the sanctuary at a time.*

*The wine is served in either the Chalice or individual serving cups.*

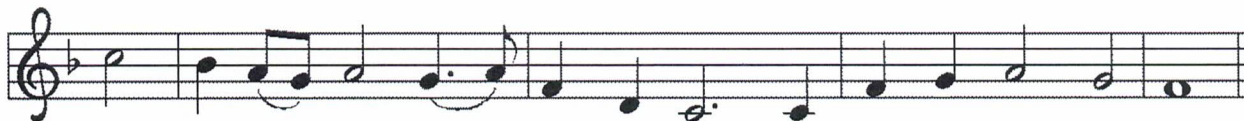
*Both offer wine and an alternative of grape juice.*

*Both will be available to you as you approach the Altar.*

## Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

# Communion Songs

## Eat This Bread *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

*Refrain*

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The second system of music also consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

## Come and Fill Our Hearts *Confitemini Domino*

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

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# Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The bass line is in a bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of music is identical to the first, consisting of a vocal line and a bass line with the same lyrics.

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Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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# O Lord, Hear My Prayer

*The Lord Is My Song*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line is in a bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

The second system of music is identical to the first, consisting of a vocal line and a bass line with the same lyrics.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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## **Communion Blessing**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and these gifts of his body and blood, strengthen us, keep us, and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen!**

## **Communion Prayer**

God for whom we wait, 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.**

## **Benediction**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Sending Song

ELW 259 "Fling Wide the Door" Vrs. 1,3,4.

## Fling Wide the Door

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
 king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
 wor - ship him with song, for sav - ing us from wrong.  
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
 Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version  
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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ be with you!

**Thanks be to God!**

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