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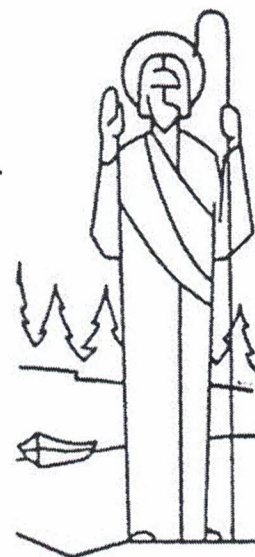


## **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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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 19, 2021:

<b>First Reading</b>	Micah 5:2-5a
<b>Psalm</b>	Luke 1:46b-55
<b>Alternate</b>	Psalm 80:1-7
<b>Second Reading</b>	Hebrews 10:5-10
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	Luke 1:39-55



### **No More Business as Usual**

Lutherans looking for gospel may hear John the Baptizer's preaching as primarily law. It can be difficult to reconcile his fire-and-brimstone style with the joy that traditionally belongs to the third Sunday of Advent. Yet despite John's harsh words for the crowds, the people seem eager for his teaching—"What then should we do?" They keep asking questions fervently, even when the answers call them to higher expectations of moral and selfless living.

It's the kind of teaching that people associate with the Messiah: good news that business as usual is on the way out and something new is on its way in. The status quo of greed, selfishness, scarcity, and complacency no longer has power. A new day of mutual sharing and justice is almost here. Images of the winnowing fork and the ax at the root of the tree suggest clearing out old habits and fears to make room for something new. In calling people to repentance, John invites them to turn away from the old life and turning toward God's new life.

John has even better news: The Messiah is indeed coming, one who will not only call people to high expectations, but also enable that faithful living. Because the Messiah is coming to baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire," life will never be the same. Through baptism business as usual will be replaced by a fruit-bearing, joy-yielding, grace-filled relationship with God. It's an excellent reason to "rejoice always" (1 Thess. 5:16): The Lord is near!

### **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.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING:**

Join us for Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm here at church. We will carol at the homes of shut-ins. If you have names of folks in our community to whom we could carol, please let Karen Carter know (715) 542-4049 or [kcarter@nnex.net](mailto:kcarter@nnex.net).

All are welcome!

Dress warmly and bring your heartiest voices. Caroling sheets will be provided. Several tables at the Sayner Pub will be reserved for an early dinner if you would care to join us!

## **PASTOR'S HOLIDAY DISCRETIONARY FUND:**

We are once again taking collections for distribution of store cards for families and individuals, and donations to local benevolences (Caritas, Veteran's fund, shelters and more). All funds donated will be distributed for Christmas and the new year in our local communities.

Pink labeled envelopes are in a basket on the Narthex table, or just write in the memo section of your check "Holiday Discretionary".

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:**

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – Friday, December 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.



**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), Bonnie, Russell, and Melody.

**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:**

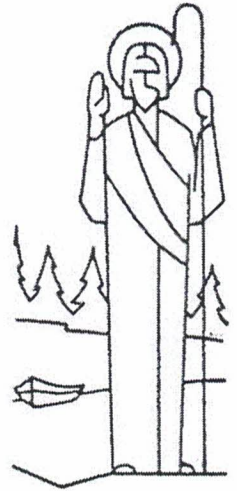
Mel and Elisabeth.

*Please email Bill at [pastor@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean at [secretary@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:secretary@SOTLsayner.com) or text to 715-542-3344 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.*

# Season of Advent

Third Sunday in Advent  
December 12th, 2021

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## Welcome & Announcements

**Lighting of Advent Candle**      *(Please remain seated)*

**Third Sunday of Advent**      *(Candle Litany)*

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 three candles of Advent are lit.)*

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you and turned away your enemies.

**We fear disaster no more.**

Do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst.

**God will rejoice over us with gladness and renew us in love.**

God will save the lame and gather the outcast, changing their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

**At that time, God will bring us home. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

## **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)

## My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.  
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.  
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—  
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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## 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 3

### 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!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.....**And also with you.**

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

## First Reading      **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm      Isaiah 12:2-6**

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading      Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord..... **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)*

The Holy gospel According to.....

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Holy Gospel**

### **Luke 3:7-18**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

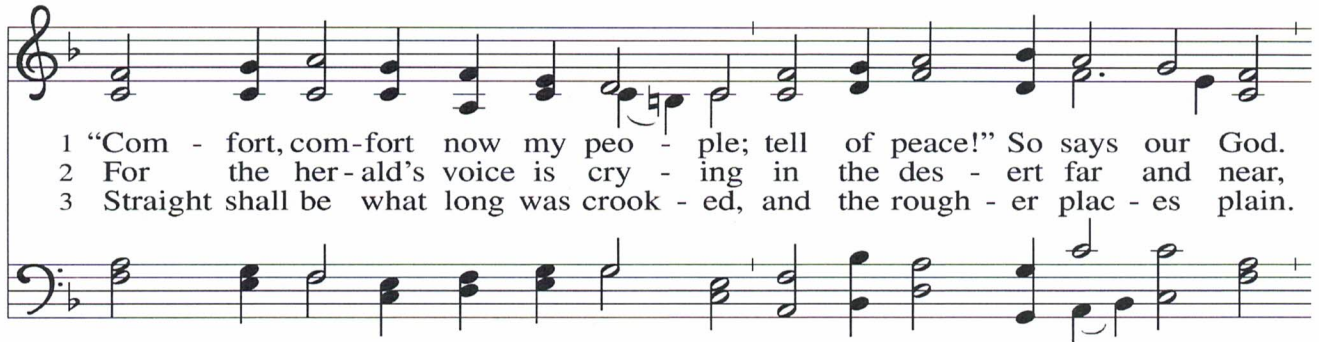
The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

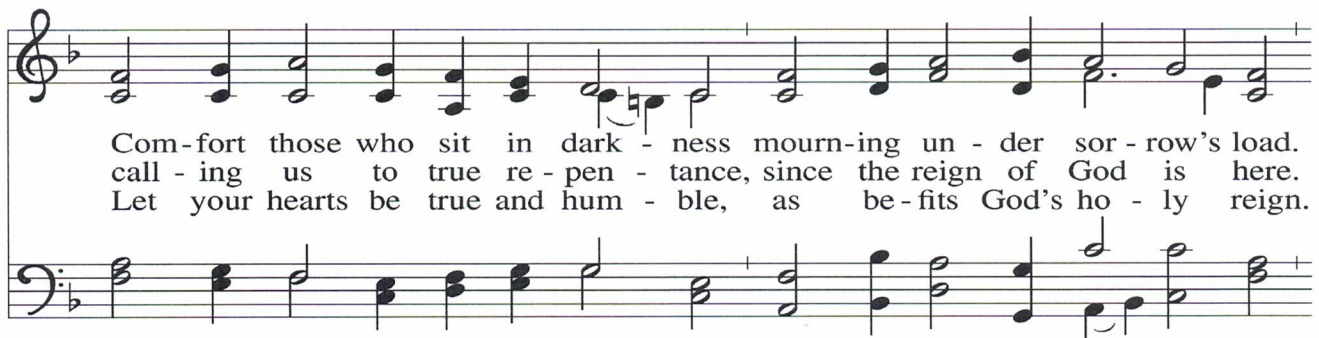
## **Sermon**

(Please stand)

## Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

## 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:*

*Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church*

*2903 State Hwy 155*

*Sayner, WI 54560*

*Or on the church website [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)*

*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"

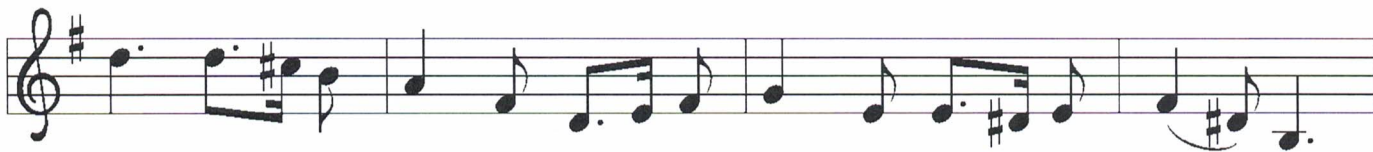
## What Feast of Love



- 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!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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.*

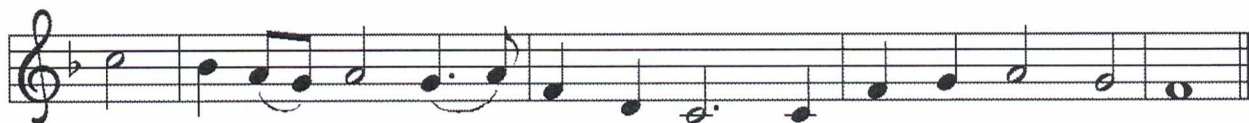
*Both offer wine and an alternative of grape juice.*

*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 is a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The second system of music also consists of two staves, with the same key signature and clefs. 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!

The first system of music is a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The second system of music also consists of two staves, with the same key signature and clefs. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community  
Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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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 for 'Jesus, Remember Me' 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) and a 7/4 time signature. It begins with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3, followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B-flat3. The bass line is in a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, starting with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3, followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B-flat2.

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

The second system of music for 'Jesus, Remember Me' continues the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line ends with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3. The bass line ends with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community  
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 for 'O Lord, Hear My Prayer' 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#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass line is in a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, starting with a whole note chord of G2, B2, and D3, followed by a whole note chord of G2, B2, and D3.

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 for 'O Lord, Hear My Prayer' continues the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line ends with a whole note chord of G4, B4, and D5. The bass line ends with a whole note chord of G2, B2, and D3.

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

Come, We That Love the Lord  
We're Marching to Zion

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.  
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:

we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**Thanks be to God!**

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times and dates of events and worship services.*

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