

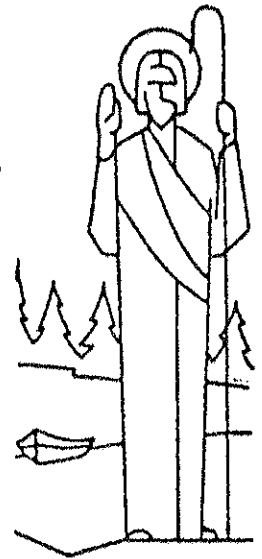
**Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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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 sit

## **Readings for December 18, 2022:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-16

**Psalm:** 80:1-7,17-19

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 1:1-7

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25



## **Living In the Now and the Not Yet**

In this season of Advent we stand in the discomfoting quiet of waiting for the salvation of the Lord while simultaneously seeing that very salvation breaking into the world around us. Like John the Baptist we ask Jesus "are you here, or should we still wait?" The answer to this question is "yes." Yes, Jesus is here among us in his body and blood at the eucharist. But we wait for the day when he returns. Yes, Jesus is here among us bringing peace and reconciliation. But we wait for the day when he will make *all* things new. The new life promised by the coming of a savior is both realized and still to come. We who live in the Christian faith do so as people searching the world around us for signs of God's kingdom. Gathering as Christ's body on earth, we have a sort of dual-citizenship in the now and the not-yet as we both proclaim that Christ is among us and also fervently pray "even so, come Lord Jesus." As believers, our hope does not rest in the efforts of our piety or in the comfort of the hereafter. Rather, our hope is in the promises of a gracious, faithful God; promises fulfilled before our eyes and those not yet seen. We long for the day in which, like Isaiah's vision of what will be, the blind see and the lame leap like deer. Yet we tell what we see and hear around us: that the dead are raised and the poor receive good news. The day is here and yet still we wait. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

## **CHURCH SERVICES:**

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. Masking is not required, but 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:**

Please join us for coffee and fellowship each Sunday after worship.

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

## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

Council meeting January 8, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

## **BILL'S OFFICE HOURS:**

**Subject to change in January**

Monday	Off
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Thursday	Off (Home visits)
Friday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	As needed
Sunday	Worship

## **WELCA:**

WELCA will now meet monthly at 1 PM on the second Thursday. All women attending Shepherd are welcome and invited to come! The next study guide is on the table in the Chapel.

## **PASTORAL HOLIDAY DISCRETIONARY FUND:**

It is once again time to start collecting for the gift cards for families in need at Christmas and for supporting the organizations that provide a helping hand. Please mark in the memo of your check that the funds are for the Pastor's Holiday Fund.

## **ADDRESS FOR LYN:**

Lyn has provided an address if you would like to send her a card. She will be in Florida for her medical care.

4281 Anissa Avenue, Unit 101  
Orlando, FL 32814

## **SAFETY INSPECTOR:**

Doug and your Church Council are asking for a volunteer for safety inspections. This consists of monthly inspections of all exit and safety lights, the defibrillator, fire extinguishers, etc. It will only take a short amount of time once a month to run the checks. Please see Doug for more information.

***And please be reminded that the interior doors in the church must be kept shut when not in use. In order to qualify for an exemption from putting in a very expensive sprinkler system throughout the church building, we have in place fire doors which do no good if not kept shut. It is very important that you keep in mind to shut all interior doors unless the space is being used.***

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

December 4, 2022	
General Funds	\$ 945.00
Food Pantry	\$ 22.00
Frederick House	\$ 50.00
Holiday Fund	\$ 515.00
Other Designated	\$ 100.00
IRA Holiday Fund	\$2,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,132.00</b>

## 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:**

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Lyn, Melody, Sharon B., Sharon G., Trish, Courtney, and Rhett.

### **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:**

Elisabeth

### **Pray for those who have passed:**

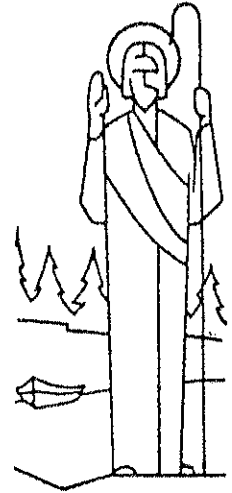
### **Pray for those dealing with current issues:**

*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 715-542-4213 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Lighting of Advent Candle

*(Please remain seated)*

## Third 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 third (Gaudete) 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.**

Let us pray;

We praise you, O God,

**for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.**

**Amen.**

## **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.**

# Gathering Song

## "People, Look East" ELW 248 vs. 1,2,4.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

### People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANCON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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## Apostolic Greeting

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.**

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray;

Stir up the wills

**of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming,  
that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way;  
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

## Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.  
<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God’s people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## Psalm 146:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.

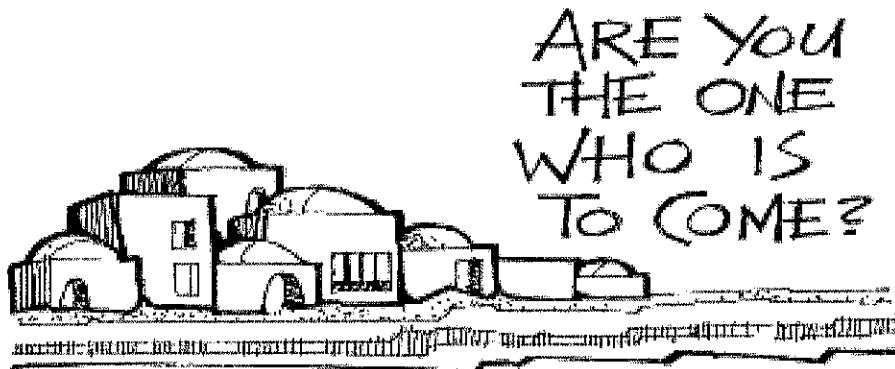
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading      James 5:7-10

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.



## **Holy Gospel**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable)*

The Holy gospel According to.....

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 11:2-11**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

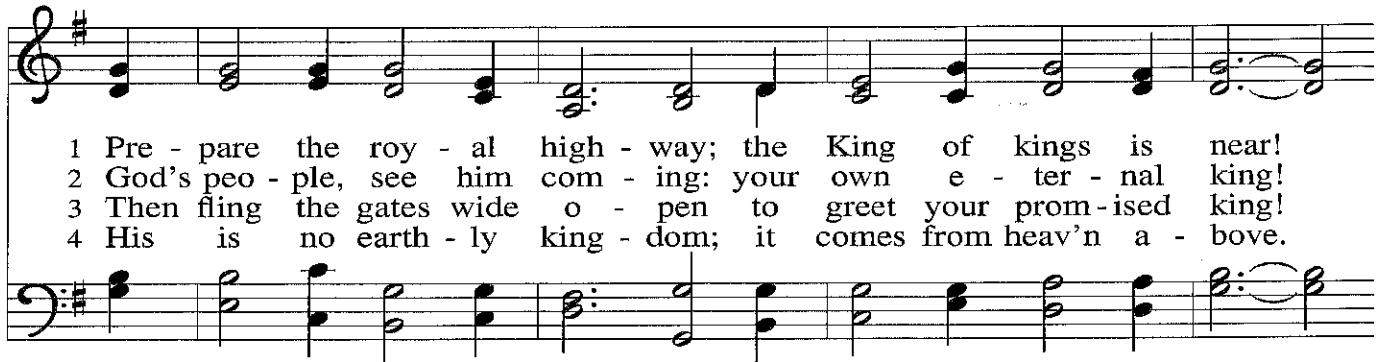
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## **Sermon**

# Hymn of the Day

*"Prepare The Royal Highway" ELW 264 vs. 1,3,4.*

*(Please stand as you are comfortable)*



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.

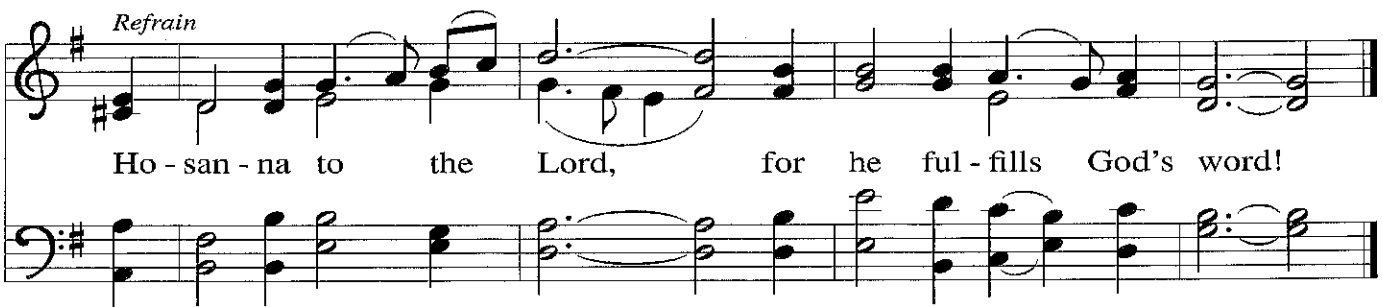


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



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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## 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.**

## Blessing of the Quilts

## Prayers of the People

## Sharing of the Peace

*(Please share the peace as you and your neighbor are comfortable)*

## Offering

*(We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)*

*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*

*PO Box 130*

*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!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray;

God of abundance,

**we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,  
and with them our very lives.**

**Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need  
until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.**

**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

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 in 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.

Blessed 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.



Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

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**

**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.

## Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us

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 five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four verses, with the first verse being the most prominent. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each system.

1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

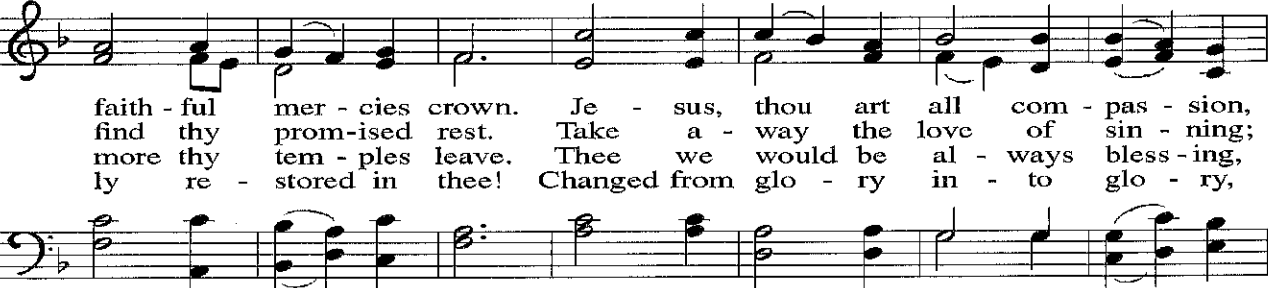
## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## **Communion Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**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.**

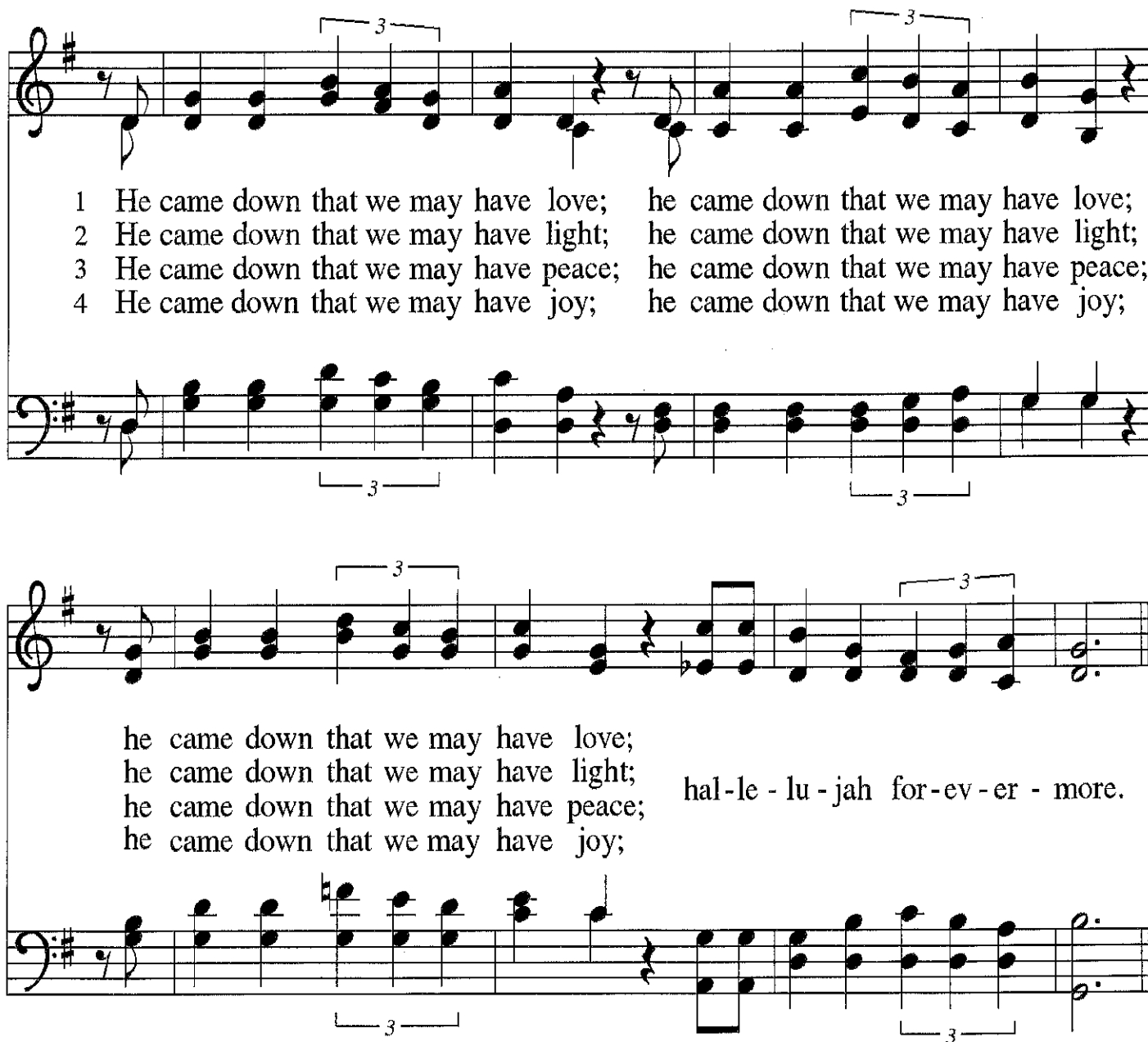
**Amen.**

## **Benediction**

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

**Amen.**

# He Came Down



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;  
 he came down that we may have light;  
 he came down that we may have peace;  
 he came down that we may have joy;

hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ be with you!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.**

**Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.**

### **Calendar for Week of December 12 - 18, 2022**

Tuesday	December 13, 2022	Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 14, 2022	Church School	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 15, 2022	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	December 17, 2022	Christmas Caroling	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 18, 2022	Worship	9:00 a.m.

### **Next Council Meeting:**

January 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Chili Dinner in February

*Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates  
of additional events and worship services.*

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