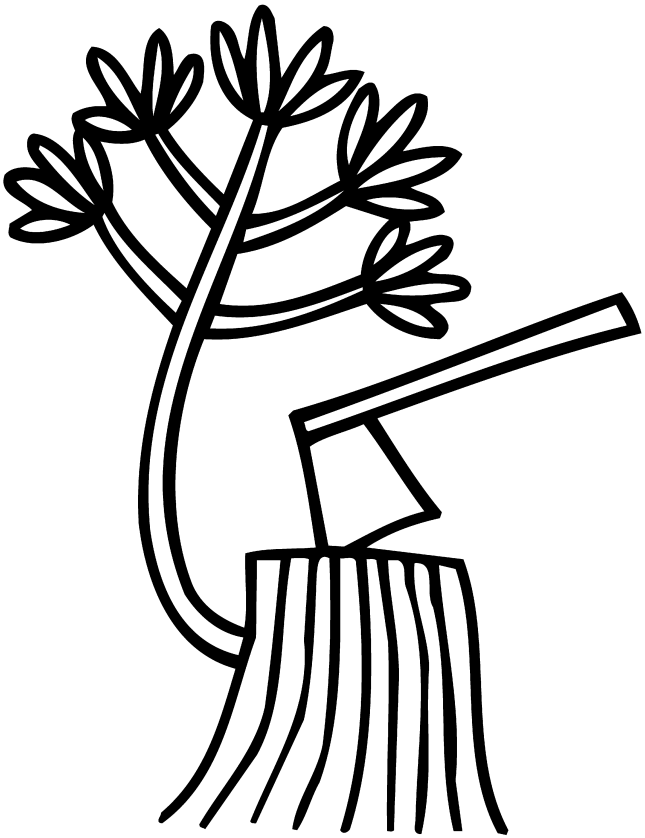
December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Statement of Welcome

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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WORSHIP NOTES

+ Please sign the white card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before Holy Communion.
+ The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
+ Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
+ Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a "Pray Space" under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
+ If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
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Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Tor K. Berg
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Lector	Susan Berg	Camera Tech	Derrick StaRosa
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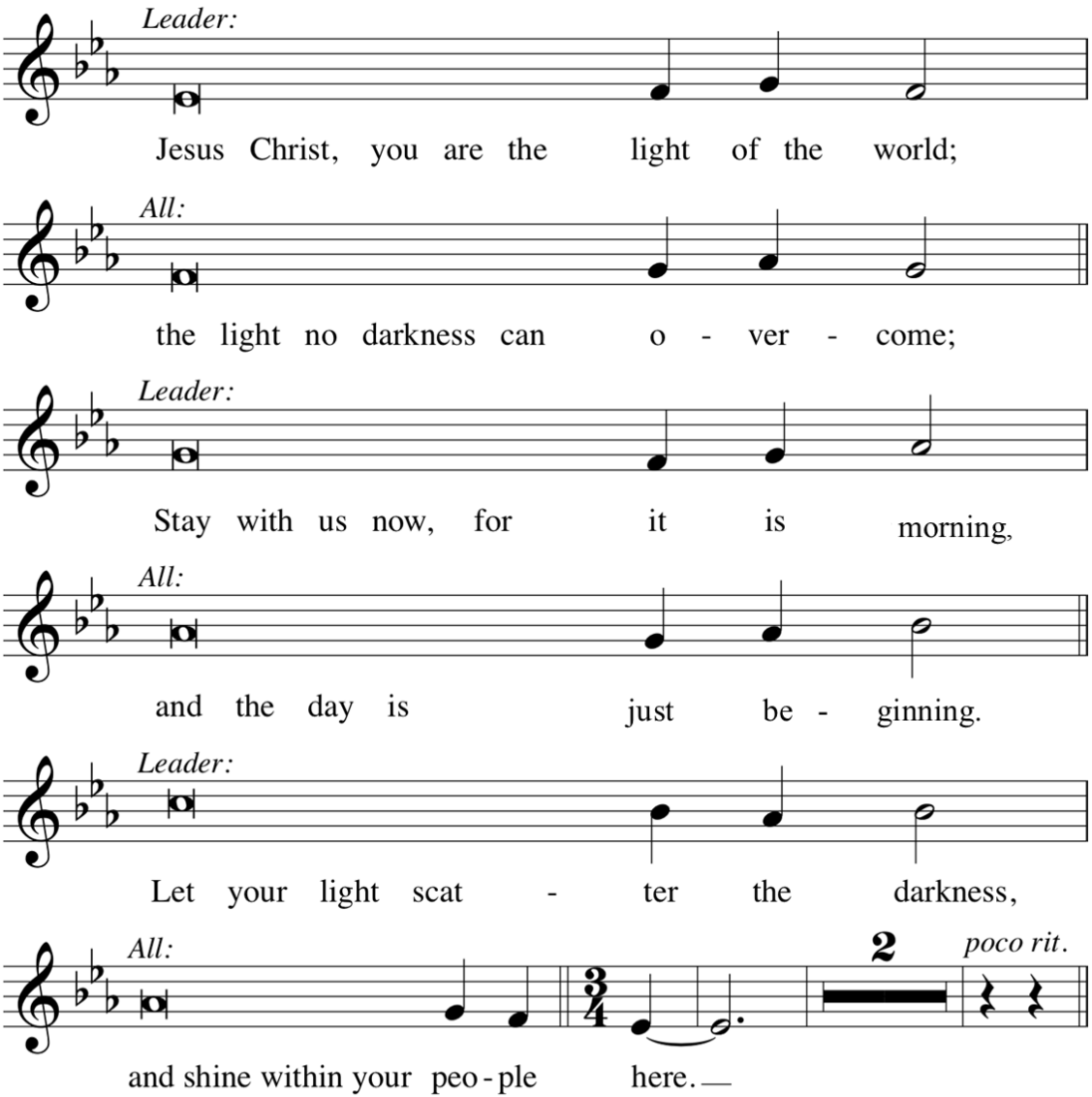
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: ***Mary, Did You Know?. Greens and Lowery***

WELCOME

GATHERING RITE: ***Holden Service of Light***



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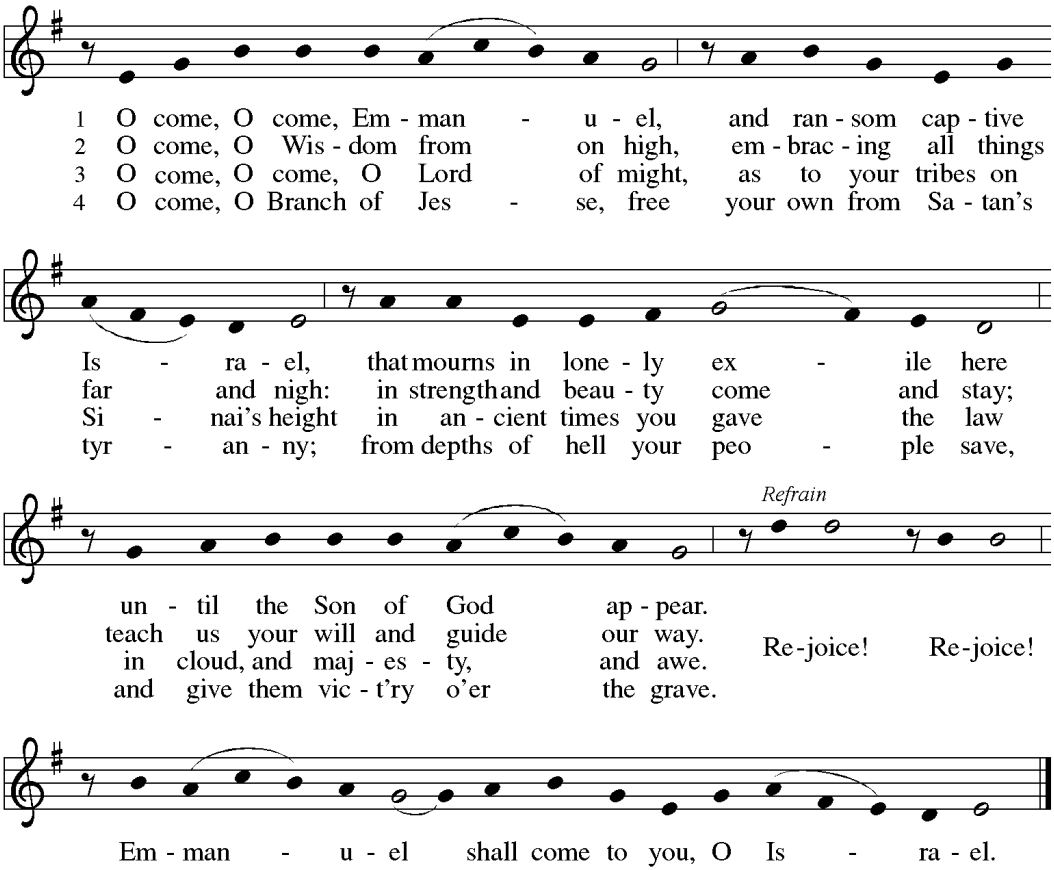
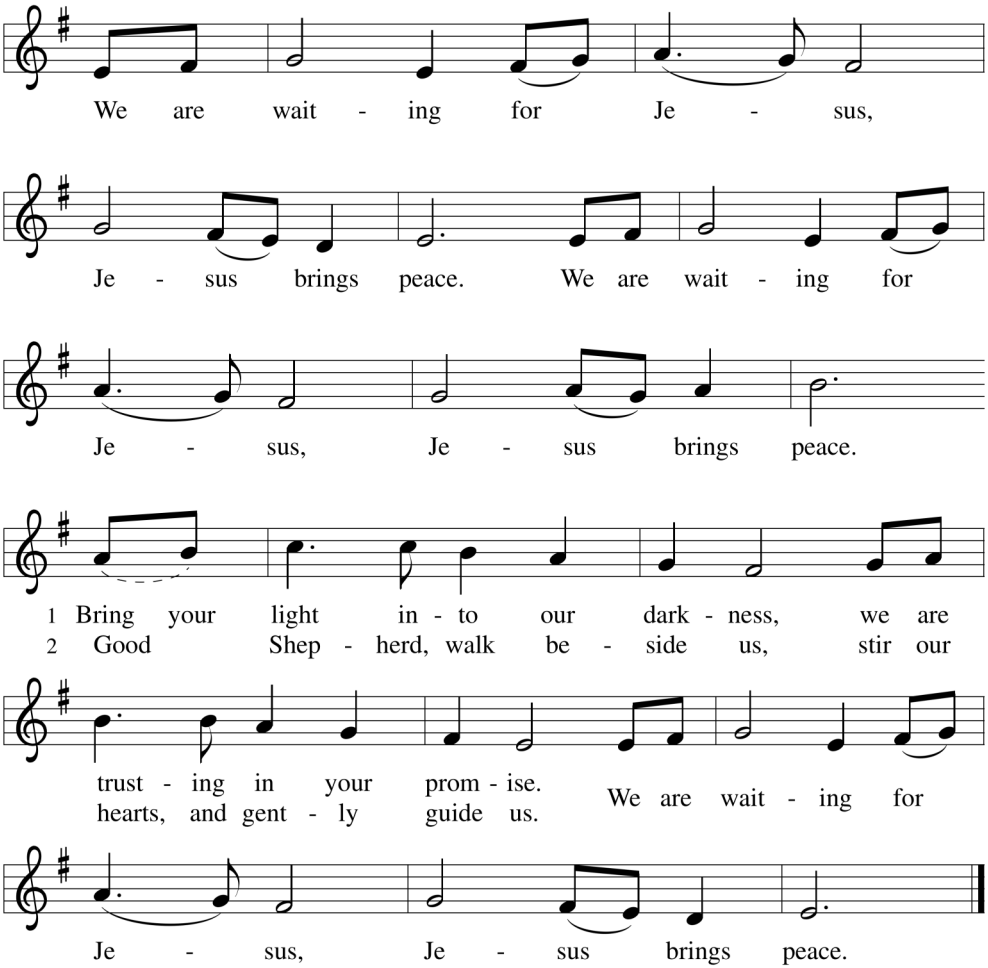
GATHERING SONG: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (ELW 257)



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: ***We Are Waiting for Jesus*** **(MSB2 S543)**



ANTHEM: ***Come to Set Us Free (Bernadette Farrell)***

WORD

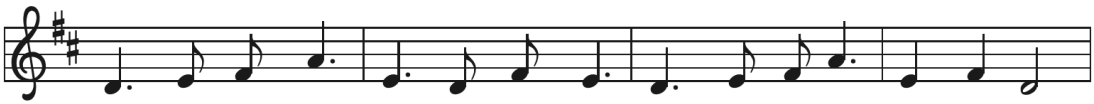
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

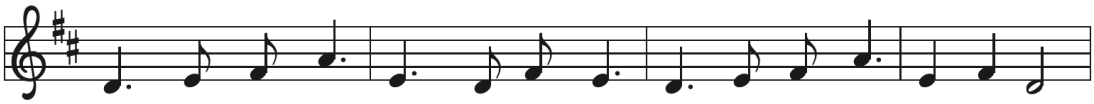
[1]Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
[2]**that he may rule your people righteously**
and the poor with justice;
[3]that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

4 **Let him defend the needy among the people,**
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
6 **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,**
like showers that water the earth.
7 In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
18 **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;**
you alone do wondrous deeds!
19 And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- men. Amen.

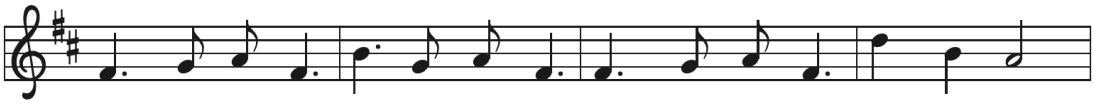
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (ACS 901)***



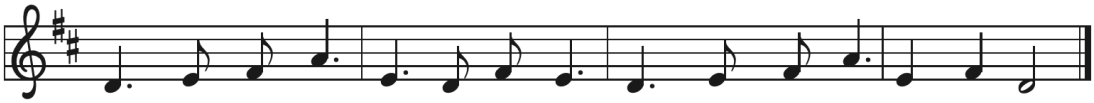
1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with-in:
Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn-ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav-en's em - ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

[1]In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea,
proclaiming, [2]"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." [3]This is the
one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.' "

[4]Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist,
and his food was locusts and wild honey. [5]Then the people of Jerusalem and
all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, [6]and
they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

[7]But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he
said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to
come? [8]Bear fruit worthy of repentance. [9]Do not presume to say to yourselves,
'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these
stones to raise up children to Abraham. [10]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.

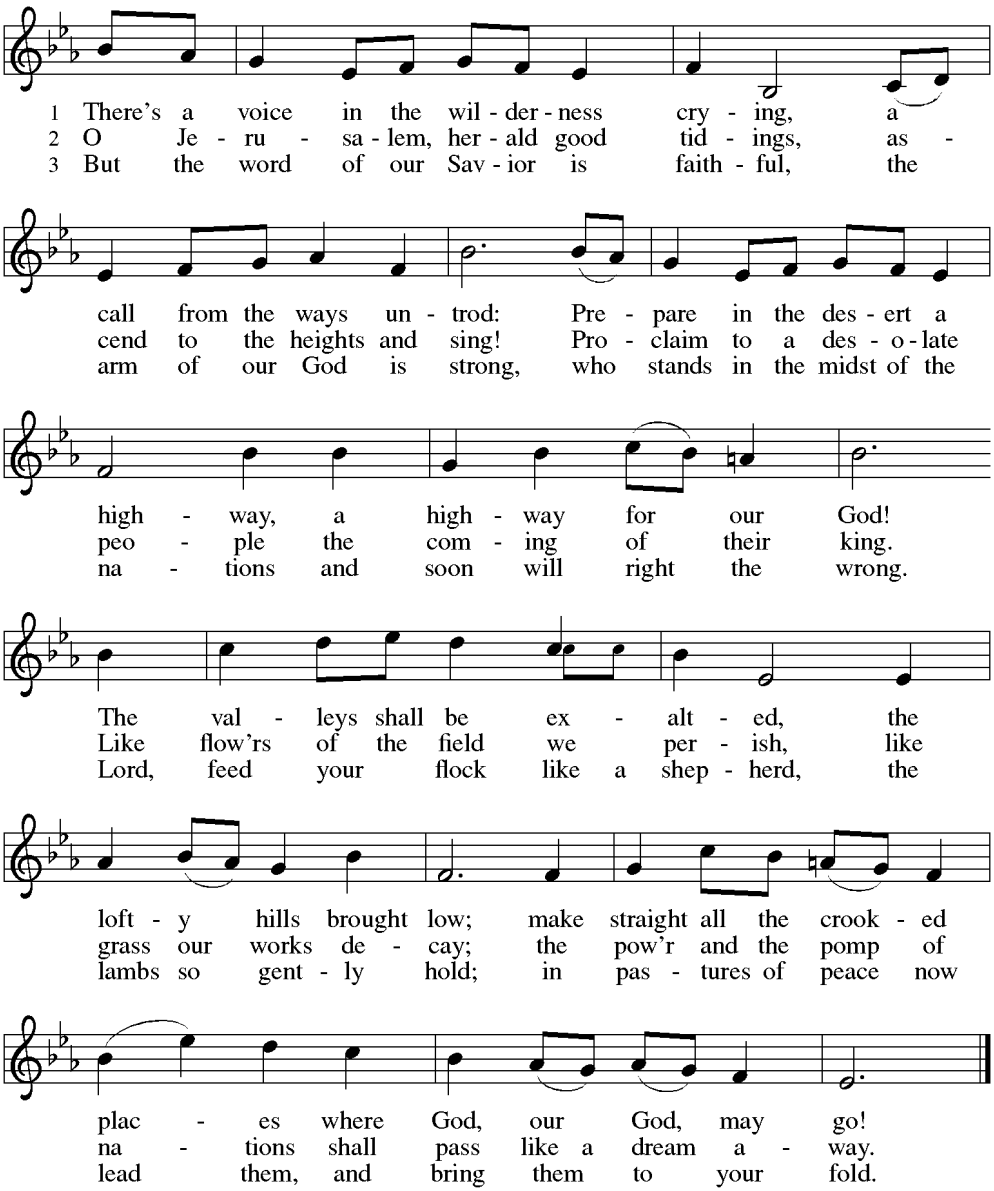
[11]"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful
than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. [12]His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he
will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but
the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Word of God.
Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***There's a Voice in the Wilderness*** **(ELW 255)**



TIME FOR PRAYERS AND CONFESSION: *This year for the Season of Advent we are adding to worship an experiential rite. Instead of reciting words of prayer and confession we are asking worshippers to move about the sanctuary to three stations in any order.*

- *One station will be a place to offer prayers for the world, our community or ourselves by writing the prayer on a slip of paper and rolling it up and placing it in the net.*
- *Another station will have candles you are asked to light after giving confession, either by reading the confession at the station or offering our own silent confession.*
- *The last station is at the baptismal font where you are asked to make a statement of faith then placing a stone in the water.*

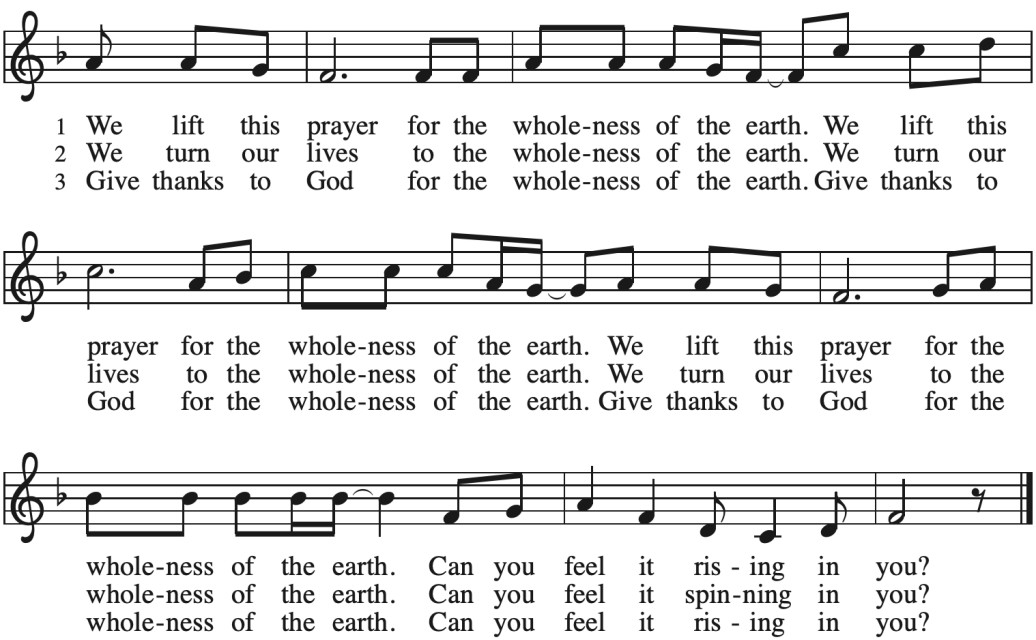
While we move about the sanctuary there will be special music playing. Please feel free to participate as you wish. Some may desire to remain seated and offer their own silent words.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: ***The Cherry Tree Carol, Appalachian***

OFFERING: ***For the Wholeness of the Earth*** **(ACS 1067)**



OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

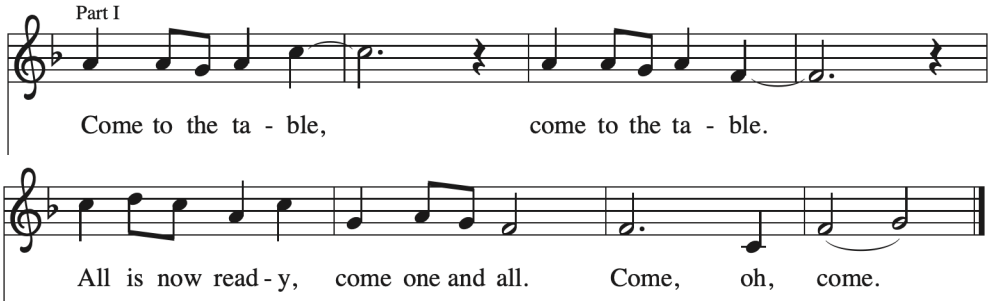
***COMMUNION**: We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire a gluten-free option, that is available. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

***WHO MAY COMMUNE?** All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.*

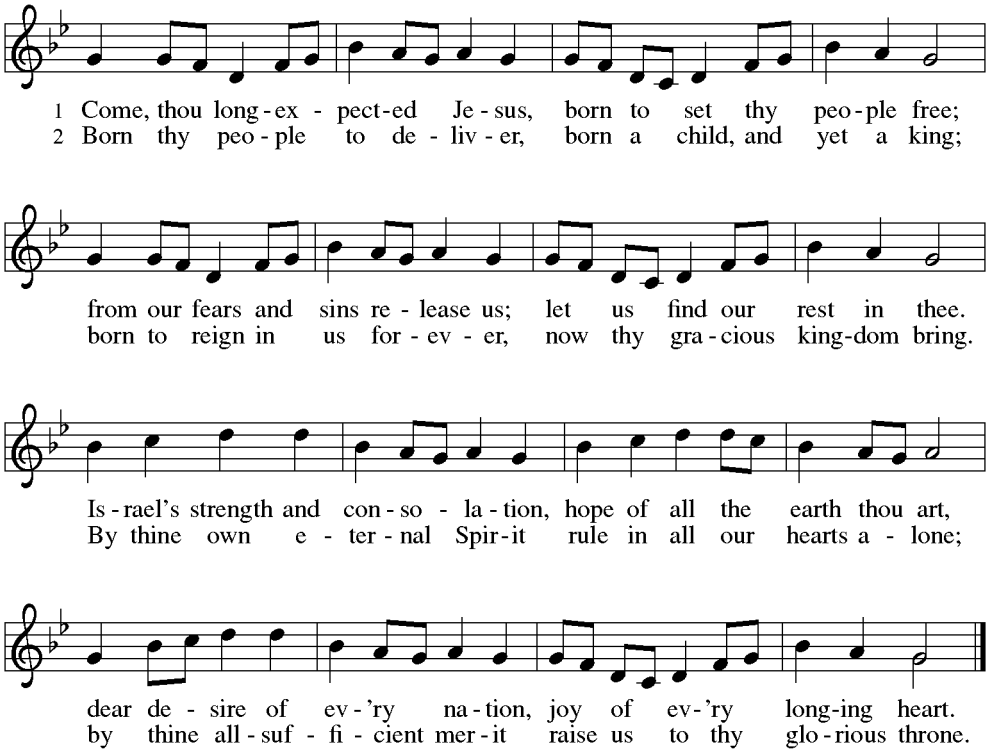
***DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION**: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.*

COMMUNION
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONGS: *Come to the Table* (ACS 961)



Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)



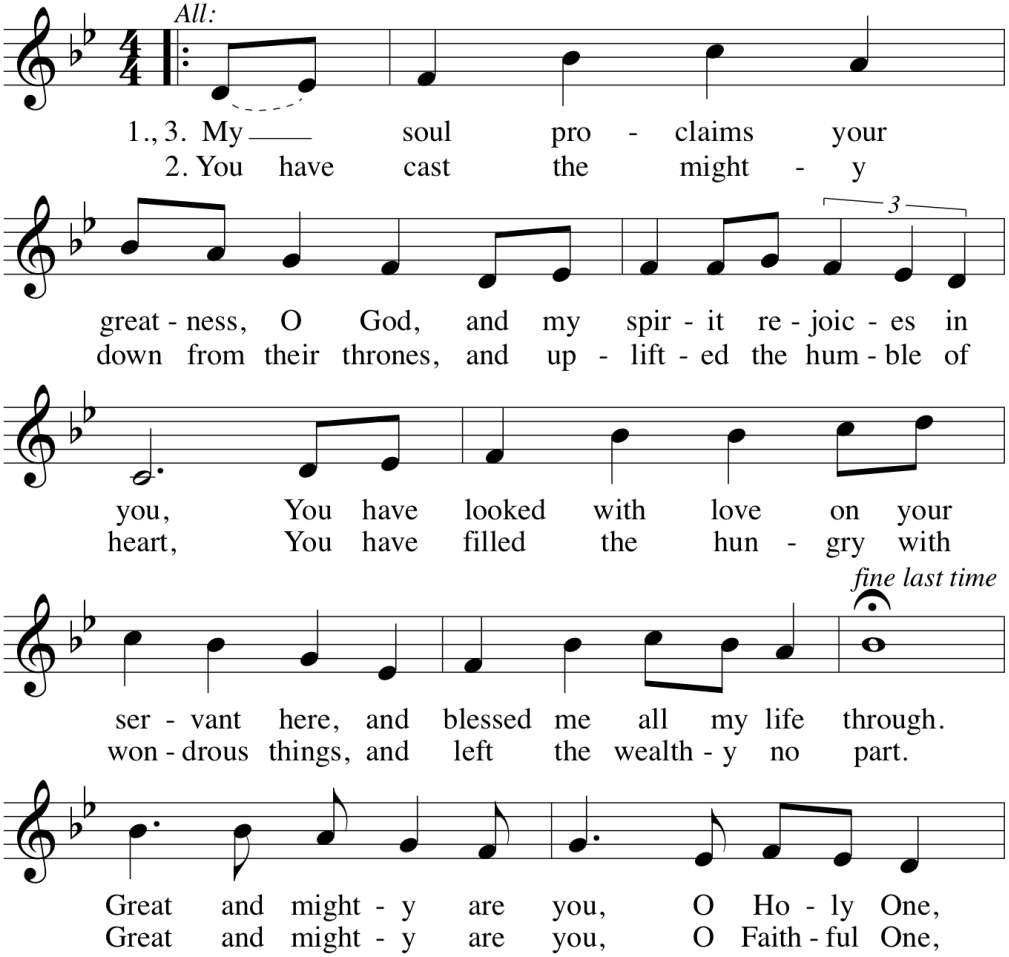
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

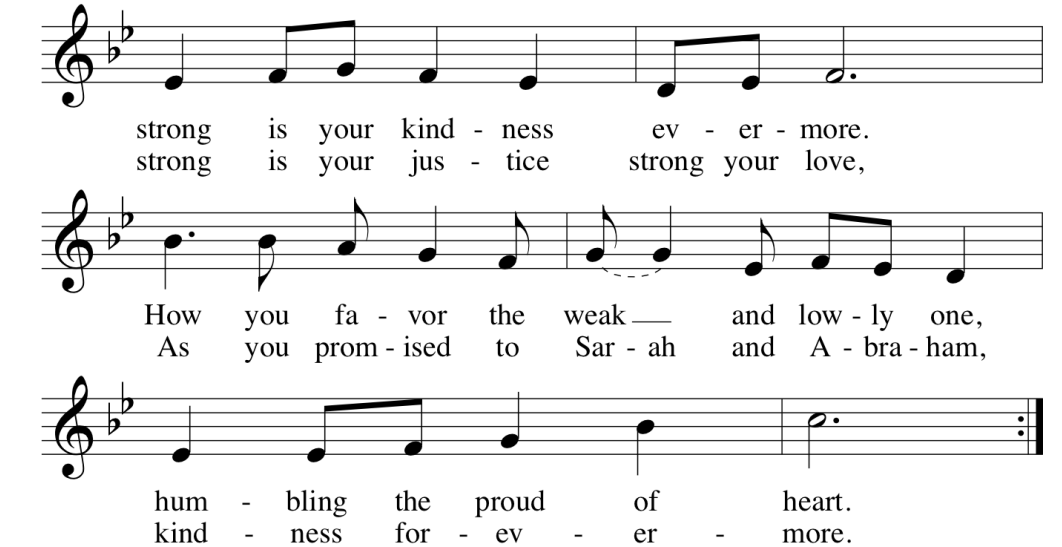
Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Annunciation/Magnificat

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, “Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name will be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High.” And Mary said, “I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will.” (immediately to “The Magnificat”)



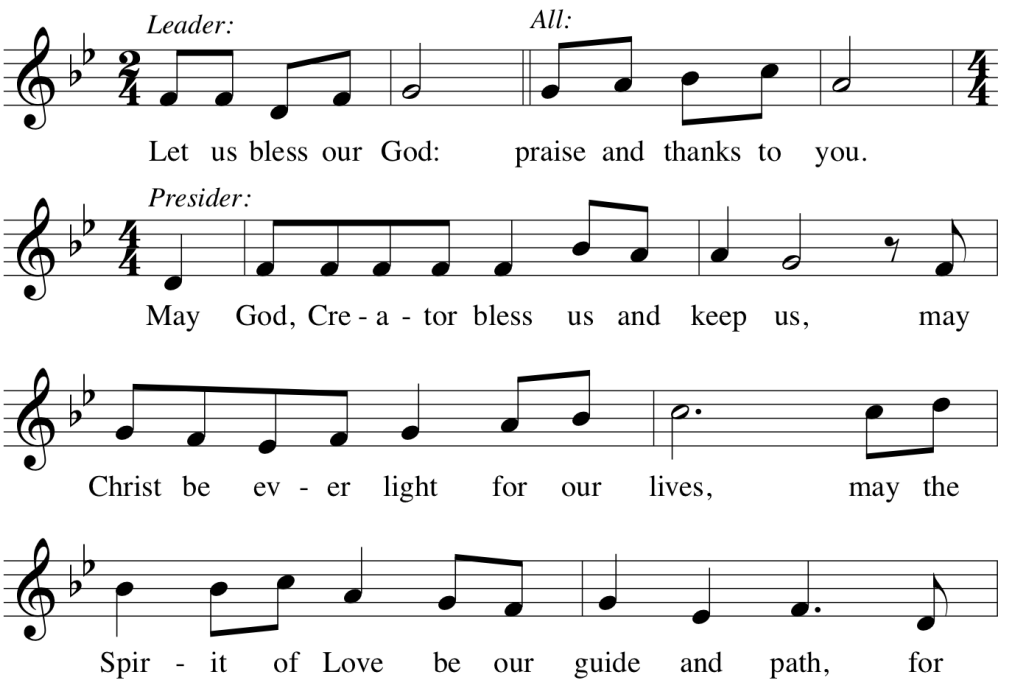


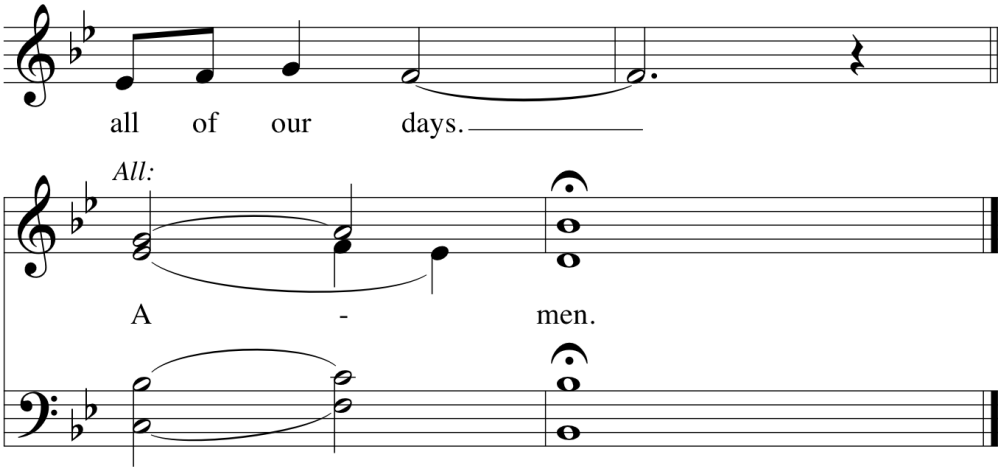
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

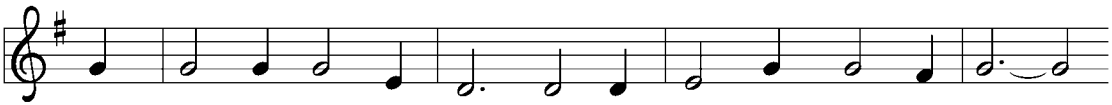
ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLDEN BLESSING

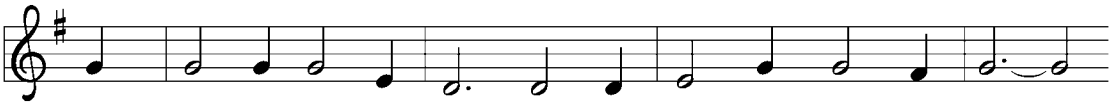




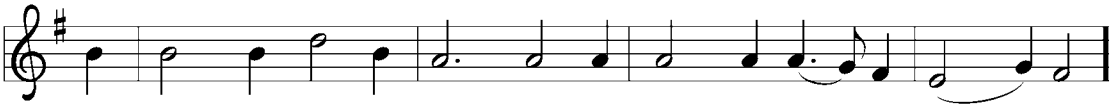
SENDING SONG: *Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW 264)



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.

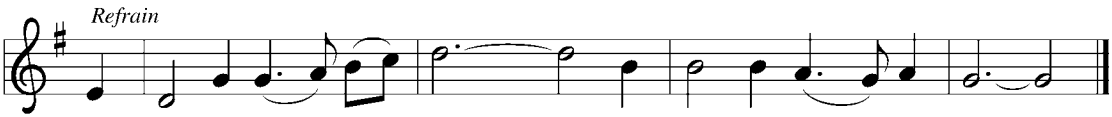


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



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!

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, December 4
2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30 am **Worship**
9:45 am Christian Education for all ages!
11:00 am **Worship**

Monday, December 5
9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool
12:00 pm Staff Meeting
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Tuesday, December 6
9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Lectionary
12:15 am 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
12;30 pm Preschool Chapel
3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline
6:00 pm Building & Property Committee
7:00 pm IT/Communications Meeting

Wednesday, December 7
9:00 am 4 Year Old Preschool
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Thursday, December 8
9 am FLC Quilters
3 Year Old Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 9
9:00 am 3 year Old Preschool

Saturday, December 10

Sunday, December 11
3rd Sunday of Advent
8:30 am **Worship**
9:45 am Christian Education for all ages!
11:00 am **Worship**
3:00 pm **FLC Christmas Concert—All Are Welcome!**

In Our Prayers

Our Ministry Partners:
Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

Those living with cancer:
Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Sonja** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Rene Baker** (member), **Mark** (Dick Boyce' son), **Marianne** (Emily Curcio's friend), **Jocelyn Carberry** (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), **Lisa** (Steve Coble's sister), **Dan** (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Jessica Hockstedler** (member), **Evelyn** (Marilyn Iverson's friend), **Dana** (Barb & Tim Theime's friend), **Bonita** (Kathy Chester's friend), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Linda** (Kristi & Katie Pyne's sister-in-law and aunt), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Jim** (Hendricks' family friend), **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), **Diane Mackey** (Del Benson's friend), **Karen** (Nora Strothman's cousin), **Darlene** (Andrea Faubion's mother).

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:
Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), **Kurt** (Stephanie Almeida's father), **Don** (Almeida family friend), **Kathy** (Almeida family friend, **Jan Anderson** (member), **Jenny Ashford (**Debbie & Darryl Lageson's daughter), **Jay Arndtson** (member), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Randy** (Chris Martin's friend), **Ulrike** & **Wilhelm** (Ho Brown's neice and great-nephew), **Leanne** (Krista Daniels' sister), **Rose** (Ho Brown's sister), **Elizabeth** (Jane King's friend), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Carol Jo** (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), **Cathy** (Paul Desilet's mother), **Ruby** (Christy Freriks' grandmother), **Rachael** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Steve** (Del Benson's friend), **Loa** (Karen Thomas' friend), **Mark Hatlen** (member), **Axton** (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), **Jane King** (member), **Albert** (Chris Martin's friend), **Jana** (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), **Emma** (Leon Romaniuk's daughter), **Andy** (Vickie Shanks' friend), **Donnabel** (Derrick StaRosa's sister), **Hildur O'Connor** (member), **Lola** (Bob Berg's aunt), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **Tracy** (Linda Siebert's friend), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Christopher** (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend), **Melanie Veazey** (member).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:
Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Mavis Carlson** (member), **Trudy Eichelsdoerfer** (member), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Marlys Helgeland** (member), **Jane King** (members), **Greta Nelson** (member), **Lillian & Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Jacquie Stoll** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother).

Those Serving Our Country:
AIR FORCE: Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

ARMY:

MARINES:

NAVY: Christopher Whipple (Carolyn Whipple's son)

We are honored to be able to pray for your family members in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.

December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent
Psalm 146:5-10; Matthew 12:1-11 John asks the question 'are you the one?"

Weekly Financial Report

November 27, 2022 Attendance: in person: 54 Zoom: 9

November 20 & 27, 2022 General Offerings: $15,516 **Capital Improvement: $5,050**

General Offerings Needed Each Week: $10,939

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SERMON NOTES

What caught my attention:

What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?

I think the title of the sermon should be:

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God's work. Our hands.