Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022
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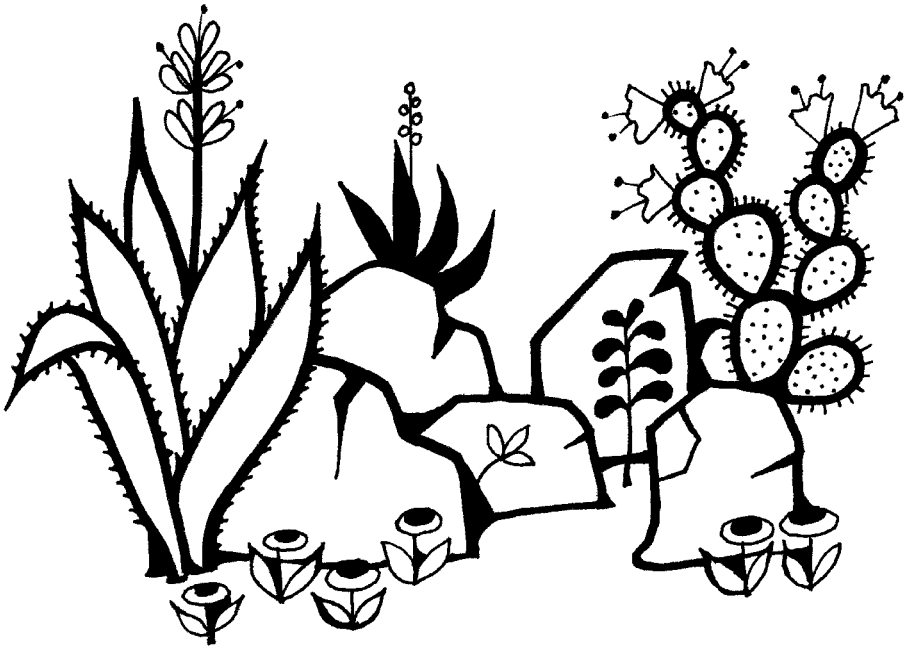

First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

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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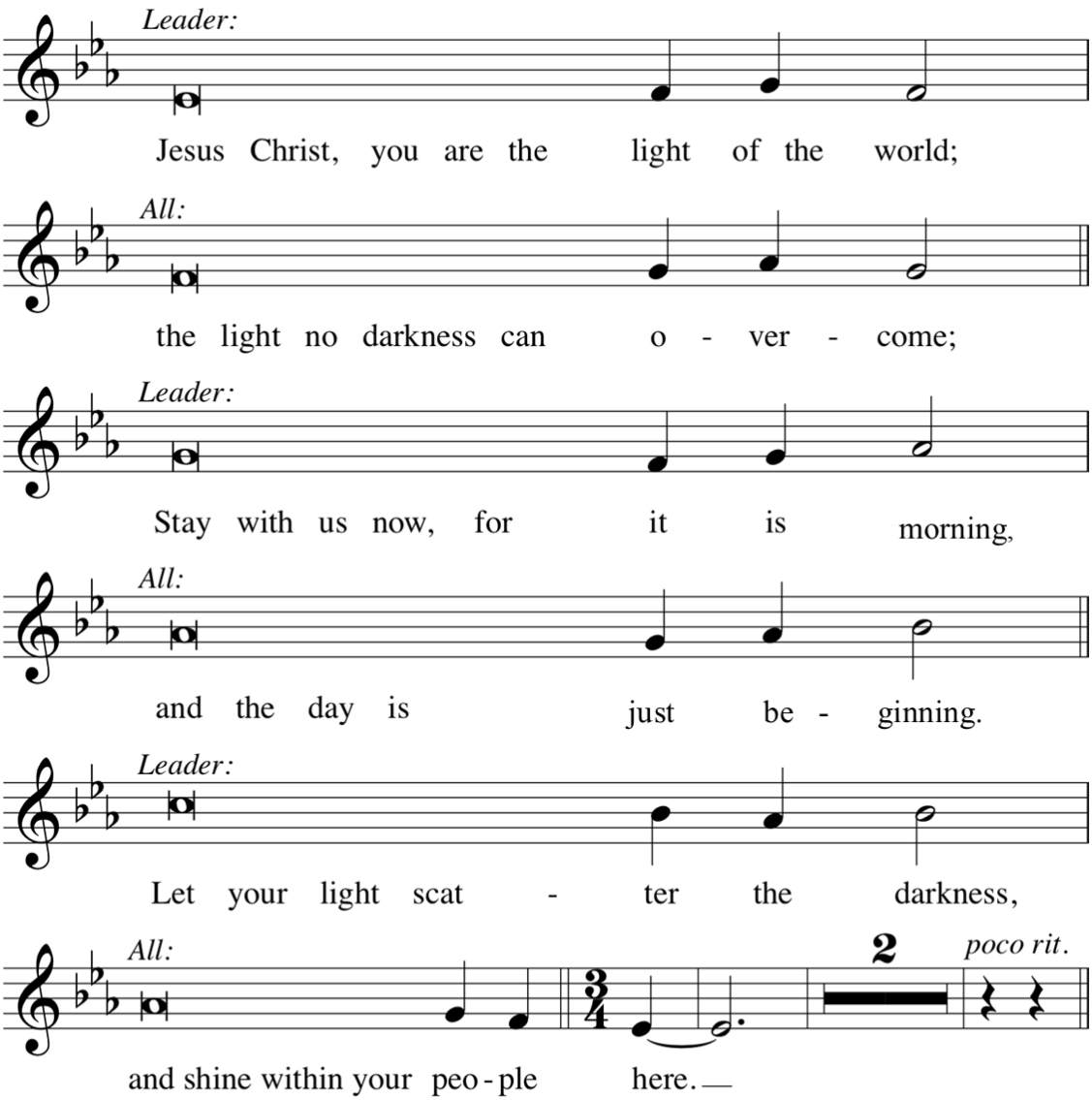
GATHERING

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

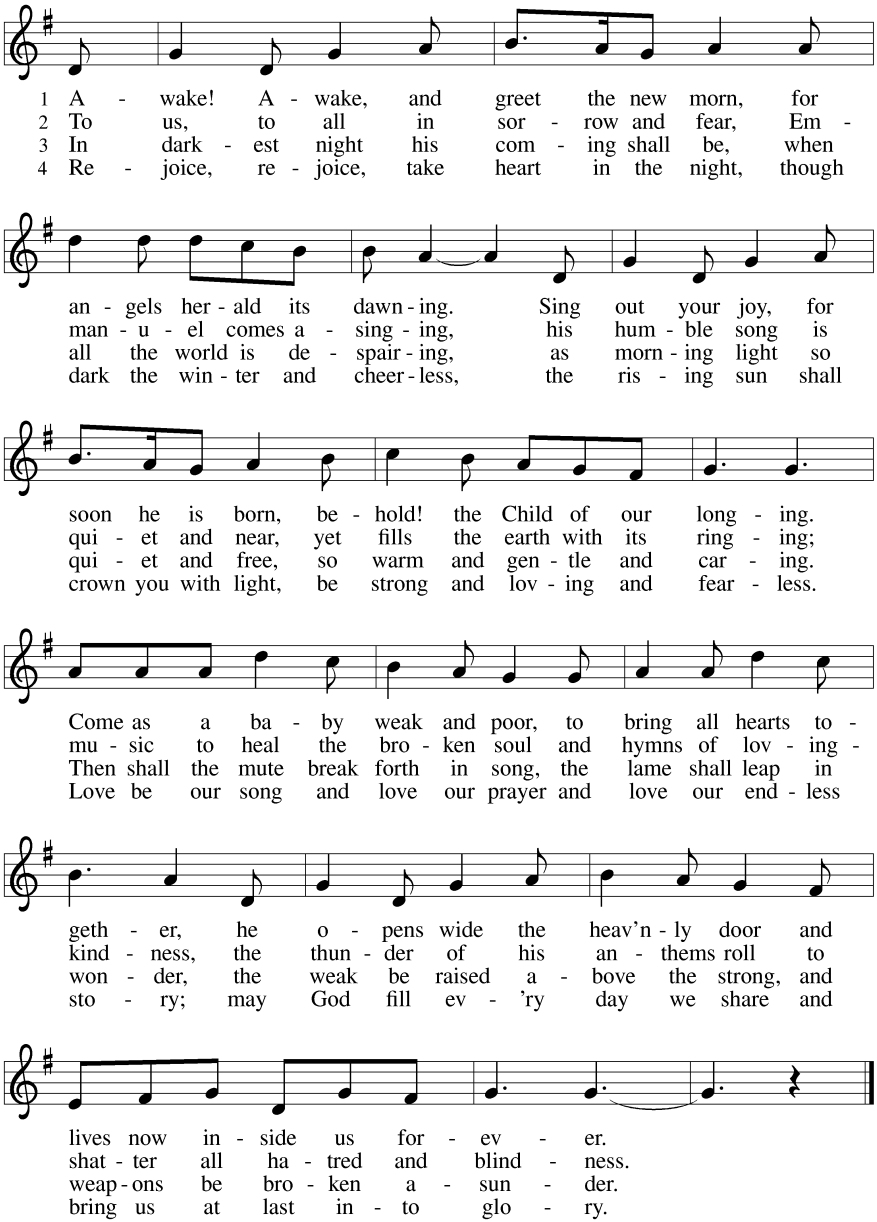
PRELUDE: ***Savior of the Nations, Come (J.S. Bach)***

WELCOME

GATHERING RITE



GATHERING SONG: *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* (ELW 242)

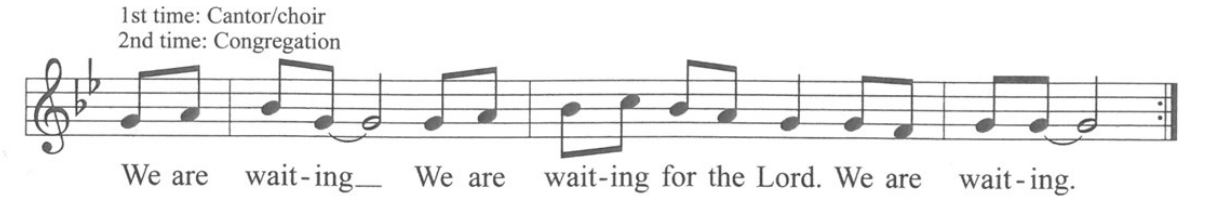


GREETING

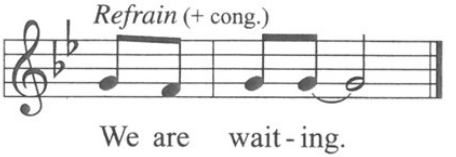
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.
Stir up 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.

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH:



Week 3 Free your people from the grave;
come, Lord Jesus, come and save. We are waiting.
Oh come, oh, come, Emmanuel. We are waiting.
And ransom captive Israel. We are waiting for the Lord.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. We are waiting. *Refrain*



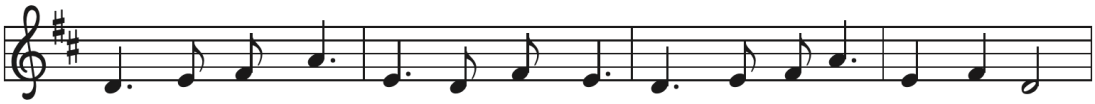
ANTHEM: ***As the Dark Awaits the Dawn (C. Schalk)***

WORD

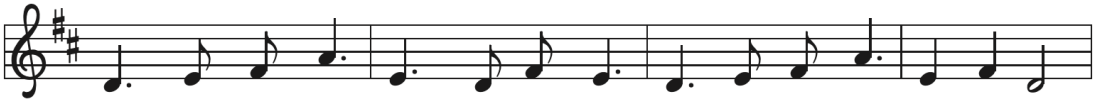
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10
5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;
6 **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**
7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.
8 **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD[l] loves the righteous.**
9 The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
10 **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

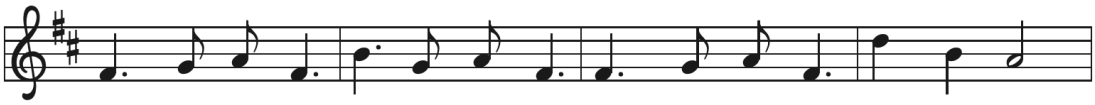
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*** **(ACS 901)**



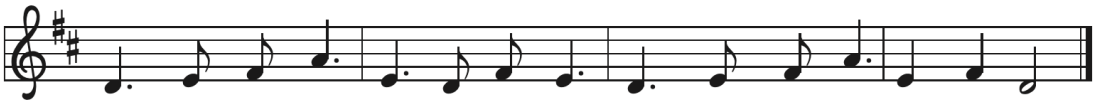
1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,



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 11:2-11

[2]When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples [3]and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

[4]Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: [5]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. [6]And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

[7]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? [8]What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those

who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. [9]What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. [10]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.’

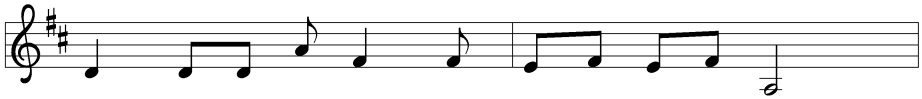
[11]Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Word of God.
Word of life.

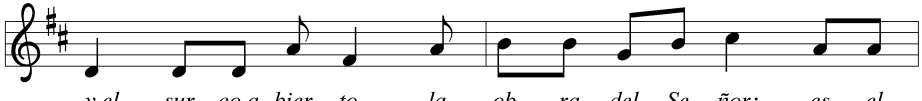
CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

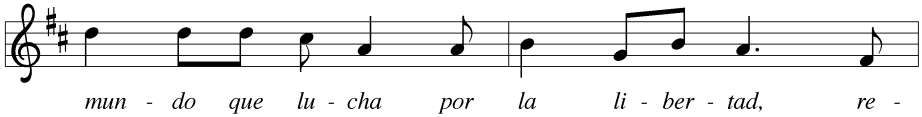
HYMN OF THE DAY: *All Earth Is Hopeful* (ELW 266)



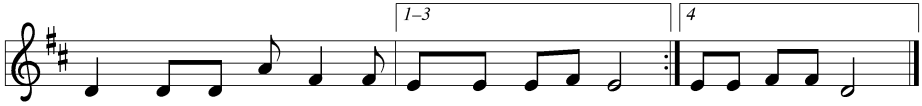
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra_al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y_el sur - co_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God’s cre - a - tive task: this, the
“A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el”; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, “God with us,” our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
God’s truth and jus - tice set ev - ’ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - ’ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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.

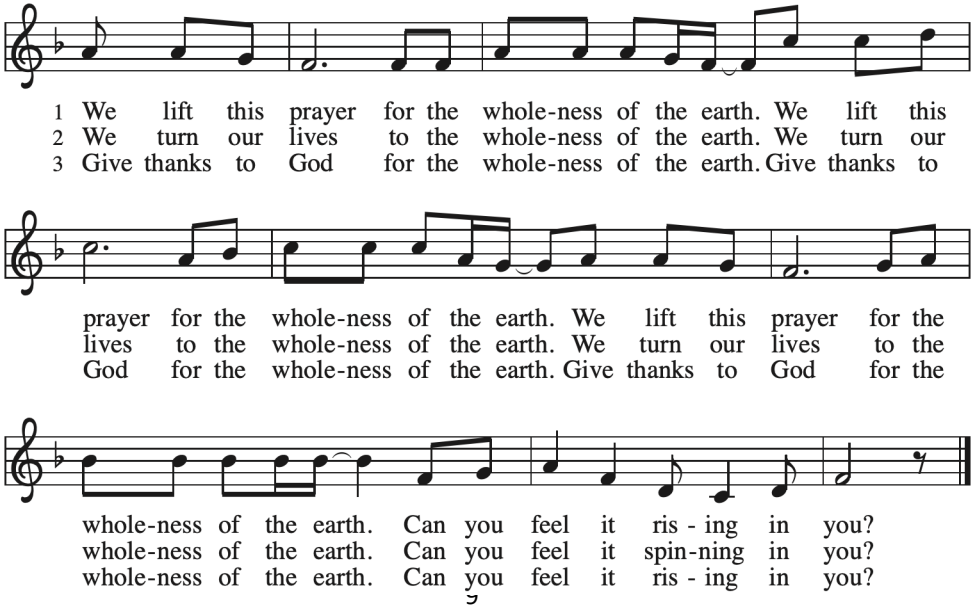
While we move about the sanctuary there will be special music playing. Please feel free to participate as you wish. Some may desire to remain seated and offer their own silent words.

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

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: ***Es ist ein Ros, Arr. L. Dengler***

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.

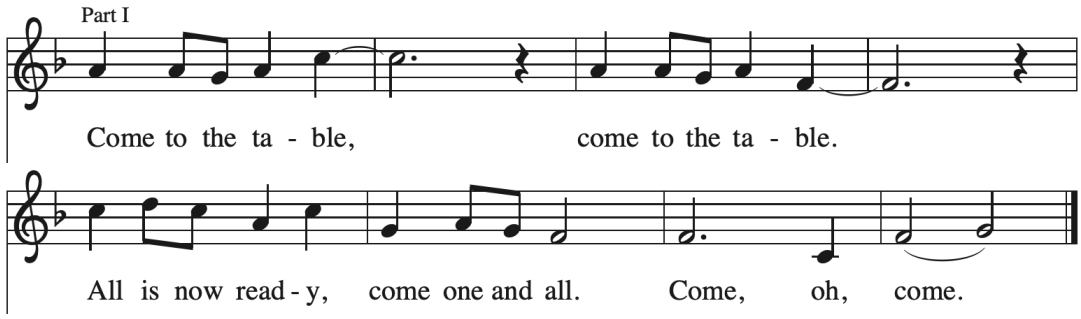
***COMMUNION**: We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire a gluten-free option, that is available. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ,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

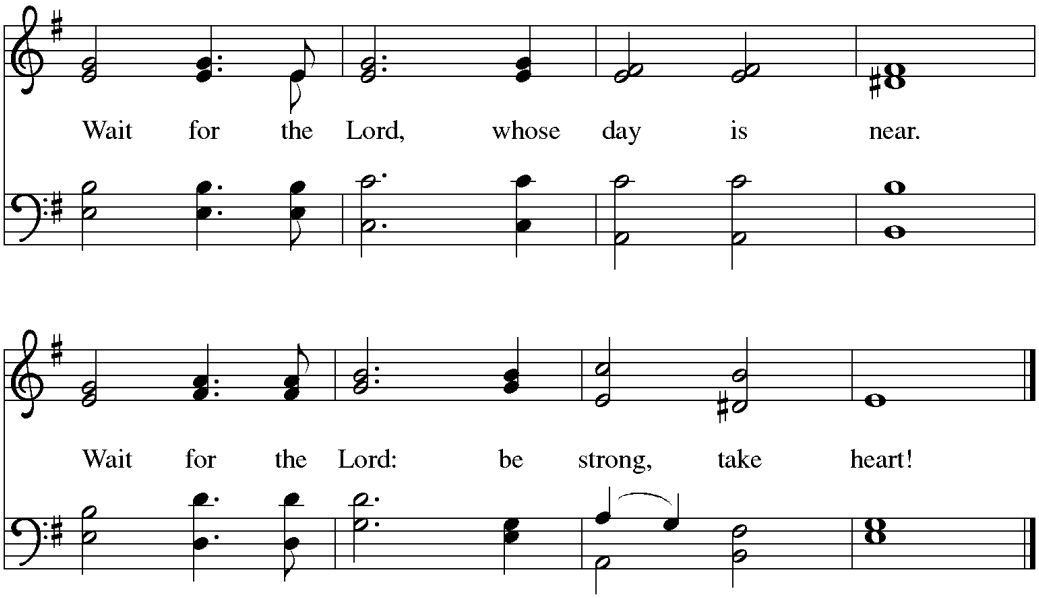
***DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION**: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down*

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

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



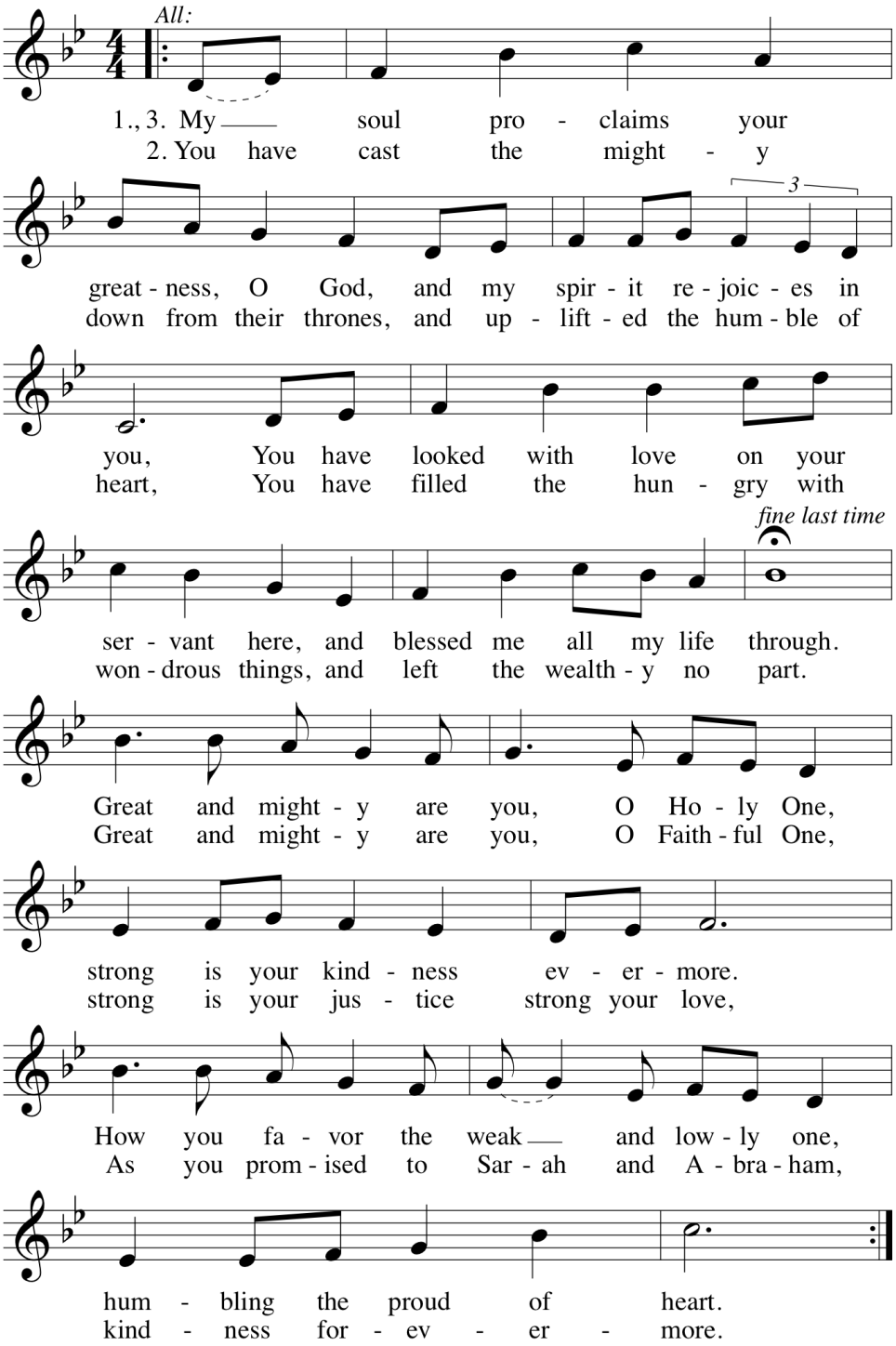
***Wait for the Lord* (ELW 262)**



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")*

THE MAGNIFICAT

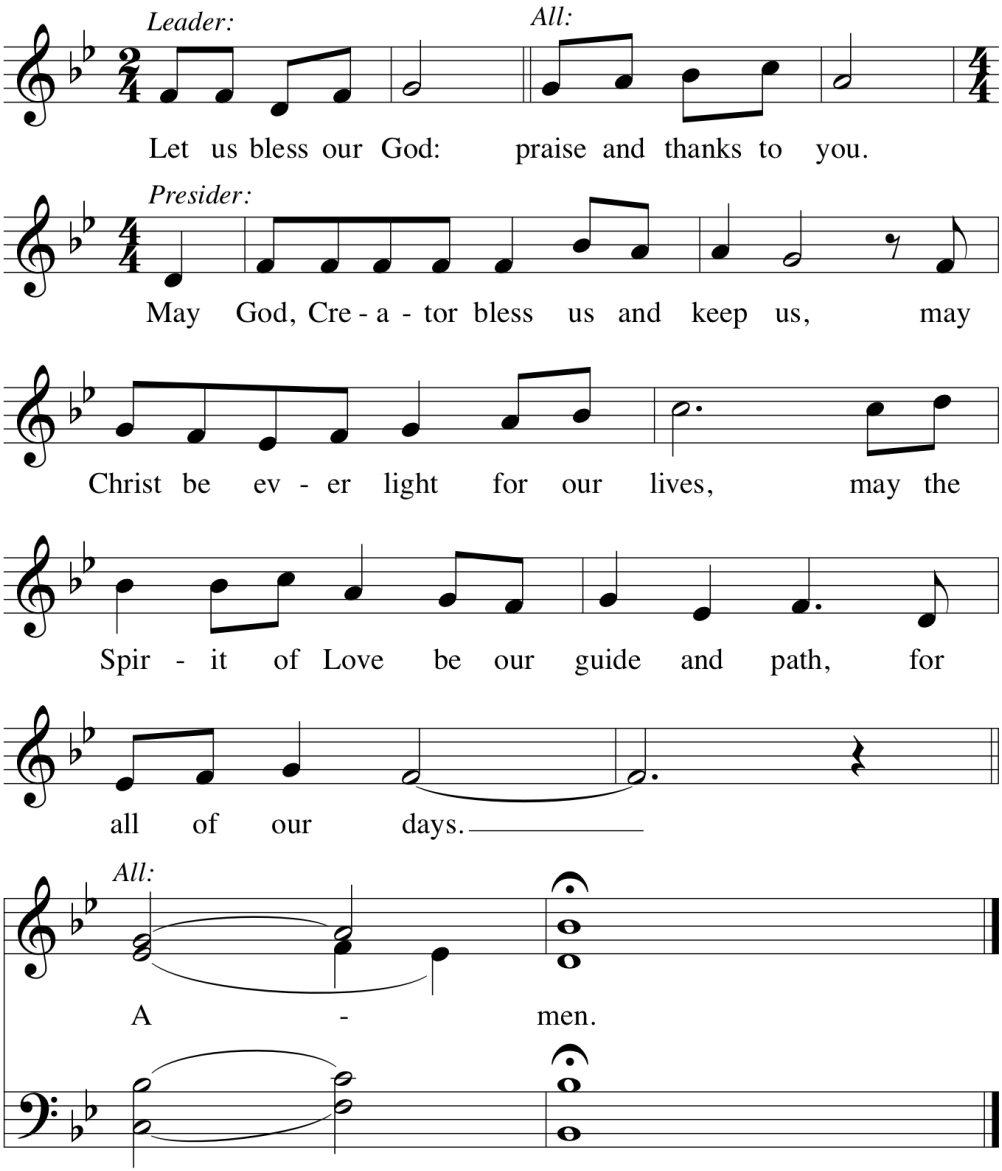


SENDING

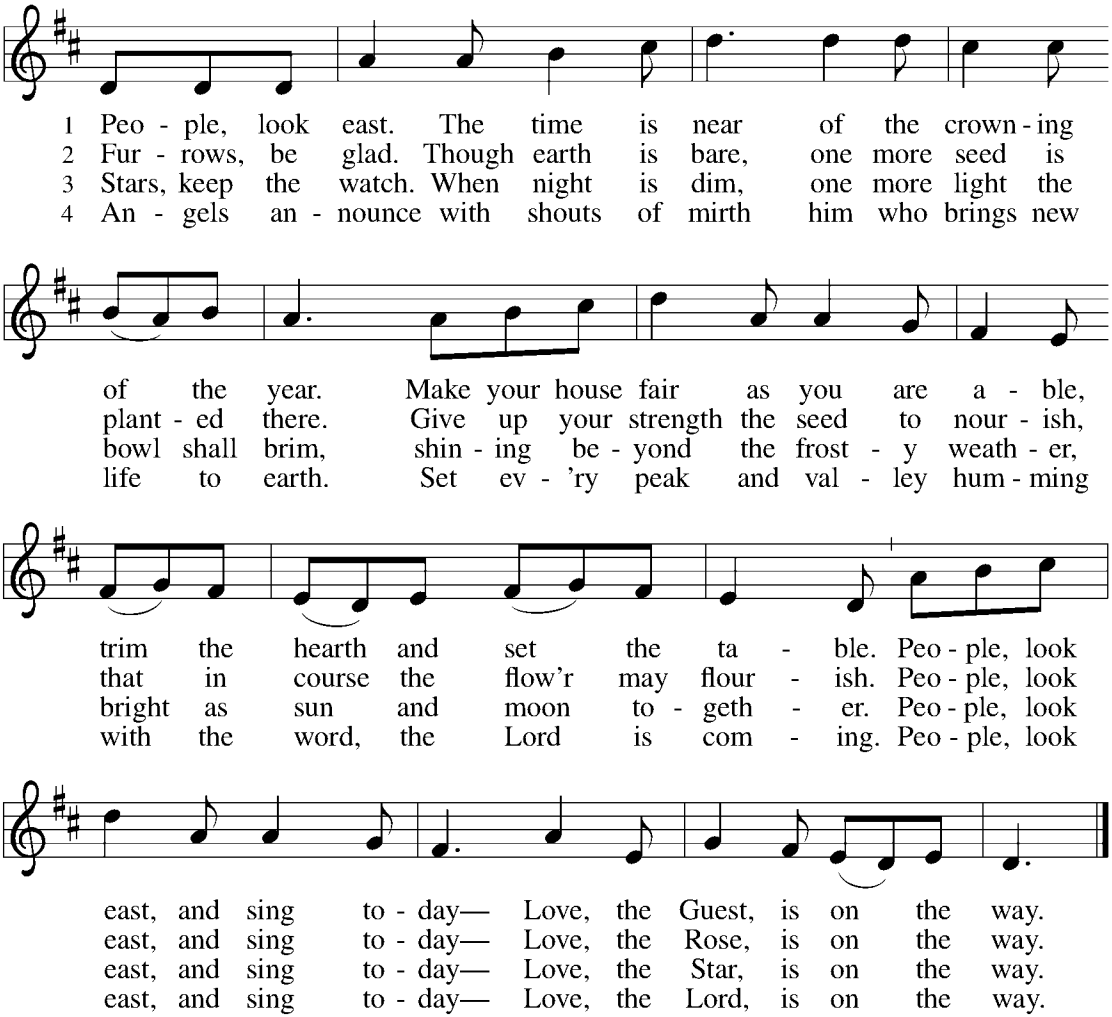
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLDEN BLESSING



SENDING SONG: ***People, Look East (ELW 248)***



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

POSTLUDE: ***Savior of the Nations, Come (A. Vetter)***

INFORMATION For the Week!

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!**

Monday, December 12

9:00 am	4 Year Old Preschool
100:00 am	Widows Support Group
12:00 pm	Staff Meeting
12:15 pm	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Tuesday, December 13

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
7:00 pm	Finance Committee

Wednesday, December 14

9:00 am	4 Year Old Preschool
10:00 am	Deborah Circle
12:15 pm	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool

Thursday, December 15

9 am	FLC Quilters
	3 Year Old Preschool
9:15 am	Preschool Chapel
12:15 pm	4 & 5 Year old Preschool
6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 16

9:00 am	3 year Old Preschool

Saturday, December 17

9:00 am	Hannah Circle
	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
11:00 am	Kid's Time!

Sunday, December 18
4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	**Worship**
9:45 am	Christian Education for all ages!
11:00 am	**Worship with Children's Christmas Story Worship**
12:15	Christmas Caroling Party! ***All are Welcome!***
3:00 pm	Movie Review—***Inside the Mind of a Cat!*** **All are welcome!**

In Our Prayers

Prayers of Sympathy for Marilyn Arndtson and family in the death of her husband, Ove (Jay) on November 20th.

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), **Tim** (Beth & Gordy Phelps' friend), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Randy** (Chris Martin's friend), **Leanne** (Krista Daniels' 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), **David Shogren** (member), **Christopher** (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend).

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 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Matthew 1:18-25 God is Near at Hand

Weekly Financial Report

December 4, 2022 Attendance: in person:79 Zoom: 48

December 4, 2022 General Offerings: $9,893.35 Capital Improvement: $1,981.60

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.