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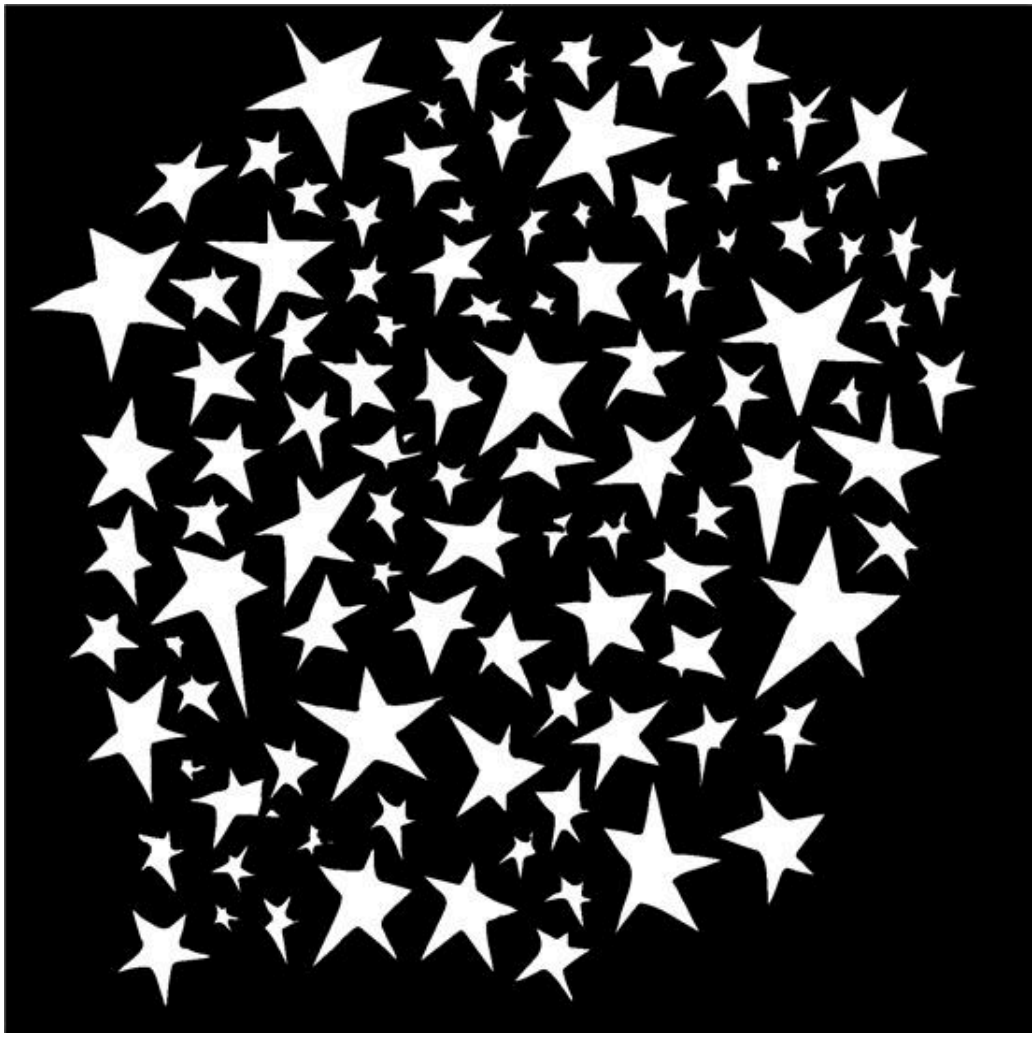


First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
8:30am – Livestream & In-person
11:00am – In-person

Holy Trinity is "Mask-Friendly" for all in-person activities. Whichever your preference regarding mask usage, you are welcome here. We celebrate an open table for Holy Communion. Please see the back page for more information. Please note that our 8:30am service is Livestreamed and broadcast on our YouTube channel.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministries is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Eno, Lumbee, Shakori, Skaruhreh/Tuscarora peoples, and we acknowledge their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have called and continue to call this land their home.

PRELUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 by J.S. Bach

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who calls out to the weary,
whose word endures forever.
Amen.

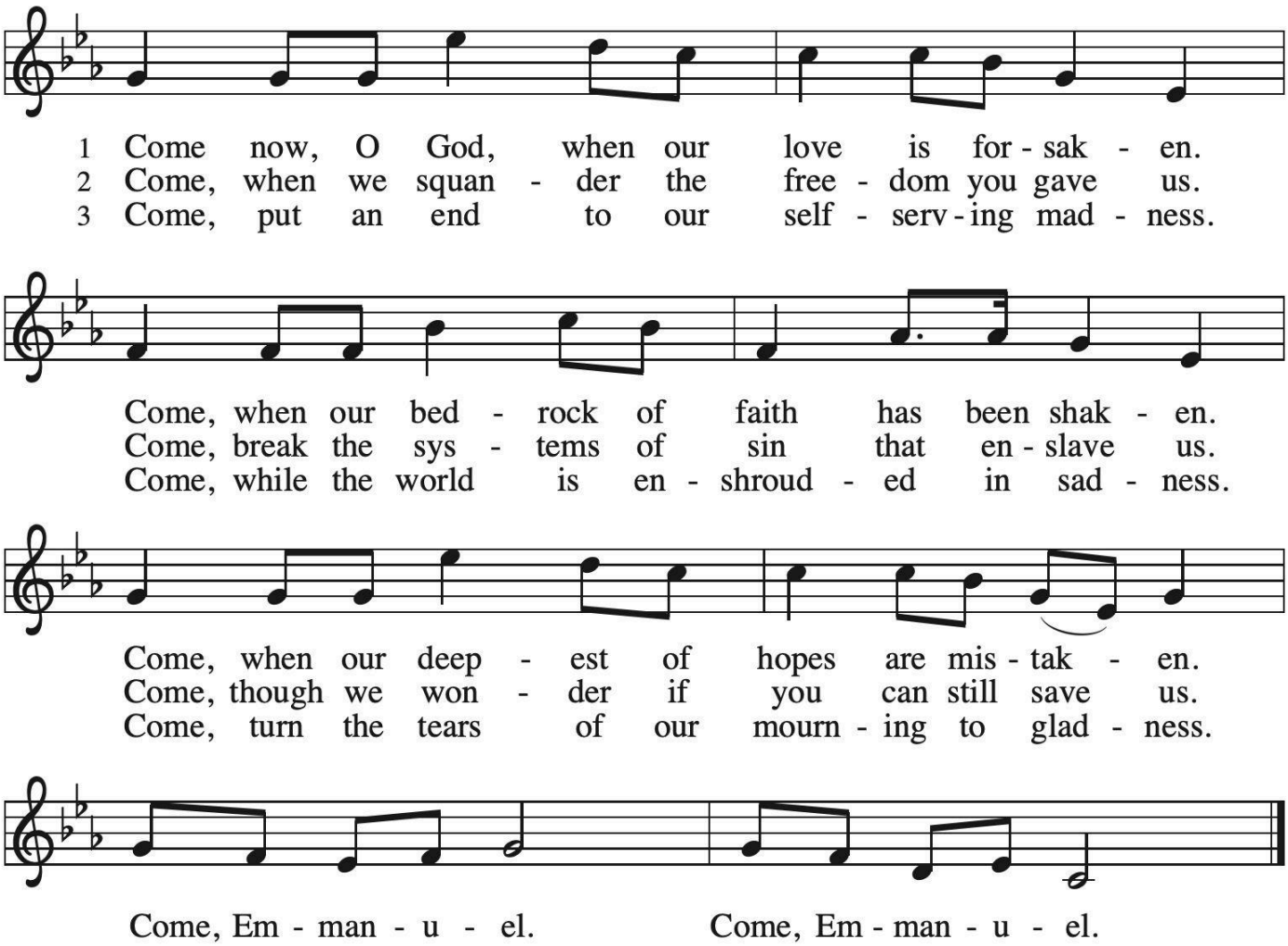
A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord!"
We are called to confess our sin
and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God,
we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothe us in your righteousness.
Amen.

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice in the Lord! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Come Now, O God ACS #902



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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.

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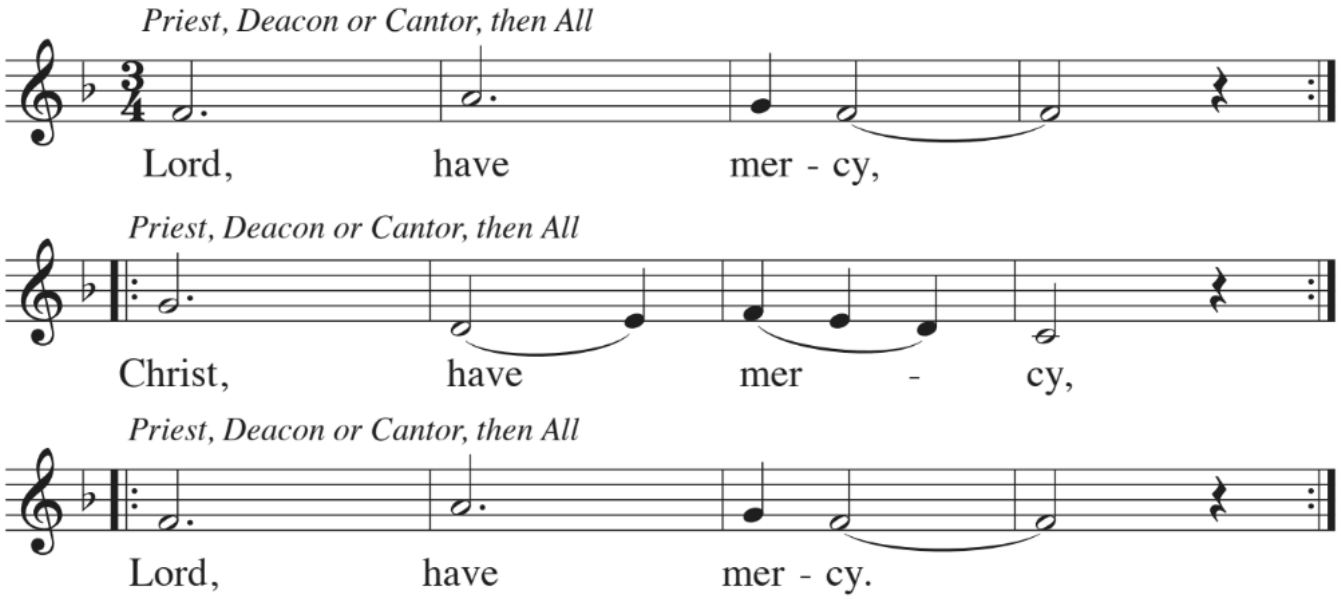


PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Still our hearts amid the chaos that surrounds us.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

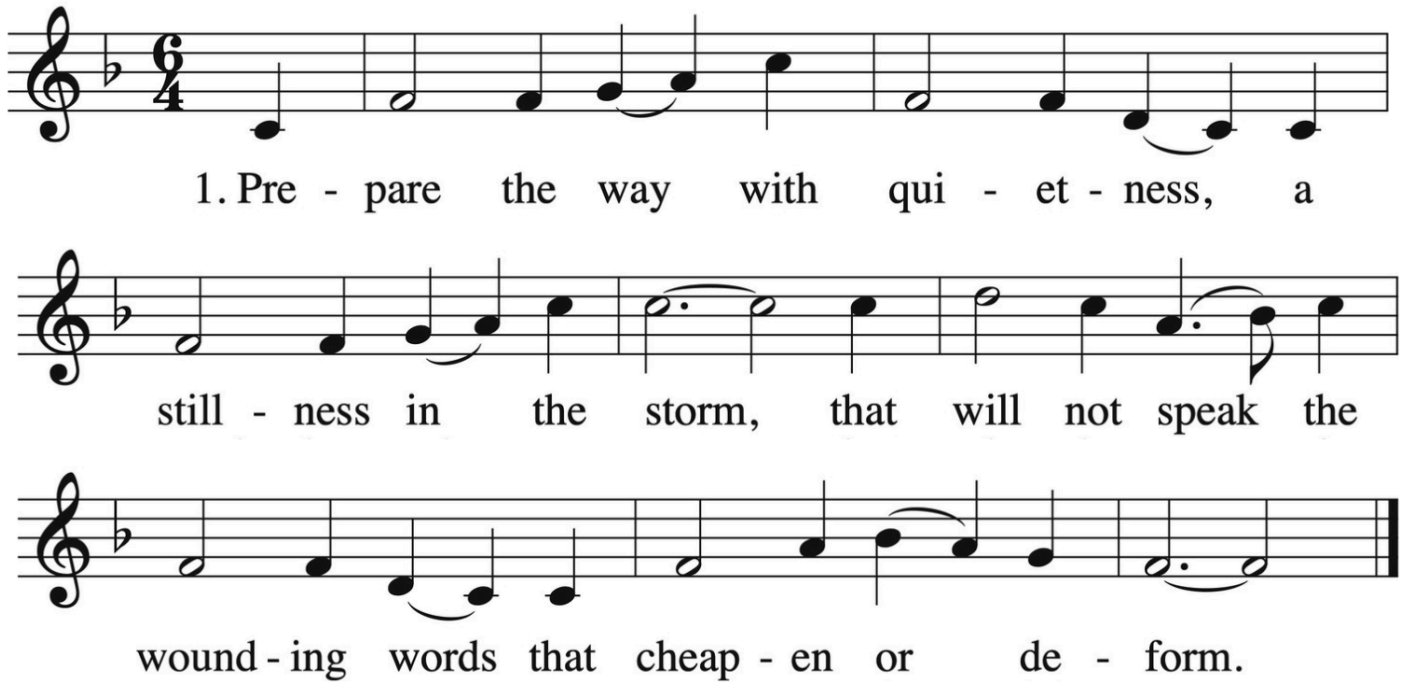
Restore us to right relationships with our neighbors.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Slow us down so we may see your face shining upon us.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

HYMN Prepare The Way With Quietness David Bjorlin



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Let us pray,
O God of light, as we light this candle, remind us of your call to "Keep awake." Keep us vigilant so we may witness both your mighty deeds and quiet presence. Help us seek your presence in the stillness. Ready our hearts to witness your love all around. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

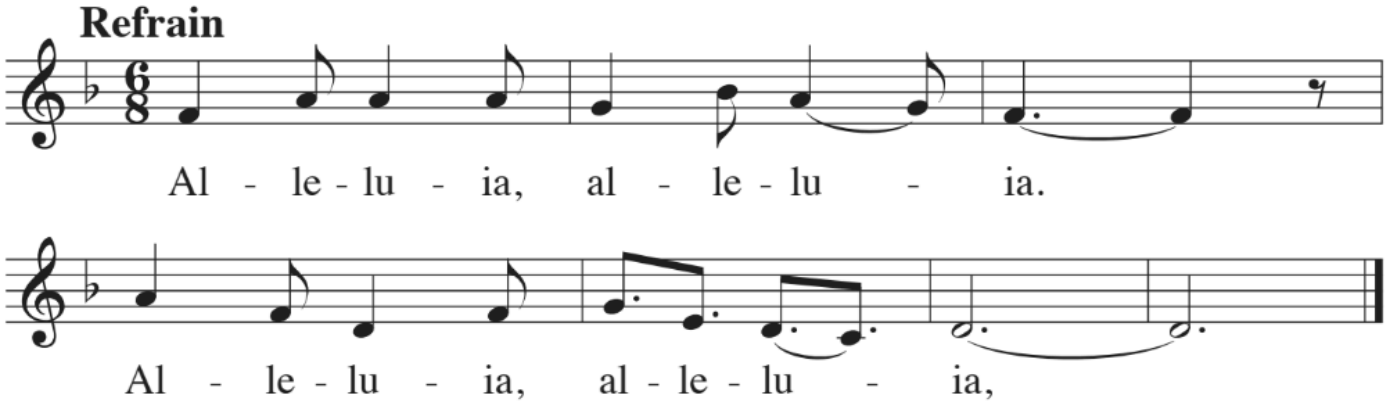
PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
2 **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
3 Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
6 You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
18 Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
A reading from 1 Corinthians.
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Cantor sings first then congregation joins.



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[24] "But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

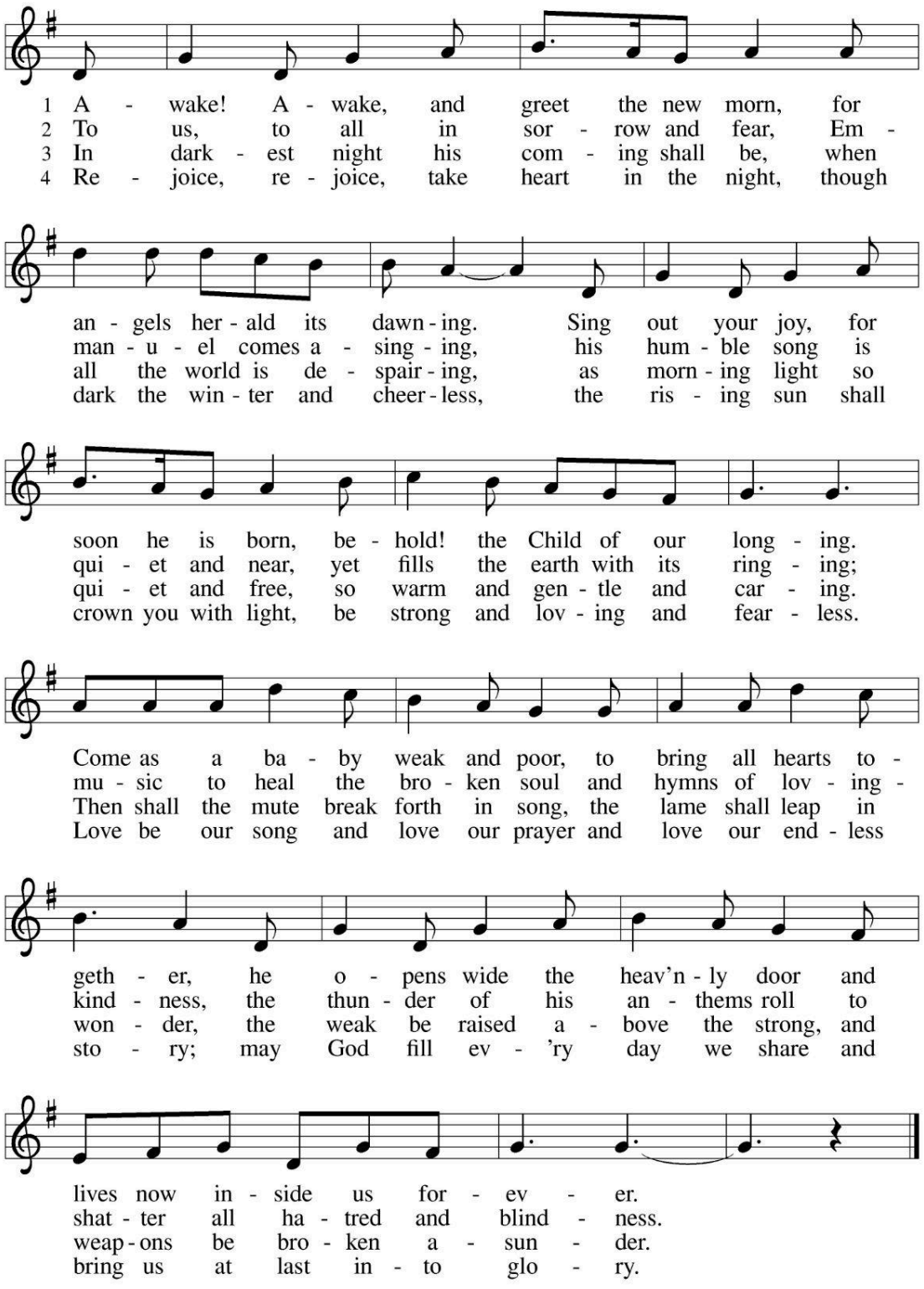
[28] "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Katie Elkin Ziehr

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION



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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ- the light of the world- be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG — Watchman, Tell Us of the Night — arr. Mark Hayes (8:30)

Long-Expected Dawn — by Karen Marrolli (11)
Adult Choir
Lynne Franke, flute

When our hearts are troubled
and in need of light,
and the darkness deepens
'midst the thickening night,
we await your coming
as our souls press on
toward a long-expected dawn.

When our hearts are broken
and in need of balm,
you send your promise,
your hope and calm.
We await your presence
as we travel on
toward a long-expected dawn.

O Light of Hope!
Break forth!
Appear and shatter the darkness here!
O let your advent herald
clear an end to sorrow and to fear!

You come from heaven
to make straight the way,
birthing hope from sorrow,
changing night to day.
Lord, walk among us
as we journey on
toward a long-expected dawn,
toward a long-expected dawn,
toward a long-expected dawn.

OFFERING PRAYER
Holy Creator,
we are the clay and you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Receive these gifts, shape them and our lives for your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

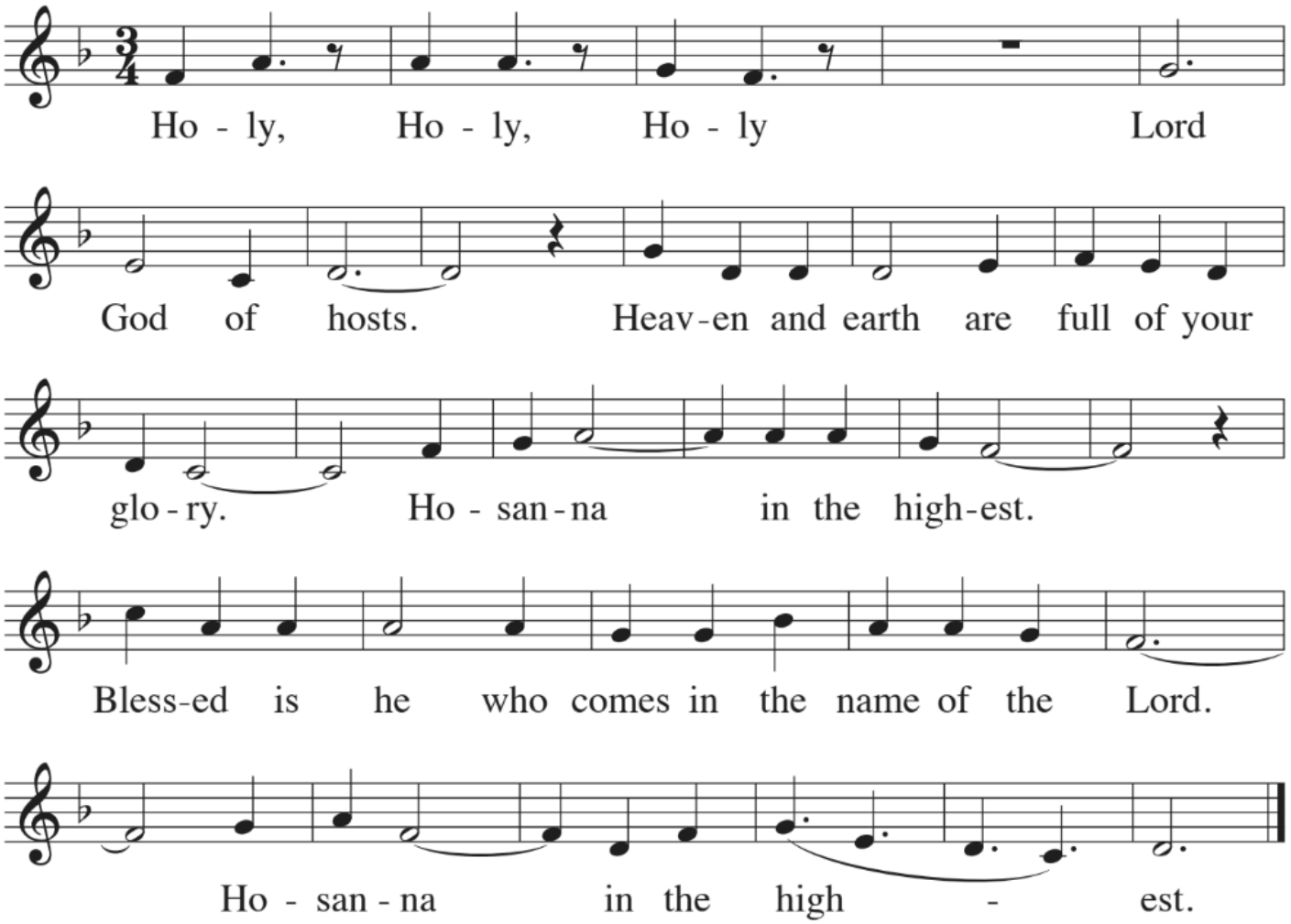
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts
and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.
You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.
You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.
Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

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.

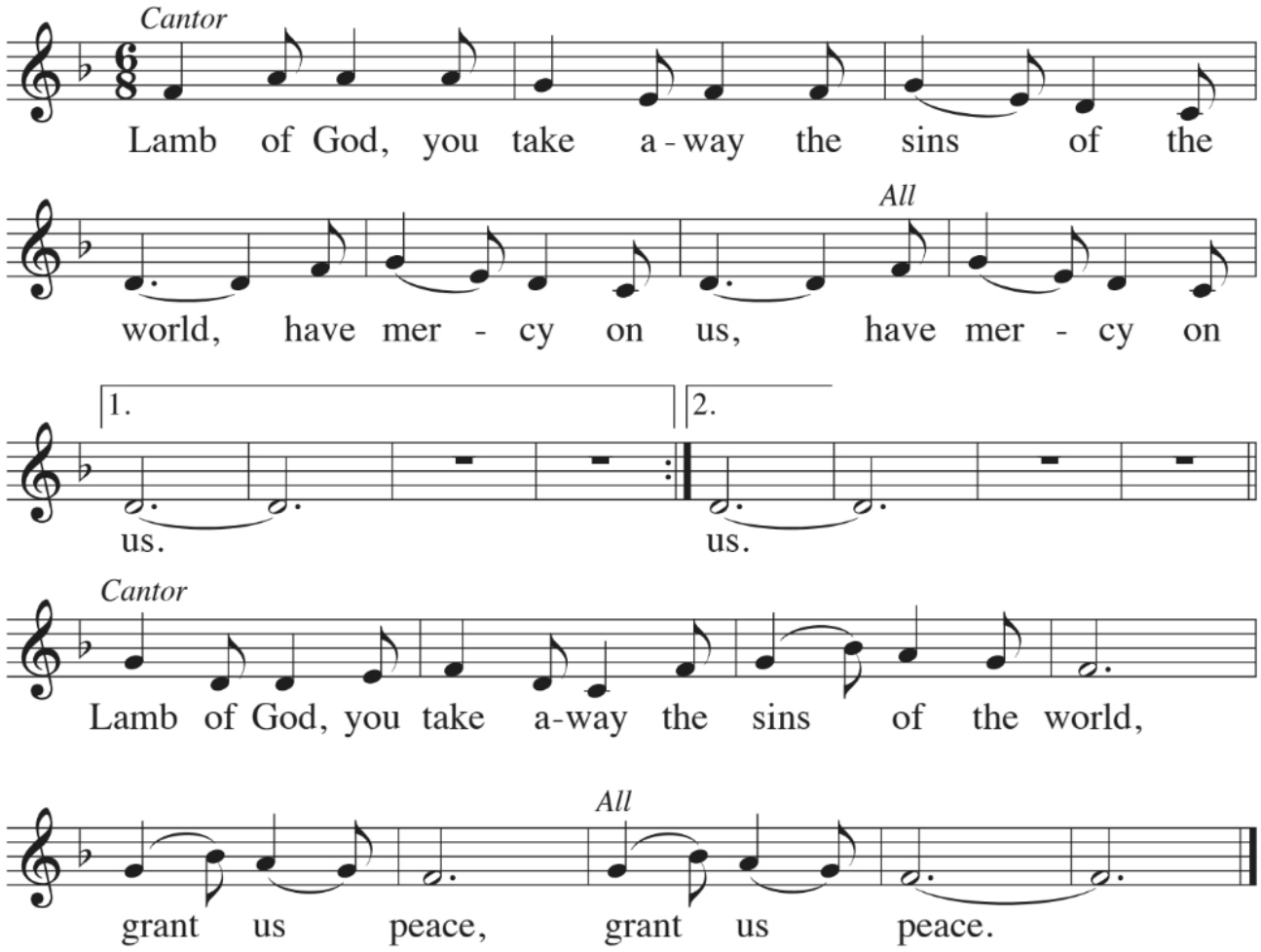
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.
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 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.

COMMUNION
The glory of the Lord is revealed!
Come and taste God's presence.
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD


Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
All
world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on
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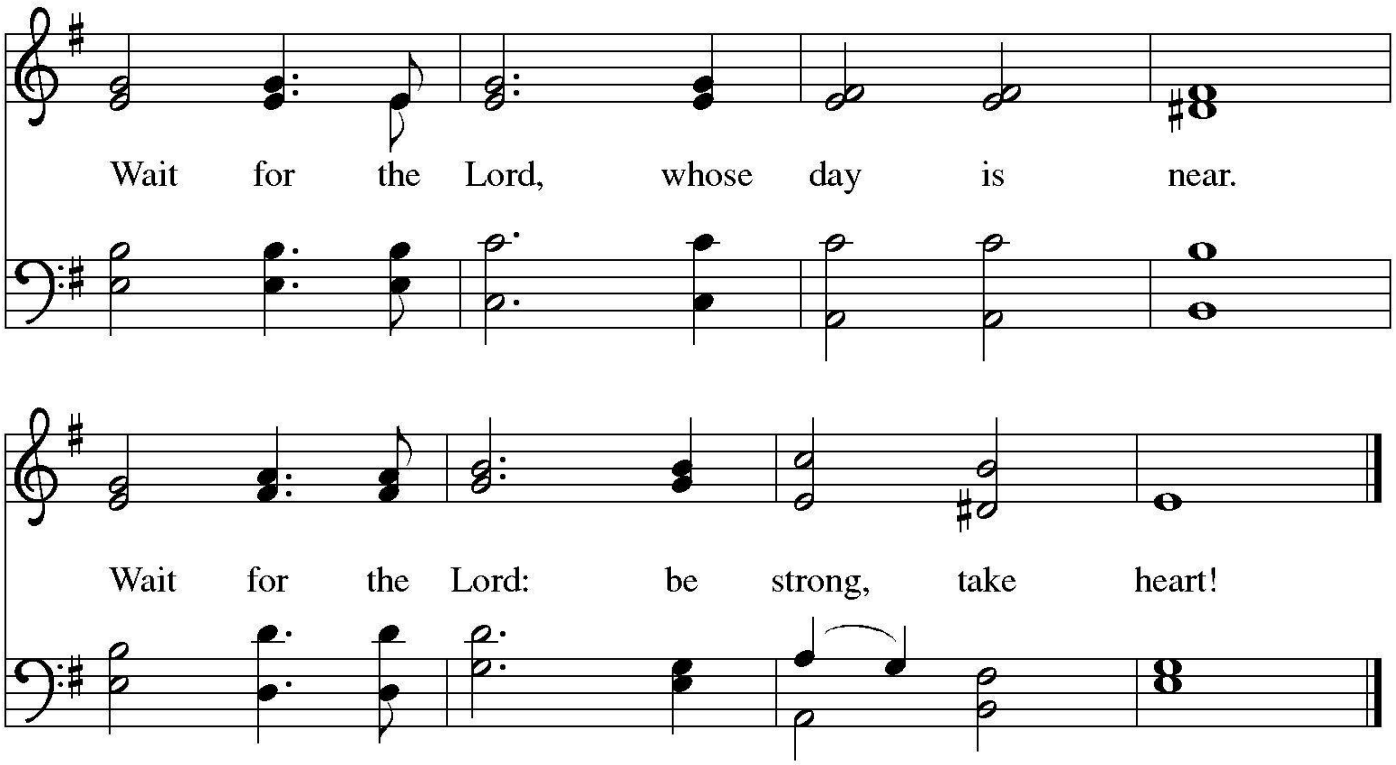
Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN Wait for the Lord ELW #262



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

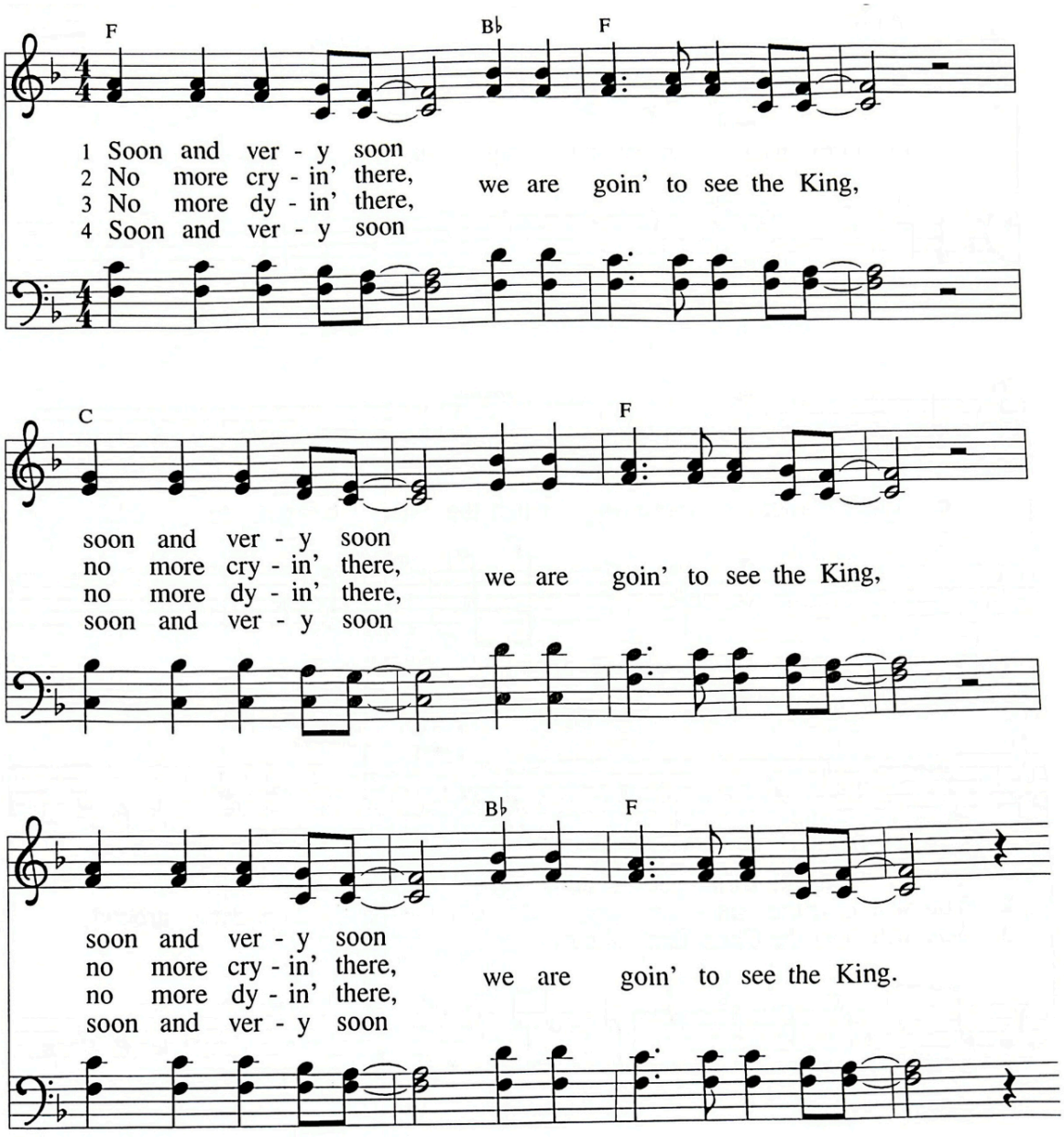
Providing God,
you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your people in your arms.
We praise you for the care and sustenance
you give at this meal and always.
As we leave your table, carry us near your heart,
and send us with confidence in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

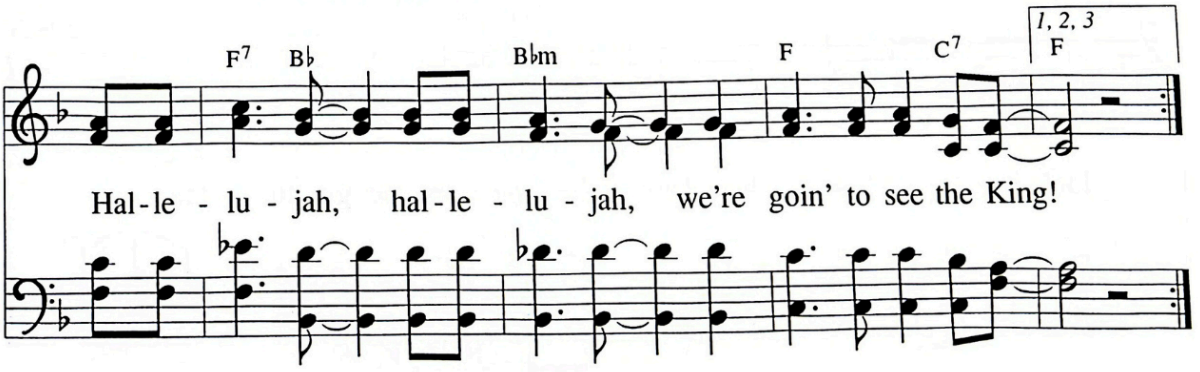
SENDING

GODSPEED FOR DEACON HOLLY'S SABBATICAL

BLESSING
God our provider,
God our feast,
God our companion,
☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN Soon And Very Soon ELW #439





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VERY SOON
12 12 12 and refrain

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fantasy on Wachet auf by Emma Lou Diemer

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

The Altar Flowers for today's worship service have been given by Donna and Dick Sutherland in memory of Dolores and Dominick Moro.

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THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Kathy Dennis and Fred Black (8:30) and Sue Kirkman and Matt Olson (11).
The usher is Jon Arnold (11).
The Assisting Ministers are Sylvia Black (8:30) and Arty Bolick (11).
The lectors are Amy Onstad (8:30) and Gretchen Ritola (11).

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Jan and Kirby Gottschalk (8:30) and Sarah Zink and Dave Erb (11).
The ushers are Char and Rick Clendaniel (11).
The Assisting Ministers are Sylvia Black (8:30) and Bill Johnson (11).
The lectors are Kirby Gottschalk (8:30) and Gretchen Ritola (11).

This Week's Anniversaries

November 30	Hal and Shirley Connelly
	James and Mary Rupkalvis
December 2	Betsy and Joseph Turek

This Week's Birthdays

November 30	Thomas Brodey	December 4	Eric Eisenstein
	Beth Evans		Gunnar Ellis
December 1	Mary Buonfiglio		Jane Hall
	Jeanne Kemppainen	December 5	Cowan Griffin
December 3	Marge Freiman	December 6	Jim Bryant

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry!

We are so glad you chose to worship with us, and we hope you experience the love and grace of God in our midst. Please fill out the "Worship Record Sheet" to record your attendance and explore ways to engage with our community of faith by using the QR code or paper sheet. Please sign up for our weekly Email Newsletter by visiting our website at www.holytrinitychapelhill.org, and subscribe to our YouTube channel at "Holy Trinity Chapel Hill". Let us know if you have any prayer requests and how we can support you in your faith journey, either by talking to a Pastor or a Stephen Minister.

Reconciling In Christ

Jesus reached across all boundaries to make God's love known. In our baptismal covenant, we are called to "serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth (ELW pg. 236)." As a Reconciling In Christ church, we at Holy Trinity welcome people of every age and ability, race, culture, religion, class, marital status, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. We are committed to growing our understanding of systemic racism and its consequences, becoming anti-racist, and advocating for justice and fairness for all people.

Children and Worship

We welcome children in worship and invite them to participate throughout the service. Children are invited to check out our Exploration Station in the Narthex and fill up a Busy Bag for activities during worship. If your child needs some time away from the service, there is a "Cry Room" (glass room near the Sanctuary, towards the Rosemary Street entrance) that's staffed during the academic year. The service is able to be heard through speakers in the Cry Room. There is also a Nursery room in the back hallway (behind the organ) where children can play with parental supervision.

Holy Communion

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, HTLC practices Eucharistic hospitality: The Risen Christ welcomes all, therefore all are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) apple juice. Allergen-free communion wafers are available at the station in front of the altar. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing. Please let an usher or pastor know if you need communion brought to you at your seat.

Offering

In response to God's unconditional love, we offer "what God has first given us; ourselves, our time and our possessions… in feeding the world with God's love (ELW pg. 107)." There are many ways to give at Holy Trinity: online through our **website**, **mailing in** your offering, placing your offering in our **offering plates** in our Worship Center, automatic **bank withdraws**, through the **QR code** in this worship bulletin, **text to give** at (833) 309-0136, or by **Venmo, our handle is @htlclcm** (Charity - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church). All contributions via text or Venmo will go to the HTLC general budget fund. Thank You!

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity

LCM is a community where ALL are welcome. We seek to accompany students as they encounter increased complexities in life, faith, relationships, and academics here at UNC. If you are (or you know) a student who is interested in getting connected with Campus Ministry, please get in touch with Pastor Katie by emailing her directly, or by using the QR code above to fill out the Worship Record Sheet. Mark "student" and/or "grad student," leave an email/phone number, and Pastor Katie will reach out!