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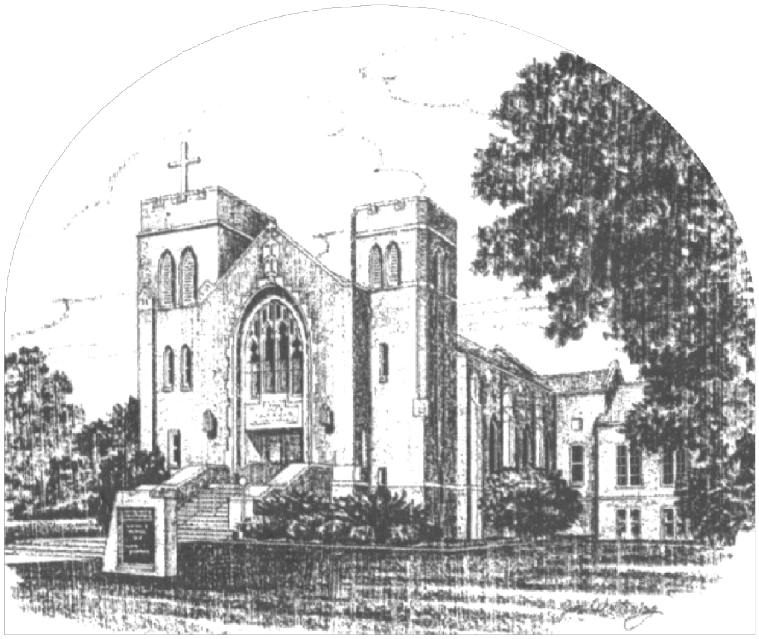


Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026

Silent Prayer

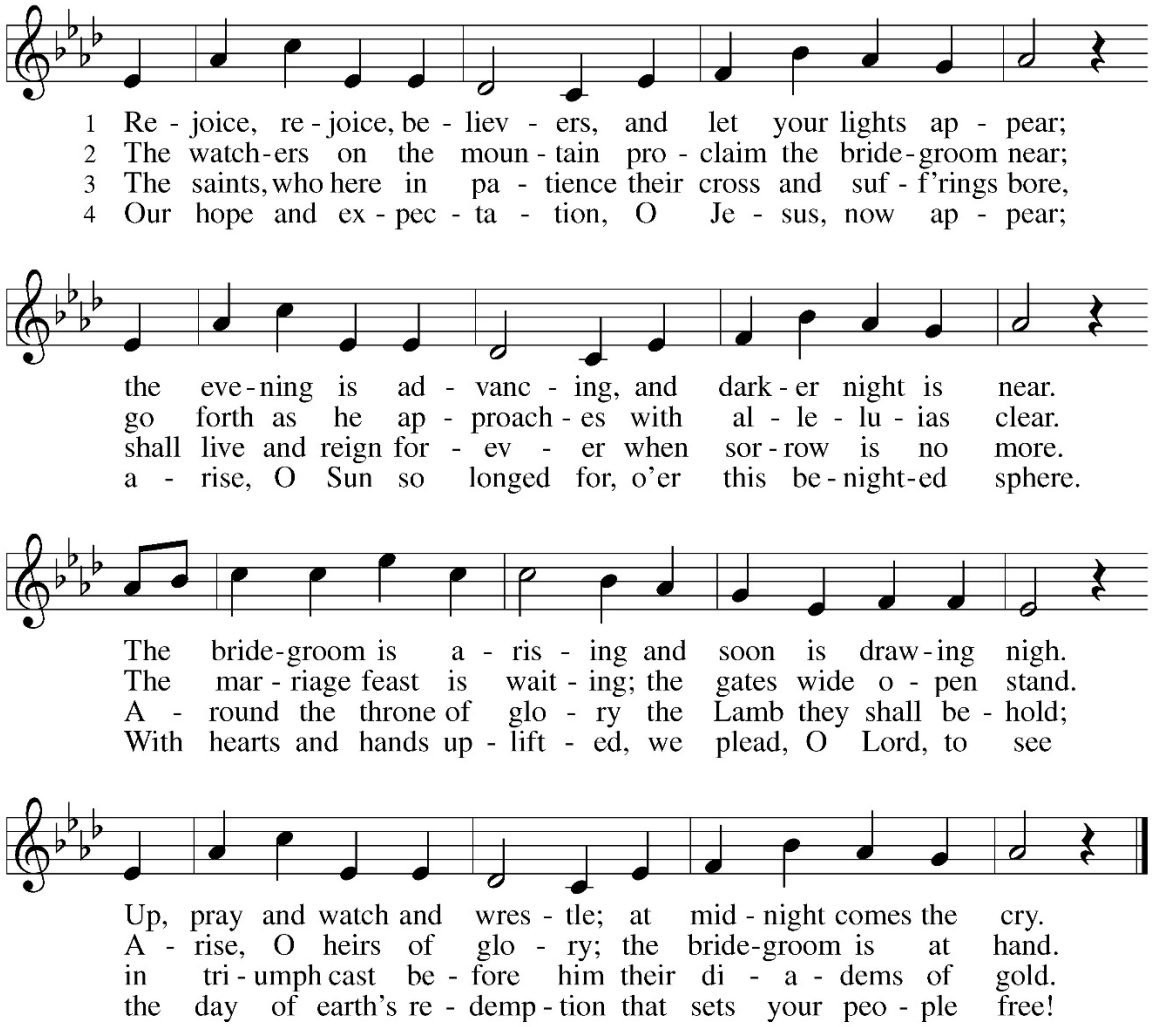
Lord of life, of love, of peace, of time itself, we stand in awe of your eternal presence and resurrection power. We open our lives, once again, to your involvement. Come, Lord Jesus. As you sit in heaven, be seated here on the throne of our hearts. Forgive us our sin, and enter in. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ***Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle.*** *(*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+)Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

***<u>GATHERING HYMN</u>** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" **LBW # 25**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

***INVOCATION**

L: In the Name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***GREETING and DIALOG**

L: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

L: I will hear what the Lord God has to say--

C: a voice that speaks for peace.

L: Peace for all people and for his friends

C: And those who turn to him in their hearts.

L: His help is near for those who fear him,

C: And his glory will live in our land.

L: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

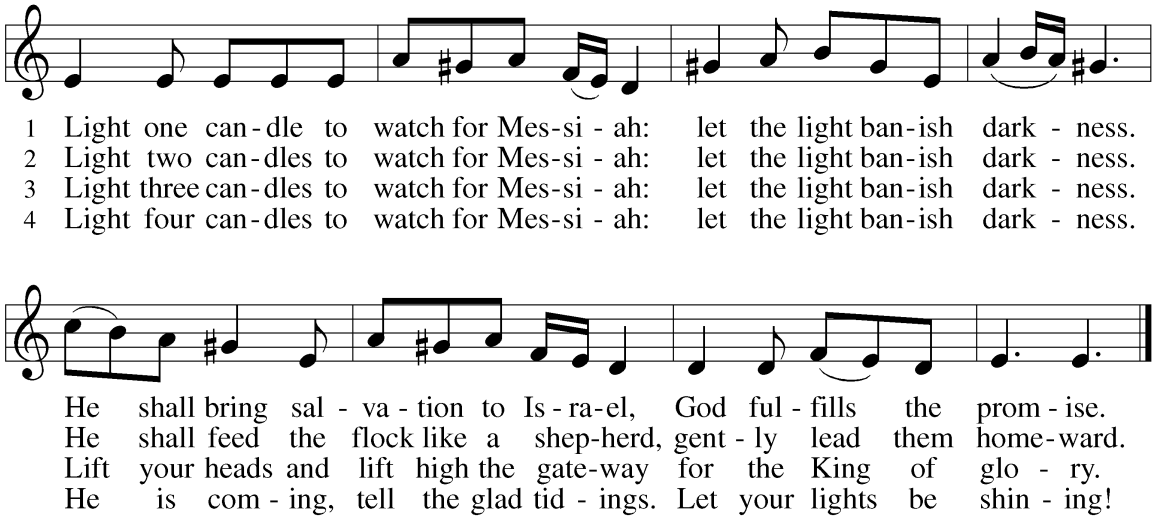
Gracious God, you are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end. May your Spirit kindle in us a spirit of readiness, that we might at all times and in all places be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN (vs. 1)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector: The First Lesson is from the ___chapter of __ .

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might 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, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4]From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. [5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who

remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? [6]We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7]There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. [8]But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9]Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

<u>PSALM</u> 80:1-7

[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 an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.
[7]Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

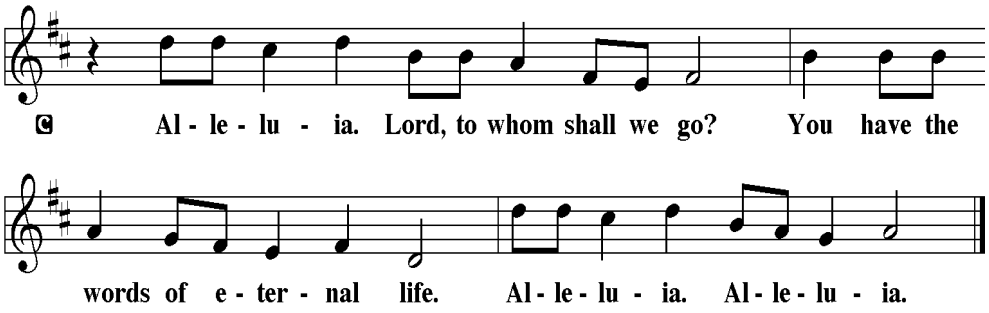
<u>SECOND LESSON</u> 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector: The Second Lesson is from the ___chapter of __.

[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 was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — [6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — [7]so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***<u>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</u>**



***<u>GOSPEL</u>: Mark 13:24-37**

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____ , the ____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[24]{Jesus said,} "In those days, after that tribulation, 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]And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. [27]And then he will send out the angels and gather his 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 out 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 say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32]But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Be on guard, keep awake. 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 servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. [35]Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — [36]lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

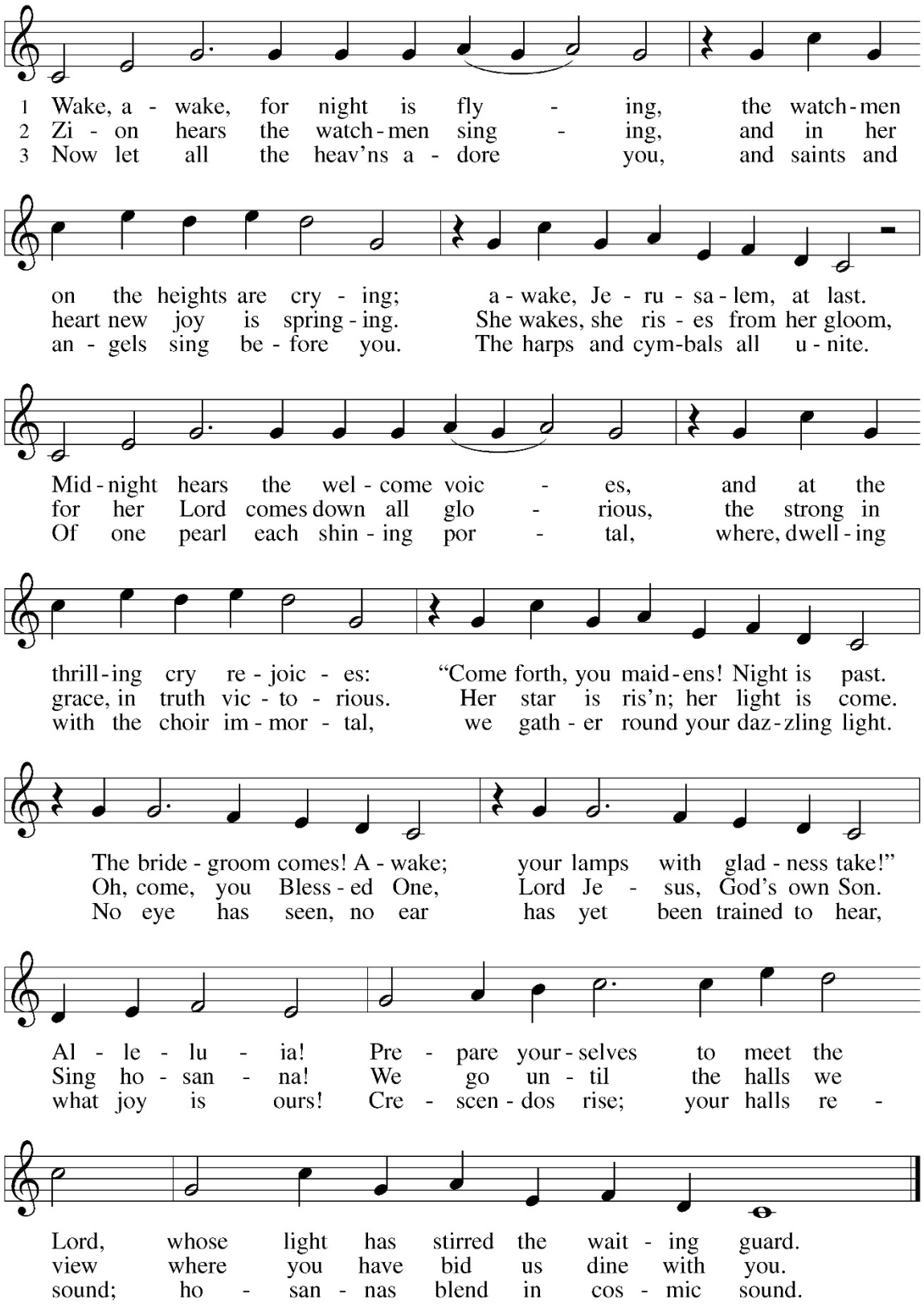
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>SERMON</u>

<u>HYMN OF THE DAY</u> "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying" **LBW # 31**

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



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Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

*__CONFESSION OF FAITH__

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.

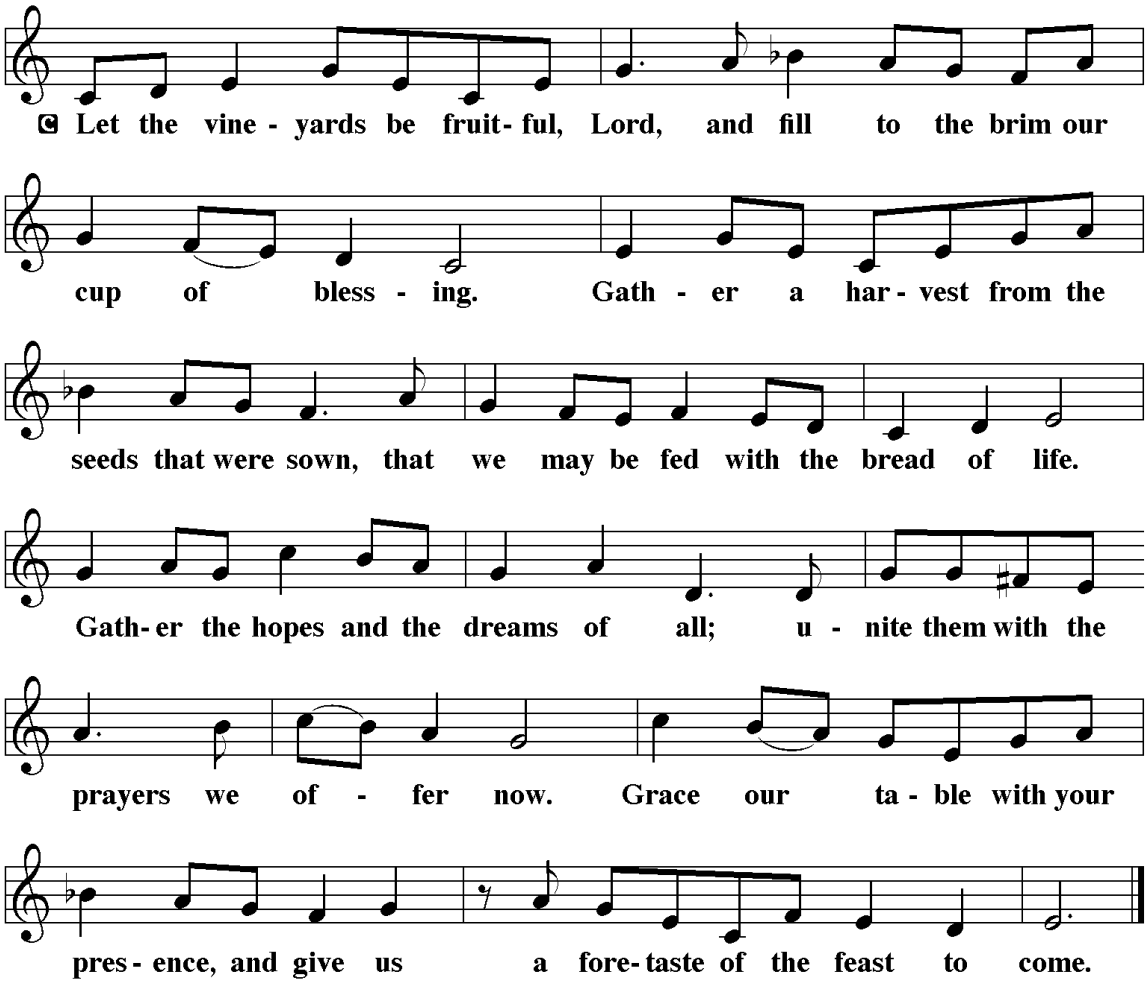
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection + of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***__THE PRAYERS__**

P: …Lord, in you mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

__OFFERING__

***__OFFERTORY__**



***<u>OFFERING PRAYER</u>**

P: Let us pray. O Mighty One,

C: you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—our selves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

***<u>WORDS OF INSTITUTION</u>**

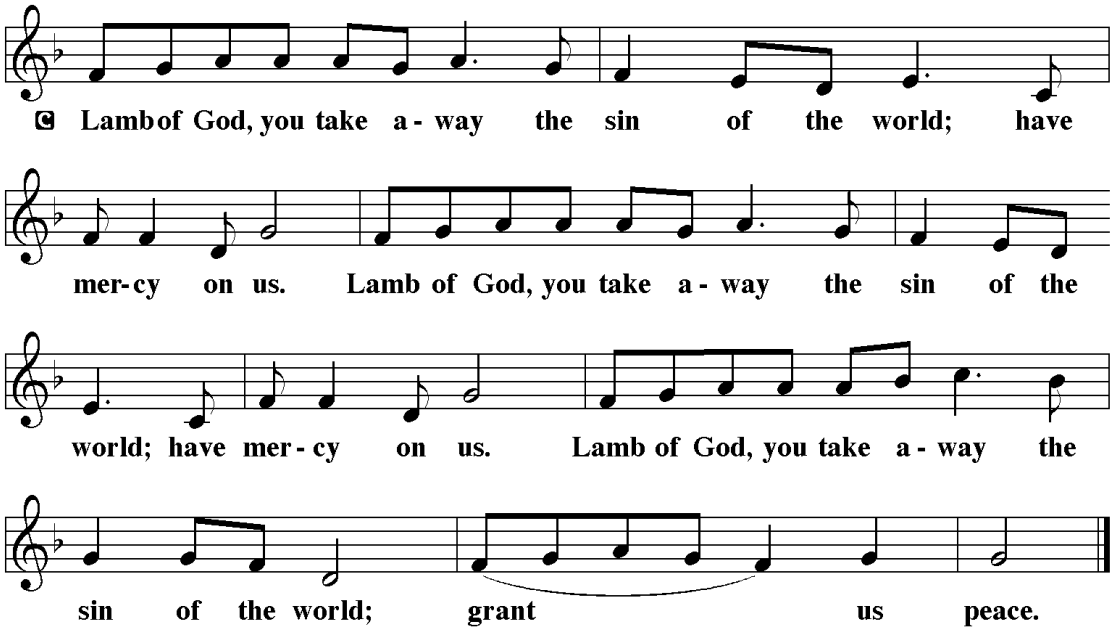
***<u>LORD'S PRAYER</u>**

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Lamb of God"



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

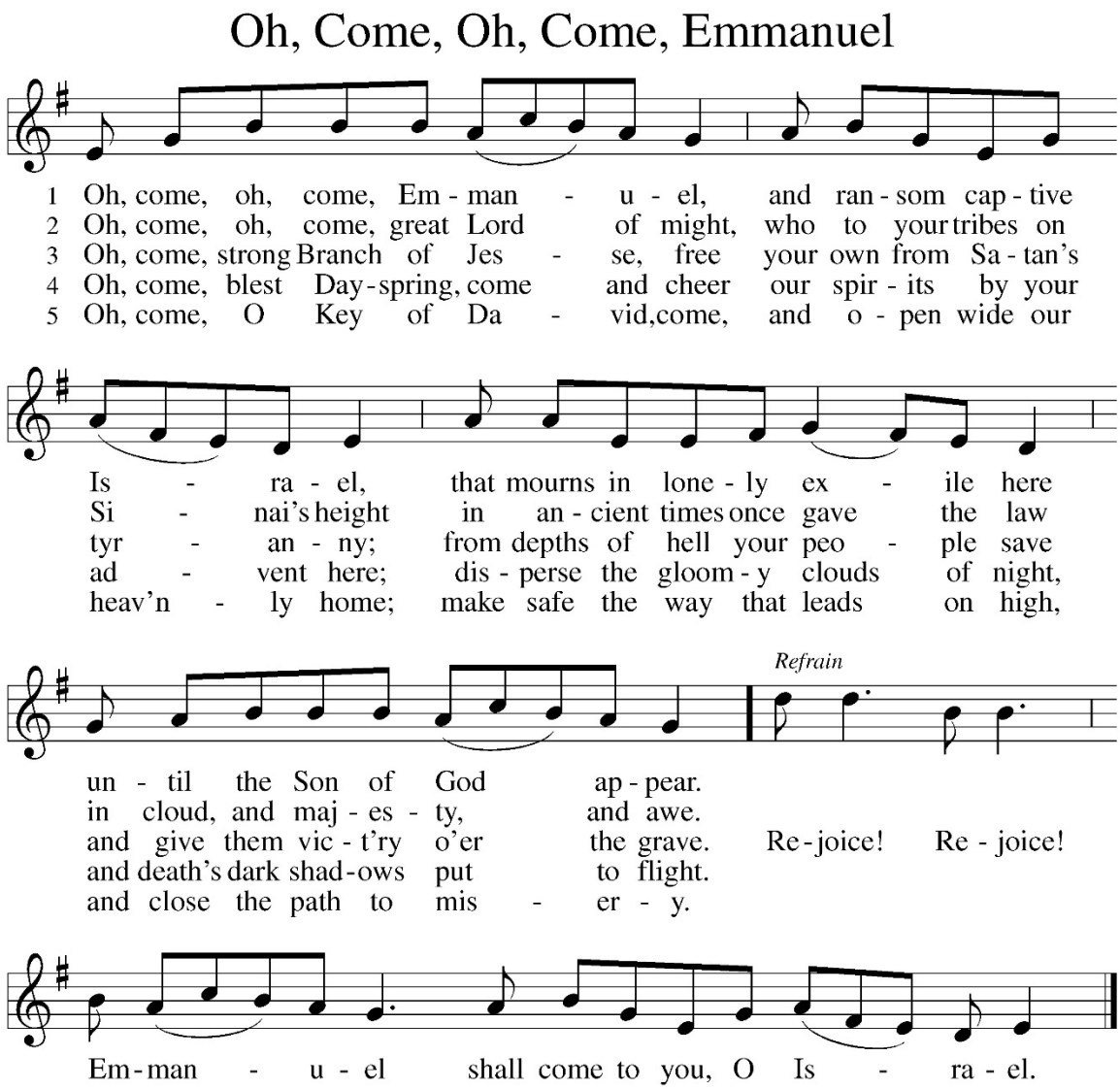
*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **C: Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" **LBW # 34**



Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29, 2026

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

November 29, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE
First Sunday of Advent

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad
Reader: Karen Dueser
Acolytes: Charles & Nat Flores
Children's Sermon: Terry
Musicians: Saturday: Beverly Bruns
Sunday: Beverly Bruns
Saturday Altar Guild: Shannon Saunders

December 6, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE
Second Sunday of Advent

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad
Reader: Cindy Parma
Acolytes: Sadie Schustereit & Corbin Bloch
Children's Sermon: Terry
Musicians: Saturday: Beverly Bruns
Sunday: Beverly Bruns
Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

Helping with Worship during the month of November:
Head Usher: Jay Heil
Ushers: Jason Bloch, Wryston Fischer, Chris Gohmert, Allen Machost
Saturday Usher: Albert Metting
Sunday Altar Guild: Penny Sievers & Miranda Rohan

Helping with Worship during the month of December:
Head Usher: Ricky Hilbrich
Ushers: Kaiden Hilbrich, Haydn Innocenti, Noah Innocenti, Danny Metting
Saturday Usher: Albert Metting
Sunday Altar Guild: Laurey Garcia & Laura Kaiser

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Grant, Madison & Holland Austin	Nancy Guidry	Cory Nau
Joe Barnes	Rosa Horton	Kurt Norrell
Carlton Bolting	Keith Ibrom	Kitty Sievers

Wade Bolting	Joanna Ivy	Alma Suggs
Margie Bolting	Kate Janis	Travis & Natalie Thamm
David Brucker	Clinton Kaiser	Gary Turner
Virgina Buesing	Elaine Malina	Linda Turner
Hank Bush	Lin Migura	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Lesley & Audrey Coleman	Stephen Morris	Sydney Williams
Michael Franke	Carole Mueller	Chandler Vaclavik
Kathryn Gloor		

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (29th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	**Christmas Program Practice**
Tuesday (1st)	10:00 am	Bible Study – Christmas Lunch
Wednesday (2nd)	9:15 am	TLG Chapel
	5:30 pm	Guitar Lessons
	6:00 pm	FFF
Thursday (3rd)	**6:00 pm**	**Christmas Downtown**
Saturday (5th)	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion – Sanctuary
Sunday (6th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	**Christmas Program Practice**
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class

BROADCAST MEMORIALS - in Memory of Debbie Yount, Vernon Sparck, and Gerald Allison, given to the Glory of God by Dr. John & Kathy Frels.

ALTAR GUILD: We are in need of 2 volunteers to clean up for the 8pm Christmas Eve service. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Sanctuary. You can also call the office (361-564-2135) and make arrangements to receive them.

ADVENT CHILDREN'S SERIES: During the 4 Advent Sundays the Children's Messages will be discussing the names of Jesus and building a special Christmas display with a new piece each week. On Christmas Eve the final piece arrives. Make sure to be there each week and Christmas Eve!

Christmas Program "The New Star"

What if stars could talk and share stories? Come and hear how one experienced star welcomes and shares the story about Jesus' birth with a brand-new star. Who really is this older star anyway? We hope you will join us for the program and see these answers during the worship service on Sunday Dec. 13th. We hope you will stay for the Christmas Feast that follows in the Fellowship Hall. There is a place for everyone in the play!
The schedule is: (We hope you can be there for the practices)

Sunday November 22nd (Older classes- Preschool regular class in Basement) practice during Sunday School AND perhaps costume fitting following Sunday School (shouldn't take long for this)
Sunday Nov. 29th (Older classes- Preschool regular class in Basement) practice during Sunday School
Sunday Dec. 6th Important (ALL classes) practice during Sunday School
Sat. Dec 12th Important Dress Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. ALL Classes
Sunday Dec. 13th be at church for costumes and the performance at **8:15 a.m.**
We hope all of you can join us on the 13th to hear about the newest star!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: The Women's Bible Study Groups will meet on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, for a Christmas Potluck Luncheon and Bible Study at 10:00 am. All Women of the Congregation are welcome to join in this activity. We enjoy a lot of fellowship through service.

COWBOY CLAUS: We will be collecting monetary gifts for the "Cowboy Claus" program, supported by the Western Days Committee this year. Make checks payable to St. Paul with a notation for "Cowboy Claus." Place cash gifts in an envelope labeled "Cowboy Claus." Let's help a child have a Merry Christmas! Deadline is Sunday, December 6, 2026.

SANTA FOR SENIORS We will be collecting monetary gifts for the "Santa for Seniors" program, supported by the Yorktown Chamber this year. Make checks out to St. Paul with a notation for "Santa for Seniors." Place cash gifts in an envelope labeled "Santa for Seniors." Let's help a senior have a Merry Christmas! Deadline is Sunday, December 6, 2026

AS WE CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON and the gift of the Christ child as our Lord and Savior, and as we prepare with gifts for our family and friends, may we honor the work that our staff has done for us this year. The congregation is invited to make gifts to the staff. (Staff includes: Office staff, custodian, maintenance, nursery attendant, and musicians.) Checks should be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran. Please write "Staff Gift" on your envelope and/or check. Please make your gifts by Wednesday, December 16th.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION INFORMATION It is once again time to register for Summer Camp! We will be returning to **Camp Lone Star in La Grange, Texas**, where our youth have enjoyed wonderful experiences over the past several years.
Camp Information
Dates: Sunday, June 20 - Friday, June 25
Programs:

- **Alpha Program:** Ages 7-12
- **Omega Program:** Ages 13-18 (includes additional activities designed for older campers)

Cost: A **refundable deposit of $175 per camper** is due by **April 1**. The deposit will be refunded upon the camper's arrival at camp. The church will cover the remaining camp expenses.
What We Need Right Now To reserve campsites for our church group, we need to know how many youth plans to attend.
Please notify Terry or the church office by December 20 whether your youth will or will not be attending.
This information will allow us to reserve the appropriate number of spots in both the Alpha and Omega programs.
While Summer Camp is not a required part of the Confirmation Program, it is highly recommended. Camp provides an opportunity for youth to grow in their faith, reinforce what they are learning in confirmation classes, and learn from Christian leaders who are often just a few years older than they are.
Thank you for your prompt response and support of our youth ministry.
Terry Carmichael
Director of Christian Education

THE FLOWER CHART for 2027 has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Make sure you get your name beside the date you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary.

PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY CARD EXCHANGE Help us fill our classroom with holiday cheer! Our Learning Garden Preschool students would love to receive holiday cards from near & far. Please send holiday cards to: The Learning Garden, Attn: Preschool Classroom, 234 N. Gohmert St. Suite B, Yorktown, TX 78164. You can send one or more card.

STRONG AND COURAGEOUS BOOK If you received a Study Book for the WOC "Strong and Courageous" Bible Study and haven't paid for it, please do so soon. **The cost is $10.00 per book.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
The nominating committee has begun meeting to search for members to fill the elected positions in our congregation. There are two council positions to be filled (Treasurer and Outreach Committee chair), five positions for Nominating Committee, two positions for the Scholarship Committee, three positions for the Endowment Committee, one position for the Audit Committee, and three Convocation delegates. Some have expressed an interest in filling these positions; however, if others are interested, please contact one of the committee members (Boyd Weise, Pam Hoefling, Jay Heil, Luellen Smiley, Don Wieland, and Allen Leist).

YOUTH SPORTS COURT:

We have reached our goal to fund the youth sport court by generous donations and youth fund raising projects, but we are still receiving donations to install lighting and sport equipment. If you would like to donate, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

December 13, 2026 – Christmas Feast

December 13, 2026, we will have a roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and broccoli salad. The congregation is asked to bring a dessert to share. The meal will be served at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets will be in the Church and Church Office.

Upcoming Youth and Family Events:

December 13, 2026 – Children's Christmas Program
December 16, 2026 – FFF Silly Sock Christmas Party
December 20, 2026 – Christmas Caroling

AREA EVENTS

December 3, 2026 – Christmas Downtown

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