

First Sunday in Advent

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Olney, Maryland
November 29, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Holy Communion will be at the Rail today.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available upon request.

Holy Communion is...

† The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received "in, with, and under" the bread and wine for God's People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*

† Coming to the table believing the words "given and shed FOR YOU." Preparation might involve three questions:

Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins? Am I ready to lead a new life?

† God's grace in "forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation."
Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32



Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

Psalm 24:7

Please turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

Nursery: The room located at the back of the sanctuary (with windows into the sanctuary), has been set aside for children to be able to play comfortably during Worship. At this time, we ask a parent to remain with their child while using this space. There is a sound system located on the wall to the right after entering the room which allows you to listen to the service.

Please feel free to ask an Elder to assist you as needed.

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

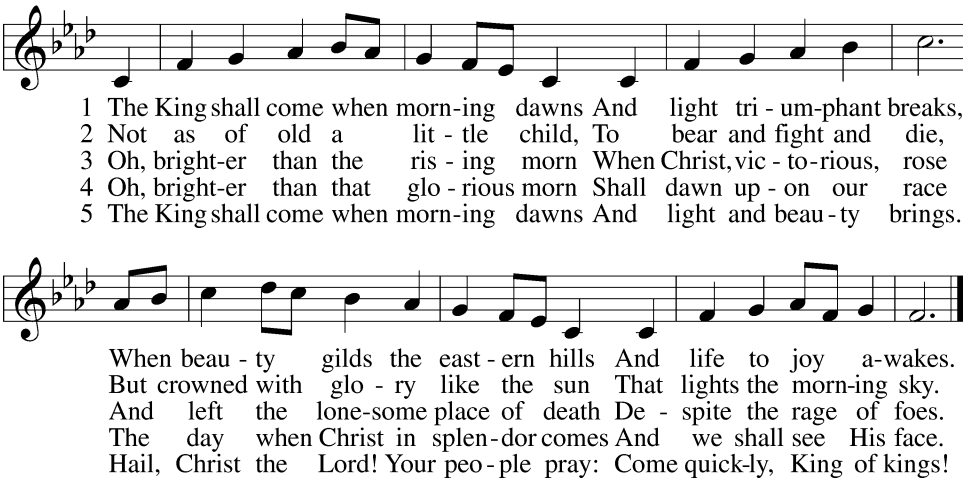
Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution *LSB 151*

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Hymn The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns *LSB 348*



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Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.
C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 64:1–9*

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.

9Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7*

1Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
2Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!

3Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

4O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
5You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
6You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

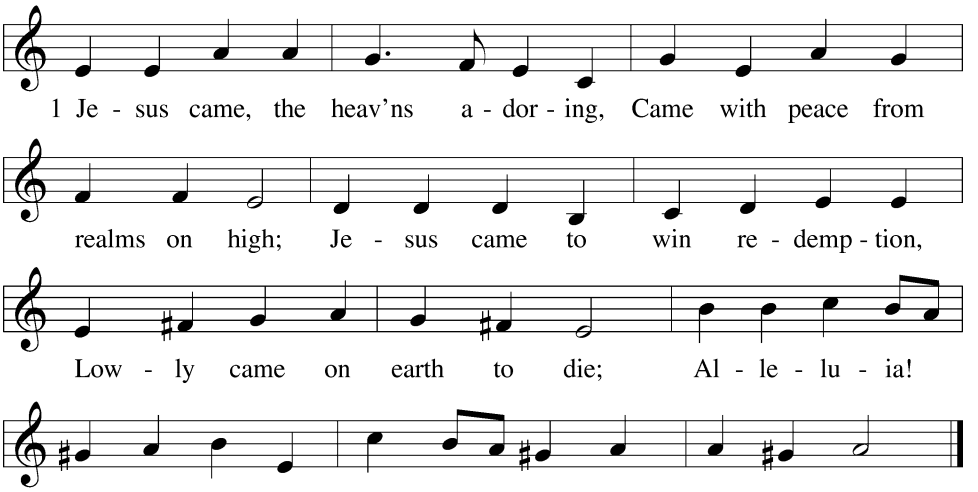
Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—6even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation *LSB 353*



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Holy Gospel *Mark 13:24–37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth 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 cock crows, or in the morning—

36lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

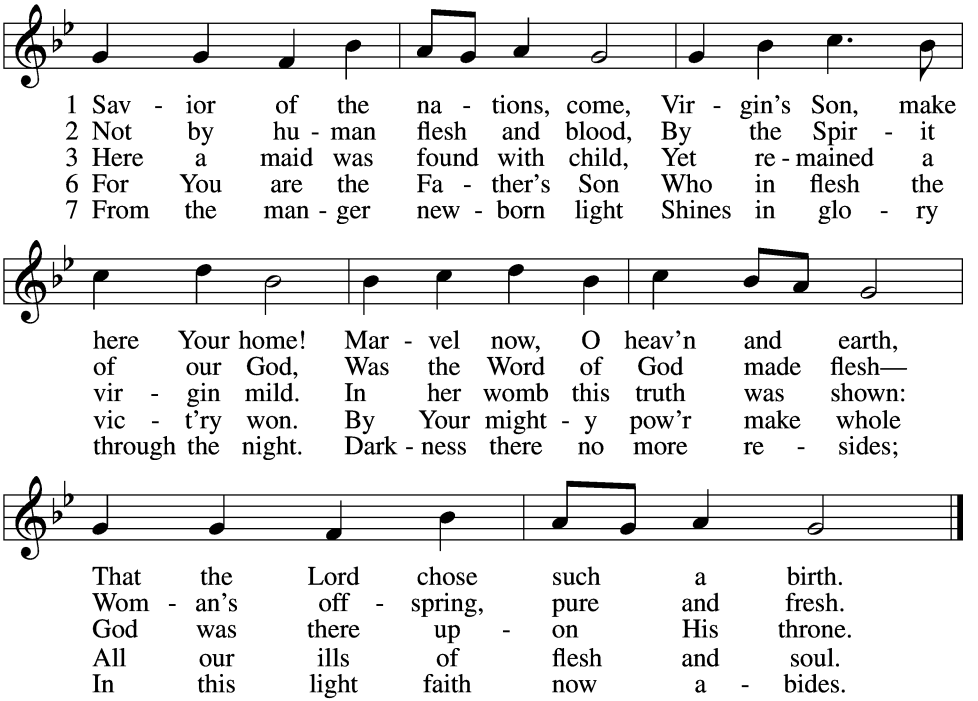
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day — Savior of the Nations, Come — *LSB 332*



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Sermon — Pastor Timothy Boerger

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace:

L Peace be with you.
C And also with you.
L I invite you to share the Lord's peace with one another.

Sit

Offering *Please see p. 20 for mobile giving.*

Anthem O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide *Chancel Choir*

1 O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

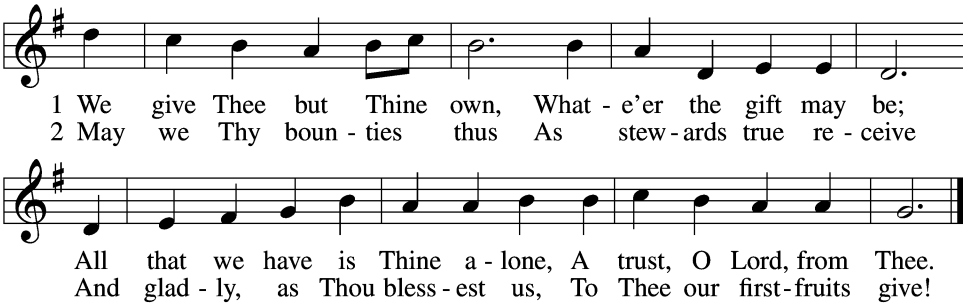
5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light
We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.

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Stand

Offertory We Give Thee But Thine Own *LSB 781*



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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *Music can be found on p. 16.*

O holy, holy, holy Lord,
The God of heav'nly hosts adored,
Both heav'n and earth Your glory show.
Hosanna sing unto the Lord.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *Music can be found on p. 16.*

O Christ, the holy Lamb of God
Who takes away the whole world's sin.
Have mercy on us now, we pray,
And grant your heav'nly peace within.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

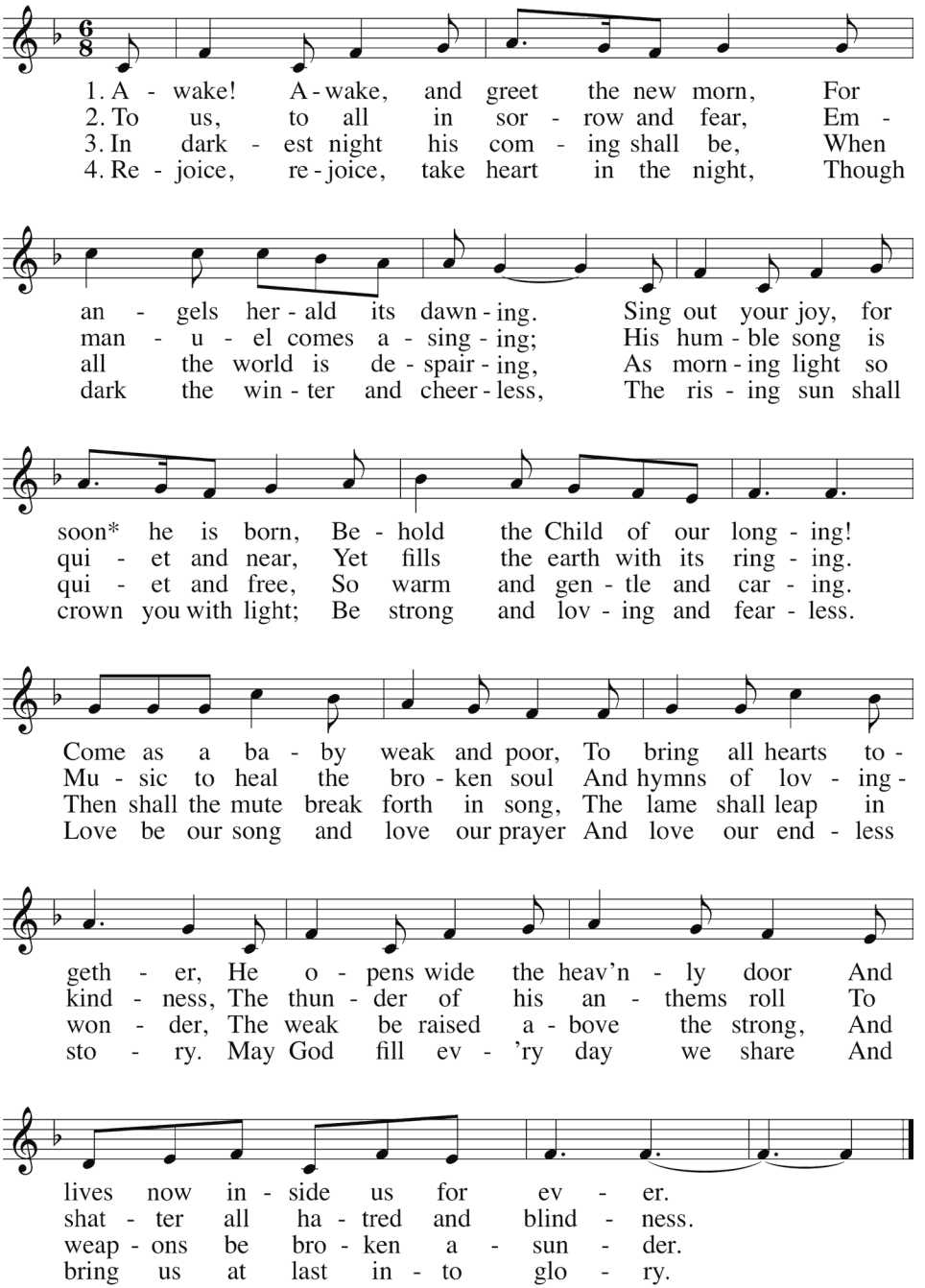
Sit

Distribution *(rail)*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

Distribution Hymn Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn



*During the Christmas season: "now"

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *Music can be found on p. 16.*

Lord, let your servant go in peace.
Your gracious word I now recall.
My eyes have seen salvation here,
Glory for Israel, light for all.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Post-Communion Collect

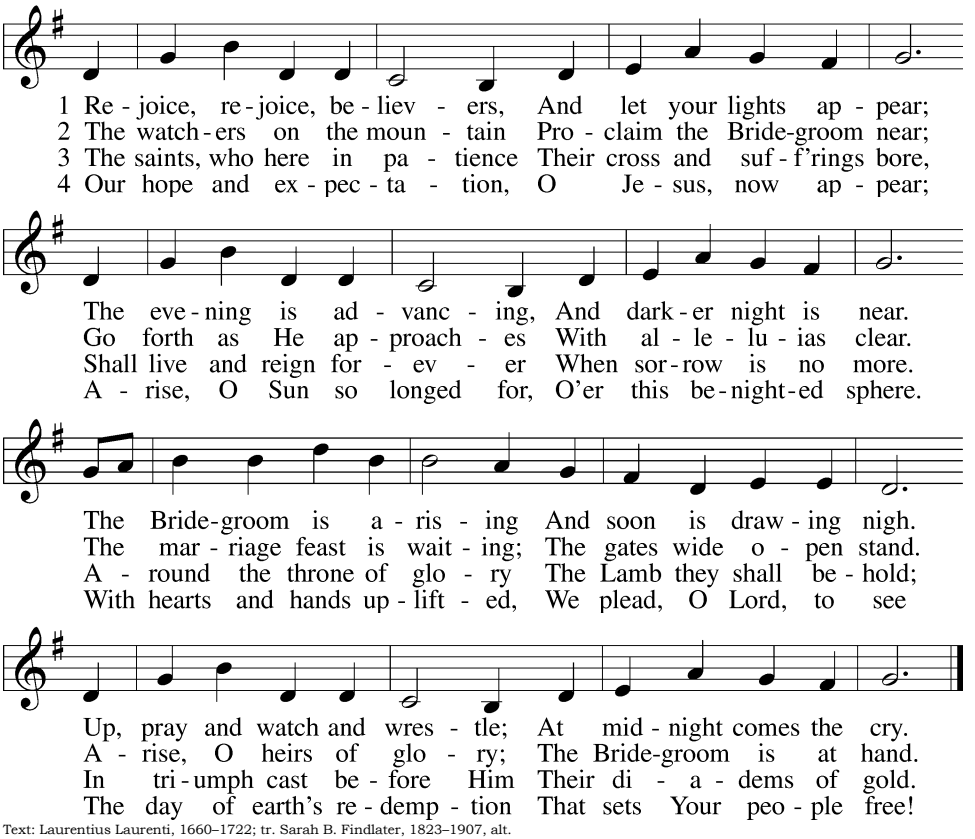
A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

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.**



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Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude

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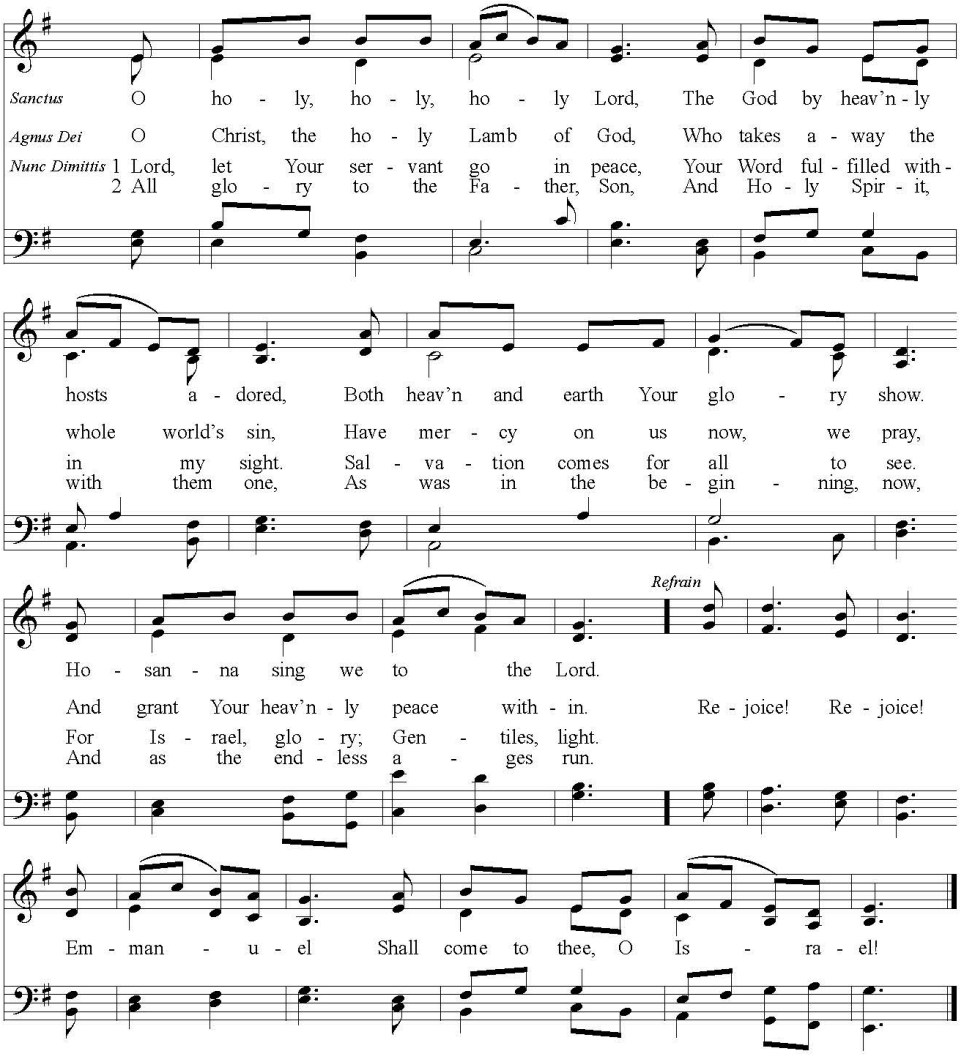
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Canticles

VENI EMMANUEL
French, 15th cent.

James Pierce

Setting by C. Winfred Douglas, 1867–1944



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Announcements

Poinsettias

Order a poinsettia for $20 per plant and help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Each plant may be dedicated in honor or memory of loved ones or friends. After our Christmas Day worship service on December 25th, you're welcome to take your poinsettia home to enjoy. Paper signup is in the narthex or an online form is linked in the Weekly Word.

Stewardship Pledge for 2027

An email was sent to members on November 12 with a message on stewardship in our church family and a link to an online stewardship pledge form. Please consider your time, talents, and resources for God's house.

Christmas Giving Tree

We have 8 families this year to share the love of Christ with through Christmas giving. Choose a person, take their post-it, and fill in your name underneath. Please return the labeled wrapped gifts to the bins in the narthex by Sunday, December 20th (gift cards give to an elder or drop in the office).

Food Pantry

The food pantry is running low on some staples. Please see list in the narthex for food items in need of donation.

Events

Men's Group
Wednesday, December 2 at 8:30am at Olney IHOP

Voters Meeting
Sunday, December 6 at 9:00am in person and zoom

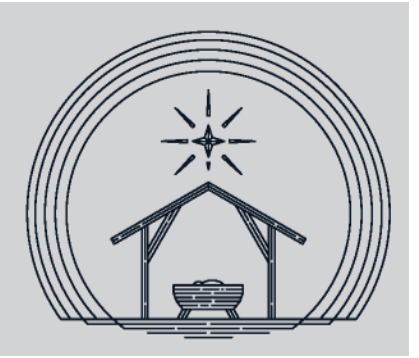
We will be discussing the budget for 2027. Members are welcome to vote after attending one meeting. Meeting materials and zoom details will be emailed out a few days prior.

Olney Community Youth Choir Concert
Sunday, December 6 at 4:30pm at LCGS

Olney Community Singers Concert
Saturday, December 12 at 4:00pm at LCGS

Book Club
Sunday, December 13 at 6:00pm at LCGS and on zoom

Reading *Comfort and Joy: A Fable* by Kristin Hannah. Join for dinner and conversation.



Advent Schedule

Mid-Week Advent Devotionals
Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16
At 7:00 pm

Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 13
10:30 am Worship Service

Sunday School Pageant
Sunday, December 20
10:30 am Worship Service

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24
7:00 pm Worship Service

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25
10:30 am Worship Service

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