First Sunday of Advent





FAMILY OF GOD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

November 29th, 2026
First Sunday in Advent
9:30 am

Gather

Prelude "My Lord, What a Morning" arr.Lynn Arthur Koch

Welcome

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may love and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

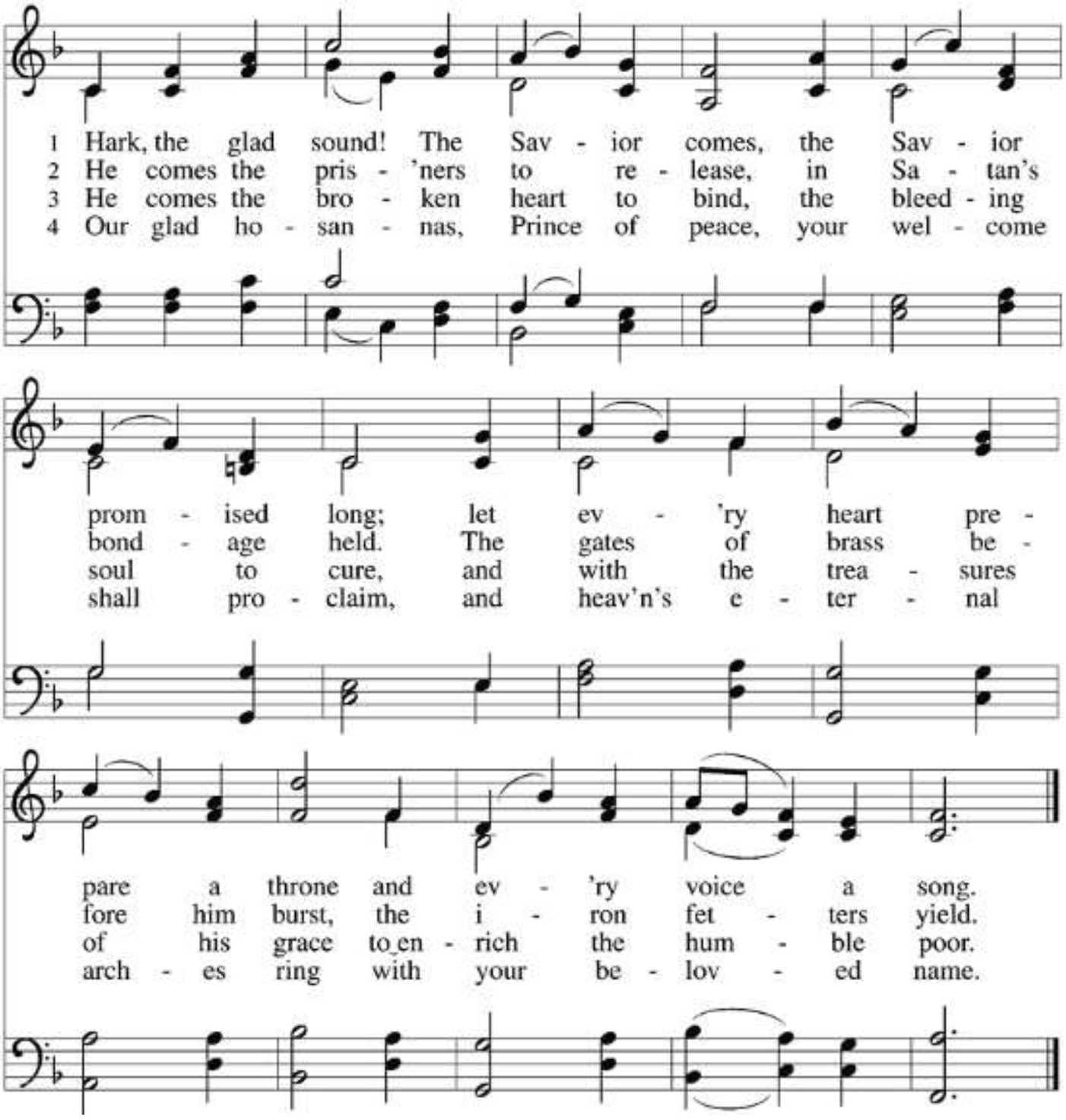
C: Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

P: All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task: this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice sets everybody free.

C: Amen

*Opening Hymn "Hark, the Glad Sound!" **ELW 239**



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Music: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

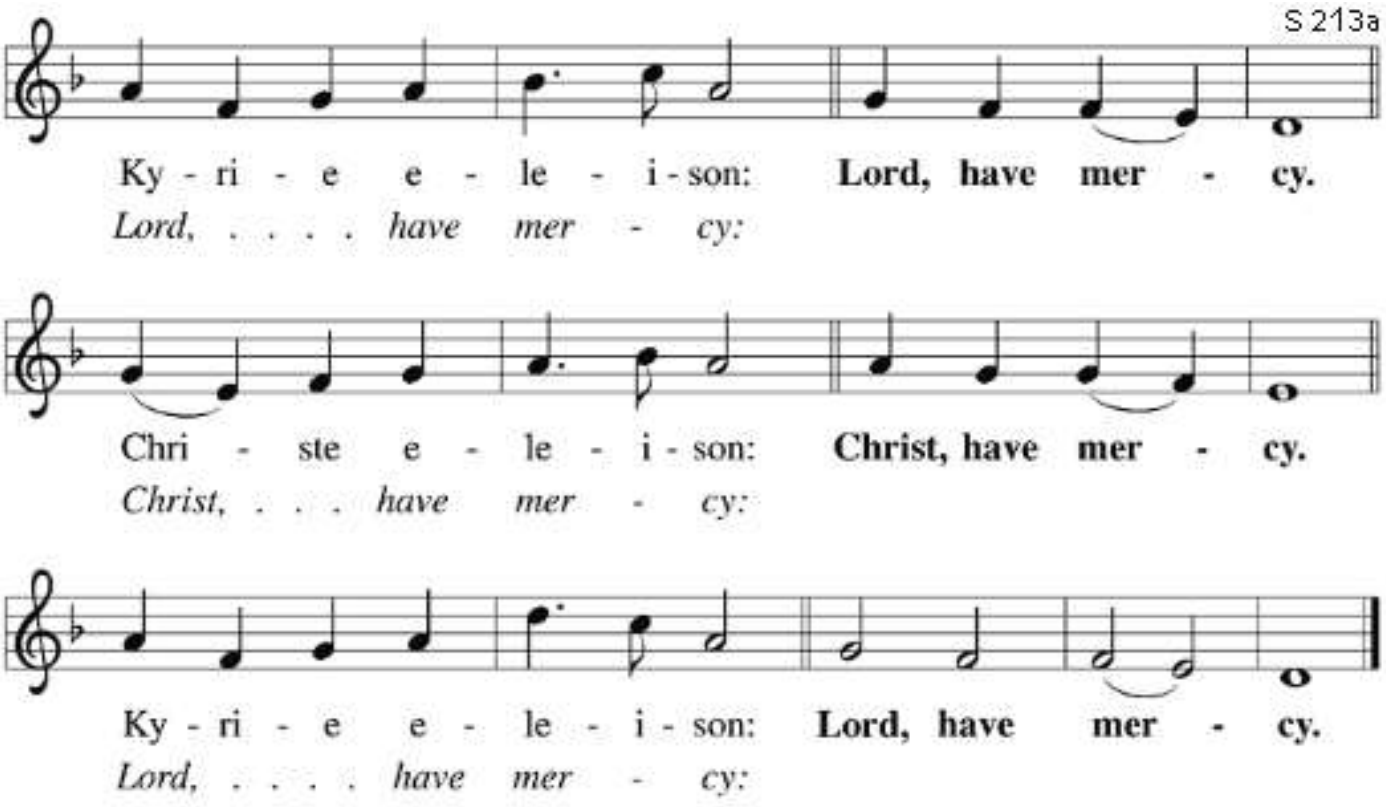
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*Greeting

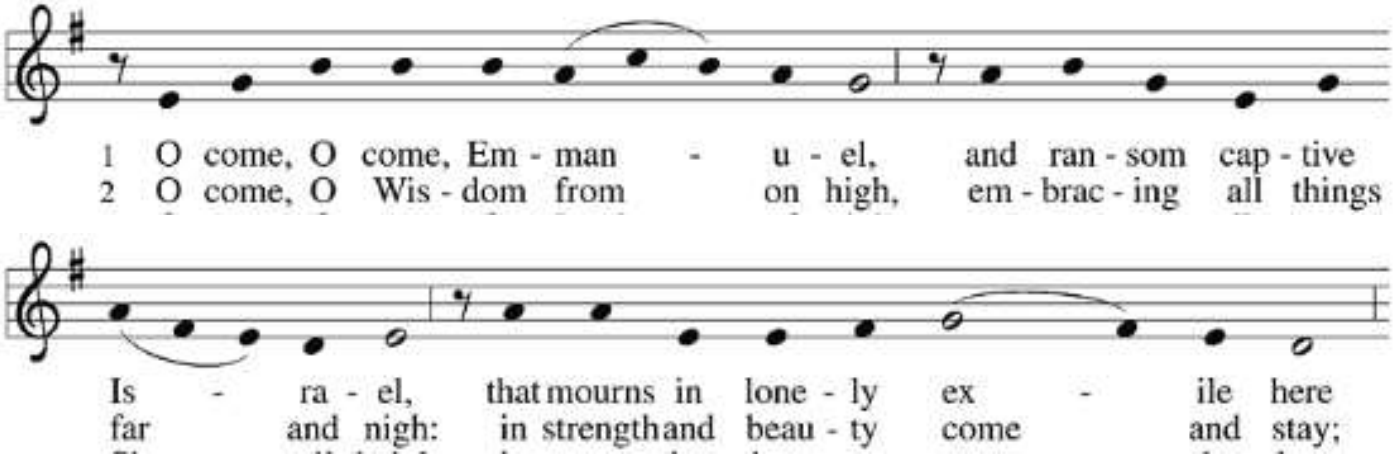
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

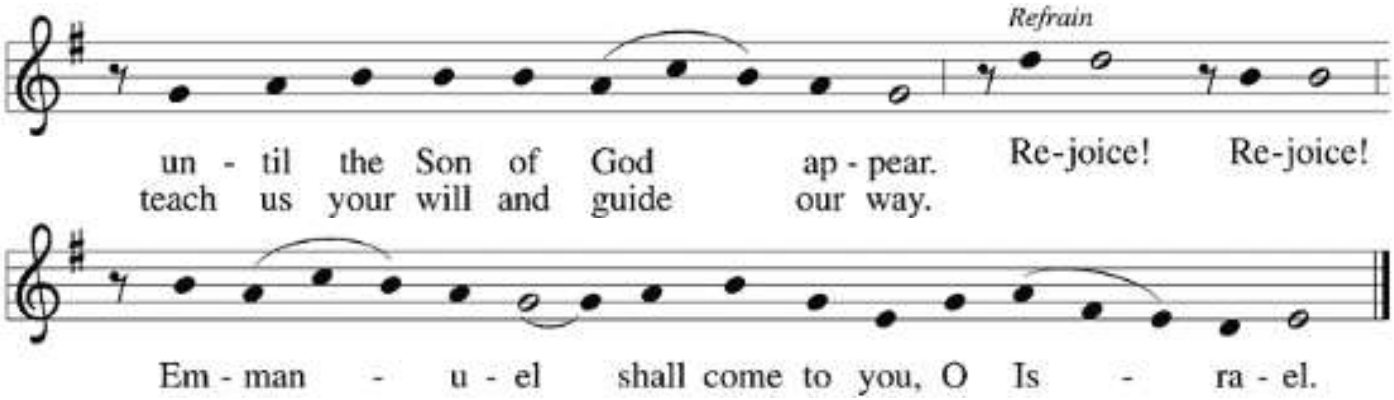
C: And also with you.

*Kyrie



Advent Canticle "O come,O come Emmanuel" **ELW 257**





*Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
C: By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Young Persons Message — Pastor Paul Burow

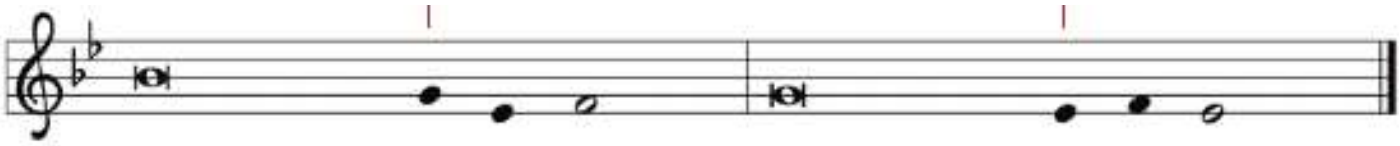
Word

First Reading **Isaiah 64:1-9**

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.

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

Psalm **80:1-7, 17-19** (read responsively)



P: [1]Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;

C: Shine forth, you that are enthroned up-| on the cherubim.

P: [2]In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,

C: Stir up your strength and | come to help us.

P: [3]Restore | us, O God;

C: Let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

P: [4]O Lord | God of hosts,

C: How long will your anger fume when your | people pray?

P: [5]You have fed them with the | bread of tears;

C: You have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

P: [6]You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,

C: And our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

P: [7]Restore us, O | God of hosts;

C: Let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

P: [17]Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,

C: The one you have made so strong | for yourself.

P: [18]And so will we never turn a-| way from you;

C: Give us life, that we may call up-| on your name.

P: [19]Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;

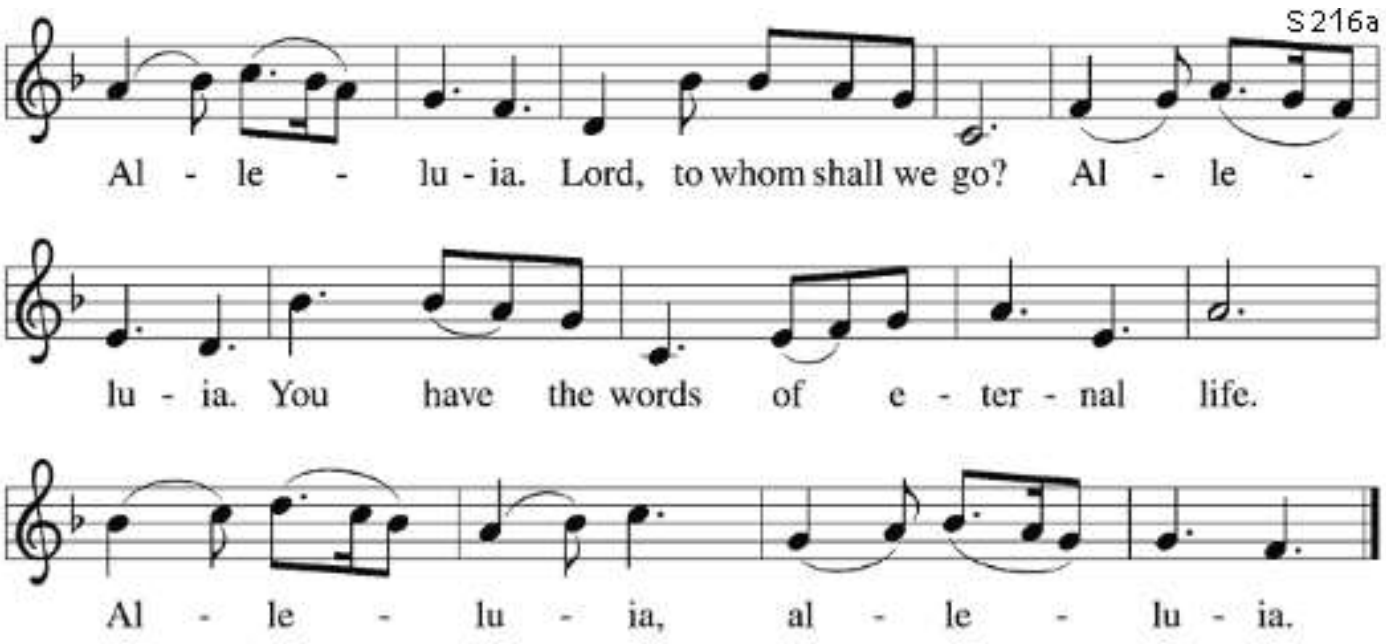
C: Let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

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.

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel **Mark 13:24-37**

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.

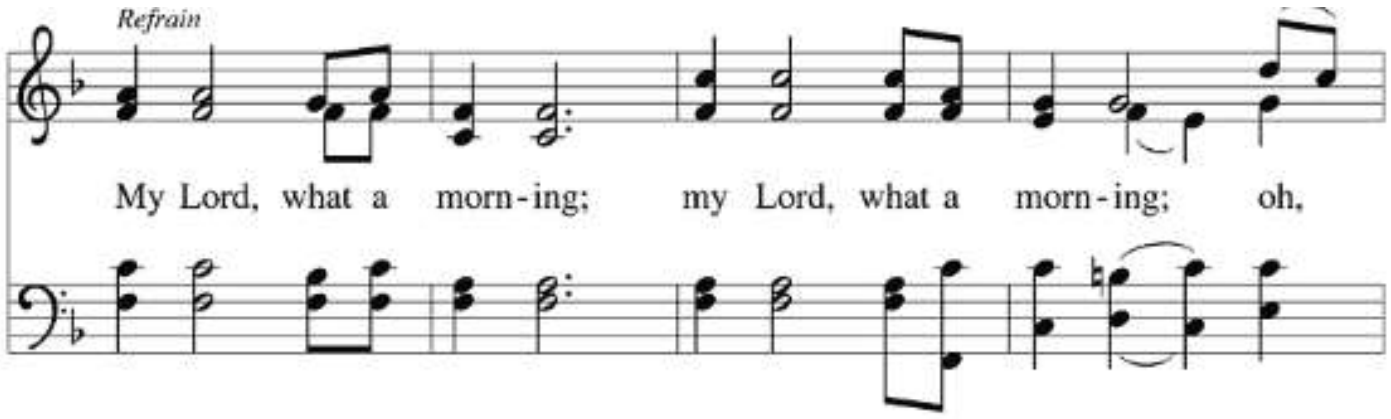
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth
its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking
place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not
pass away until all these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

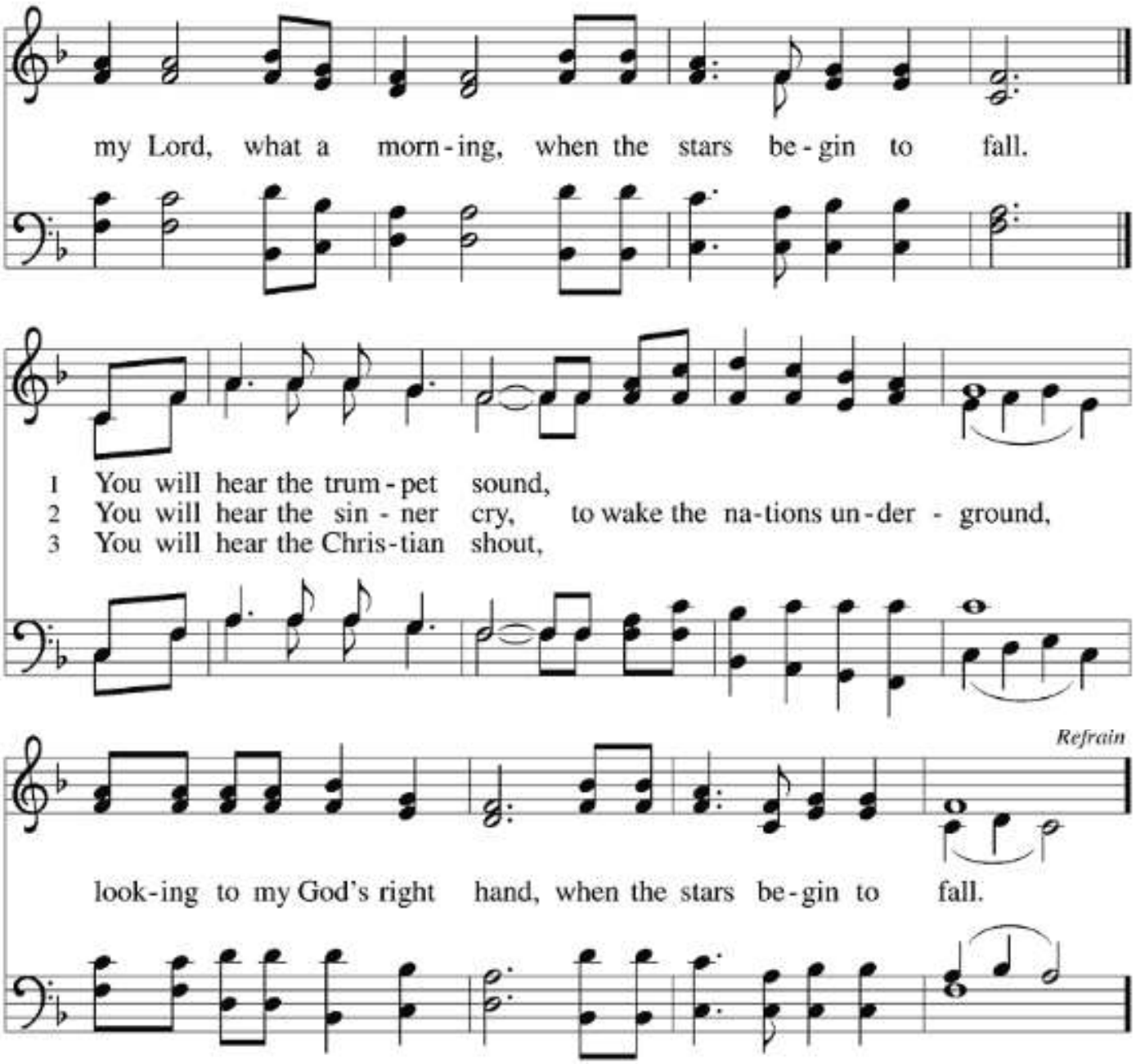
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.
34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work, and commands the 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Paul Burow

*Hymn of the Day "My Lord, What a Morning" **ELW438**





Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual

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Reception of new members

Martin Moores

Kristi Mueller

*Apostles' Creed

C: 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 the People

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

*Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering "A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us" Don Besig

Lyrics:

A little child will come to lead us; the prophets have foretold.
A little child will come to lead us; a miracle will unfold.
One cold and wintry evening a star will shine above;
and a little child will come to lead us with His love.

O come O come Emmanuel.
The promise of your advent we retell.
We need the joy and peace you will bring,
and long to hear the song the angels sing.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel;
come live with us that we may know you well.

A little child will come to lead us; the world awaits that night.
A little child will come to lead us and darkness will turn to
light!
The joyful alleluias will ring in heaven above;
and a little child will come to lead us with His love.

*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. God our provider,

C: by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of you steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Words of Institution

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.

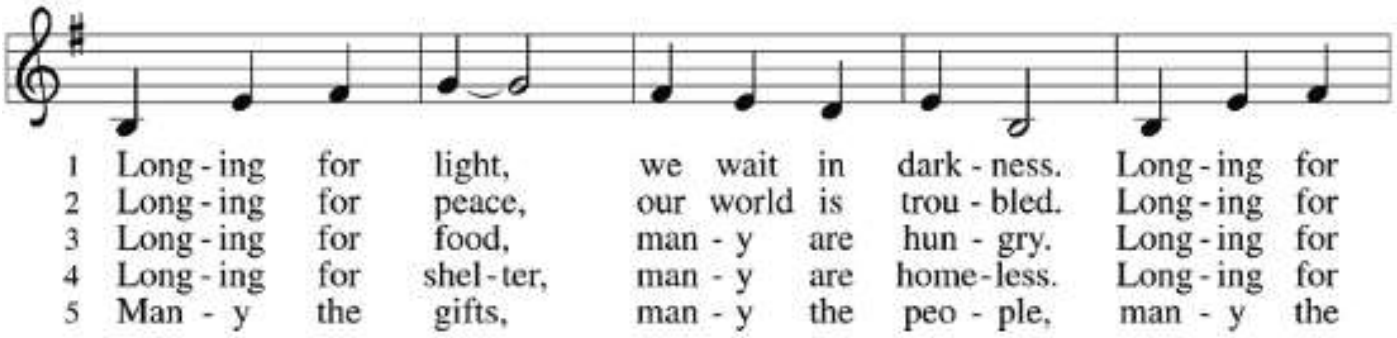
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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 Distribution

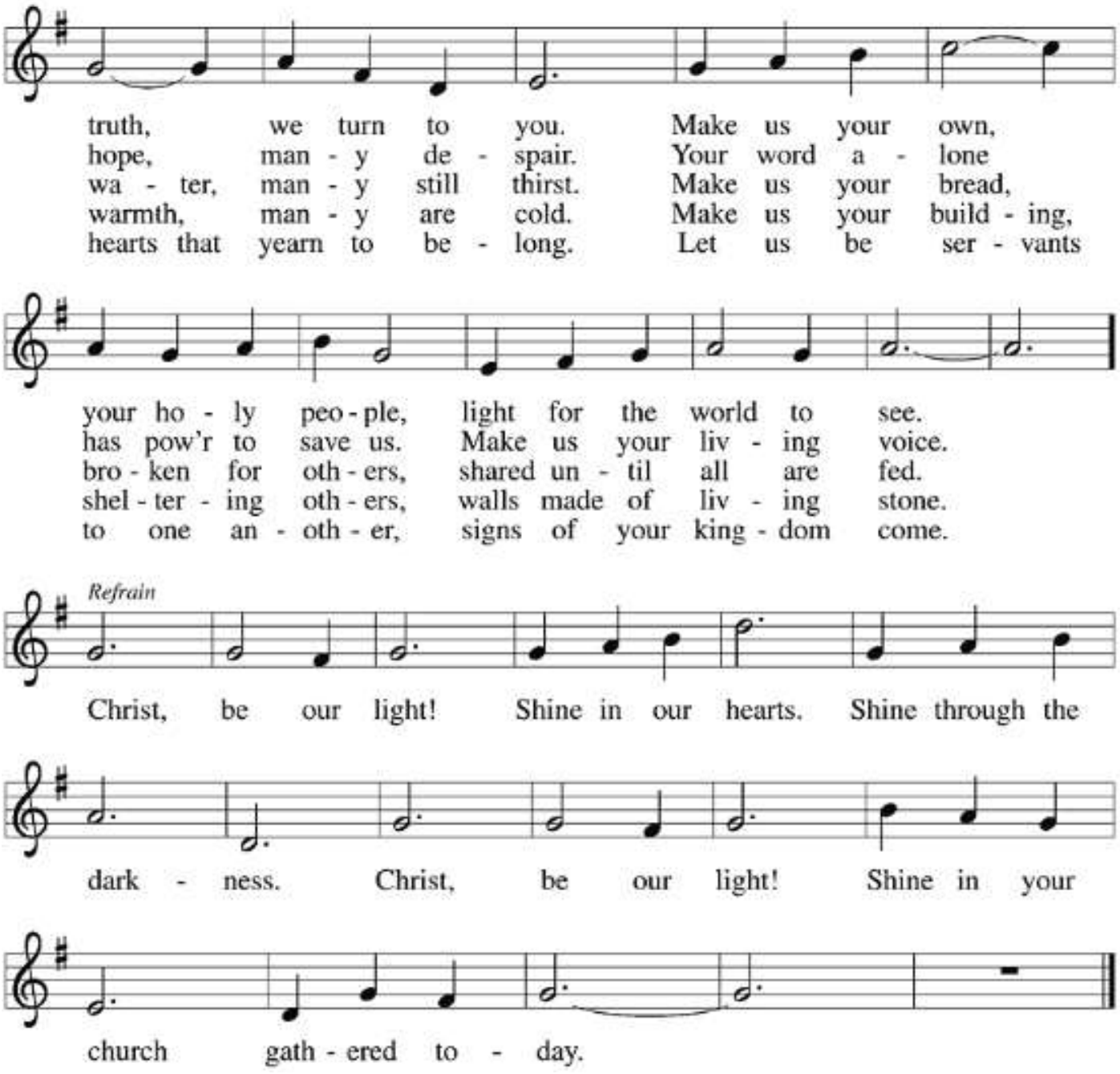
Communion Music "Christ Be Our Light" **ELW 715**



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Music: Bernadette Farrell
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Prayer

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Sending

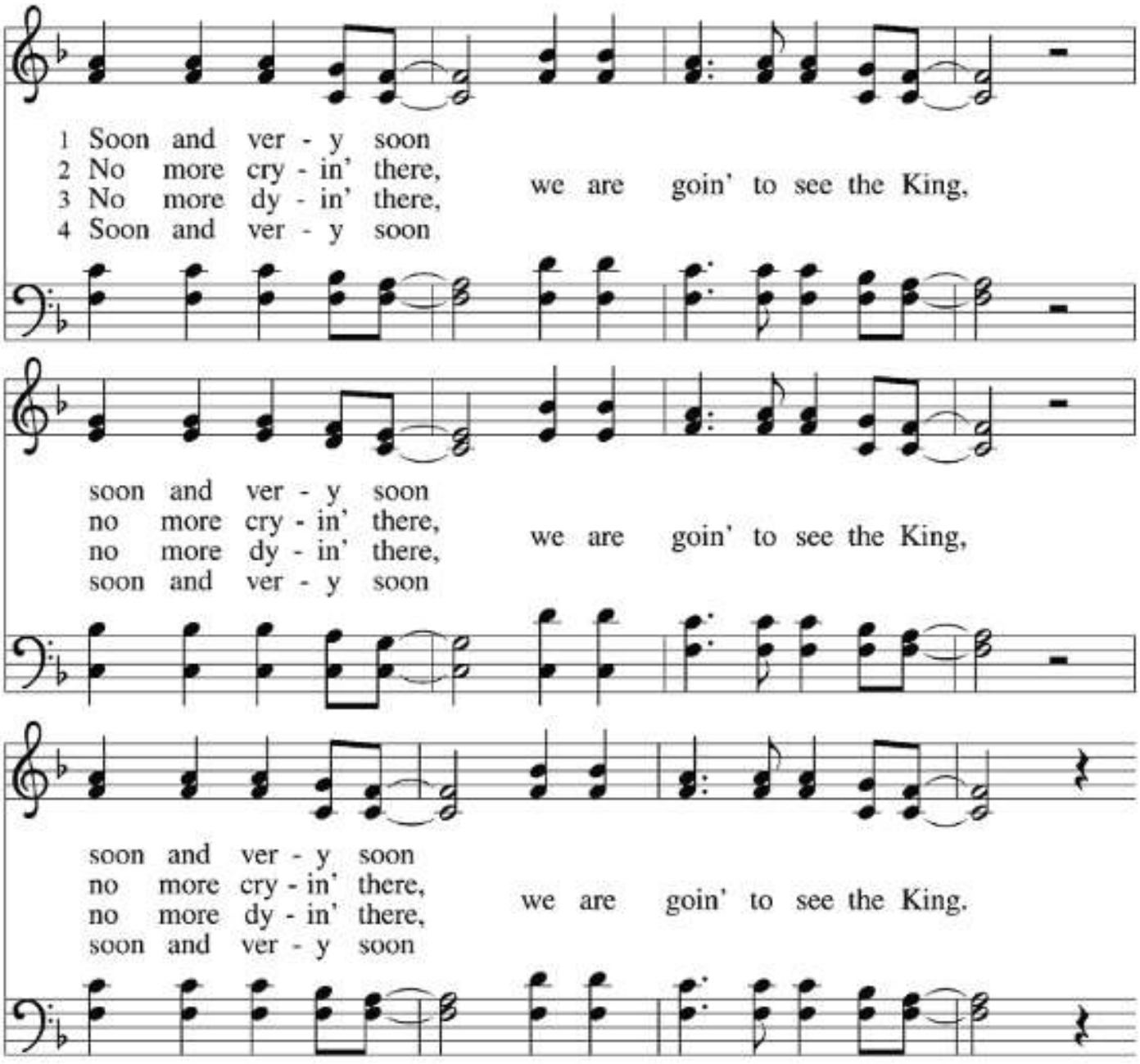
Ministry Opportunities

*Blessing

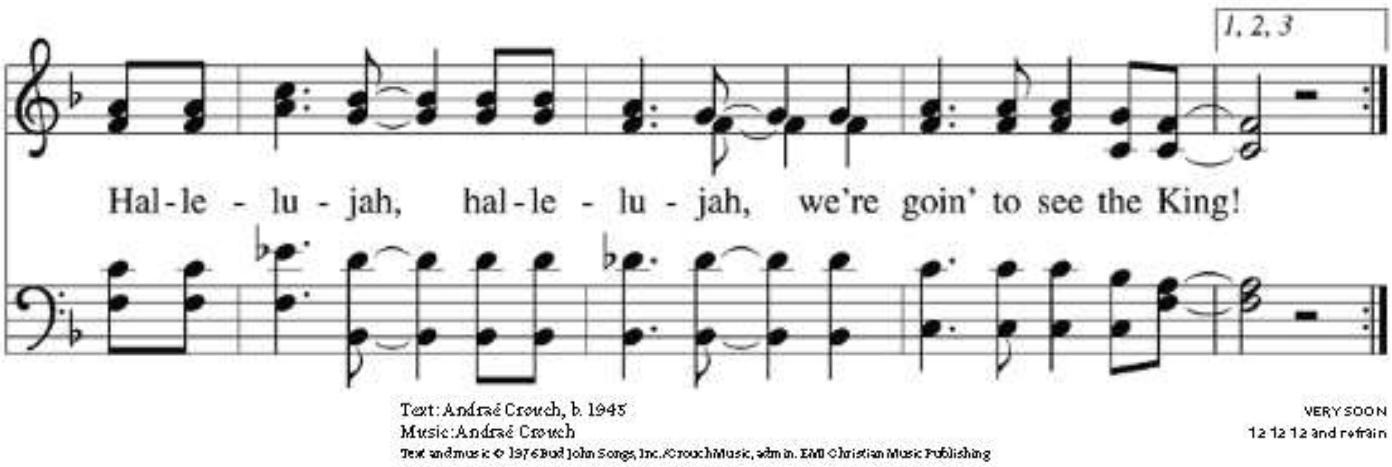
P: The God of peace bless you the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn "Soon and Very Soon" **ELW 439**



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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is coming.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Hark the Glad Sound" arr. Paul Bowman

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Ginny Trogen
Chancel Choir
Kristi Mueller, piano

Chancel Flowers

Jeff and Connie Young

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Claudia Peterson & Madison Benton, Nursery Staff

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Larry Carlson
Connie Young in hospice care
Cindy Hanson
Family of Connie and Cliff Anderson

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Sue Aleckson for a broken ankle
Vonnie Coleman
Quincy Meyers
Alan Aleckson for health concerns

*Those on the prayer list will be named for four weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Social Ministry

December giving is dedicated to CEAP's holiday baking an essentials drive. Please see list of needed items. We will have two different delivery dates. Please get all baking items in by December 14th. We will drop off food essentials on December 21st.

Thank you to all who brought food for CPHS!

Baking

- Frosting
- Sugar
- Vanilla
- Baking Soda
- Baking Powder
- Marshmallows
- Spices
- Pie Crust Mix
- Cookie Mix
- Cake Mix
- Flour
- Salt
- Yeast
- Chocolate Chips
- Jell-O
- Pie Filling
- Cocoa Powder
- Powdered Sugar
- Oil

Essentials

- Mashed Potatoes
- Rice
- Pasta
- Gravy
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Chicken or vegetable broth
- Cornbread and Biscuit Mix
- Mac & Cheese
- Juice
- Onion Mix
- Fried Onion
- Canned Carrots, Grean Beans, Corn, Sweet Potatoes, and Cranberries
- Velveeta Cheese
- Mixed Fruit
- Boxed Stuffing
- Pasta Sauce

Announcements

Blanket Drive: David and Rita Loos are organizing a blanket drive to help the low income and homeless people in downtown Minneapolis. We are asking for gently used and new blankets throughout the rest of October and November. They will be given out in early December.

"Rockin' around the Christmas tree, let the Christmas spirit ring." Ladies, get ready to rock at the December 5th Annual Women's Christmas Brunch! The time is 10:30, and the theme is "Holiday Traditions." Please consider sharing your family's unique holiday traditions. It is not too late to sign up to attend or to bring brunch delicacies. Also, kitchen help is urgently needed during and after the brunch. Plan on classic music, traditional decorations, holiday door prizes, delicious food, and a festive atmosphere. See Jeanne, Nancy K. or Myra with suggestions, questions, or encouraging words.

A Mitten Tree is coming! if you see any good deals on hats or snowpants, stock up!

Sunday school treats will be provided by David and Rita Loos on the third Sunday in Advent

The National Lutheran Choir Christmas Festival turns toward the figures of Mary and the Christ child: not only mother and son, but prophet and fulfillment, bearer of justice and its incarnation. Her song, the Magnificat, becomes a lens for reconciliation and points toward the one in whom that hope takes fragile human form. Due to the renovation of the Basilica of Saint Mary, concerts will be held at new locations: Friday, December 11, 4:30 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis; Saturday, December 12, 7:00 pm at Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville and Sunday, December 13, 4:00 pm at Wayzata Community Church, Wayzata. Tickets available at nlca.com.

Mission and flower sign ups for 2027 are now available on the narthex kiosk. There are still two Sundays available in December for global missions. Contact the church office if you are interested in signing up.

Advent midweek services start on December 2nd at 7 pm with a soup supper beforehand starting at 5:45 pm. There will be soup suppers and services each Wednesday in Advent, including December 23rd.

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