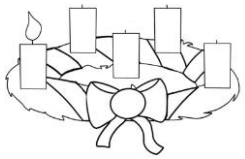
# Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent



**AS WE GATHER**

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

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**(Silence please for prayer and meditation)**

**PRELUDE**

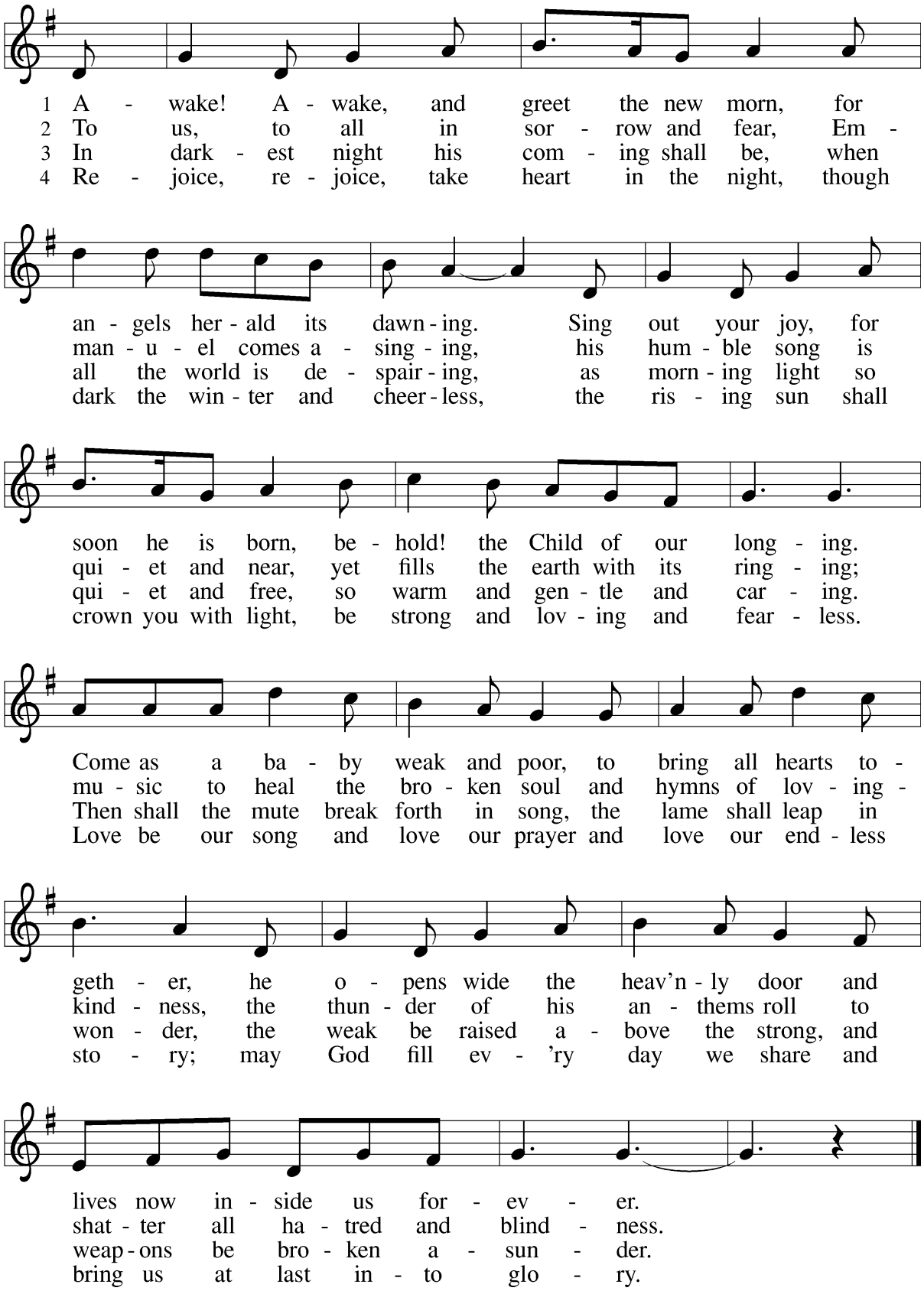
**(Please stand as you are able)**

**LITANY FOR ADVENT**

A 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 all his people on earth.**
A I will hear what the Lord God has to say
**C A voice that speaks for peace.**
A Peace for all people and for his friends
**C And those who turn to him in their hearts.**
A His help is near for those who fear him.
**C And his glory will live in our land.**
A 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.**



**GATHERING SONG** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" ELW 242




Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A 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**

**(Please be seated)**

**MINISTRY REMINDERS**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 64:1-9

A 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.

A Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "One Candle" LCR Choir

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A 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.

A Word of God, Word of life.
**C Thanks be to God.**

**CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY FOR ADVENT - Hope**

P How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land – far from home; in a desert of discouragement and dismay? Today, as we begin the season of Advent, we remember the words of the prophet Isaiah: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her warfare is ended, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all of her sins. Every valley shall be lifted up, every mountain and hill be made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

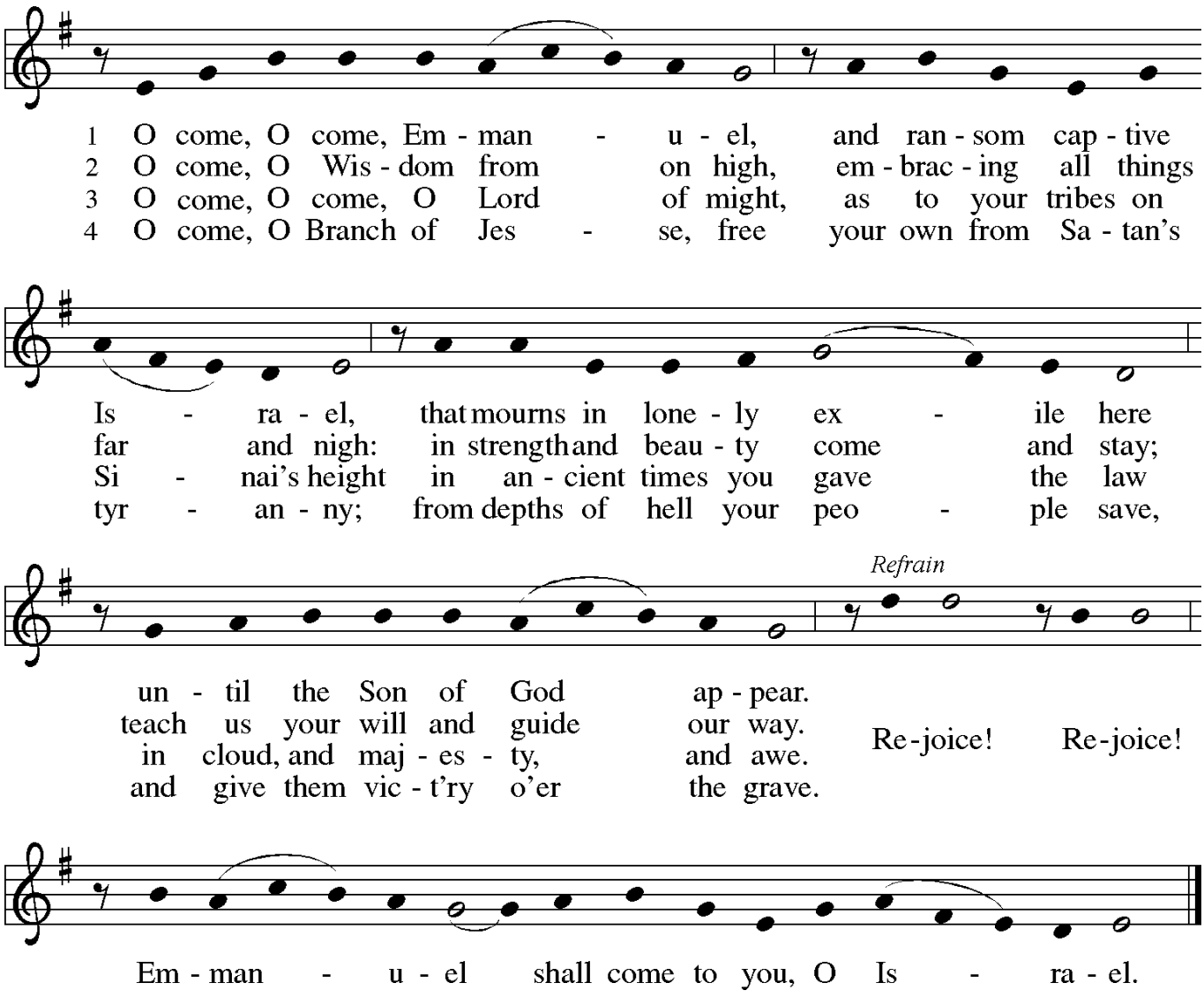
As we light the candle of hope, we peer into the darkness, straining to hear a voice crying out: In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

(Light the candle)

P Come, Wellspring of Hope,
**C Renew our parched spirits like streams in the desert. Give us eyes to see that will not be closed, and ears to hear that will pay attention, and help our fearful hearts to know and understand.**



"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
(verse 1)






**(Please stand if you are able)**

**THE GOSPEL** Mark 13:24-37

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

[Jesus said:] 24 “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.**

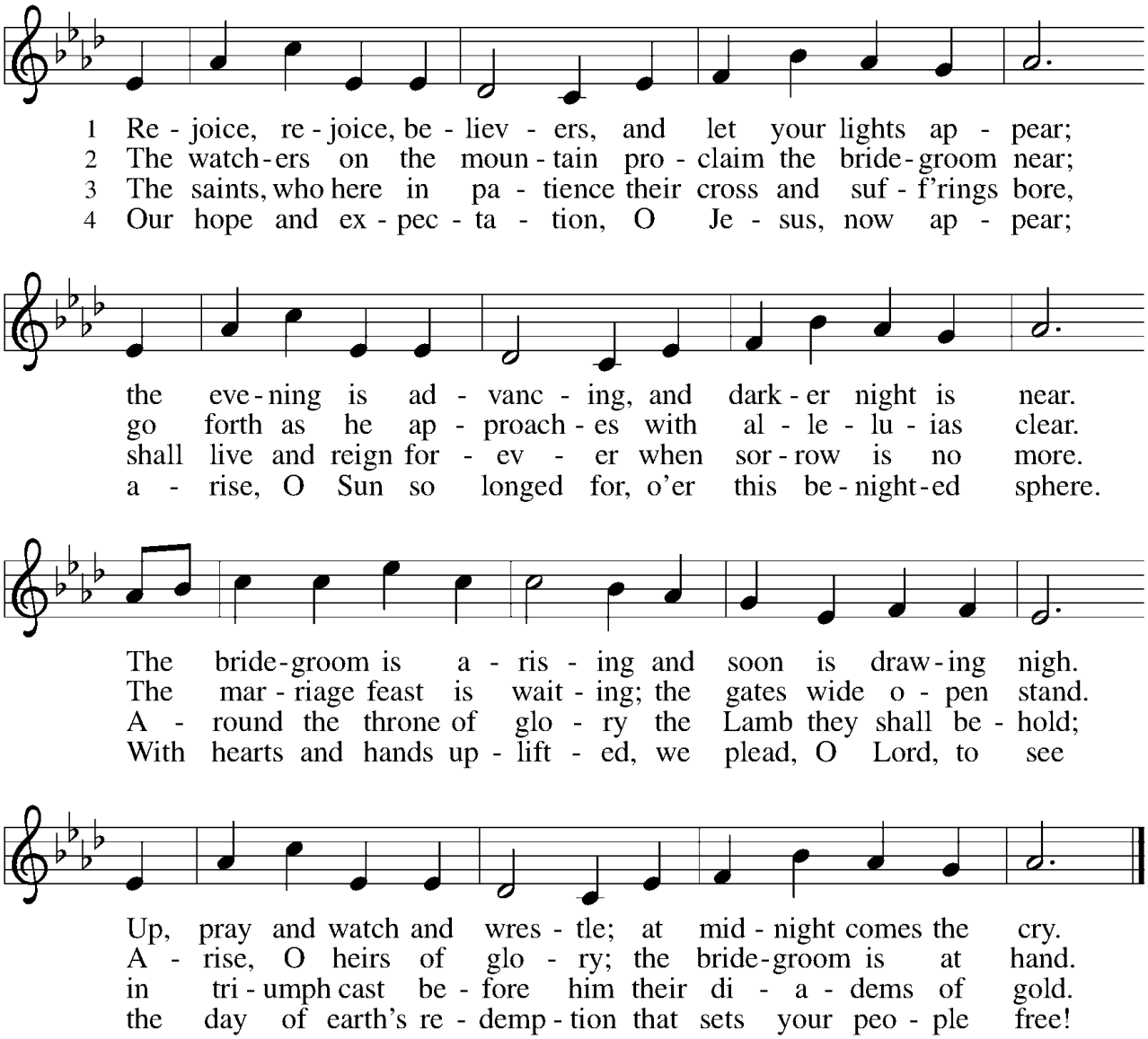


**(Please be seated)**

**SERMON** Pastor Derek Harman

**(Please stand as you are able)**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" ELW 234




Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune



A Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

(After each petition concludes with ***"God, in your mercy",*** the congregation responds, ***"receive our prayer"****)*

**PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**GIFTS OF OFFERING**

**(Please stand as you are able)**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P Holy Creator,

**C 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.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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 God thanks and praise.**

P On 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

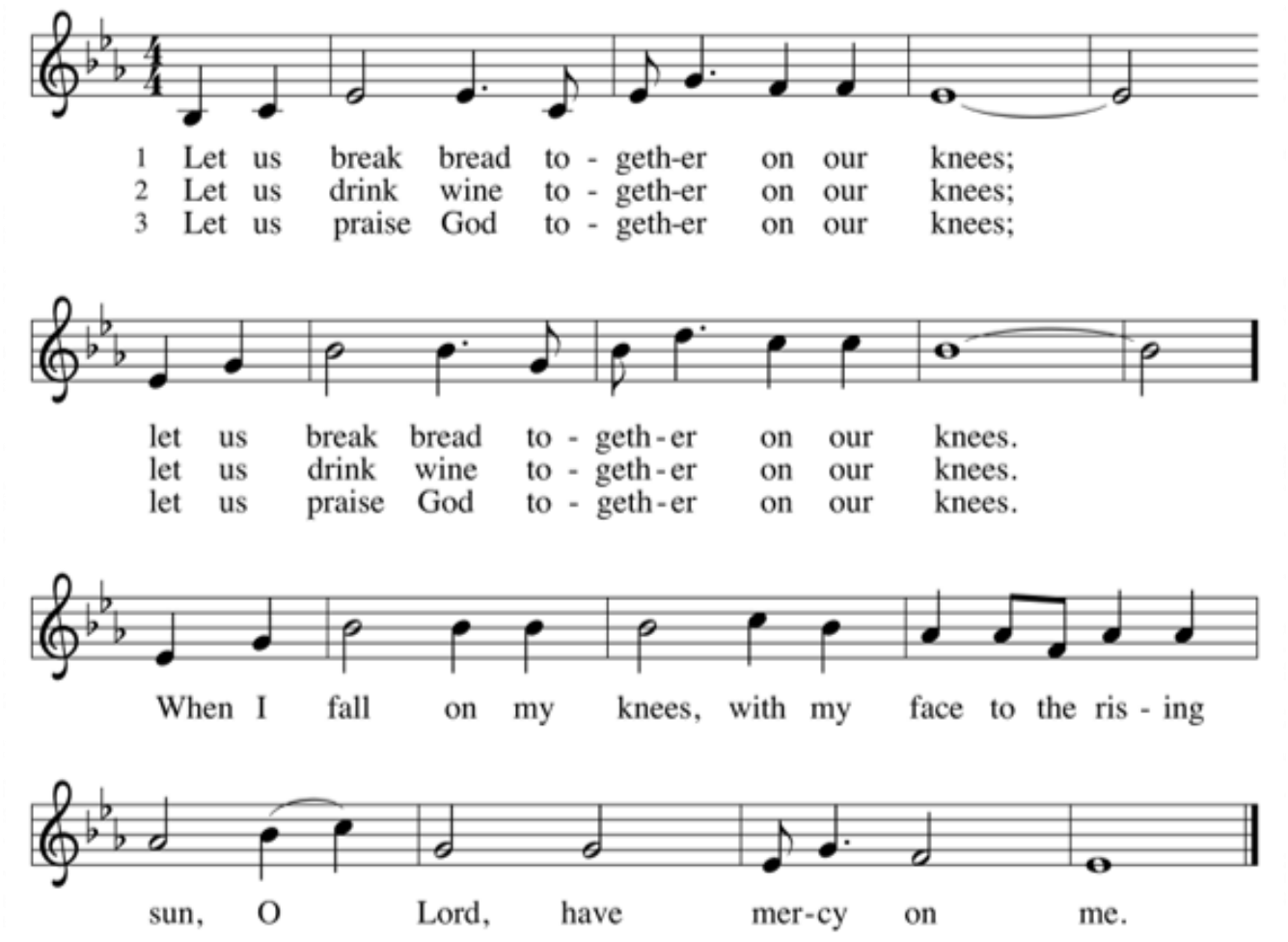
**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P The glory of the Lord is revealed! Come and taste God's presence.

**(Please be seated)**

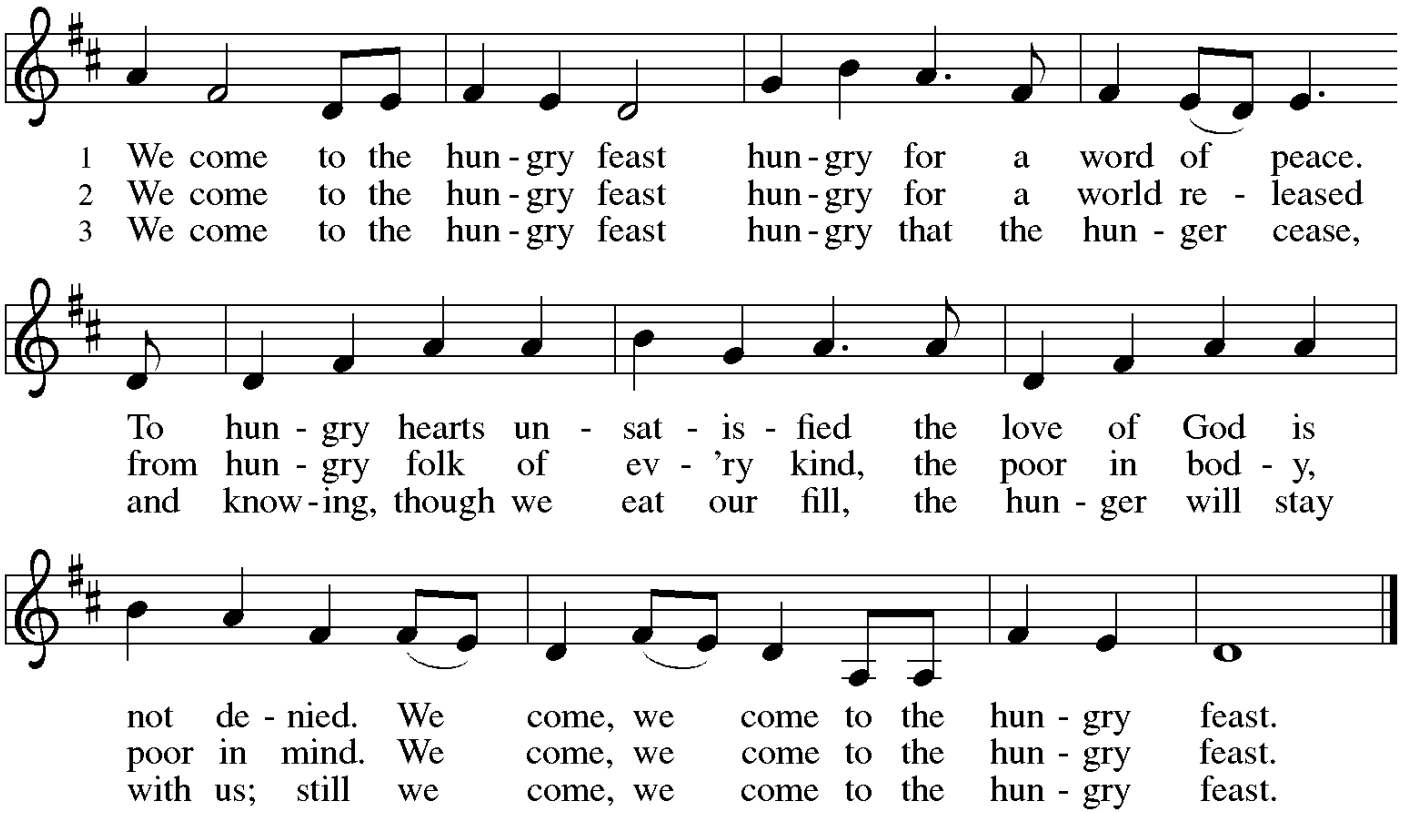
" Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW 471

**COMMUNION HYMN**




Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

**COMMUNION HYMN** "We Come to the Hungry Feast" ELW 479




Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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**(Please stand as you are able)**

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**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Providing God,

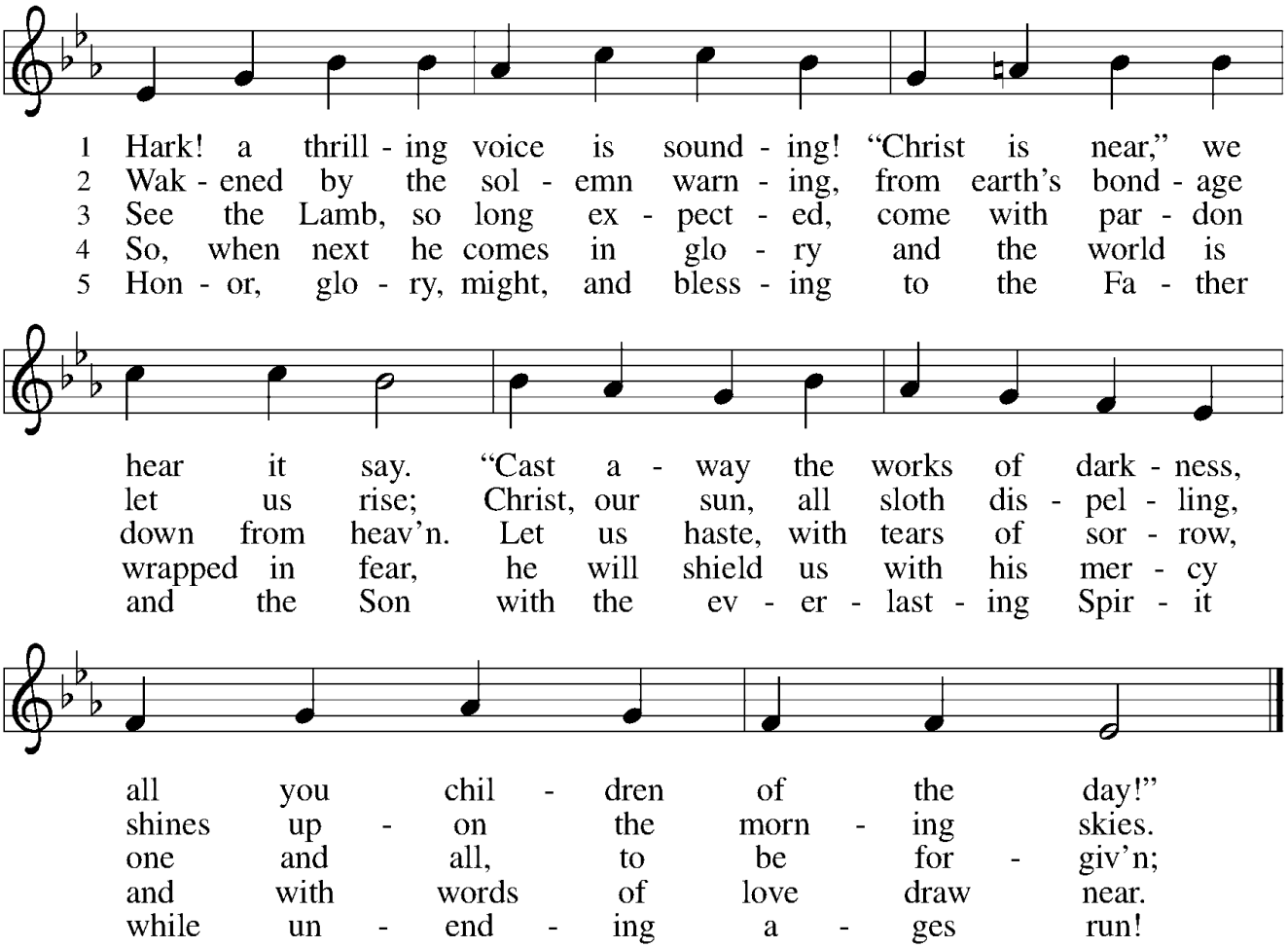
**C You feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

**BLESSING**

P God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** " Hark, A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" ELW 246




Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
Music: MERTON , William H. Monk, 1823–1889

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.

**C Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!**

**POSTLUDE**



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

**Assisting Ministers:** Phil Loper
**Lectors:** Jane Stevens
**Communion:** Kay Valler & Tanis Billing

**Ushers:** Glenn Arney, John Crostic & Earl Cole
**Altar Flowers:** Josie Freiberg
**Altar Guild:** Betty Donelson
**Coffee Corner:**

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**COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Andrew, Apostle**
**Monday, November 30, 2026**
The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

**Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552**
**Thursday, December 3, 2026**
A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

**John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749**
**Friday, December 4, 2026**
A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

