



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

*We Greet Our Members and Visitors  
Warmly In Jesus' Name.*

**The First Sunday of Advent**

10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 1, 2024



Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour  
*Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation!*  
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## **As We Gather**

*Pastor:* O Lord God, stir up our hearts that at the coming of your Son we may be ready to receive him with joy,. Amen.

## **Pre-Service Music**

### **A Waiting Carol, by Helen Kemp**

He's coming! He's coming!  
Oh, tell us, who is coming?  
Lord Jesus is coming to light our lives again.  
Each Candle is saying, "Get ready for his birthday."  
Prepare is to greet him with love and joy, we pray.  
We wait with joy to greet you.  
Come quickly! Quickly come!  
We wait with joy. Come, holy Boy!  
Oh, come, see the candles, they sparkle with light.  
They help us to wait for the Day of Delight!  
Come, lift up your voices, prepare for the Boy.  
The birth of the Christ Child will fill us with Joy!  
Oh Come!

### **Prepare the Way, O Zion, by Healey Willan**

Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps rise high,  
Sink low, ye towering mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh,  
The righteous King of Glory foretold in sacred story,  
Oh blest is He that came In God the Father's name!  
O Zion, He approaches, Your Lord and King of Aye,  
Strew palms where He advances, spread garments in His way.  
God's promise faileth never, Hosanna and forever,  
Oh, blest is He that came In God the Father's name!  
Fling wide your portal, Zion, TO hail your glorious King!  
His tidings of salvation To every people bring.  
Who, waiting yet in sadness, would sing his praise in gladness.  
Oh, blest is He that came in God the Father's name.

## Ringling in the New Church Year and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*(please stand and face the back of the church)*

*Pastor:* God says, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; Do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

*All:* **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”**

*Pastor:* The God whose mercies are new to us every morning has brought us by his grace to this new day, to a new Advent, and to this new church year. In the confidence that we are sustained by his grace we enter into this new church year.

*All:* **In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit., Amen.**

*Pastor:* His love abundant far exceeds the volume of this whole year’s needs; Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.

*All:* **God Father, Son, and Spirit dear, to all our pleas incline thine ear; upon our lives rich blessings trace in this new year of grace. Amen.**



*Pastor:* And now let us turn our attention to the Advent Wreath. Let us pray.

*(The first candle of the wreath is lit by members of the Blank family while the prayer is being read)*

*Pastor:* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

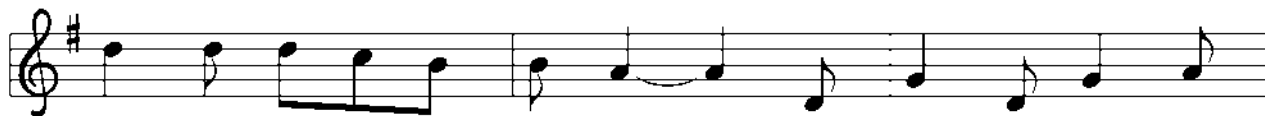
*All:* **Amen.**

*(as the processional hymn is sung, bells are rung to herald the coming of the Messiah, and to mark the beginning of the church year.)*

## Processional Hymn of Joy: "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



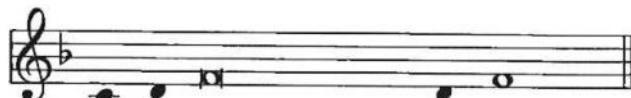
geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

# Kyrie

*Pastor:*



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

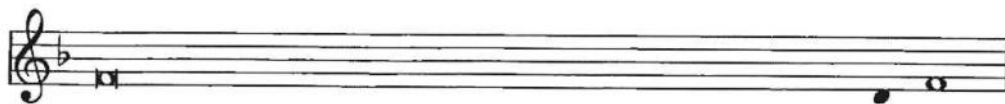
*All:*



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



*Pastor:*



Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

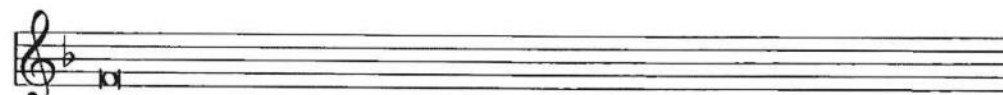
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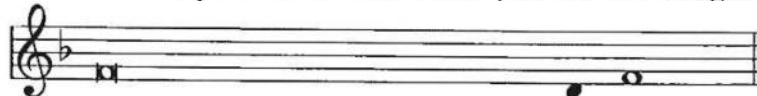
Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



*Pastor:*



Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:*



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



*Pastor:*

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All:*

Lord, have mer - cy.

*Pastor:*

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

*All:*

A - men

*(The hymn of Praise is traditionally omitted during Advent as a symbol of our voluntary restraint during this season of preparation.*

*The Gloria will return on Christmas Eve.*

*In the meantime, we mark it's absence with a moment of intentional silence)*

## Salutation & Prayer of the Day

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And also with you.

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Stir, up we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*( You may be seated )*

## Old Testament: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1-8

*Lector:* A reading from the first book of Isaiah.

For you are our father, though Abraham does not know us and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our father; our Redeemer from of old is your name. Why, O LORD, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — 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! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

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. 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. 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. 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.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

*Pastor:* O Lord, please come. Come to a world that is dying without you. Come, even though we tremble at your coming since all our righteousness is as filthy rags. Come as the Sun of Righteousness, risen with healing in your wing. Come, fill our world, Come, use us to make your own holy dreams come true. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. You, O Lord, are our Father. Our Redeemer from of old is your name.

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Lector:* A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

*Lector:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

*Pastor:* Come, O Lord, in your own good time. Meanwhile, help us to trust in you while we await your coming. Help us to trust that we have been enriched. Help us to trust that we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for your coming. Help us to trust that you will keep us strong to the end. And so, faithful Lord, come to us and use us to reveal yourself to all of those for whom you died. Help us to live as those who watch with a purpose. Come in your own good time, for we do not know the day or the hour. Come, as indeed you once came. “Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Immanuel.”

*(Please stand if you are able)*



## The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33-37

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to Mark.

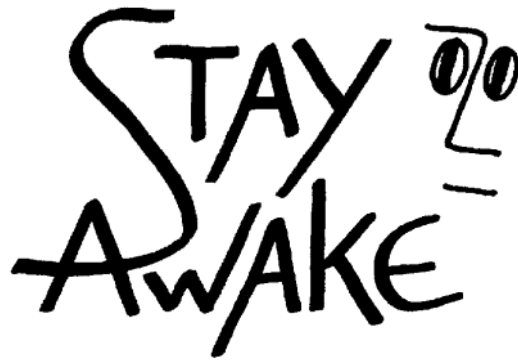
*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Pastor:* Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 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.

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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: **Keep awake.**"

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Response to the Gospel

*Pastor:* He that testifies these things says, "I am coming soon."

*All:* **Come, Lord Jesus. Come!**

*Pastor:* The Spirit and the Church cry out:

*All:* **Come, Lord Jesus. Come!**

*Pastor:* All those who await his appearance pray:

*All:* **Come, Lord Jesus. Come!**


*Pastor:* The whole creation pleads:

*All:* **Come, Lord Jesus. Come!**

## Children's Sermon

*(Please stand if you are able)*

### The Hymn of the Day: "Savior of the Nations, Come"



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
3 Won - drous birth— oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

*(You may be seated)*

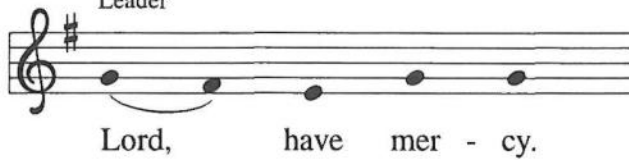
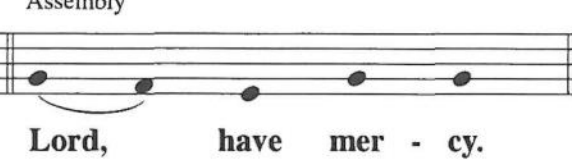
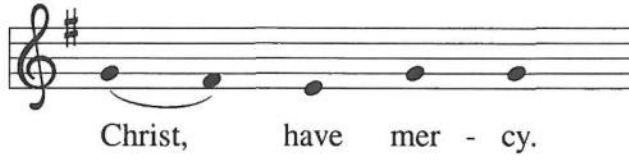
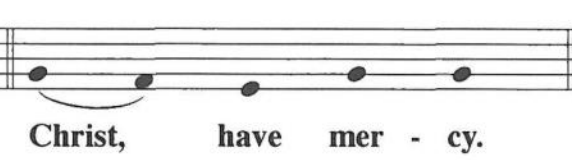
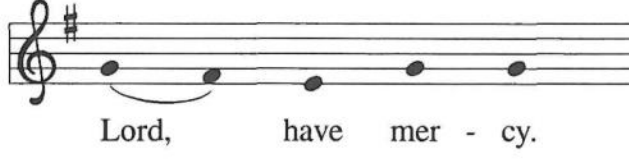
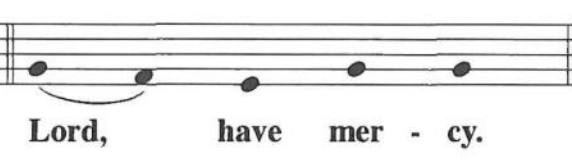
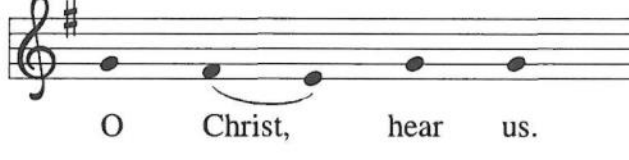
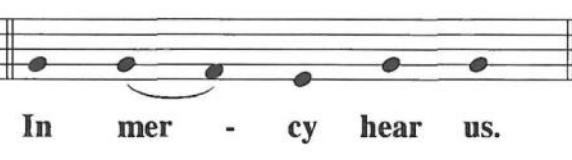


**The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck**

## The Nicene Creed

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

**All:** **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 into hell. 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.**

## The Great Litany

<p>Leader</p>  <p>Lord, have mer - cy.</p>	<p>Assembly</p>  <p>Lord, have mer - cy.</p>
 <p>Christ, have mer - cy.</p>	 <p>Christ, have mer - cy.</p>
 <p>Lord, have mer - cy.</p>	 <p>Lord, have mer - cy.</p>
 <p>O Christ, hear us.</p>	 <p>In mer - cy hear us.</p>
 <p>God, the Father in heaven,</p>	 <p>have mer - cy on us.</p>
<p>God, the Son, redeemer of the world,</p>	<p>have mer - cy on us.</p>
<p>God, the Holy Spirit,</p>	<p>have mer - cy on us.</p>
<p>Holy Trinity, one God,</p>	<p>have mer - cy on us.</p>

Be grac - ious to us. Spare us, good Lord.

Be grac - ious to us. Spare us, good Lord.

From all sin, from all error,  
from all evil;  
from the cunning assaults  
of the devil;  
from an unprepared and e - vil death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

From war, bloodshed, and violence;  
from corrupt and unjust government;  
from sedi - tion and treason: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

From epidemic, drought, and famine;  
from fire and flood, earthquake,  
lightning, and storm,  
and from ever - last - ing death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

By the mystery of your incarnation; by your ho - ly birth: **Help us, good Lord.**

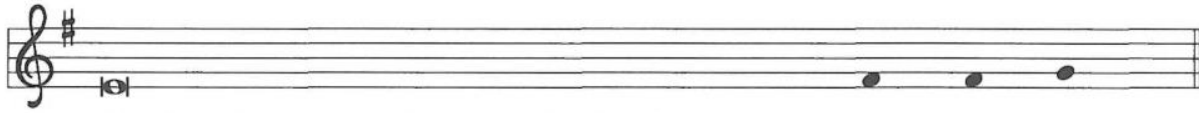
By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by your agony and bloody sweat;  
by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your resurrection and ascension;  
by the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**

In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment: **Save us, good Lord.**



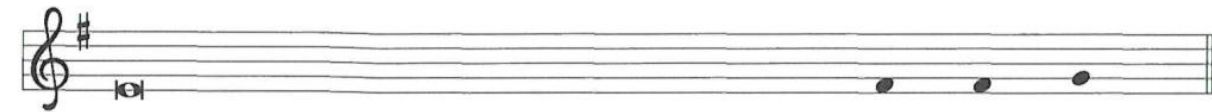
Though unworthy, we im - plore you to hear us, Lord our God.



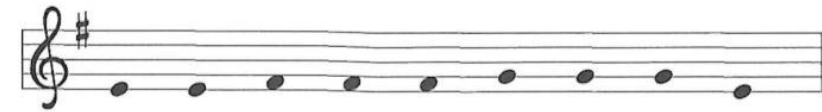
To rule and govern your holy catholic church;  
to guide all servants of your church  
in the love of your word and in holiness of life;  
to put an end to all schisms  
and causes of offense to those who would believe;  
and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone a - stray:



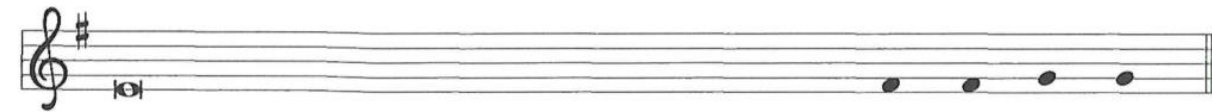
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord. ▶



To beat down Satan under our feet;  
to send faithful workers into your harvest;  
to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;  
to raise up those who fall  
and to strengthen those who stand;  
and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the dis - tressed:



We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To give to all nations justice and peace;  
to preserve our country from discord and strife;  
to direct and guard those who have civil authority;  
and to bless and guide all our peo - ple:



We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.

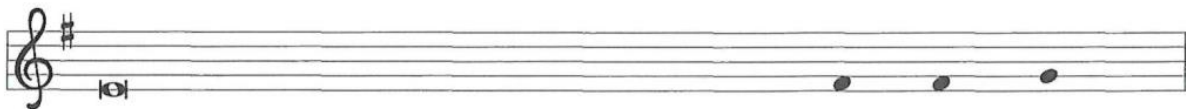


To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;  
to protect and guide all who travel;  
to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;  
to watch over children and to guide the young;  
to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;  
to bring reconciliation to families in discord;  
to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;  
to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;  
to support, comfort, and guide  
    all orphans, widowers, and widows;  
and to have mercy on

all your peo - ple:



**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,  
and to reconcile us to them;  
to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures  
of the earth, the sea, and the air;  
and graciously to

hear our prayers:



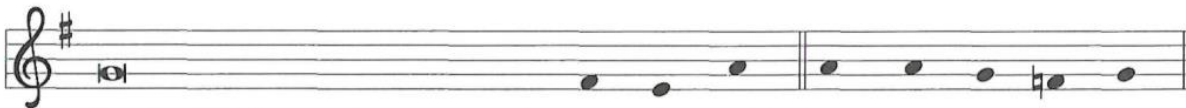
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



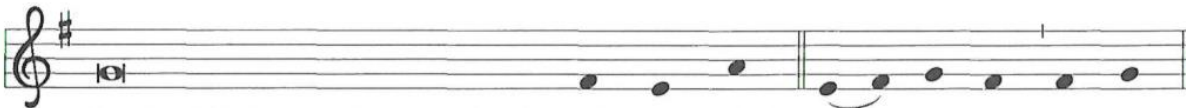
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **we im - plore you to hear us.**



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mer - cy on us.**



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mer - cy on us.**



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **give us peace. A - men.**

O Christ, hear us. In mer - cy hear us.  
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*(You may be seated)*

**Offering Hymn: "Let the Vinyards be Fruitful"**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offering Prayer

*Pastor:* Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

*All:* **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Pastor:* Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

*All:* **We lift up our hearts to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation!

*All:* **It is fitting and proper to give him thanks and praise.**

*Pastor:* With angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify his holy name, praising him forever more.

*All:* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

*Pastor:* Alleluia. Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him;

*All:* **all mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia!**

*Pastor:* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*All:* **Hosanna in the highest! Alleluia! Amen!**



## The Words of Institution

*Pastor:* 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.



## The Lord's Prayer

*Pastor:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

*All:* **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.**

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Invitation

*Pastor:* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*All:* **Amen.**

## Communion Hymn "Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You"



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?  
 2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.  
 3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.  
 4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.  
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
 who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast  
 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high  
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
 All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
 that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.  
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.  
 send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.



## Communion Hymn II: "The King Shall Come"



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky,  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.



## Table Blessing

*Pastor:* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Post Communion Canticle *Composed by Bob Newbury*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise!

7  
tell eve-ry-ome what He has done, Let eve - ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud - ly

12  
bear His name> He re-calls His pro-mis - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

18  
giv - ing A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia!

## Closing Psalm

*(In lieu of the closing hymn)*

- Pastor:* The Lord is near to all who call upon him. Hear us, O shepherd of Israel,  
*All:* **you who lead Joseph like a flock;**  
*Pastor:* you who sit enthroned between the cherubim.  
*All:* **shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**  
*Pastor:* Awaken your might;  
*All:* **Come and save us.**  
*Pastor:* Restore us, O God;  
*All:* **make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**  
*Pastor:* O Lord God Almighty,  
*All:* **how long will you smolder against the prayers of your people?**  
*Pastor:* You have fed them with the bread of tears.  
*All:* **you have made them drink tears by bowlful.**  
*Pastor:* You have made us a source of contention to our neighbors,

**All:** and our enemies continue to mock us.

**Pastor:** Restore us, O God Almighty;

**All:** make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

**Pastor:** Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,

**All:** the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

**Pastor:** Then we will not turn away from you;

**All:** Revive us, and we will call on your name.

**Pastor:** Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel,

**All:** you who lead Joseph like a flock,

**Pastor:** Awaken your might;

**All:** come and save us.

**Pastor:** The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

*(silence)*

**Blessing** *(from center isle)*

**Pastor:** 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.

**All:** Amen.

**Postlude**

## Closing Hymn: "Rejoice the Lord is King"

Charles Wesley, 1746

John Darwall, 1770

1. Re - joice the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the  
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph e - ver - more.  
keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n.  
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -

joice, a - gain I say re - joice!

### Dismissal

*Pastor:* Go in peace. Share with a friend your love for Jesus.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

### Postlude