CASUAL SERVICE HEALING w/FIRST COMMUNION MESSIAH LUTHERAN ELCA
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Date: 11/28/26 Season: ADVENT 1 (BLUE)

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK **Mark Herron**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship
In the name of God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HEALING LITURGY

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Let us pray:
O God, in the Lord Jesus, you healed, and you gave hope. Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole.
O Lord of life hear our prayer.

Spirit of peace, move where hearts are hardened and histories are heavy.
Bring reconciliation where nations and divided in Eastern Europe,
and in the Middle East.
Where conflict burns in Sudan, Myanmar, and Haiti,
bring protection to the vulnerable and wisdom to those in power.
Heal minds burdened by fear, grief, and trauma.
Restore clarity where there is confusion, and serenity where there is distress.
Rebuild what has been broken—homes, livelihoods, and trust between people.
Let compassion rise where anger once lived,
and let peace take root where violence has endured.
O Lord of life hear our prayer.

Restore to wholeness, O Triune God, whatever is amiss in our lives, and in this nation.
O Lord of life hear our prayer.

Strengthen our trust in you so that we might not hesitate to bring our concerns to you, O Lord of life.
Amen.

LAYING ON HANDS

Sisters and brothers, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Come as you are able and receive laying on of hands and anointing. You may kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. Those who are unable to come to the Altar Rail, let a Shepherd know and we will come to you.

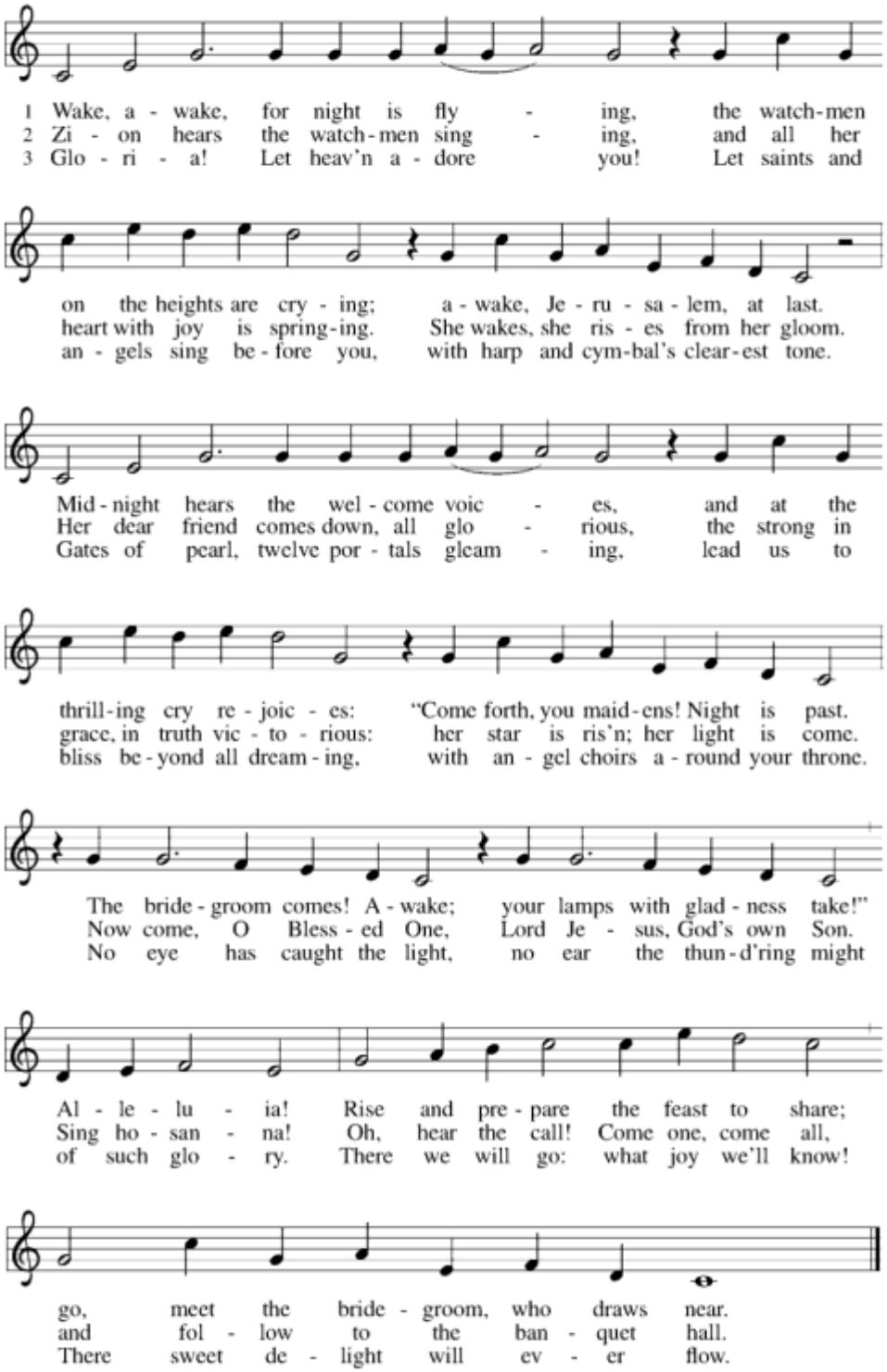
ANOINTING

ABSOLUTION

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ✢ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN **verse 1 only** **ELW 436**

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



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Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

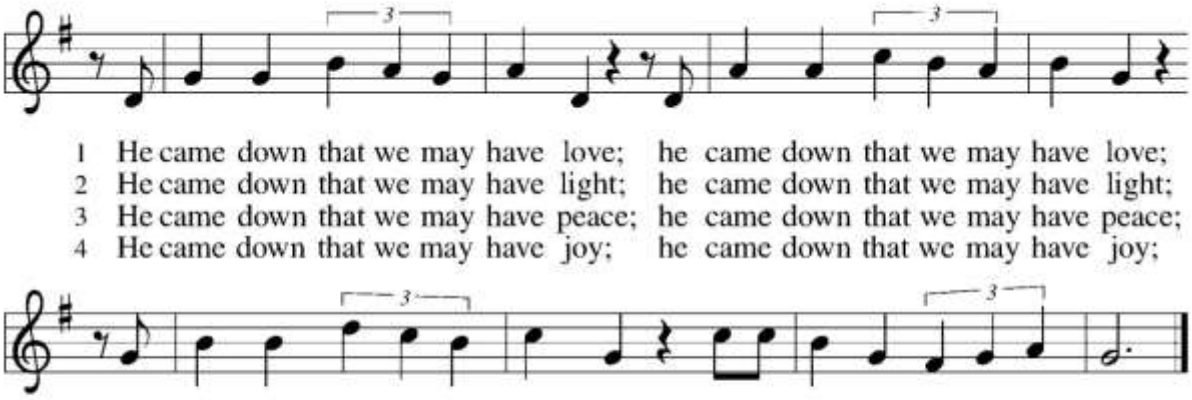
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. 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.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH (VS. 1 ONLY) **ELW 253**

He Came Down



Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING FROM 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING FROM 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.
The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

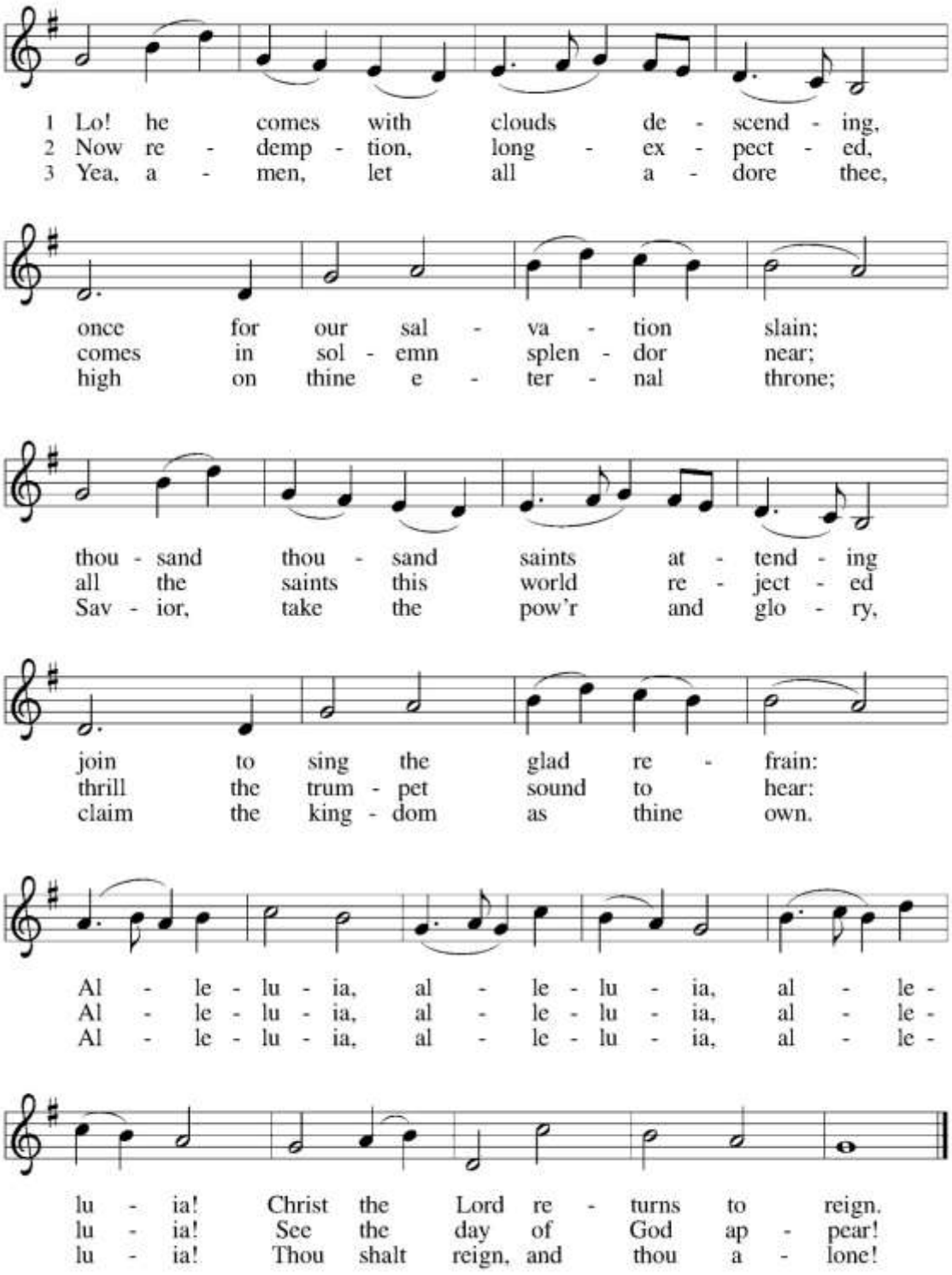
[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then 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."

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

SERMON Pastor Orin W Cummings

HYMN OF THE DAY **verse 1 & 2 only** **ELW 435**

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

FIRST COMMUNION LITURGY

Charlotte Carroll, Harrison Carroll, Cora Hover, and your families please come to the altar rail.

Christ's introduction of the Lord's Supper is found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Jesus took bread and wine and presented it as his body and blood to his disciples. The Christian church continues this sacrament to this day. What benefit do we receive from such eating and drinking?

The benefit which we receive from such eating and drinking is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin," namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sin, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

It is not the eating and drinking that does this, but the words here written, "Given and shed FOR YOU for the forgiveness of sin." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are essential to the Sacrament; and whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sin.

Would Charlotte Carroll, Harrison Carroll, Cora Hover, and your families please face the congregation?

Members of Messiah Lutheran Church will you welcome Charlotte, Harrison and Cora to the Lord's Table?

We welcome you as communing members of Messiah Lutheran Church and the world-wide Christian community. Together we will explore the mystery and wonder of Holy Communion and accept Christ's gifts of grace and salvation that come to us through this holy sacrament.

***Let us pray:* Gracious God, thank you for Charlotte, Harrison and Cora who stand before us now. As they grow in years, deepen their faith in Christ and their trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit to always present themselves at the Lord's Table. Thank you for their parents and family members that supported them on this journey, and help every one of us to see ourselves, others, and the world though Jesus' eyes. Amen.**

(First Communicants and their families shall return to their seats)

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

In hope and expectation, we bring our prayers before God for the church, the world, those in need, and open our hearts to willingly serve.

A brief silence.

Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict, especially in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Show us new possibilities in places where law and order has been elusive *especially* in Sudan and Haiti. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry especially Ed Ables, Don Blumberg, Steve Koehler, Jerry Sherman, Steve Mullen, Marilyn Boston, Marissa Weaver, Leah Berkheimer, Ernie Russell, Peggy Trinidad, Virgie Wood, Carol Bickel, Lynn Burk, Wanda Wilson, Bob Ockree, Jennie Rohy, Allison Gregory, Susan Klockow, David Grochowsky, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Cathy Carleton, and Beverly Carlson. Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Inspire assisting and anointing ministers, cantors, lectors, musicians, pastors, and all who lead our worship. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home, especially Nicole Brooks and Mary Beth Robinson. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

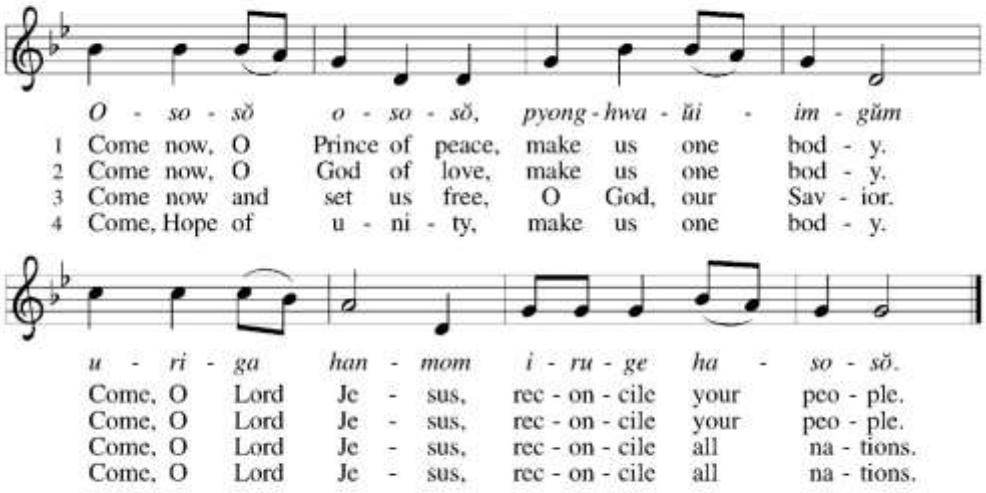
The glory of the Lord is revealed!
Come and be fed by God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN **ELW 247**

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

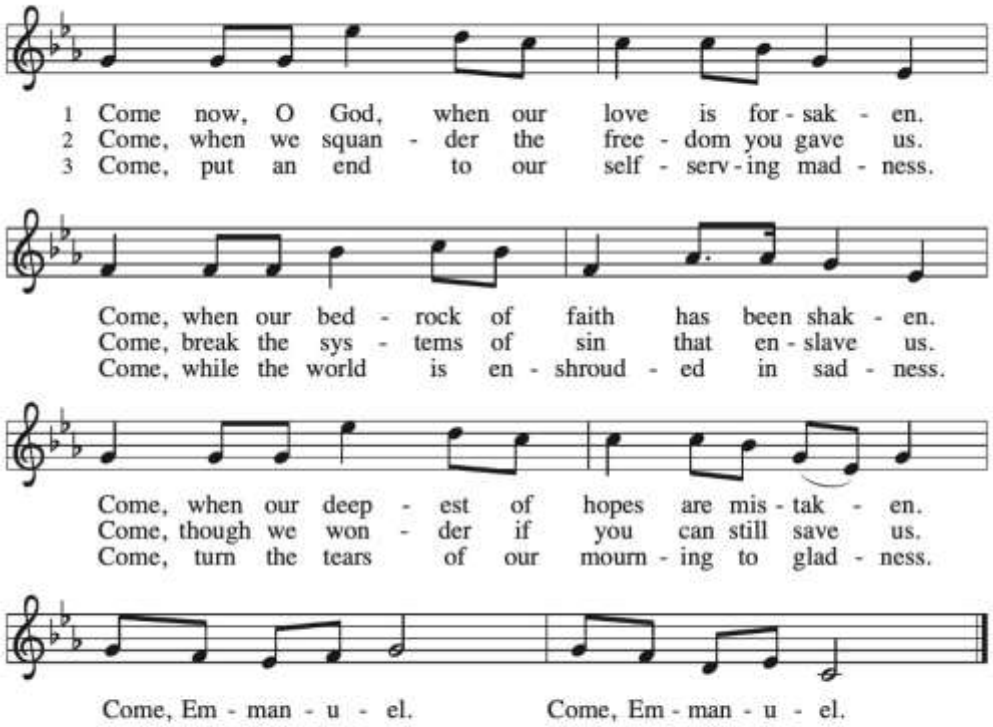
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN **ACS 902**

Come, Now, O God



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Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune
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TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Providing God,
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.

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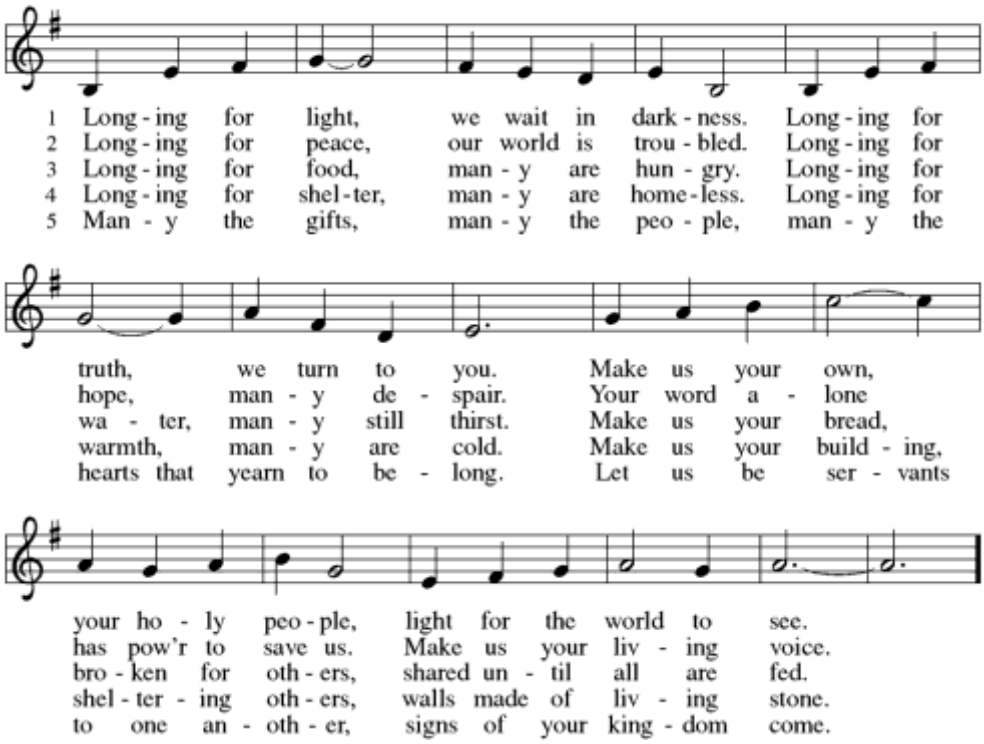
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

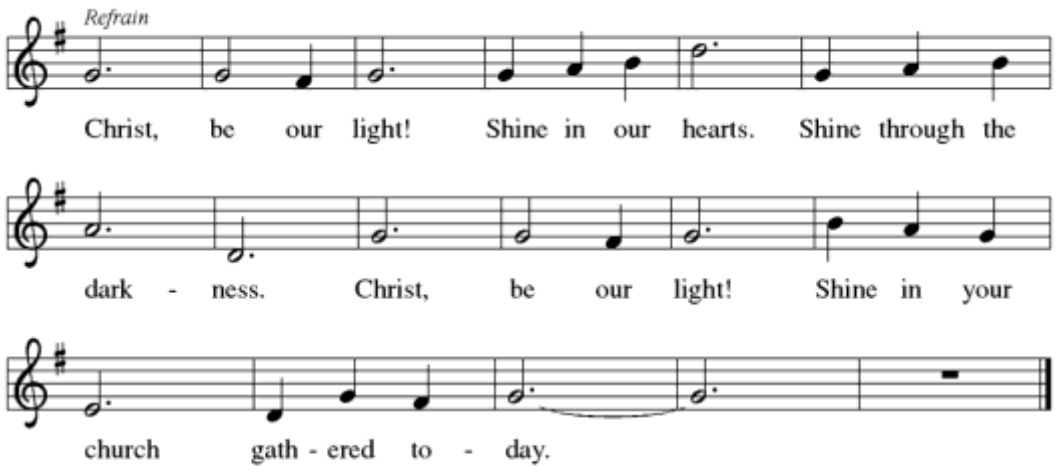
BLESSING

God, the Father,
✠ God, the Son,
God, the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 715**

Christ, Be Our Light





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MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, we:
Welcome all to worship;
Make disciples;
Hunger for ministry;
Nurture youth;
Gather resources for growing ministries;
Offer healing and care to all in need.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted
In the name of Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE