



# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022 | 10:30am

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*Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.*

*The prelude signals a time for silent prayer and meditation.*

#### PRELUDE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

Gracious God,  
**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 live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## \*LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Keep awake. Stay alert. The kingdom of God is near.

**We are God's partners in hope.**

The days are surely coming when God will fulfill the promise.

**We are God's partners in hope.**

A righteous branch will spring up and will bring forth justice.

**We are God's partners in hope.**

Stand up. Raise your hands. Your redemption is drawing near.

**We are God's partners in hope.**

As we light the first Advent candle, the candle of hope, may we be partners in hope, witnesses to the promise that hope is coming in the One born into the world.

Based on Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36

*Sing Verse 1 of "Hope Is a Candle" as the first candle is lit.*

The musical score is written for a choir or group, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, corresponding to the five verses of the song. The first line of the score is for the first verse, and the second line is for the second verse. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the proph - ets,  
2 Peace is a can - dle, to show us a path - way,  
3 Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,  
4 Joy is a can - dle of mys - tery and laugh - ter,  
5 Christ is the light that the pro - phets a - wait - ed,

nev - er con - sumed, though it burns through the years;  
threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.  
where ev - ery face is the face of a friend.  
mys - tery of light that is born in the dark;  
Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child.

dim in the day - light of pow - er and priv - ilege—  
 Friend, feel no en - vy for those in the shad - ows—  
 Wid - en the cir - cle by shar - ing and giv - ing—  
 laugh - ter at hear - ing the voice of an an - gel,  
 Christ is the love and the mys - tery and laugh - ter—









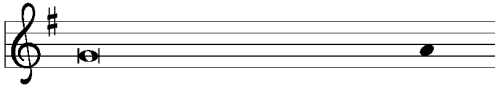

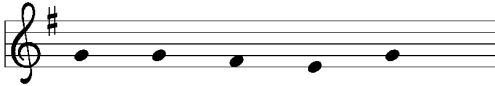





when they are gone, hope will shine on.  
 vi - olence and force their dead end course.  
 God's ho - ly dare: love ev - ery - where.  
 ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.  
 can - dles, make way! Christ is the day.

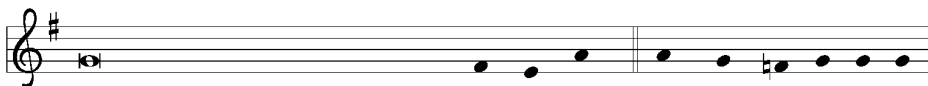
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### **\*GREETING**

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.**

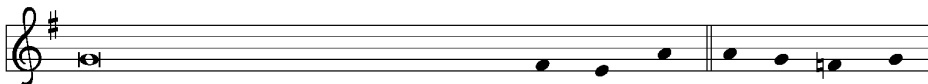
# \*THE GREAT LITANY

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

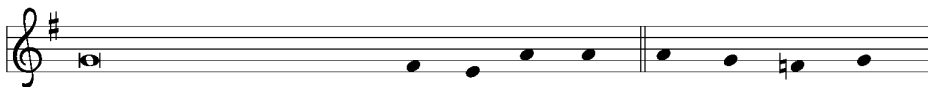
From epidemic, drought, and famine;  
from fire and flood, earthquake,  
lightning, and storm,  
and from ever - last - ing death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**



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.**

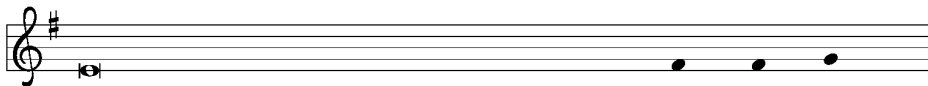
By your resurrection and ascension;  
by the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**



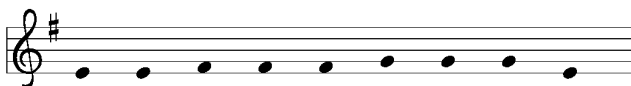
In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment: **Save us, good Lord.**



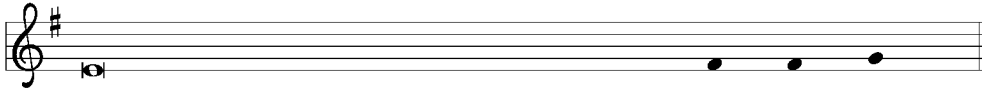
Though unworthy, we im - plore you to hear us, Lord our God.



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:



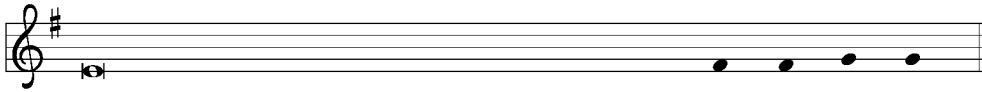
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



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:



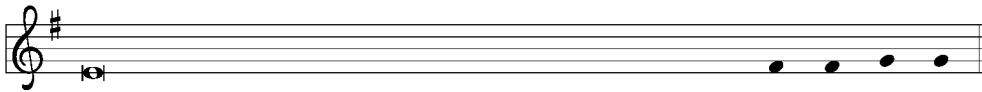
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



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:



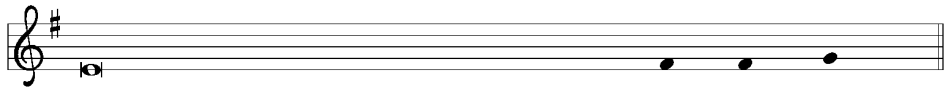
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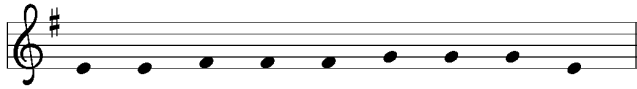
To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;  
to protect and guide all who travel;  
to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;  
to watch over children and to guide the young;  
to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;  
to bring reconciliation to 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.



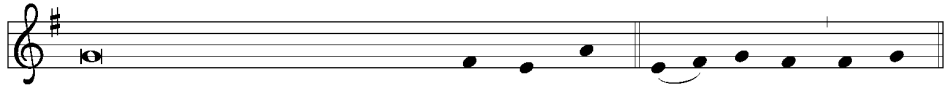
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we im - plore you to hear us.



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.



## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

ISAIAH 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

**T**HE word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
<sup>2</sup>In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sung by the choir.*

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, \*  
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
<sup>2</sup>Now our feet are standing \*  
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
 that is at unity with itself;  
<sup>4</sup>To which the tribes go up,  
 the tribes of the LORD, \*  
 the assembly of Israel,  
 to praise the Name of the LORD.  
<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
 the thrones of the house of David.  
<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
 "May they prosper who love you.  
<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls \*  
 and quietness within your towers.  
<sup>8</sup>For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
 I pray for your prosperity.  
<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
 I will seek to do you good."

## SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:11-14

A reading from Romans.

**B**ESIDES this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;  
Our hearts are open wide in trust.  
O show us now your lovely grace,  
Upon our sorrows shine your face,  
And let your Holy Spirit guide  
Our journey in your grace so wide.  
We praise your holy name,  
From age to age the same!

\*GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**ESUS said to the disciples, <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR PEDERSON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Wake, awake for night is flying*



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and in her  
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, and saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,  
an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym-bals all u - nite.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
for her Lord comes down all glo - rious, the strong in  
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell - ing



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
with the choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your daz - zling light.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
Oh, come, you Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained to hear,



Al - le - lu - ia! Pre - pare your - selves to meet the  
Sing ho - san - na! We go un - til the halls we  
what joy is ours! Cre - scen - dos rise; your halls re -



Lord, whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.  
view where you have bid us dine with you.  
sound; ho - san - nas blend in cos - mic sound.

#### **\*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. Amen.

#### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each intercession:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

#### **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

# MEAL

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

PUER NOBIS

All praise to you, eternal Son,  
Whose advent has our freedom won,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

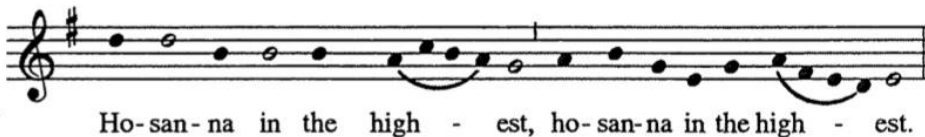
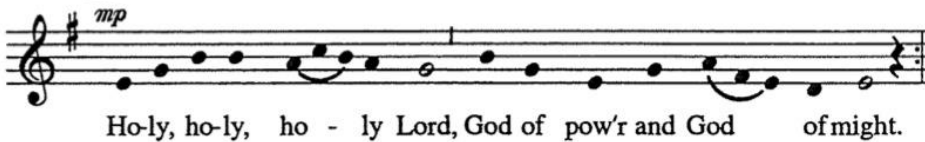
Lift up your hearts.

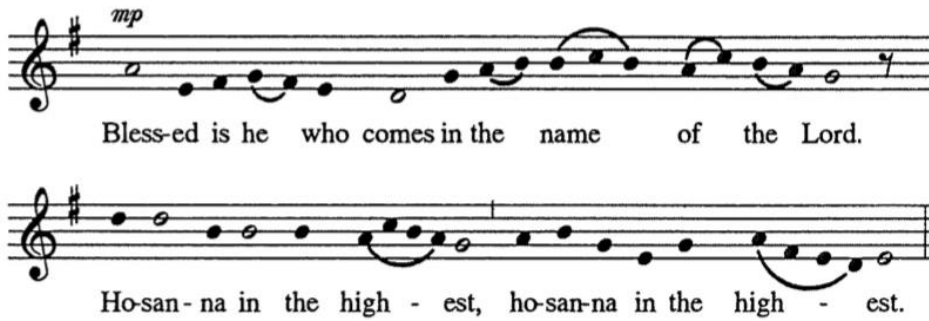
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should . . . *the pastor concludes the Preface* . . .  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn:





### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **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**

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.  
Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

#### **Receiving Communion**

*All who have been baptized, believe in Jesus as Lord, and in his real presence in this holy sacrament are invited to commune. Gluten-free Hosts are available if requested.*



## LAMB OF GOD

**Cantor:**  
*mp*

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:  
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you  
3. Key of Da - vid and Day-spring from on high:  
4. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1.2.3. All:

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, have

4.

mer - cy on us. world, grant us

All:

peace, grant us peace.

## MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

Anthem

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

MANZ

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Most High God,

you have come among us at this table.

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*BLESSING

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

### \*HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

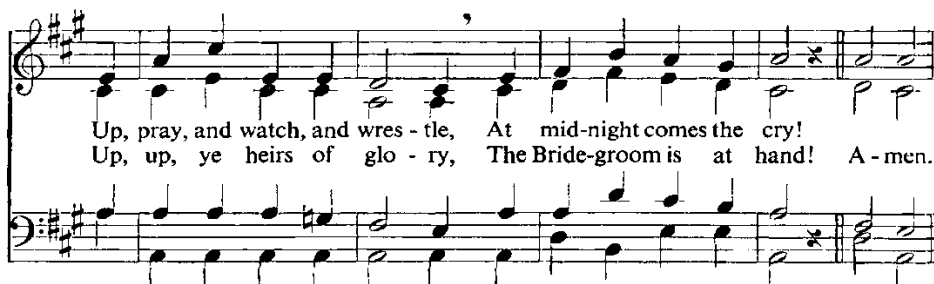
*Rejoice, all ye believers*

VIGIL. 7 6, 7 6. D. Swedish Folk Melody  
*Brightly*

1. Re - joice, all ye be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2. The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing And dark - er night is near;  
Go meet him as he com - eth With hal - le - lu - jahs clear;

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, And soon he draw - eth nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, The gates wide o - pen stand;



3 Ye saints, who here in patience  
Your cross and sufferings bore,  
Shall live and reign for ever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb ye shall behold,  
In triumph cast before him  
Your diadems of gold!

4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
That brings us unto thee! Amen.

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace for Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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### Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Duane C. Pederson
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively
Worship Assistant	Kathy Caraballo
Reader	Charlene Pederson
Acolytes	Addison Bartlett, Vivian Torre
Communion Assistant	Charlene Pederson
Ushers	Eric Lane
Counters	Diane Egley, Cheryl & Joe Milukas, Michele Taylor, Astrid Olsen

Altar Committee Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler  
Little Free Pantry Cathy Mahler

### Coffee/Fellowship Time

Our thanks to *Karen & Sue Brandt* for hosting the fellowship time following worship today in the Welcome Room. This time of hospitality is important as we connect with one another over coffee and treats. The Welcome Room is located directly beneath the sanctuary.

### Dates to Remember

#### November

**Nov 28:** Decorate church - 4:30pm  
Advent Night - 5:00-7:00 pm

#### December

**Dec 5:** Lucia procession following 10:30 am service  
**Dec 5:** Holiday Concert - 5:00 pm  
**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Worship  
5:00 pm - Family Oriented  
8:30 pm - Traditional Candlelight  
**Dec 25:** Single 9:30 am Worship

### Little Free Pantry - Immediate Need

The LFP is in need of non-food item whenever it is convenient for you to donate to the church. Or, if more convenient, order supplies online and ship them to church.

Shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, body wash, feminine products, toothpaste, brushes and dental floss. Toilet paper, diapers, dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels toilet paper

**Volunteer:** Help to maintain the Little Free Pantry – clean, organize, and restock. To volunteer, click [here](#) or contact Janet Segerdell - [janet.segerdell@gmail.com](mailto:janet.segerdell@gmail.com).