

Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church! Advent is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We give thanks that you are worshipping with us today. All are welcome in this house – in-person and on our Facebook livestream. We welcome you wherever you are on your spiritual journey, be it for an hour, a season, or a lifetime! Our



hope is that you will experience God's love today in Word and Sacrament, through the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. Everything you need for the worship service is printed in the bulletin.

Looking for a church home? You are invited to become part of the Advent community. Come back again! Need more information about our ministry? Make yourself known to Advent by filling out a green contact/prayer card, by adding a comment on Facebook, or by emailing the church. You can also visit our website: www.adventlc.us or make an appointment with Pastor Alex. We'd love to know how we can be in ministry together!



PRAYER CONCERNS We keep the following persons in prayer



Rev. Anna Anderson (former Pastor)
Douglas Bennett (brother of Shelley
Bennett)
Sandra Bradley (mother of Mark Duncan)
Jacqui Fogg (member)
Pat Futato (friend of Wendell Anderson)
Warren Hageman (member)
Jenny Jones (friend of the Falksens)
Kathryn "Kate" Juhl (member)
Ben Levisky (cousin of Joy Duncan)
Janet Osborne (friend of Ingrid Berdahl)

Ingrid Palmquist (member)
Chick Picard (Pastor Anna's brother-in-law)

Yvonne Ross (friend of Nesta Alleyne)

Jean Wetzel (mother of Joy Duncan)

Bill Wentz (cousin of Joy Duncan)

Becky Wilfinger (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

For Pastor Alex and Shelley Stall as they mourn the death of their friend Rawdon Young

For Lydia Suarez in memory of her friend and neighbor, Mrs. NuNu Getachew

For those deployed to serve this country: Kevin Messer (friend of Advent)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Pastorale on 'Wake, Awake for Night is Flying'

W. Wold

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross (signified with this +), the sign marked at baptism.

Pastor In the name of out Triune God: Creator, + Christ, and Holy Spirit.

- C Amen
- P Let us confess our sin in the present of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection.

- P Have mercy on us, O God.
- C We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.

We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome these you send

to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways,

and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

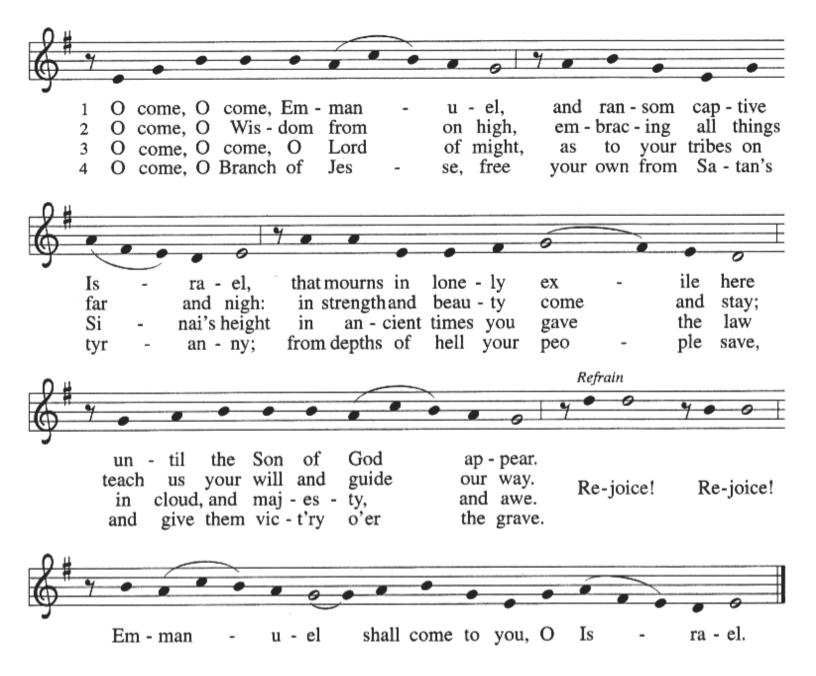
- P God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the reign of God.
- C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanual

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Text: Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. Composite Music: French processional, 15th cent.

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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 ELW 154



Music: Mass No. 1, Avon Gillespie Music © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

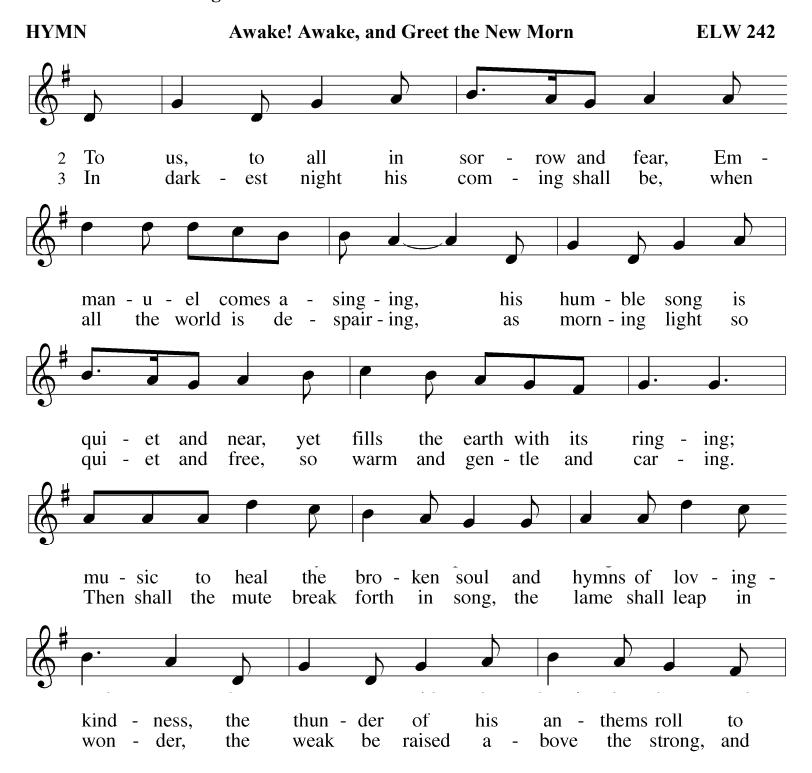
One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.

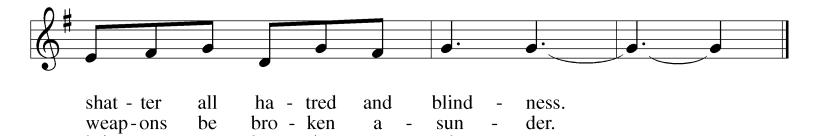
P Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

C let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.





Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader: A reading from Isaiah

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In 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. ³Many 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. ⁴He 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.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalms 122

(Assisting minister reads light print; congregation reads bold.)

¹I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²Now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Reader: A reading from Romans

¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

THE GOSPEL VERSE

He Came Down

ELW 253

(Please see graphic next page)





- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;



he came down that we may have love;

he came down that we may have peace; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Please be seated

SERMON Rev. Alex P. Stall, Jr.

Please stand as you are able



- 1 When peace, like a riv er, at tend eth my way; when
- 2 Though Sa tan should buf fet, though tri als should come, let
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo ri ous thought; my
- 4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows, like sea bil-lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed this my but the whole, is nailed to his cross and sin, not in part, trum - pet shall sound and the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the



well, well taught me to say, it is it is with my soul. help - less and hath shed his own blood es - tate, for soul. my more. Praise the Lord, praise the it Lord. soul! no Ο, my Lord shall de - scend: e - ven SO it is well with soul. my



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

and his kingdom will have no end.



THE PRAYERS (sung response)

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation.



Text: South African, based on the Lord's Prayer

Music: South African traditional, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana; transc. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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A brief silence. After each petition please respond:

- A We pray to the Lord,
- C sung response
- P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen

MEAL

SHARING THE PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

Offering the peace of Christ is far more than a handshake and a greeting to someone you haven't seen since last Sunday. It is the embodiment of conflicts forgiven, wars ended, even death destroyed. Jesus's resurrection offers true peace.

Please be seated

OFFERING

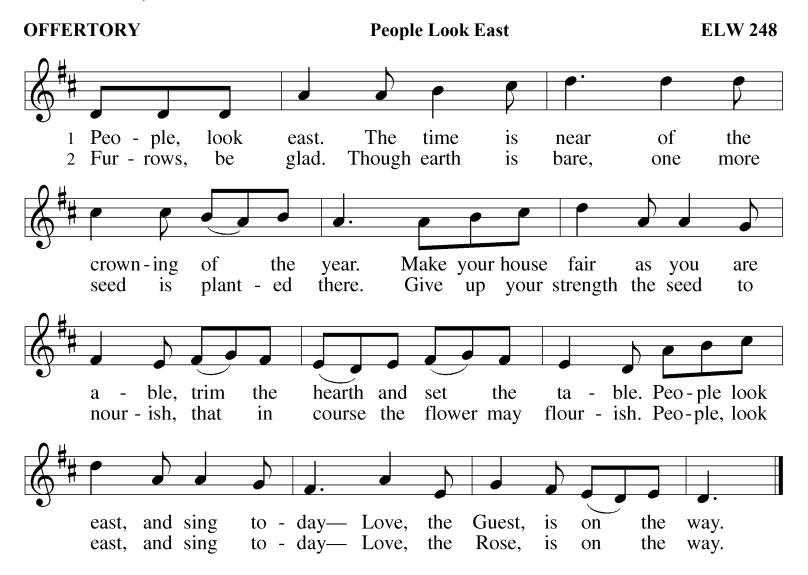
My Lord, What a Morning

R. Billingham

The Offering represents a shift in our worship time. We change from a time of hearing and learning God's Word, to a time of action. We share of our time and resources — and our very selves. We recognize God's grace in our lives and respond with our offerings. All are invited to respond to God with joyful hearts by giving regularly or tithing (giving proportionally) by placing your gifts in the collection plate, or by making electronic donations using our website at www.adventlc.us (look for

the "Giving" option on the home page). We also use Simply Giving for regular, automatic electronic donations. Please reach out to the church office for the necessary forms! In whatever way you support Advent, know that we are thankful for your faithfulness and trust in God.

Please stand as you are able



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965 Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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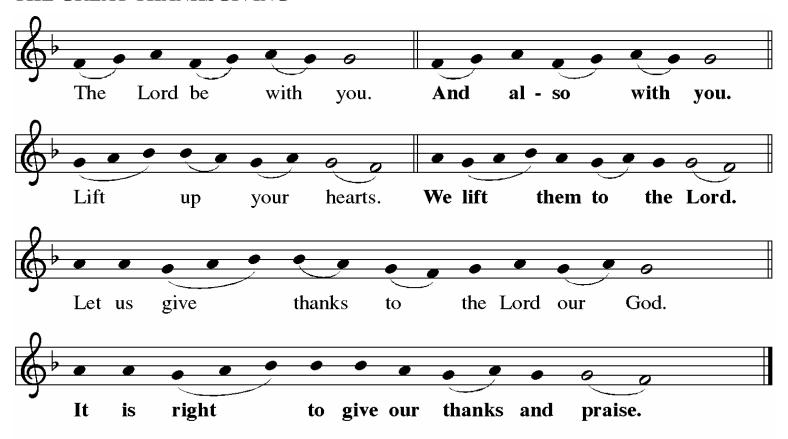
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- C O God, maker of all things.
 Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.
 Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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P It is indeed right ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!



Bless - ed be the com - ing Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

Text; metrical Sanctus, Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

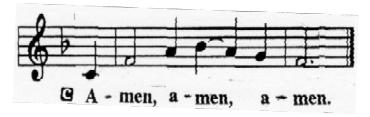
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

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



THE 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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

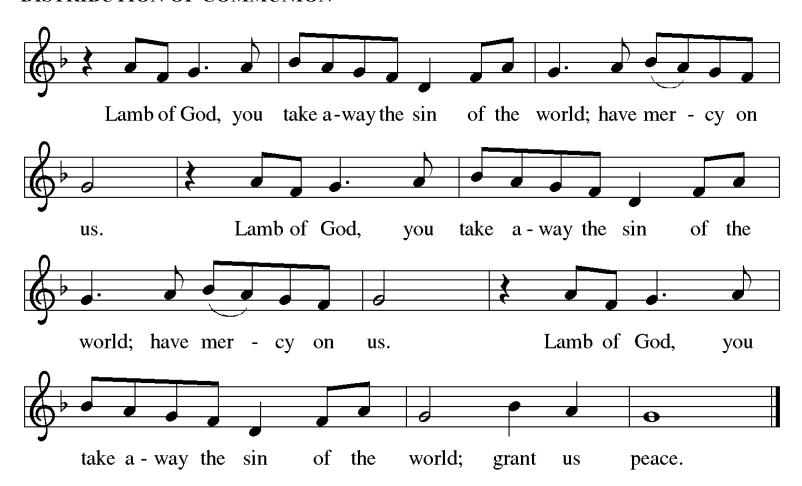
All are welcome at the Lord's Supper here at Advent. Wine and white grape juice are available by individual cup. Gluten-free communion hosts are also available upon request. If you do not commune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. We ask that you please maintain a safe distance as we commune. Hand sanitizer is available at the usher's stand.

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen**

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Please be seated

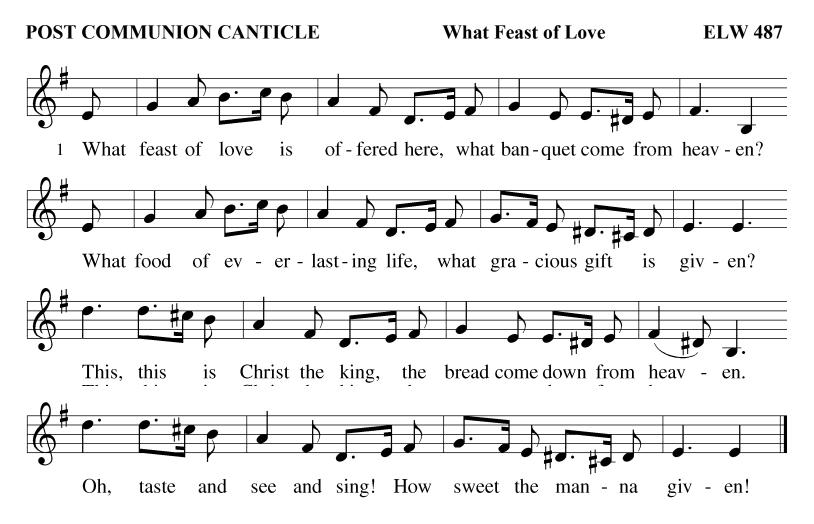
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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen



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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son.

 By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please be seated

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR JOY AND MARK DUNCAN

Members of the Altar Guild and Congregational Council come forward with Joy and Mark.

P Joy and Mark, as you leave our *congregation*, we wish to bid you farewell.

A reading from Exodus: The LORD said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." (Exodus 23:20)

The presiding minister continues.

When you came to *this congregation in 1980*, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you. In your new home, we encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for Joy and Mark, and for the time we have shared with *them*. As *they have* been a blessing to us, so now send *them* forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

P May you have the strength and courage to say "yes" to God.

May you take joy in your journeys wherever they may take you.

May you be a reflection of the Love of Christ in the world.

May the Mighty One look with favor on you... and have mercy on you... and do great things for you.

May you be filled to bursting with his grace and peace.

May you be blessed as much as you can stand!

God, + the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself, be with you now and always.

C Amen

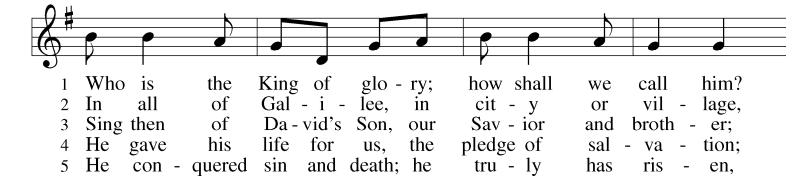
RECESSIONAL HYMN

The King of Glory

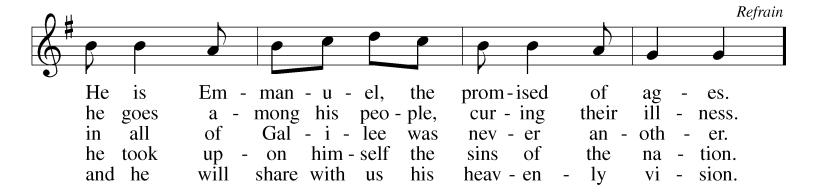
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Text: Willard F. Jabusch

Music: THE KING OF GLORY, Israeli traditional

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DISMISSAL

- P This service has ended. Our service begins.
- A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale on 'Wake, Awake for Night is Flying'

W. Wold



We give thanks for those assisting with worship today . . .

Pastor Rev. Alexander P. Stall, Jr.
Assisting Minister Rhonda Rose
Altar Guild Joy Duncan
Greeter Anna Jacob
Usher Shelley Bennett

Organist Videographer Social Hour Host Counters Eric Sparks Shane Gainer Marilyn Falksen David Falksen and John Matzner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, ADVENT! Today, the first Sunday in Advent, marks the 71st Anniversary of the first worship service of Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church at Oakridge Elementary School just down the street. We will celebrate this auspicious occasion with memorable highlights and special treats after worship.

Farewell and Godspeed. We will bid Godspeed and give thanks for the service and fellowship of Joy and Mark Duncan who are moving to Lynchburg, VA and will celebrate Christmas in their new home.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER 2022

The Faith Development Team is moving into high gear in search of a permanent solution to our Organist/Director of Music vacancy. If you have ideas or expertise in this area, please contact Pastor Alex.

Finance Team: Council formally established a Building Use Committee to coordinate the use of the congregation's building and grounds by outside entities. The first appointees to the Committee are: Debbie Lewis, Eric Heigis and Rosalie Smith Juhl. The Office Administrator, Nancy Jairrels, is an ex officio member – with voting privileges if they are also a member of the congregation. Contact these folks if you have ideas or suggestions about ways our property can be used to benefit the community in which we are located (and generate income, if possible). Council is investigating the possibility of having Capital Bikeshare install a station out front to complement the bus stop and the Getaround car share.

Operations Team: The water fountains outside the restrooms were inspected and found to be in poor condition and unsanitary so they were removed. The plan is to install a storage cabinet in that space to hold paper supplies. Looking for a great sale or a deal on a gently used cabinet. The leather-like furniture was not aging well and was disposed of after Fall Clean Up Day. The classroom and boiler room have been thoroughly cleaned and restored to more useful function. New wifi access points have been installed to improve internet speed and coverage. We are still seeking a high-quality solution for live streaming and/or recording worship services.

Motions: In addition to \$310 in matching funds for hurricane relief through the Synod's Building Puentes fund, Council approved \$1,000 in matching funds for the Synod's Gifts of Hope alternative gift program and a \$500 gift to Offender Aid and Restoration for holiday gift cards for children whose parents are incarcerated.

Council meetings are held after worship on the second Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome; bring your lunch!



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Deadline for bulletin announcements is noon each Wednesday.

Happy



Anniversary