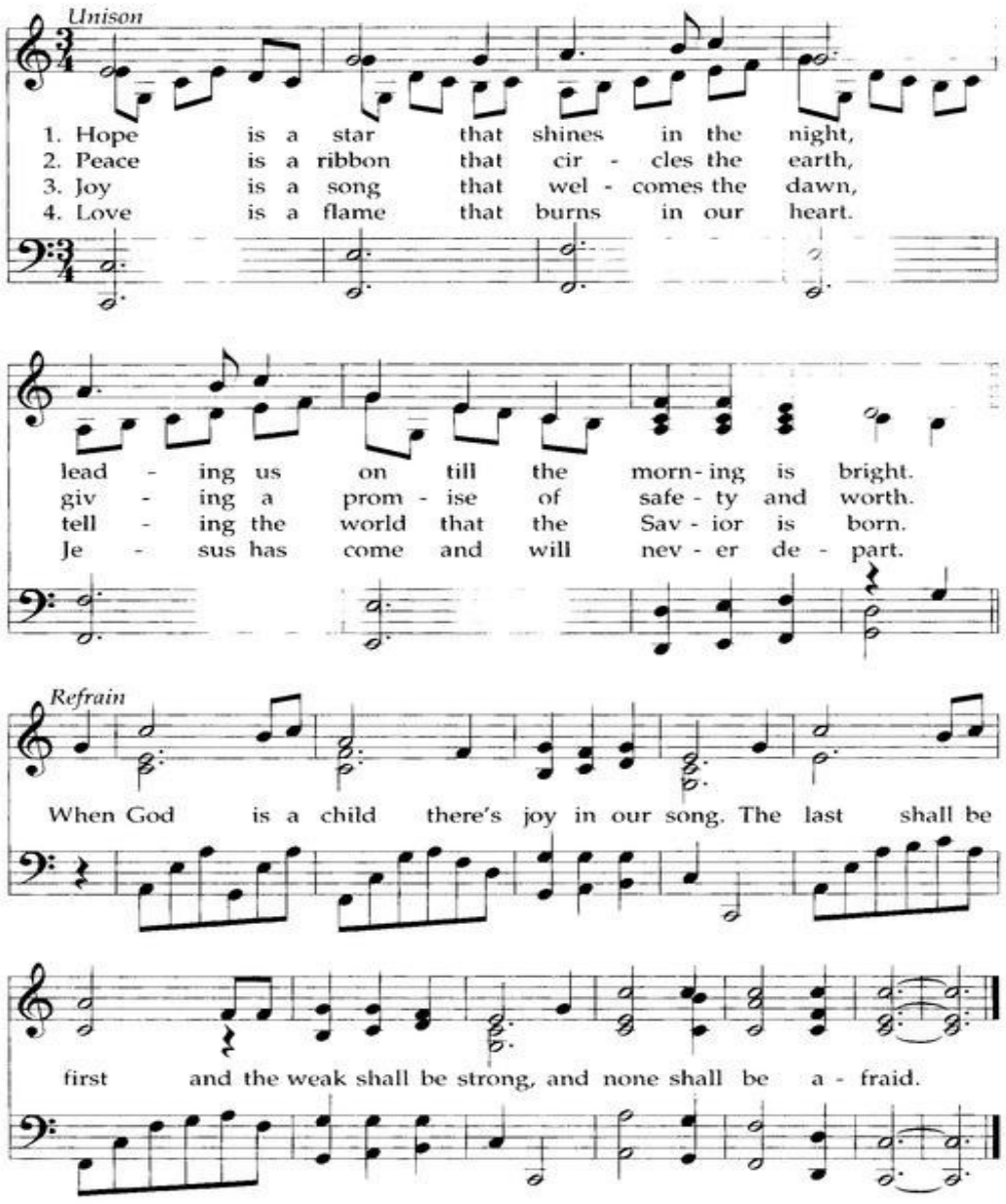
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 29 November 2026
+ First Sunday of Advent, Year B

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (David Lanz)*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Chalice Hymnal #132 *When God is a Child*

At the ringing of the bell, the congregation is invited to stand and face the Advent wreath. Each week will add another verse of the following hymn to sing (i.e. 11/29 we'll sing just verse 1, 12/6 we'll sing verses 1 & 2).



WORDS: Brain Wren, 1985
MUSIC: Joan Collier Fogg, 1987

MOON BEAMS
Irr. w. refrain

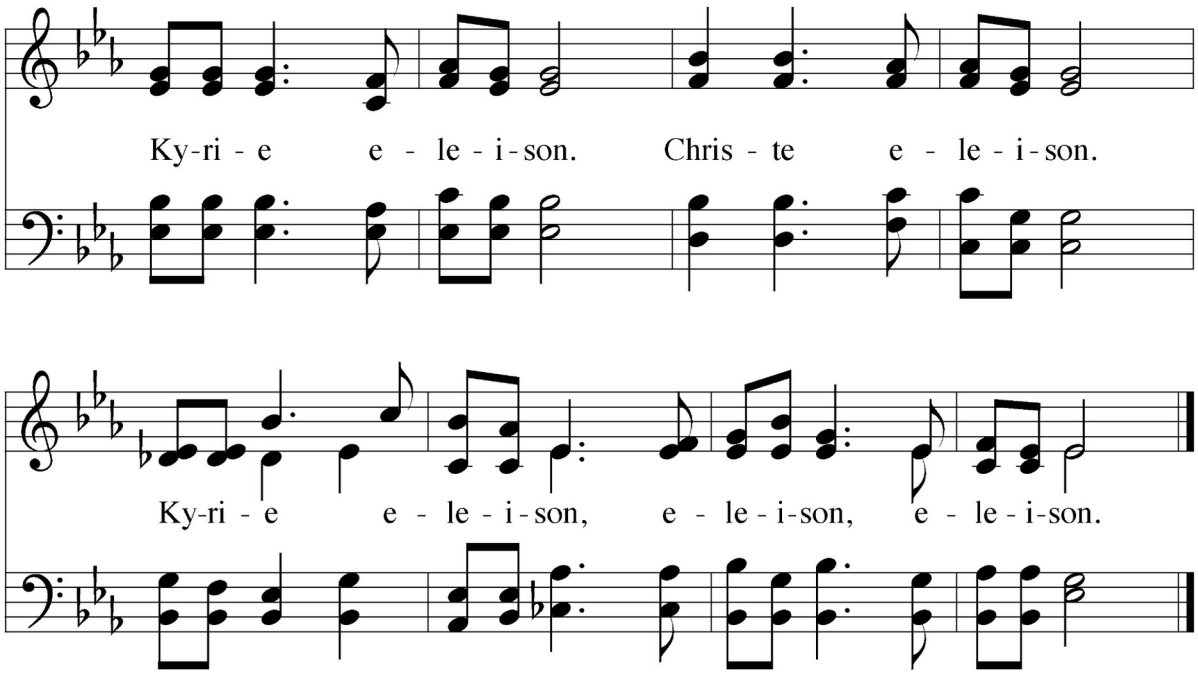
Prayer of the Day *Written by Andra Moran*

P: Let us pray:

C: Holy One, **we gather here around a wreath of candles hoping for your presence, knowing that for centuries, when people have put their trust in you, they have not been disappointed. The first candle of Advent burns brightly today with the light of hope. Those prophets of old knew what they were hoping for. Help us to know, too, what we are hoping for, deep within our hearts. We are hoping for the coming of Emmanuel. We are looking for someone to show us the way to peace and healing in our lives and our world. This month of Advent is our time of preparation.**

Let our hearts keep coming back to this: It is for You that we wait, and we wait in hope. Amen.

Kyrie

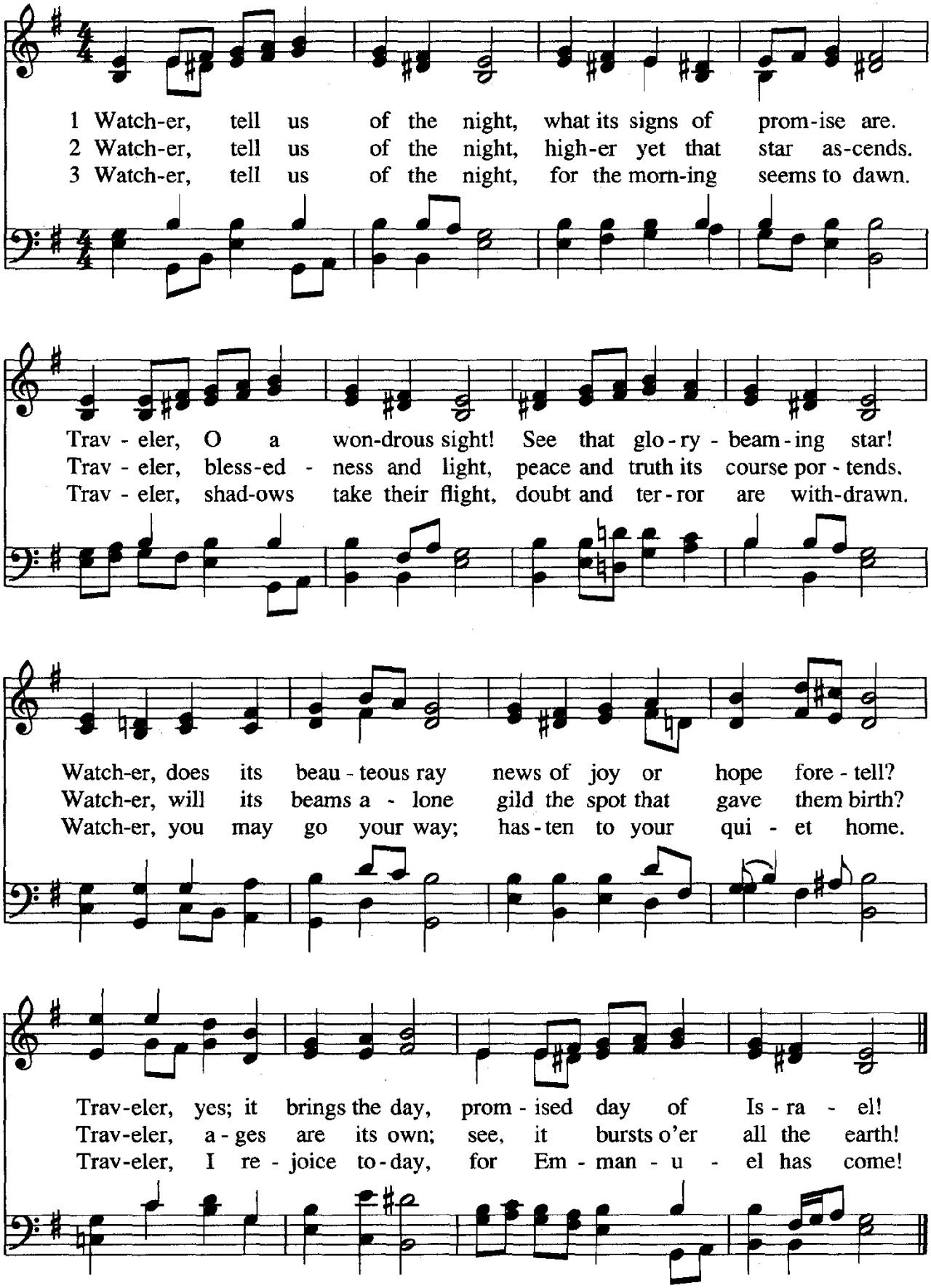


Apostolic Greeting

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.

Gathering Hymn NCH #103 ***Watcher, Tell Us of the Night***



Text: John Bowring, 1825, alt. Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1879.

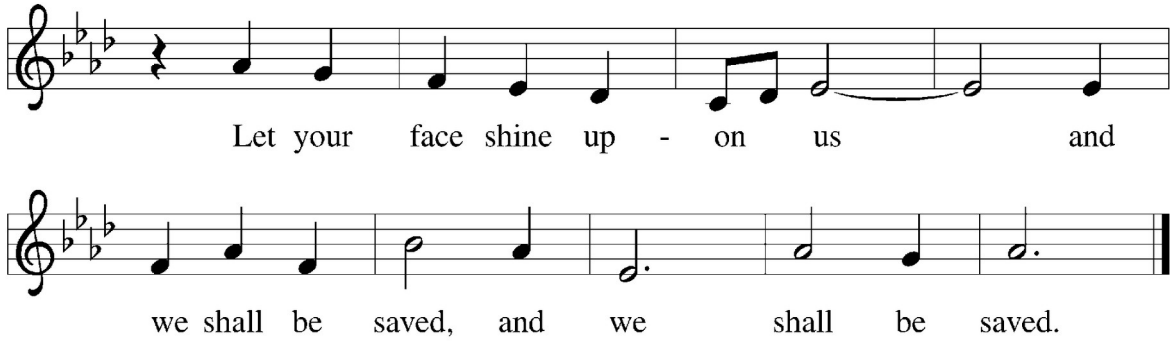
Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

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 you.
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 as a father to us;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 ***You are invited to sing the refrain***



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth,
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your
strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
Refrain.
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself. ***Refrain.***
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. ***Refrain.***

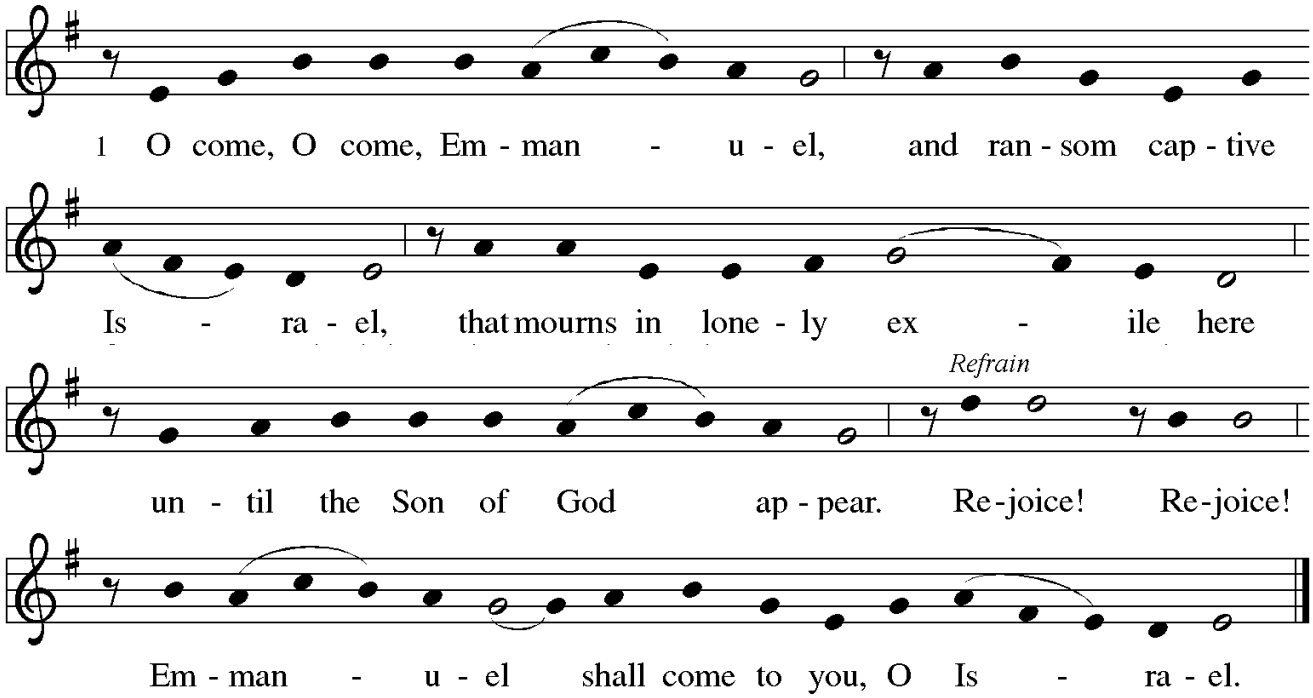
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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 Christ, 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 whom you were called into the communion of the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Please Stand*



Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son-of-Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then the Son-of-Man will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is

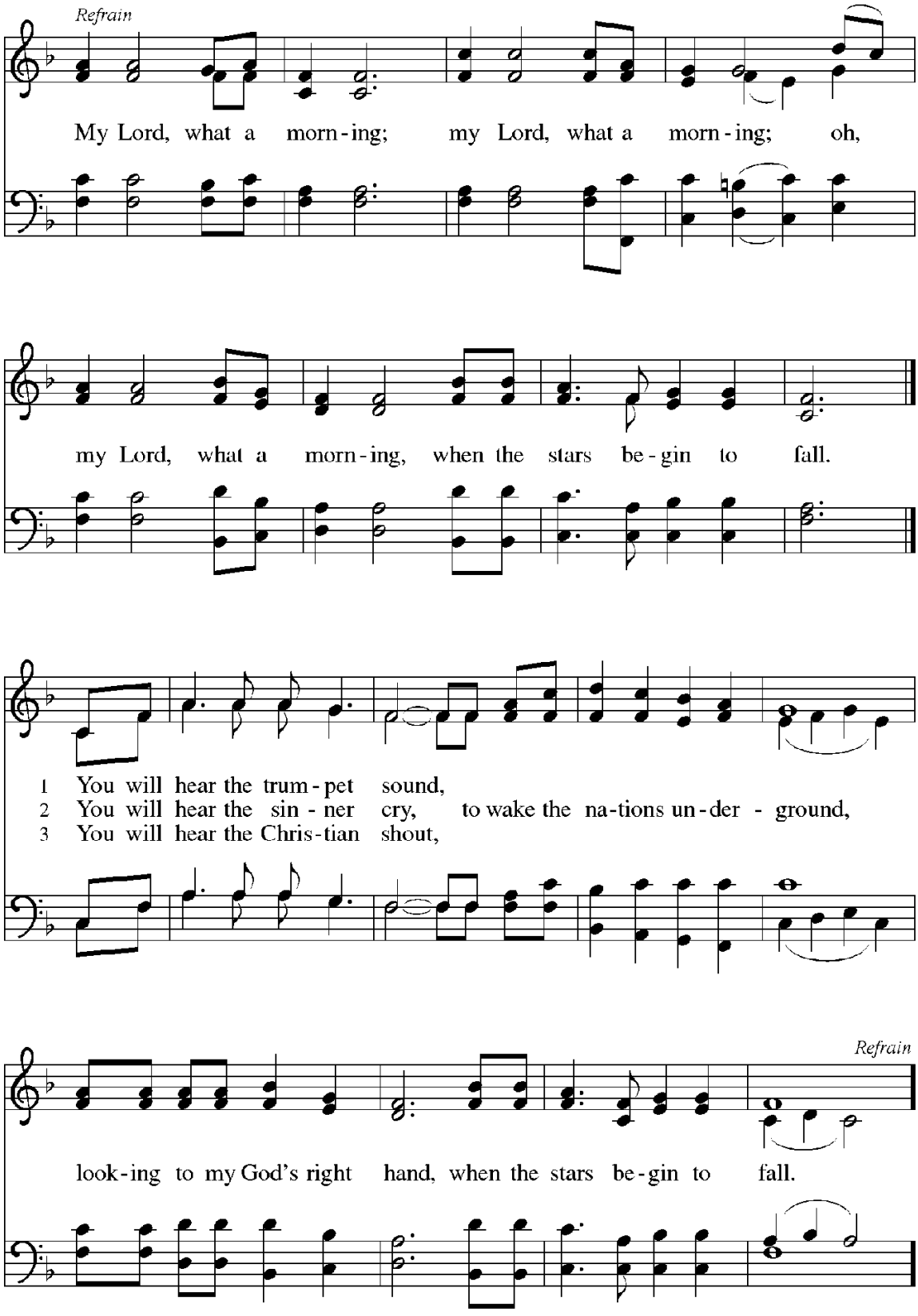
near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like someone going on a journey, who leaving home and putting the slaves in charge of their own work, commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the lord of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else, coming suddenly, the lord may find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #438 ***My Lord, What a Morning***



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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.

Prayers and Peace

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

From your place in the congregation, feel free to share a sign of peace with other members of the assembly.

Offering

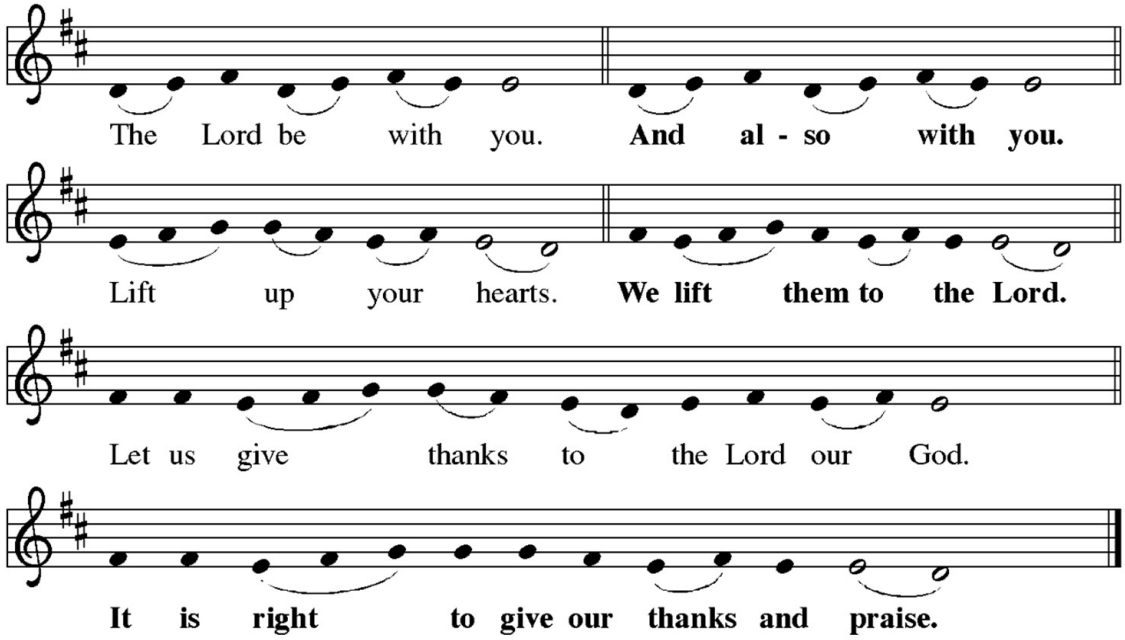
Offertory *Carol for Advent* LMLC Chancel Choir

Offertory Prayer *Please stand*

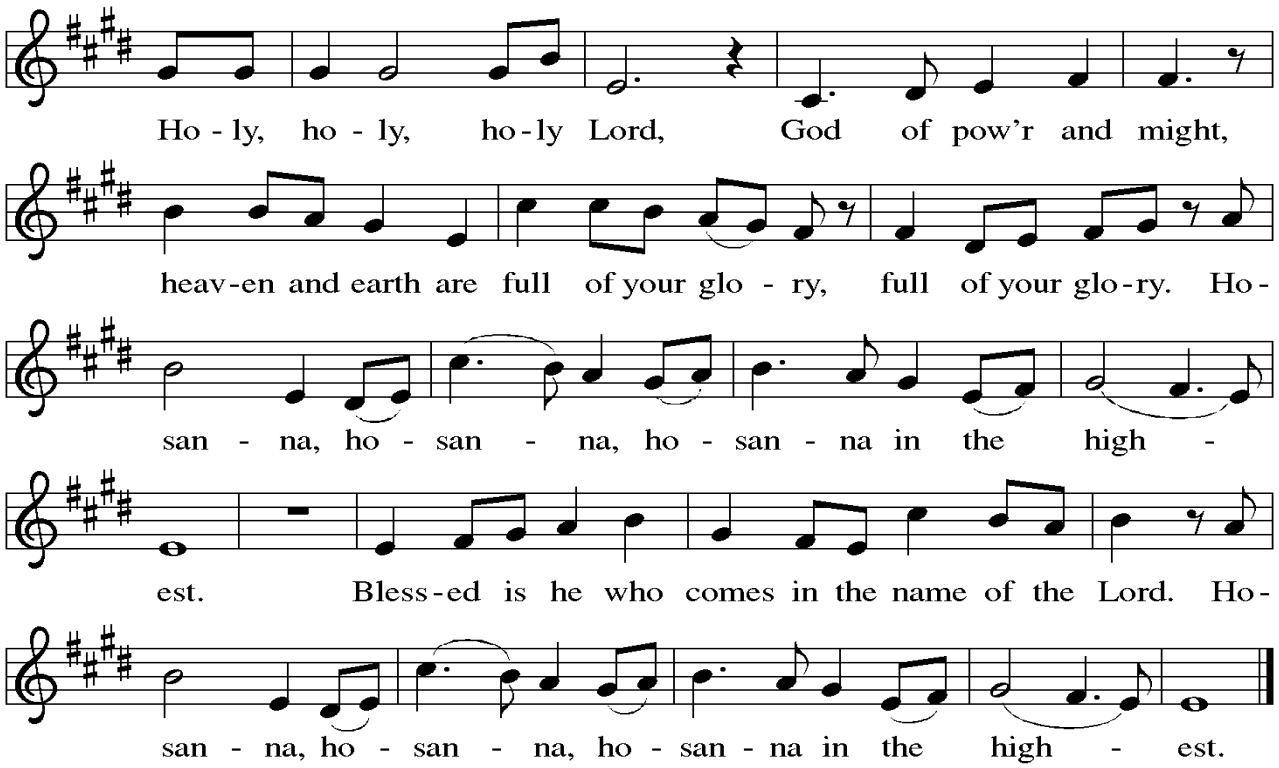
Holy Creator, you are the potter and we are the clay. Receive these gifts that we gladly gathered and offered to you. Shape these gifts and mold our hearts for the transforming of the conditions in which we live and love as we await the coming of your Son.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Liturgy

As the shadows of our days lengthen,
and we prepare for the coming of your Word made flesh among us,
we bless you, O God of comfort and refuge,
for all the signs of your faithfulness along the way.

We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky,
deep with the mystery of your creative labor
through all time and space.
We praise you for the fertile earth
and for the life its darkness holds and births:
plants of every variety,

animals curled in sleep,
humankind you shaped by your own hand.
We praise you, O God.

Through the night
you led your people into freedom.
At day's end
you rained down manna in the wilderness.
At sundown
your Son brought healing to people in need.
In the midday night
when Jesus died on the cross,
life came forth for all.

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.

Our hearts burn within us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit,
shape us as the body of Christ:
in the breaking of the bread,
in justice for our broken world,
in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

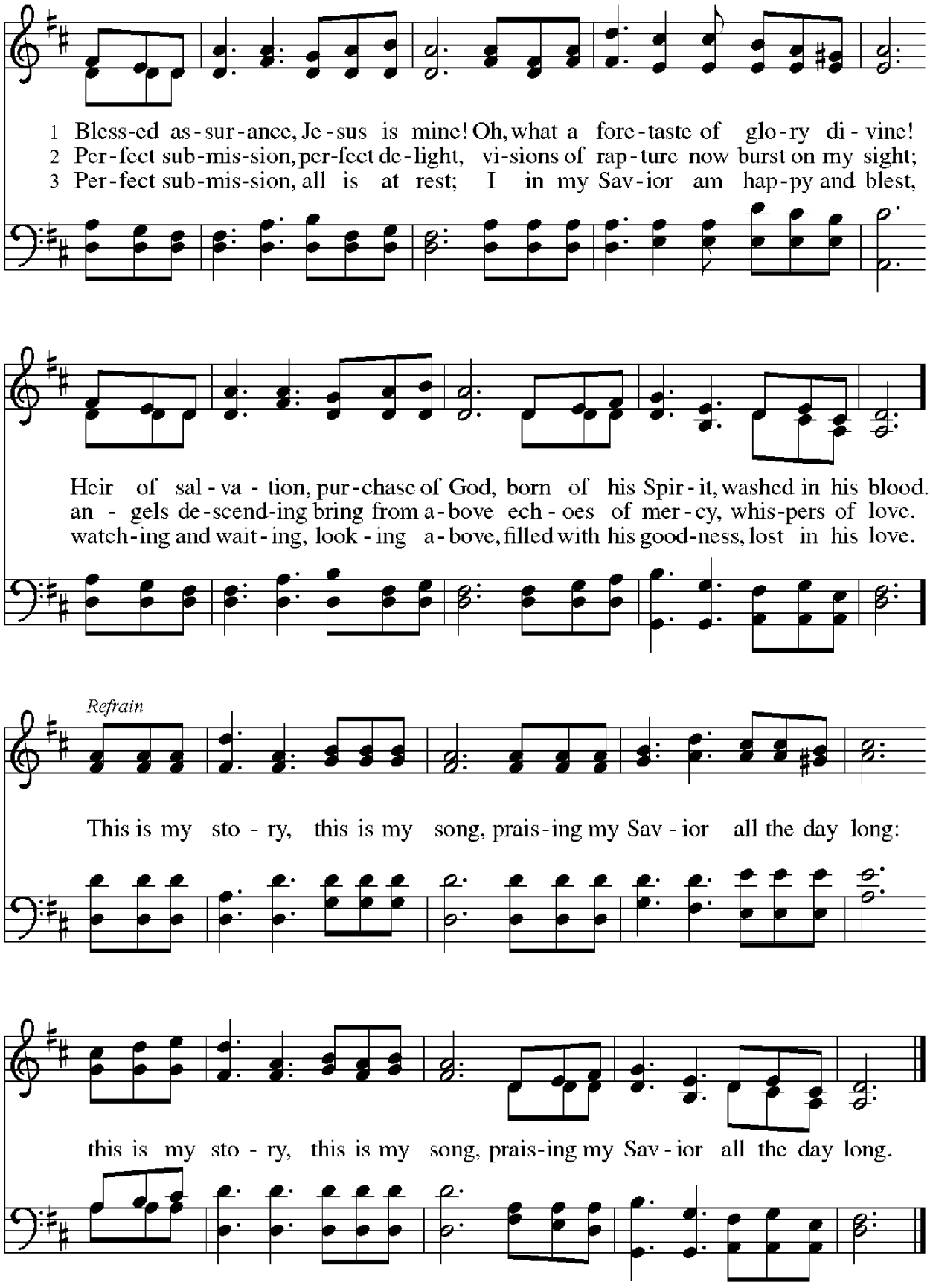
To you, O God,
painter of both night and day,
guiding star and healing sun,
breath of peace and wind of change,
be all glory, all honor, and all praise
now and forever.
Amen.

C: 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion *You may be seated*

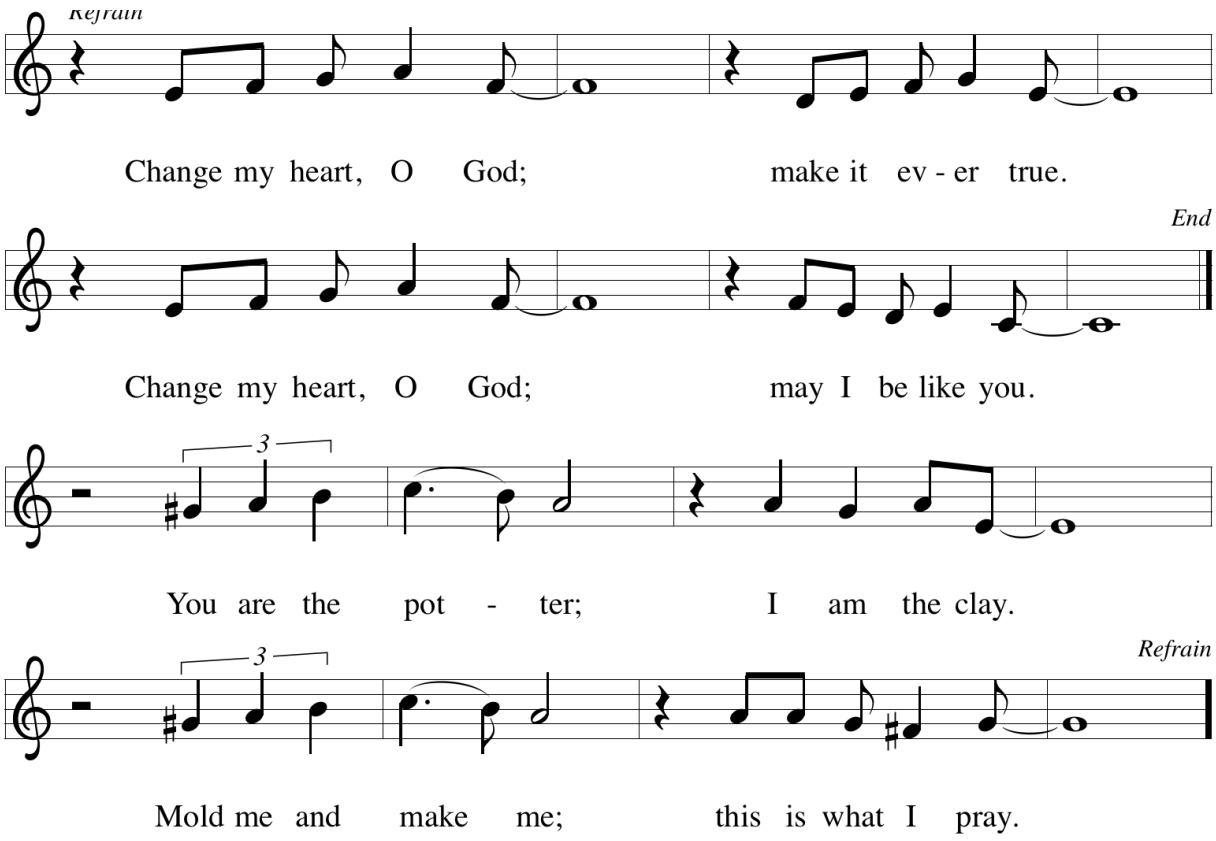
Please proceed up the center aisle to pick up a piece of bread from the Presiding minister. You will then take an already filled glass of either wine or grape juice from the tray the assisting minister is holding. There will be baskets off to the side where you can dispose of your used cups.
The communion bread is all gluten free, but does contain honey.
All are welcome to receive from Christ's table.
You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn #638 ***Blessed Assurance***



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Communion Hymn #801 *Change My Heart, O God*



Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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Post-communion Prayer

P: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn #439

Soon and Very Soon

Please Use Hymnal

Postlude *Angel of Hope (David Lanz)*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ goes with you.
C: Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Sara Funkhouser	Preacher/Presider
Chrissie Goldstein & LMLC Chancel Choir	Musicians
Keiko Long	Communion Assistant
Mark Chapman & Christine Lawson	Ushers
Allene Steinberg	Lectors
Chris Foss	
Chris Foss	Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-11*
Psalm: *Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13*
Second Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-15a*
Gospel: *Mark 1:1-8*

Announcements:

Hart's Concert: Sunday, November 29, 3:00 PM — Chamber Music at Luther Memorial. Join us for an hour of chamber music by the young Beethoven, performed by Justine Foy (cello), Robin Houston (clarinet), and Hartwig Eichberg (piano). Selections from Trio Op. 38, Cello Sonata Op. 5/2, and the 'Gassenhauer' Trio Op. 11. One hour, no intermission. A free-will donation for the Food Bank will be received.

Bell Choir Rehearsals: Thank you to our wonderful bell ringers! In preparation for Christmas, there will be rehearsals after worship on November 29th, December 13th, and December 20th. We look forward to hearing the joyful music on Christmas Eve!

Advent Soup Lunches: We are making a change to our midweek services during Advent, recognizing that it is more challenging for folks to make an evening service with how quickly it becomes dark in the evenings. So, instead of having a Midweek soup supper with a Vespers service, we are going to have a Wednesday soup lunch at 12:00 P.M. This time will include a Bible Study and/or reflection, plus lunch. They will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd!

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: Join Pastor Sara on Zoom at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday nights, starting December 8th, for a time of studying and discussing Scripture together! We will for sure be gathering through Advent, but we will likely keep the group going if there is interest. All are welcome to join!

Book Club: Our next book club meeting will be on Friday, December 11th at 1:00 P.M. on Zoom; we will be reading and discussing the book Whistler by Ann Patchett for anyone that would like to join us! Regardless of how much (or little) of the book you are able to read before then, all are welcome!

Journeying Together: In an effort to give us more time to engage with one another, our Lutheran tradition, and Scripture, we are going to start a new activity twice-monthly beginning October 11th after worship. Whether you are interested in becoming a member, you're a long-time member, or you're just interested in learning more, all are welcome to join! We will meet again on December 13th.

November Food Pantry Theme: Holiday Meals
As we head into November and December, we are thinking of holiday foods we might stock in the Free Little Pantry. We are thankful for anything you donate but here are some suggestions:

- Canned chicken or turkey
- Boxed potatoes
- Stuffing mixes
- Gravy (canned or dry mixes)
- Canned cranberries
- Canned pumpkin pie mix
- Olives
- Cake mixes
- Cookie mixes
- Baking chips (chocolate etc.)
- Small bags of flour or sugar

• Baking oil
• Baking soda or powder
• Salt

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Broadview-Thomson Giving Tree: Greetings from Broadview-Thomson School and PTA! Last winter, you generously supported our Giving Tree program and helped us provide holiday gifts to an incredible 438 children! We were absolutely blown away by the generosity and support of our community. The Giving Tree is one of our favorite traditions, and it simply wouldn't be possible without people like you. Thank you again for helping make the holidays a little brighter for so many of our families.

We hope you experienced some of the joy and magic that we felt on our end! If you're able and interested in participating again this year, we would be so grateful. You can request tags from our Giving Tree here: https://tinyurl.com/56aavdsh — Just let us know if you have a preference for the tags you'd like to take (for example, two siblings under 13, one girl 10 years old, or any three tags), and we'll do our best to accommodate. Gifts can be dropped off at the school office by Monday, December 7th.

If you would like to still support the project but are unable to take on the full responsibility for a child, the PTA will be sending Pastor Sara a list of items that are always helpful to have to supplement other gifts, including: art supplies, socks, teenage sized sweatpants, Legos, hooded sweatshirts, hats, etc.

Upcoming Events

29	NOV, SUN	10:30 – 11:30am	**In-Person & Live Stream Worship** Sanctuary
		3 – 6pm	**Hartwig Eichberg Concert** Sanctuary
		3 – 5pm	**Skandia Society Rehearsal** Celebration Hall
		6:30 – 7:30pm	**NA Pink Progress Club** Celebration Hall
30	NOV, MON	6 – 8pm	**Northwest Chorale Rehearsal** Sanctuary
		6:45 – 7:45pm	**NA - Afterparty Group** Celebration Hall
1	DEC, TUE	1 – 3pm	**Quilting Group - Elaine** Celebration Hall
2	DEC, WED	9:30 – 11am	**Seekers Bible Study** Library
		6 – 7pm	**Advent Soup & Lunch** Celebration Hall
3	DEC, THU	6 – 9:30pm	**Sound Harmony** Sanctuary
4	DEC, FRI	12 – 1pm	**Pause for Prayer** Zoom
		6 – 8pm	**NAMI** Library
5	DEC, SAT	12 – 2pm	**Narcotics Anonymous** Celebration Hall
		3 – 6pm	**Northwest Chorale Concert** Sanctuary

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