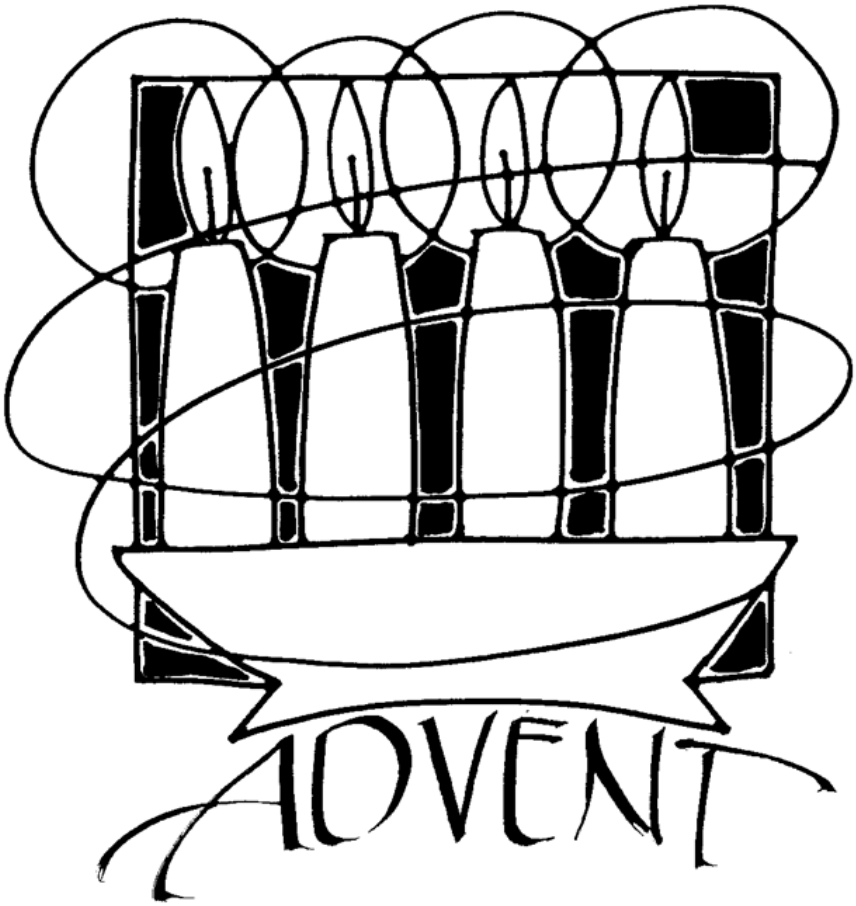
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 29, 2026
First Sunday in Advent



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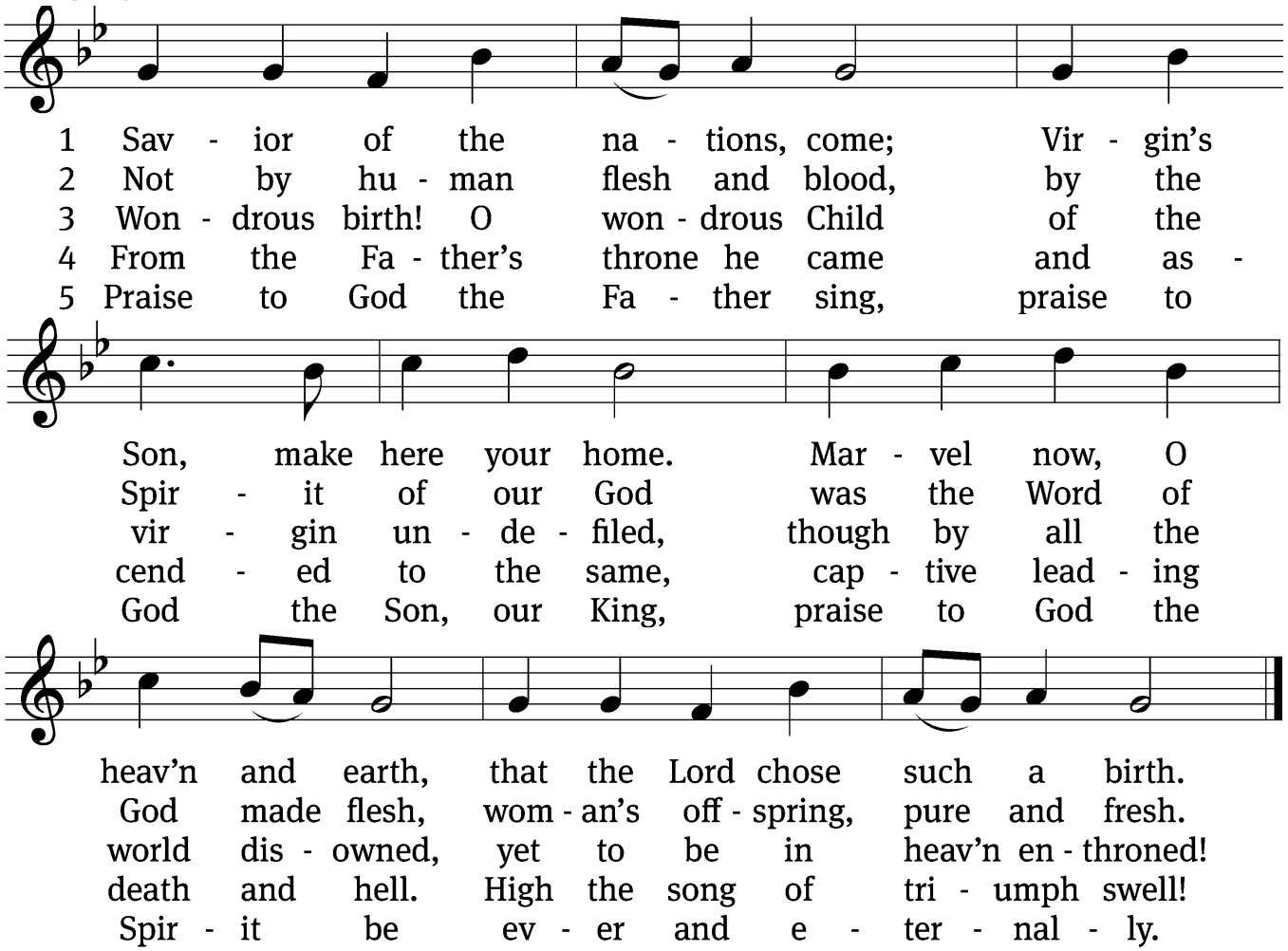
Opening Hymn #301 *"Savior of the Nations, Come"*



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Please stand.

Invocation & Confession *CW 188*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

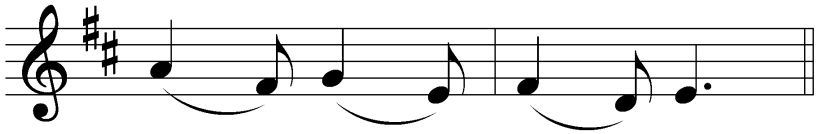
Silence for meditation and reflection.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

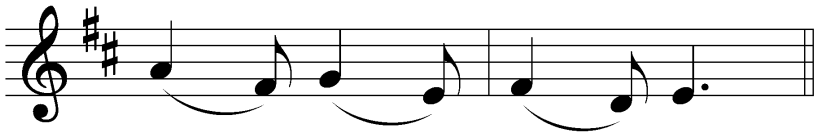
C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *CW 190*

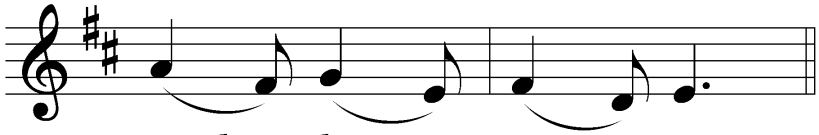
M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



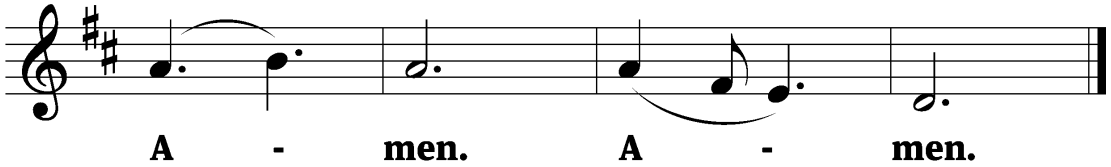
M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Advent

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.
Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading *Isaiah 64:1-9*

[1]Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!
[2]As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!
[3]For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
[4]Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
[5]You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.
How then can we be saved?
[6]All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
[7]No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

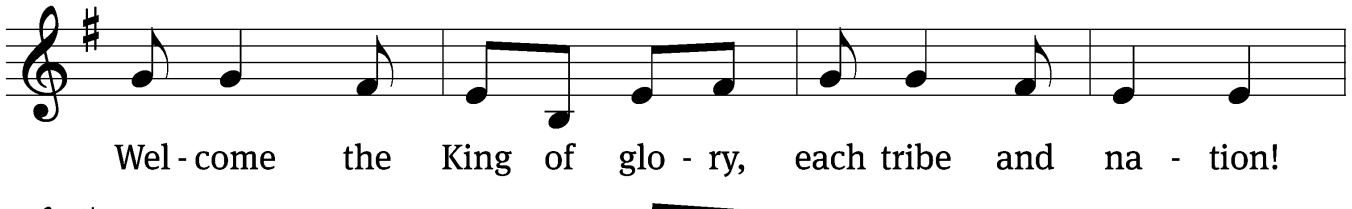
[8]Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9]Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24B *"Welcome the King"*

Refrain



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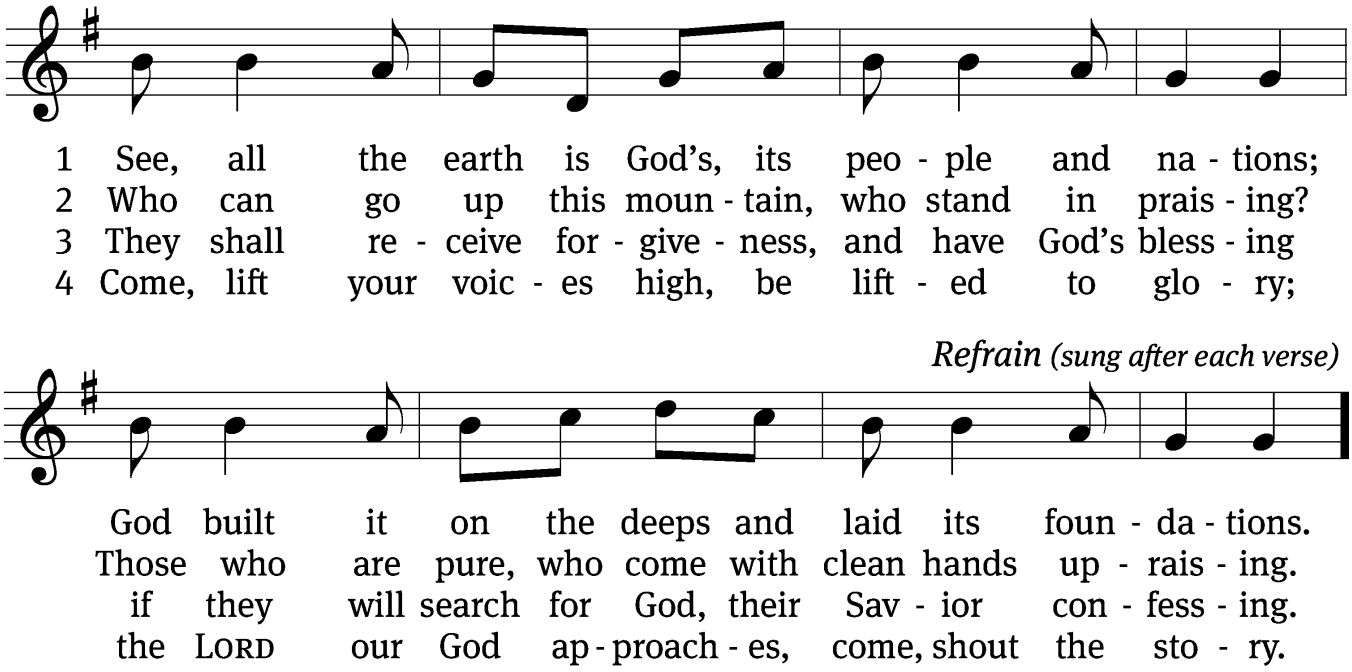

5 Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty LORD, our God celebrating. (Refrain)

6 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;
the King of glory comes in full might and power. (Refrain)

7 Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?
Our God, this LORD of hosts, the vict'ry is bringing. (Refrain)

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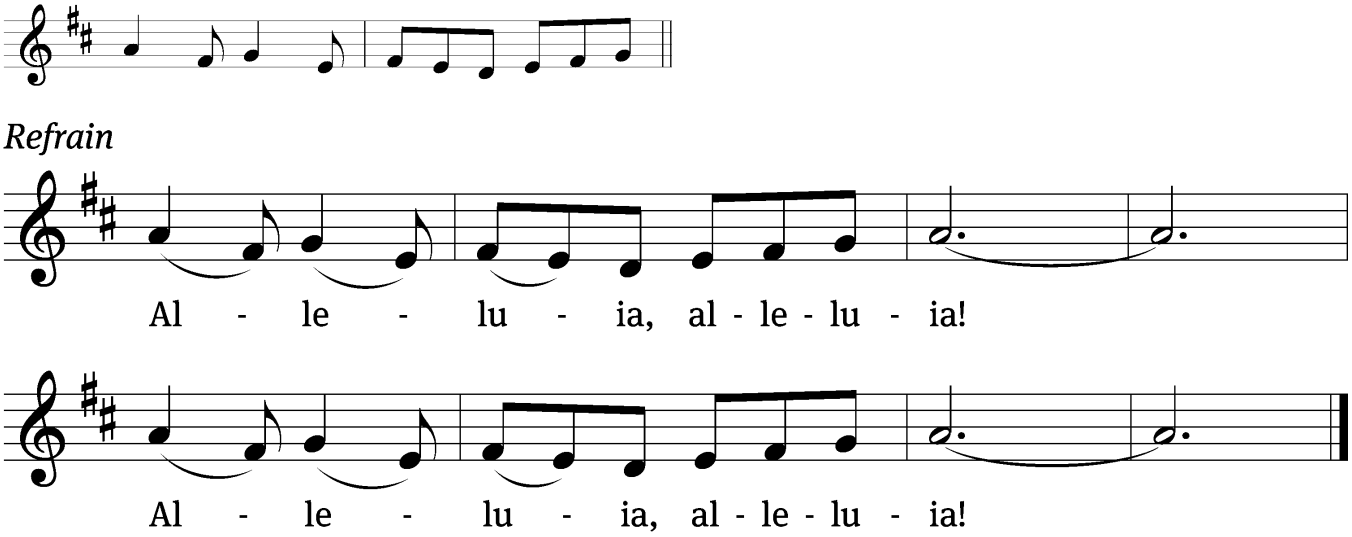
Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

[3]Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4]I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.
[5]For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— [6]God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.
[7]Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. [8]He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation *Revelation 22:20*



C:

M: He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
C: *Refrain*

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Holy Gospel *St. Mark 11:1-10*

[1]As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, [2]saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. [3]If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' "
[4]They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, [5]some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" [6]They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. [7]When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. [8]Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. [9]Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

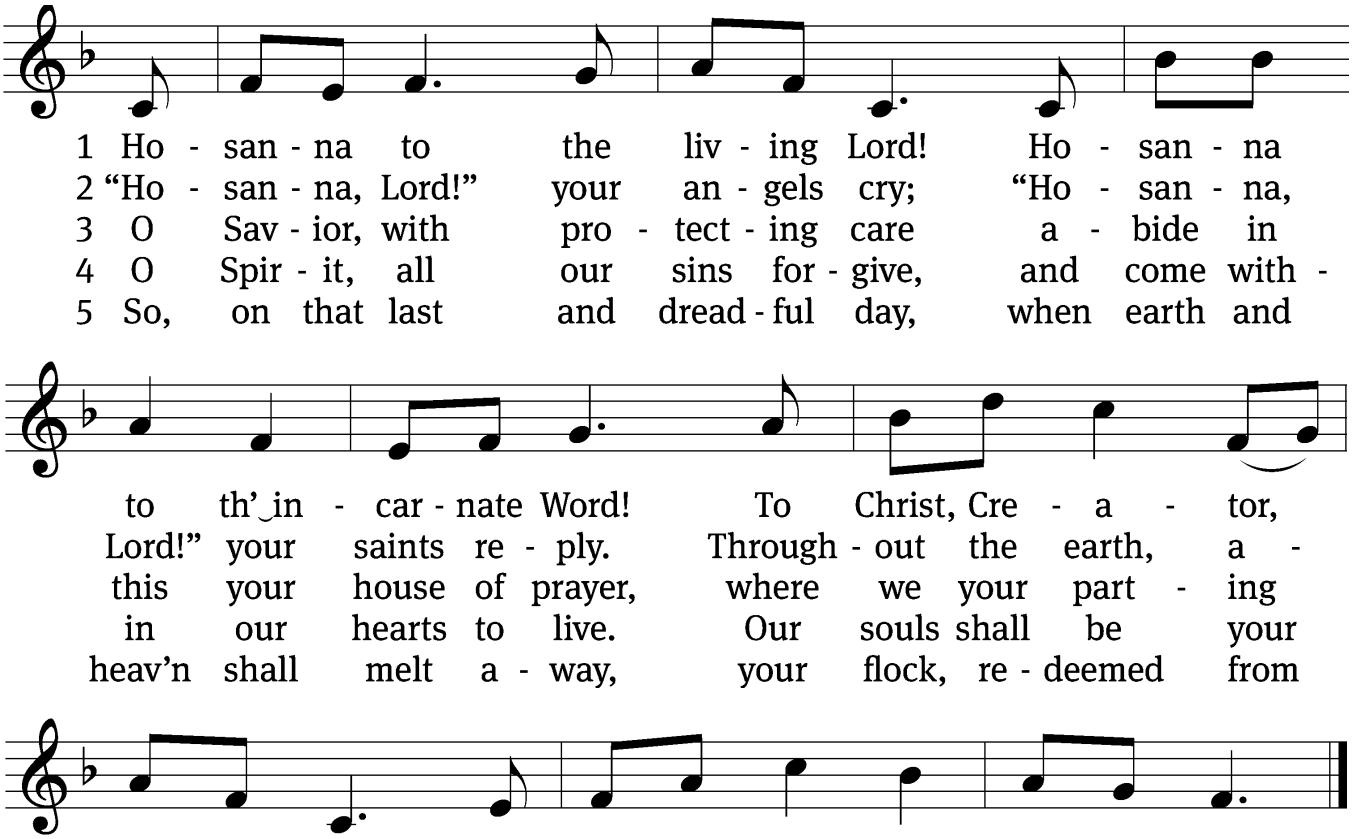
10"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn #915 *"Hosanna to the Living Lord"*



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Sermon Text *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Sermon *"Eagerly Wait for Our Lord Jesus Christ"*

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

C: 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls, and in you we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope, but come quickly. Sustain us by your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Merciful Lord, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, entered Jerusalem to shouts and cheers of joy. Grant that we may be stirred by the Word and Sacraments to rejoice now and at his second advent. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord of love, visit our homes and defend us from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness. Clothe us with the armor of light. Preserve single peolpe in holiness, and lead husbands and wives to love one another and raise their children in the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Righteous Lord, you rule over all things in heaven and on earth. Until that day when your Son comes in glory to usher in his kingdom, give wisdom and insight to all leaders, that we may live peaceable lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Lord, show compassion to the sick, the suffering and those in need *[especially ___].* Relieve their pain, increase their faith, and grant healing and peace in accordance with your wisdom and will. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you forever that you sent your Son to reign over us poor sinners, who for our trespasses deserve to remain in bondage to sin and Satan. You have given us a righteous and humble King who, through his death, has saved us from sin and eternal death. We implore you to enlighten, govern and direct us by your Holy Spirit, that we may remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior and not be offended by his humble appearance, but believe in him and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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FREEWILL OFFERING The offering plate is located by the back entrance. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

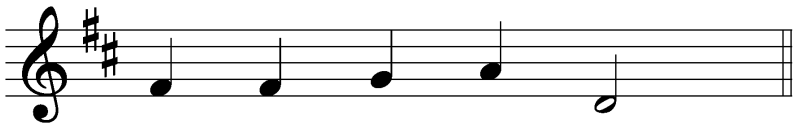
Visitors: Please see communion statement on back page before joining us at the Lord's table.

Please stand.

Preface *CW 199*

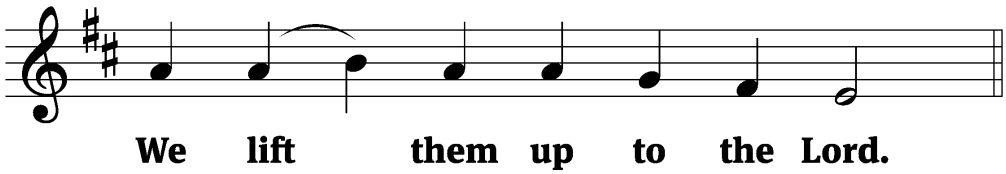
M: The Lord be with you.

C:

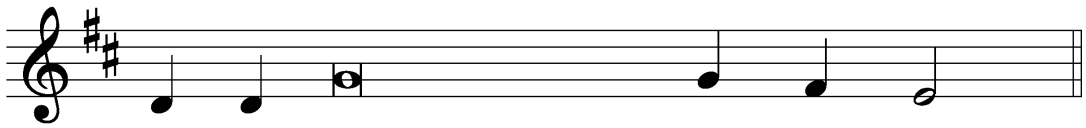


M: Lift up your hearts.

C:



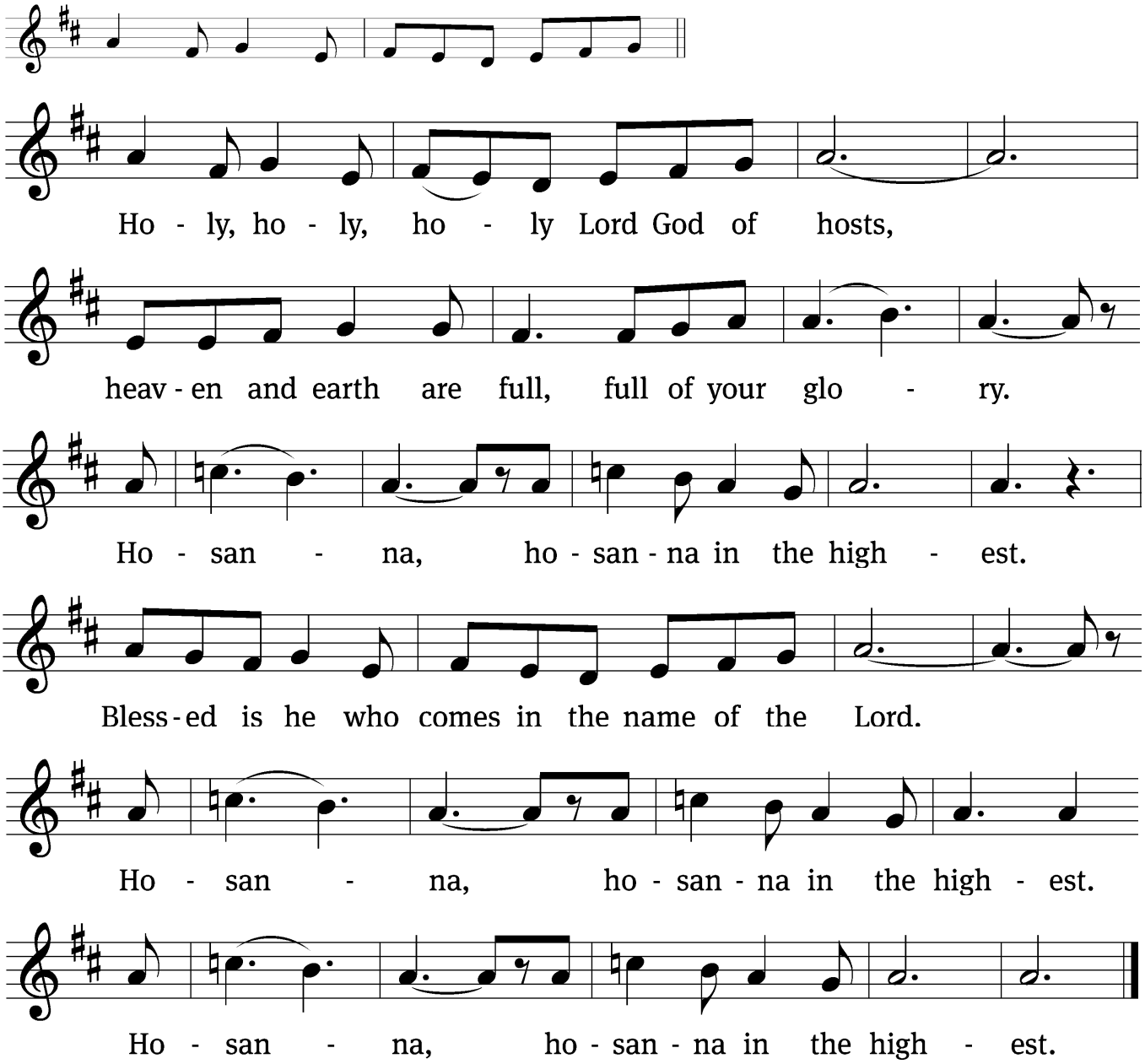
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: 

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *CW 200*



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

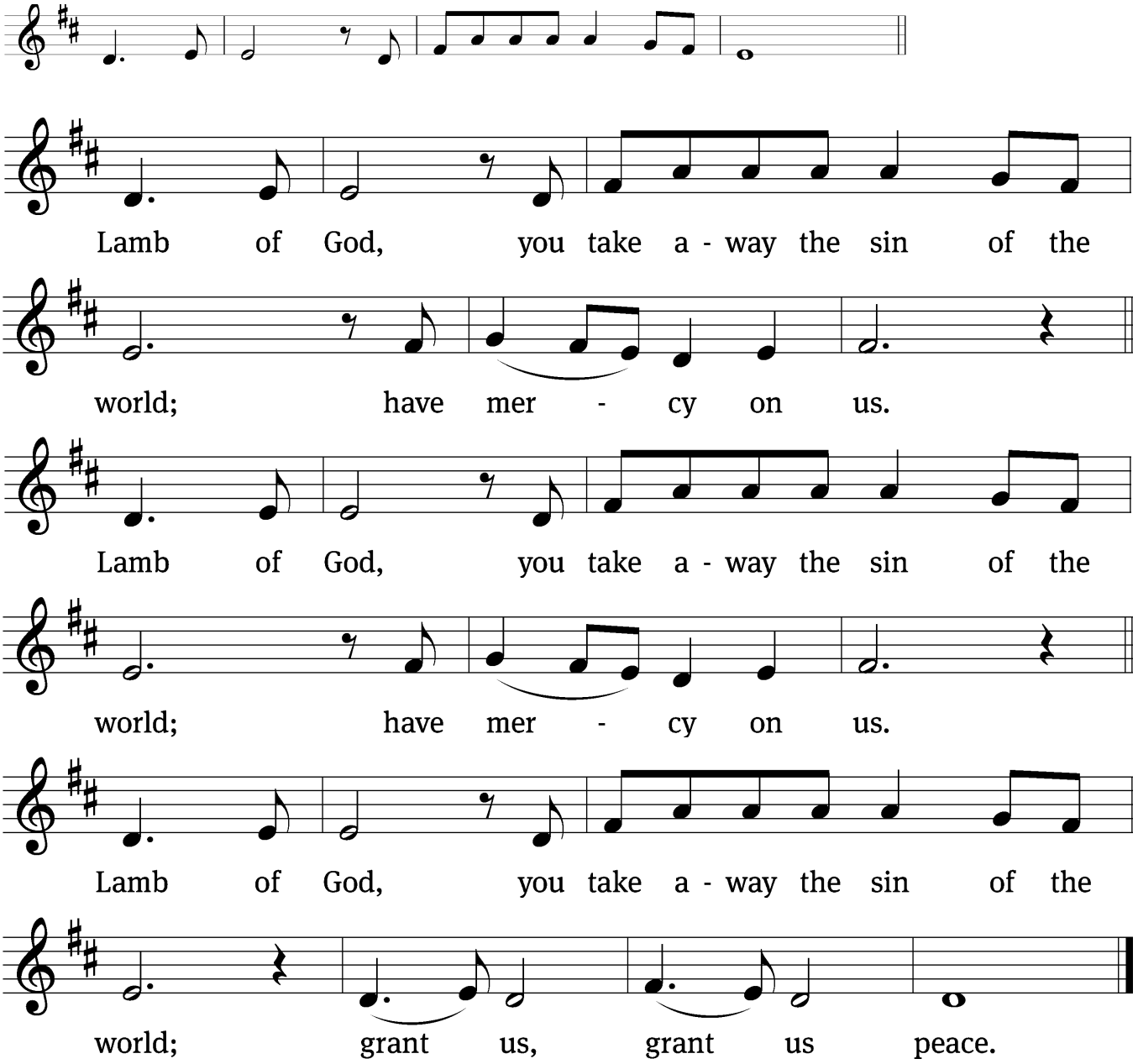
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ┼ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ┼ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God *CW 202*



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Distribution of Holy Communion
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Distribution Hymn #309 *"The Advent of Our King"*

Distribution Hymn #524 *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
C: Amen.

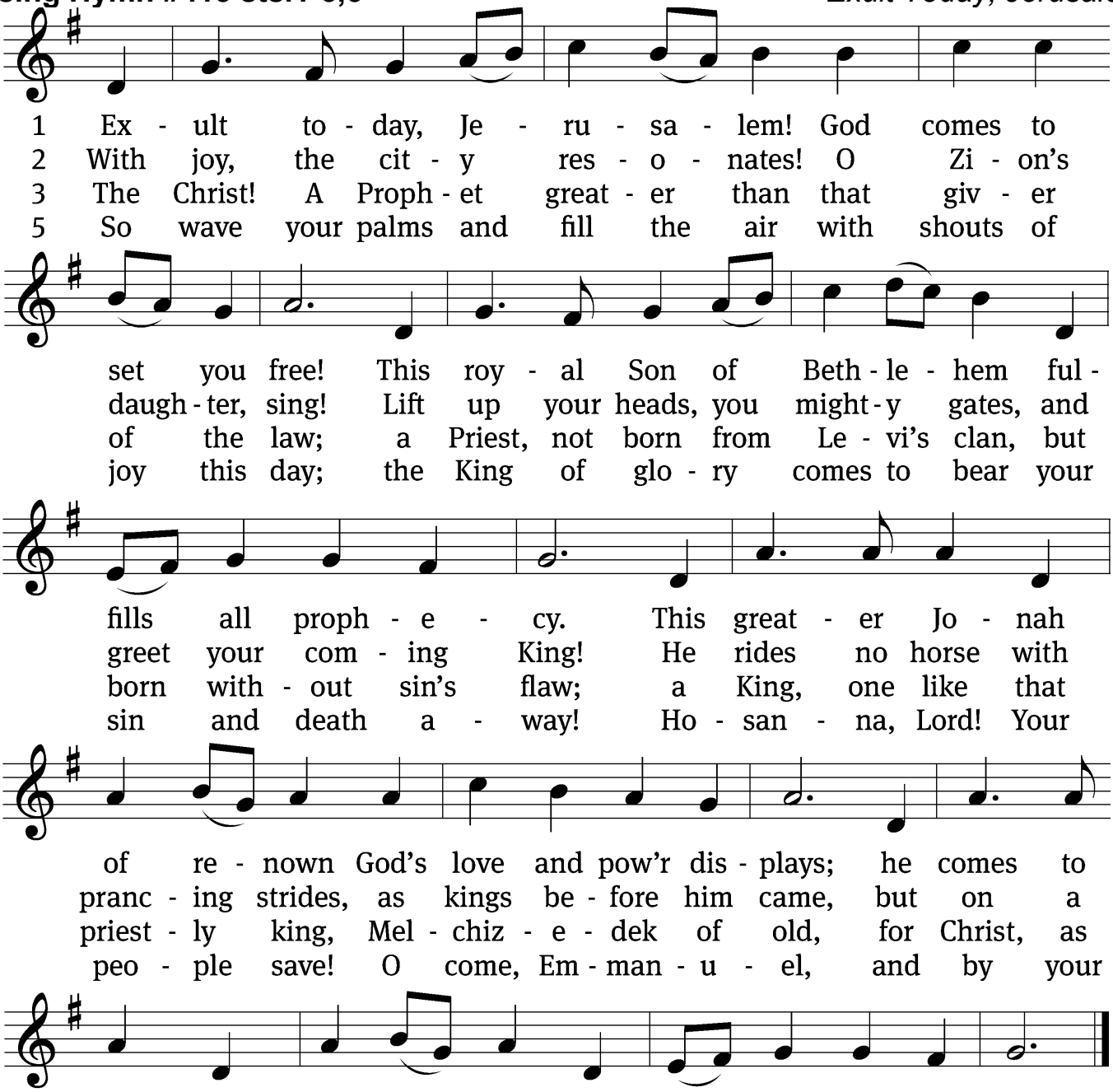
M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Blessing
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #415 sts.1-3,5 *"Exult Today, Jerusalem"*



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ADVENT SERVICE Wednesday, December 2 at 7 PM.

CHURCH DECORATING Friday, December 4 at 10 AM. No experience is needed and all help is welcome!

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS is Saturday, December 5 from 1 – 4 PM. There are sign- up sheets for undecorated cookies, frosting, and volunteers to help on that day. If you have a child, grandchild who would like to attend, register them on our website: immanuelfindlay.org



JAPANESE CHRISTMAS Immanuel will host a Japanese Christmas Service and meal on Saturday, December 5 at 5 PM, after Christmas for Kids. We are asking members to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert for them that day. This will greatly ease the stress of those who are organizing the event. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Food may be brought after 1 PM, since we are having Christmas for Kids that day.

VOTERS' MEETING PRESCHOOL Our Quarterly Voters' meeting will be the next Sunday, Dec 6, after late service, including a motion to replace our HVAV system.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM Wednesday, December 9 at 7 PM. Milk and cookies to follow.

HOLIDAY FEAST December 13 we will have the Holiday Feast here at church after the late service. Please sign up in the narthex. Stewardship Board will provide drinks, meat, mashed potatoes and dinner rolls.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT TEA AT TRINITY: Women are invited to attend an evening of music, fellowship, and the Word to help prepare your hearts for the Advent season on Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 in Trinity's basement. Finger foods and tea will be served in the church basement. This year's program, *Let Your Lights Appear*, includes the traditional candles of the Advent Wreath along with new, ways to think about the candles. The program focuses on letting the light of our faith shine at home, work, in our community and at church. Please email or text Jenny Boehm if you plan to attend--mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org or (262) 391-7994.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE Sunday, December 20 at 10 AM. Only one service that day, no Sunday School

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, 7 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, 10 AM

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday	Adult Bible Study	People in David's Life	9:20 AM
Wednesday	Adult Bible Class	Gospel of Mark	10 AM
Thursday	Zoom Bible Study	God's Word	7 PM

NOVEMBER

Greeters	East Doors	North Doors
11/29		
10:30	Tim P.	Diane L.

November Ushers
8:00 Don L., Nate W.
10:30 Sam P., Denny P.

DECEMBER

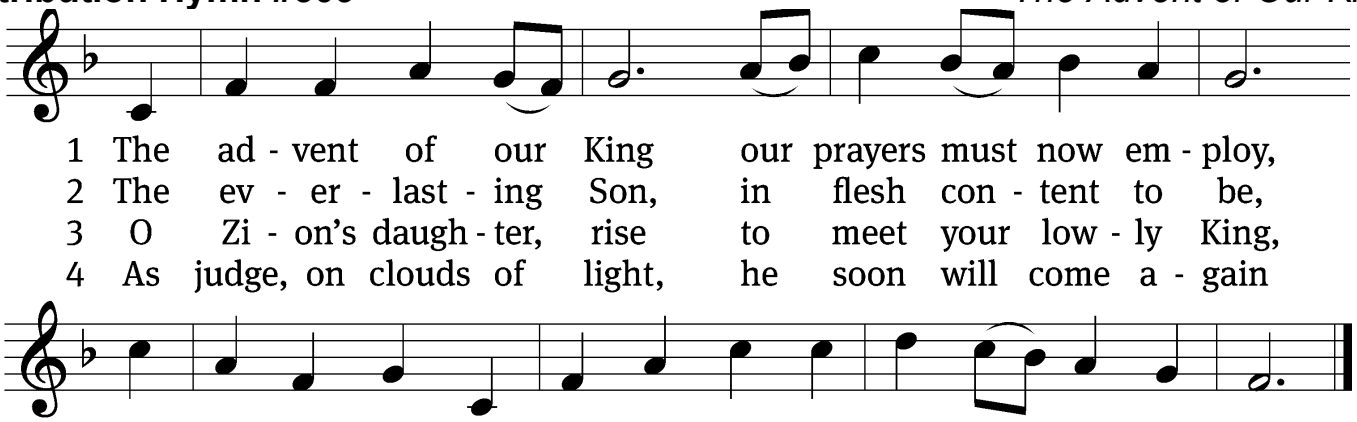
Greeters	East Doors	North Doors
12/6		
8:00	Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer
10:30	Anna R.	Brad & Sarah S.
12/13		
10:30	Laura & Mike B.	Denny & Sharon P.
12/20		
10:00	Kay M.	Deana H.
12/27		
10:30	Helen R.	Jim & Jamie T.

DECEMBER USHERS
8:00 Mike W., Eldon B.
10:30 Mike S., Kris A.

CALENDAR	**Sunday**	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM
		Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM
		Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Monday	
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	Bible Study, 10:00 AM
		Choir Practice, 4:30 PM
		Advent Service, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Study, 7:00 P M
	Friday	Church Decorating, 10:00 AM
	Saturday	Christmas For Kids, 1-4 PM
		Japanese Christmas, 5:00 PM
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM
		Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM
		Voters' Meeting, 11:45 AM
		Confirmation, 6:30 PM

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.
Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.

Distribution Hymn #309 *"The Advent of Our King"*



5 Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone,
the old self all be put away,
the new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
through all eternity.

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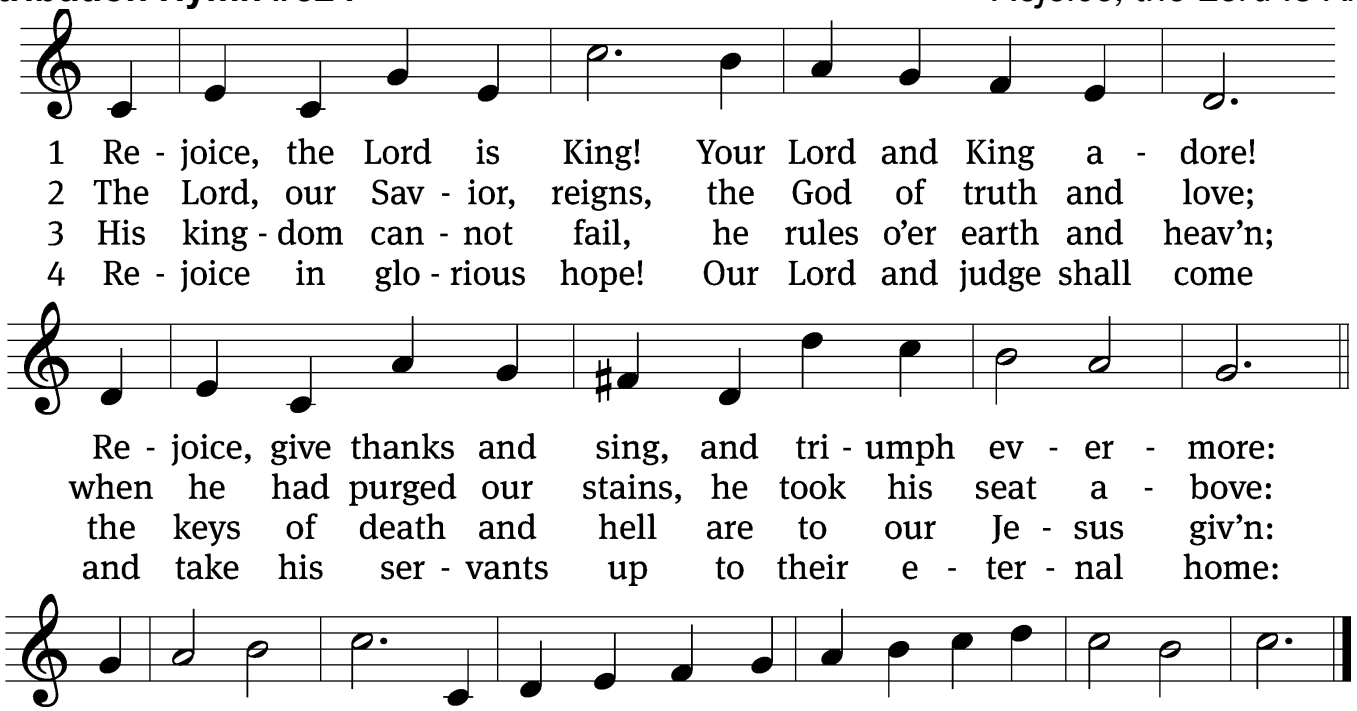

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