



FAITH LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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2nd Sunday in Advent Bread of Life, Setting 5

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## INTRODUCTION

*At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

## PRELUDE

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks  
Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* arr. Lloyd Larson

## CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

Pastor: It is Advent, the holy season of preparation.

**Congregation: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

P: Blessed be the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit † who comes to wake us from sleep, from spiritual darkness, to lead us into the light of grace

*Silence for confession.*

P: God of all time,

**C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

## GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *hymnal #264, stand*

### Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's Word!

## GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

KYRIE *hymnal, page 213*

Kathy Thompson, Assisting Minister



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:  Lord, have mer - cy.



Chri - ste e - le - i - son:  Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:  Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Glory to God

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on  
earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,

**All: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.**

**By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
Oh, come O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beaut - y come and stay;

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

### DEACONS RECOGNITION

*Pam Brown, Jane Dakolios, Nancy Dean, Donna Deichert, Mildred Fenske,  
Michael Lee, Debbie Pinchok, Lois Simmons, Ann Stewart*

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Randy Schaefer, Lector

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10 Pew Bible #627

*Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** Pew Bible #622

Lector: <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

Congregation: <sup>2</sup>**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

L: <sup>3</sup>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

C: <sup>4</sup>**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

L: <sup>5</sup>May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

C: <sup>6</sup>**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

L: <sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

C: <sup>18</sup>**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**

L: <sup>19</sup>Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

**SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13** Pew Bible #1037

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

<sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** hymnal pg, 216, *stand*



**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12** Pew Bible pg. 880

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!**

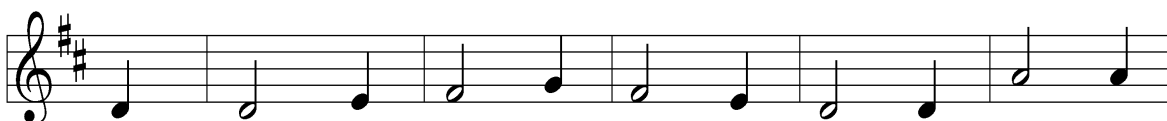
**SERMON**

*Marvels to Come*

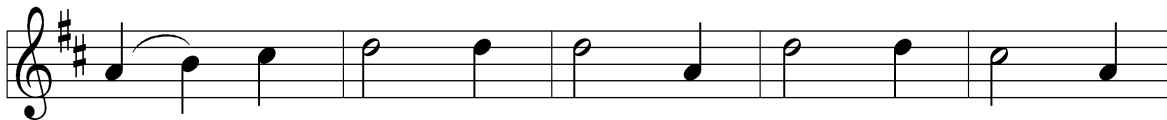
Pastor Bob Stelter

**HYMN OF THE DAY** hymnal, #249, *stand*

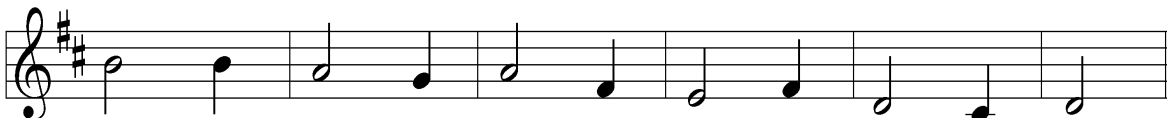
**On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry**



1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.

## NICENE CREED FOR ADVENT

**All:** 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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 OF INTERCESSION

Assistant: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world  
that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

Assistant: God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers  
and theologians. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and  
instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

A: You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be  
no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures.  
Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will  
govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and  
public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves.  
God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are  
exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking.  
Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those  
fleeing violence. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us.  
Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation. We pray  
for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones.  
God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## MEAL

### THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

### OFFERING ANTHEM

*Come, Child of Peace* Ruth Schram

### OFFERTORY *stand*

#### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



## OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

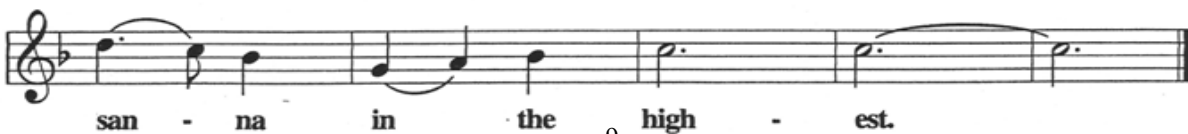
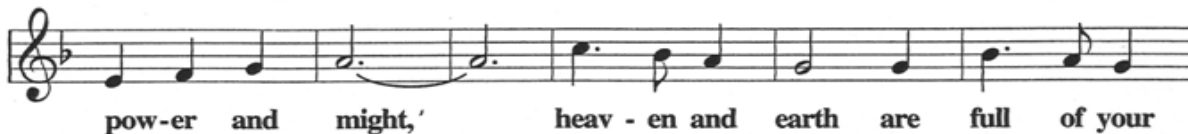
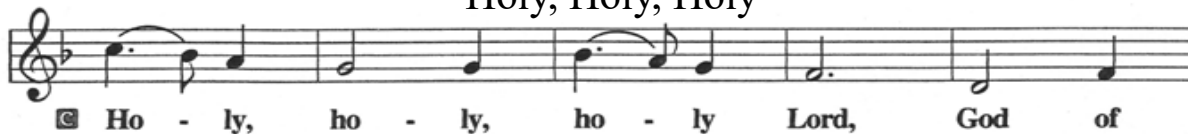
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE FOR ADVENT

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. 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 again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## SANCTUS

### Holy, Holy, Holy



## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal  
the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await  
his coming in glory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory  
and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple look  
nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray,

**Congregation: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS

Pam Brown, Lois Simmons

December 4-17

*Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.*

Pastor: Let us pray.

**Congregation: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

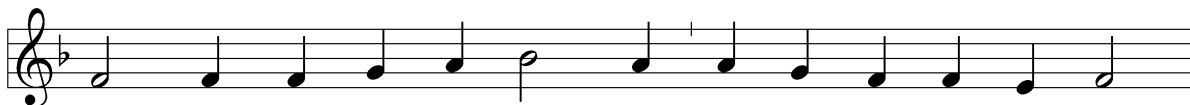
### BENEDICTION

Pastor: Christ is coming. Prepare the way of the Lord. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

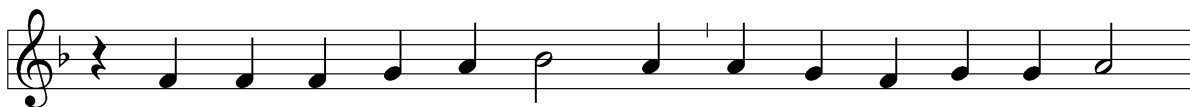
**Congregation: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** hymnal, #311

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.  
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

### DISMISSAL

Assistant: Together, we go

**Congregation: to love God, love others, serve!**

A: Go in peace!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* arr. Robert A. Hobby

*Flowers on the altar are given by Kris & Larry Lehman in memory of Kris' mother.*

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**WELCOME!** As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism and our ministries? Contact Pastor Bob, [pastorbob@faithloves.org](mailto:pastorbob@faithloves.org).

### Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

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**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** Place your order now for Christmas poinsettias for loved ones' memorials or honorariums, only \$15 each.

**SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE** Gifts need to be returned today.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, 10:15am** the study of Genesis, led by John Woods in *The Cup*.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15am.**

**Tuesday Bible Study** led by John Woods resumes next week on December 13, 1:30pm.

**HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm.** Come join us! Lynn offers **piano lessons**, too. Contact her at [rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com](mailto:rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com) or call 503-819-0118.

**COLUMBARIUM NICHES** are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our **Columbarium Booklet** in the narthex.

**YEAR END PLANNING Friday, December 30, 2022, noon** is the last day to make contributions for 2022. Call Mary in the church office, 865-966-0626, for info.

### SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open: Mondays, December 5, 3-5pm & December 19, 3-6pm

Items needed by December 5:

Brownie Mix, Yams (1 large or 2 small cans), Corn (2 cans)  
 Brown Sugar (1 box or bag), Cranberry Sauce (1 small can)  
 Green Beans (2 small or 1 large cans), Stuffing (1 box)  
 Jiffy Cornbread Mix (2 boxes), Coffee (1 regular size bag)

Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at:  
[shephopepantry@gmail.com](mailto:shephopepantry@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### WELCA COLLECTS NEW & GENTLY USED COMFORTERS

for the Women's Salvation Army Shelter. Please place new or gently used twin, full & queen size comforters in the small crib in the narthex.

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP Wednesdays, December 7, 14 & 21, 6:30pm.** Join us for this lovely service followed by a time for refreshments & fellowship.

**DEACON MEETING Today, 12:15pm, The Cup.**

**MOPS FOR MOMS & KIDS Tuesdays, December 6 & 20, 6pm.**

**MOM'S CLUB OF NORTSHORE Tuesday, December 12, 10am.**

**THE LITTLES GROUP** has moved to **Wednesday, December 14, 10-11am** and now meets the 2nd week each month.

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S SALVATION ARMY VISITS Tuesday, December 20, meet at church at 5pm.** Your donations of men's boxer briefs, sizes m-xl, women's underwear, sizes 6-11, snacks & goodies and WELCA comforters, along with our Christmas spirit will be so appreciated.

**TOYS FOR TOTS MATCHING MEMORIAL FUNDS** Council has approved matching gifts up to \$2,500 for Mary's husband, Ron Boring. Here's how to donate:

1. Place your donation in your offering envelope. Note Toys for Tots on memo line.
2. Donate online using our QR code. Note Toys for Tots on designated line.
3. Donate directly to [Toysfortots.org](http://Toysfortots.org).

### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

Altar Guild	Lois Simmons
Assisting Minister	Kathy Thompson
Lector	Randy Schaefer
Communion Ministers	Matthew Allred, Shaun Allred, Bill Lucas, Trish Lucas
Greeter	Gloria Fife
Ushers	Michael Lee, Chuck Crosby
Offering Stewards	Ken Savitz, George Herbold

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 44,905  
 Offerings Year to Date \$ 598,482  
 Walk by Faith through 11/30 \$ 735,625



Scan this QR code with your phone camera to donate now on our secure webpage.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Barbara Barass, Peggy Beckwith, Larry Benorden, Mary Blackburn, Amy Canapa, Mac Curtis, Jan & Steve Damell, Patsy Elmore, Kim Fransch, Pat & Nick Gary, Mary Beth & Alex Greene, Rosemarie Greenman & family, Mary Beth Hallahan, Maret & Leo Hebert, Joan Howard, Tami Jansen, Larry Koran, Jr., Carmen Larsen, Diane Lee, Roger Legako, Kris Lehman, Foster Loyacano, Bill Lucas, Heather McDonald, Joe Morelli, Tony Monteagudo, Debbie Moore, Judy Morris, Walter Paquet, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Loni Peters, Randy Schaefer, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Danny Willis.

*This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.*

**FRIENDS:** Ava Alkire, Kathy Baxter, Emily Bell-Smith, Jeff Belt, Marion Berdal, Marsha Bode, the Boring family, Sharon Brokenshire, Freddie Burgess, Mike Carfi, Harold Chapel, Jack Cleave, Jan & Frank Colangelo, Marty & Marybeth Connor, Nancy Crain, Bill Crain, the Daminco family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Patsy Elmore, Vader Ernst, Karen Evans & LeAnn, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Nicholas Frank, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Bill Gross, Rita Heavner, Gary Holtz, Donna Knick, Ally Koonce, Melinda, Dillon & Paul Koonce, Tammy & Paul Koonce, the Loyacano family, David Matthews, Linda McCallister, Merlin Milander, Brenda Montgomery, Fea April Penn, Jim Pressley, Sandra Prior, Claire Racine, Alice Ramsey & family, Rick Reed, Shannon Remington, Claude Salles, Donald Salles, the Salles family, Mya Scaglione family, Anne Marie Schrubbe, Tiphinnie Shea-Scoba, Austin Stephens, Dempsey Sullins, Frank Tyler, Barb & Jerry Weldon, Janet Wengert, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Lauren Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Edison Yee, Kim Yee, the Zehner family, Frank, Tyler, Darcy, Gayle, Jodi, Jolena, Katie, Kerry, Manard, Michael, Savannah, Walter *and those we name to You.*

**GRATITUDE:** Our Deacon ministry—Pam Brown, JaneDakolios, Nancy Dean, Donna Deichert, Mildred Fenske, Michael Lee, Debbie Pinchok, Lois Simmons, Ann Stewart.

**SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS:** Daniel, Bruce, Larry, James, Nicholas, Steve, Edward, Tyler, Floyd, Mike, Roy, Mack, Leo, Geoffery, Tyrone, Vanessa, Joan, Christen, Amanda, Noah, Shyshi, Brook, Ashland, Stephanie, Jenny, Kayla, Rhonda.

**COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH:** Ruth Sittler, Pratt Hughes, Louie Martin.

**CONCERN & ASSISTANCE:** The people of Ukraine.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, RAISE Jamaica; Mercy Ships, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

**PEACE:** Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Adam Di Giovanni, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

**No Cost BEDS & BEDDING FOR** [beds.org/chapter/tn-knoxville-nw](https://beds.org/chapter/tn-knoxville-nw)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT RECOVERY GROUP & MEAL**  
Magnolia Ave UMC, 6-8pm. Pastor Jackson, 865-300-9021.

**FREE LEGAL ADVICE FOR VETERANS**

Call Legal Aid of East TN, 865-637-0484 to register.

## 2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>Ted Primka</b> President Youth & Education	<b>David Wyatt</b> Secretary	<b>Doug Goins</b> Safety & Security
<b>Randy Schaefer</b> Vice President Property	<b>Tim Stone</b> Treasurer	<b>Alice Pigott</b> WELCA Fellowship
	<b>Adam Edwards</b> Worship & Music	<b>Rick Smenner</b> Information Tech

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 4-11, 2022

### Sunday, December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### **Recognition of Deacon Ministry**

9:00am	Traditional Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship	<i>The Cup</i>
10:15am	Adult Sunday School	
	Children's Sunday School	
	Confirmation Class	<i>Library</i>
	Praise Team Rehearsal	
11:11am	Contemporary Worship	
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting	<i>Community Room</i>

### Monday, December 5

**3-5pm Food Pantry open**

### Tuesday, December 6

6:00pm	AL-ANON meeting	<i>Community Room</i>
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous	<i>The Cup</i>

### Wednesday, December 7 Holden Evening Prayer & Fellowship

5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
6:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Holden Evening Prayer</b>	
	<b>followed by Refreshments</b>	

### Thursday, December 8

9:30am	Narcotics Anonymous	<i>The Cup</i>
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### Friday, December 9

9:30am	Cole Center Caregiver Community	
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### Saturday, December 10

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting	<i>Community Room</i>
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### Sunday, December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00am	Traditional Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship	<i>The Cup</i>
10:15am	Adult Sunday School	
	Children's Sunday School	
	Confirmation Class	<i>Library</i>
	Praise Team Rehearsal	
11:11am	Contemporary Worship	
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting	<i>Community Room</i>



## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12. ▪ **Tuesday:** Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21.

**Wednesday:** Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37. ▪ **Thursday:** Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10.

**Friday** Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18. ▪ **Saturday** Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18.

**3rd Sunday of Advent:** Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146: 5-10, 18-19; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.