

Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18, 2016

Sundays of Advent



Welcome visitors!

We're glad you are with us today.

Please sign in on the YES! Sheet
and pass it to the center aisle.

If you would like to request
a prayer to be read during worship,

write it on the back of the Yes! Sheet insert.

An usher will pick it up during the Hymn of the Day.

*Embracing the diversity of God's creation and
celebrating our oneness in Christ.*



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship

ELW=red book hymnal Congregation responses are **bold**

After worship, please leave your bulletin in the basket located in the narthex so it can be used again in upcoming services. Take the Good Shepherd Epistle home to use throughout the week.

Gathering

Prelude

Announcements

 Confession & Forgiveness

How can we stand in the presence of God?
Let us confess those places where we need to prepare
for Christ to come into our lives.

Silence for personal reflection

Silent Word, Hidden Truth, Revealed Love:

We wait for you.

To be precise, we are impatient for you to come and set things right.

**We are insecure with our world, fearful of our leadership,
fearful of crime, and anxious about ourselves.**

**We refuse your guidance and we often wish
you would act according to our plans.**

**We seldom pause to consider that you are waiting for us;
waiting for some genuine act of contrition;
waiting for us to change; waiting for us to listen
and respond with a burning passion for your justice and mercy.**

**Furnish us with willing spirits and brave hearts
to receive your direction in our lives.**

We do not wait for forgiveness; it is a promise kept for every day,
a light shining in every darkness, the breath under any song of justice.
Accept the Word, the Truth, and the Love. **Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Nov 27: verses 1 & 7

Dec 4: verses 1 & 4

Dec 11: verses 1 & 6

Dec 18: verses 1 & 5



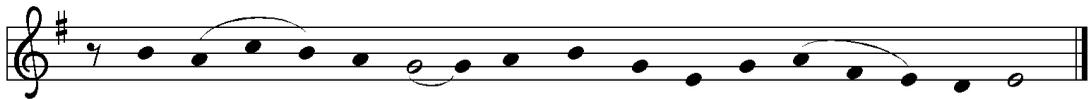
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

 Greeting

Presiding Minister:

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

And also with you.

 Prayer of the Day

Presiding Minister: Let us pray ...

Word

 First Reading

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Readings

 Second Reading

Today's Readings

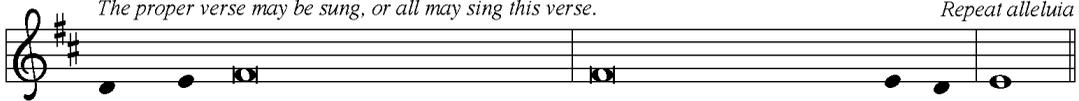
 Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

 Gospel

Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Today's Readings

 Gathering Song & Mini-Meditation for Children

Children are invited to come forward during the song.

**Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:**

Refrain **Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!.**

 Hymn of the Day

During the hymn, YES! Sheets are collected.

Nov. 27	"Wake Awake, for Night is Flying"	ELW 436
Dec. 4	"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"	ELW 256
Dec. 11	"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"	ELW 251
Dec. 18	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	ELW 272

 Sermon & Testimony

Silence for personal reflection

Pastor Kathy Nolte

 Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

 Passing of the Peace

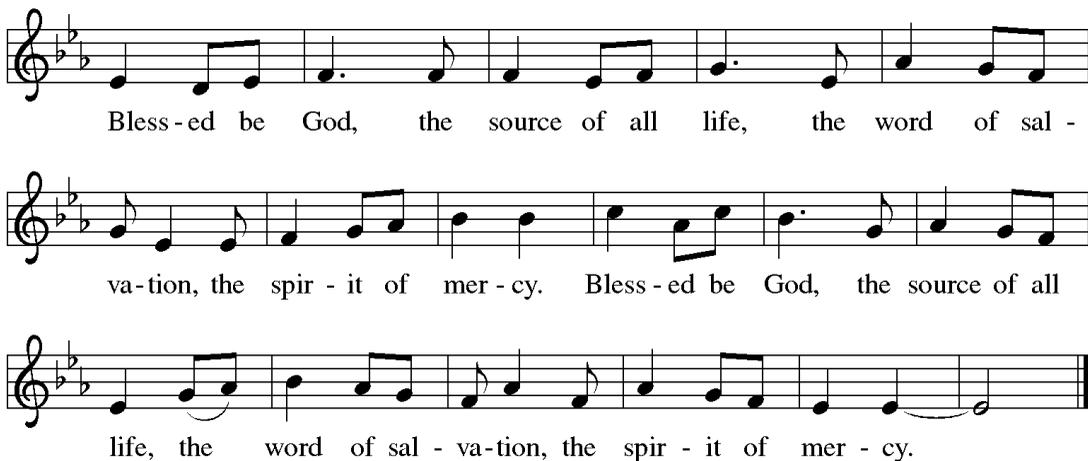
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Meal

Offering

Gifts are gathered as the table is prepared. An instrumental offering is shared.

Offertory Hymn “Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life”



Bless - ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -
va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy. Bless - ed be God, the source of all
life, the word of sal - va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Let us pray ...

Loving God, thank you for inviting us
to share the blessings you pour out on us.
Use our resources to heal attitudes as well as bodies,
to bring wholeness, not just cures.
Help us to address the inequities of the earth.
Lead us into your realm in the midst of our daily living.
Amen.

 Great Thanksgiving

Presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

 Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope...
...Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father & Mother, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

 Lord's Prayer

Presiding Minister:
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
_____(**Abba Imma/Our Father**) in heaven,
 hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen

 Invitation to Communion

Come to this table,
Not because you must, but because you may;
Not because you are worthy, but because you are hungry;
Not because you are ready, but because you are thirsty.
Come because Christ invites us.

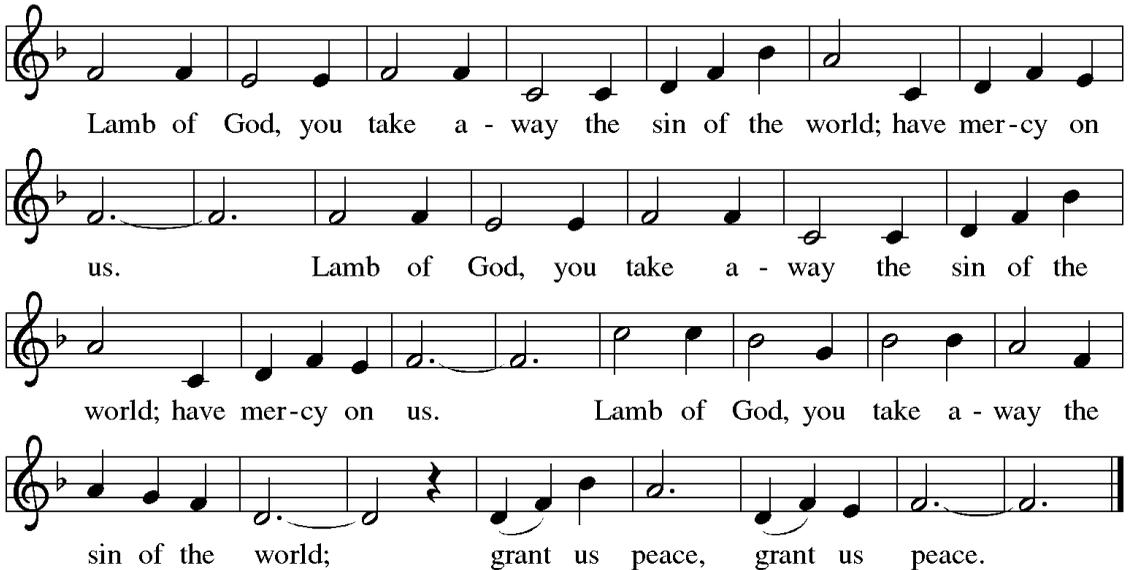
 Communion

Nov. 27, Dec. 11 & 18_— *Please come forward as the ushers direct. You will be given bread. You may eat the bread and drink; or intinct (dip) in the large cup and eat. Please move to the appropriate server. The silver cup has wine; the oversize pottery cup has grape juice for intinction. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please let Pastor Kathy or the assisting minister know when you come forward. After you commune, feel free to kneel at the altar rail in silent prayer.*

Dec. 4— *Please come forward to the railing as the ushers direct and kneel if you are able. As you come up please take a cup from the tray unless you want to drink wine from the common cup. You will be given bread. Gluten free communion wafers are available. You may choose to be served wine from the silver cup or grape juice from the golden cup. If you do not have a cup you will be offered the common cup with wine.*

 Communion Song

“Lamb of God”

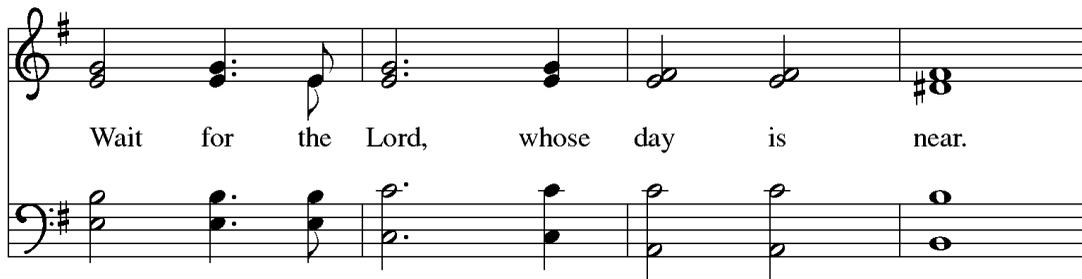


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

 Communion Hymns

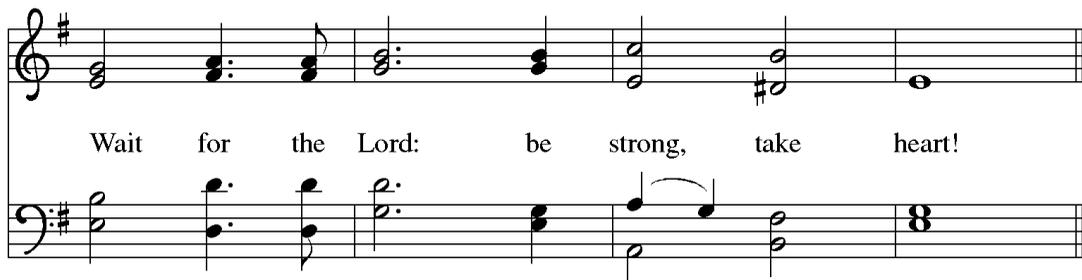
Nov. 27	"The King Shall Come"	ELW 260
Dec. 4	"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"	ELW 255
Dec. 11	"As the Dark Awaits the Dawn"	ELW 261
Dec. 18	"Blessed Be the God of Israel"	ELW 250

(All Sundays) "Wait for the Lord"



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody, and the bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

 *Presiding Minister:*

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

Amen.

 Prayer after Communion

Assisting Minister: Let us pray ...
Go from this place nourished by
Christ's own body and blood,
inspired by a vision of God's peace,
eager to live 'as if' the whole world
was God's holy mountain,
where no one will ever again hurt or destroy.
Amen.

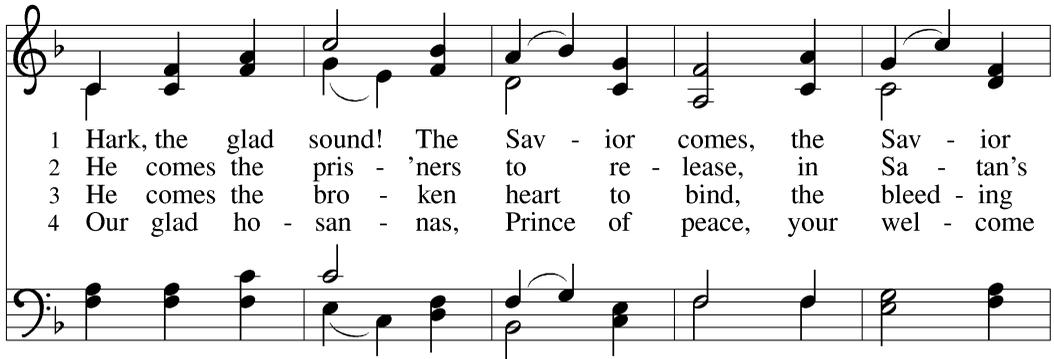
Sending

 Blessing

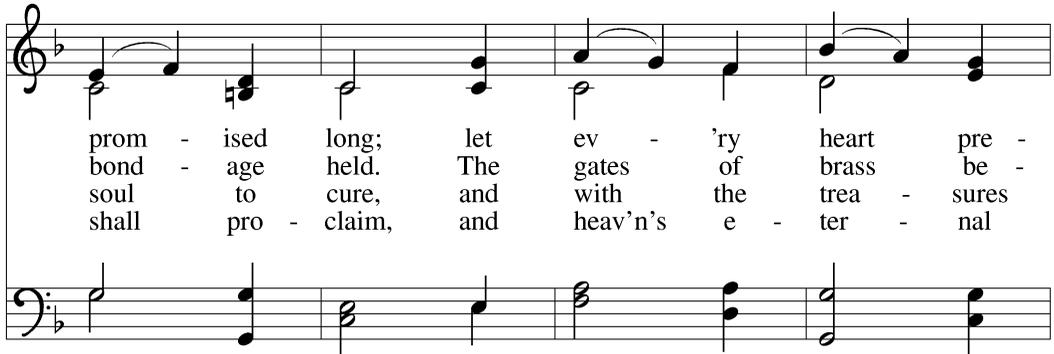
Presiding Minister:

May the Holy and Loving God,
whose Spirit rested on Joseph calling him to parenthood,
and on Mary, preparing her for motherhood and birth,
call and prepare us all for our relationships,
our work, and our ministry
that we also may say, "Your will be done in us,"
to the glory of +Jesus Christ, Immanuel.
Amen.

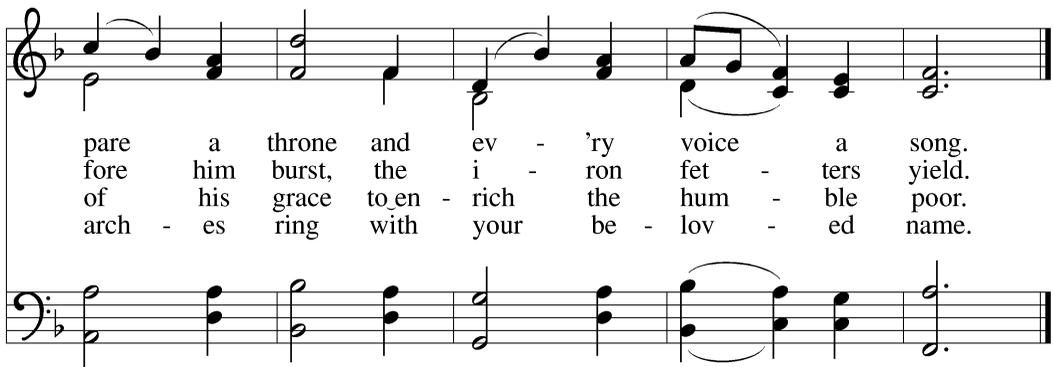
"Hark The Glad Sound"



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

 Dismissal

Assisting Minister:

Go in peace.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*A **Pray Ground** is available for families with children 5 years-old and younger who wish to keep their children with them in worship. This space found in the front of the sanctuary allows children appropriate movement while learning liturgy during worship. Parents must remain with children in this space to augment the learning experience and provide safety. Older siblings may sit with parents in the adjoining pews where appropriate books and materials are located.*

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