St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 29, 2026
10:15 AM

First Sunday of Advent



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Our Mission Statement
"Saved by Grace. Reaching out in Faith."

1st Sunday of Advent November 29, 2026

Welcome to St. Luke's. Whether you are visiting the Lima area or looking for a church home, we hope you find St. Luke's Lutheran Church to be a people who reflect the joy and peace and love we have in Christ. More than that, we hope you hear, with us, the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

Blue Welcome Cards help us welcome visitors, inform us of changes in your contact information, and let us know your prayer concerns. Welcome Cards may be placed in the offering plate stationed on a table for drop-off before or after service.

Holy Communion All who are baptized and believe that with the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and salvation are encouraged to come to the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Rest Rooms are on the main floor at the south end of the office hallway.

Ushers and other members are here to help you if you need assistance.

Please stand, if able, for parts of the service marked ╬



WELCOME

PRELUDE ***"Prepare the Way, O Zion"*** Wood

The organ chimes call us to worship.

INTRODUCTION
Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

INVOCATION ╬
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
who calls out to the weary,
whose word endures forever.
Amen.

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord!"
We are called to confess our sin
and turn back toward God's love.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel as you are able.

Comforting God,
we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothe us in your righteousness.
Amen.

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice in the Lord!
Amen. [Thanks be to God!]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ╬

Light the first candle.

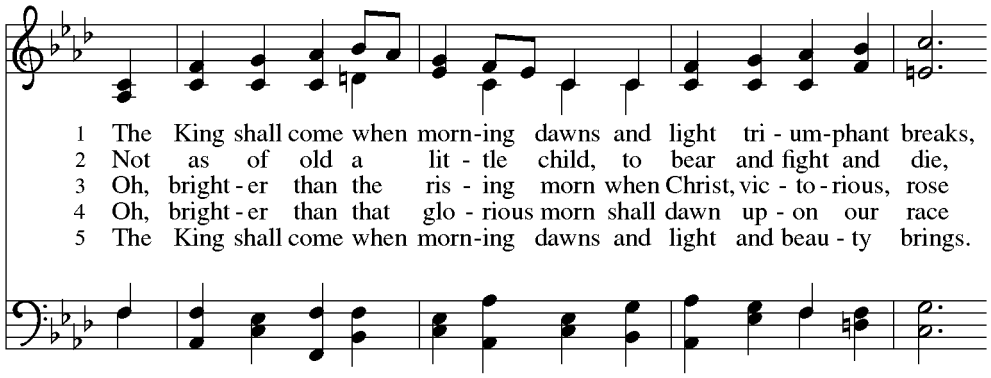
We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

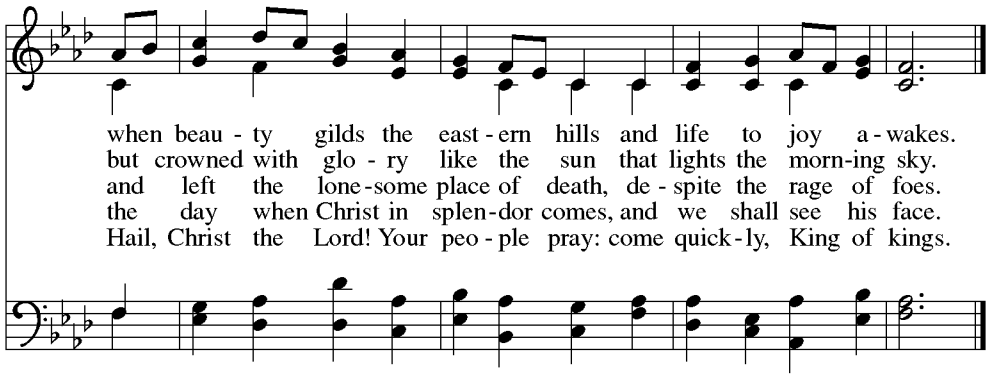
PEACE ╬

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

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

GATHERING HYMN ╬ *"The King Shall Come"* #260

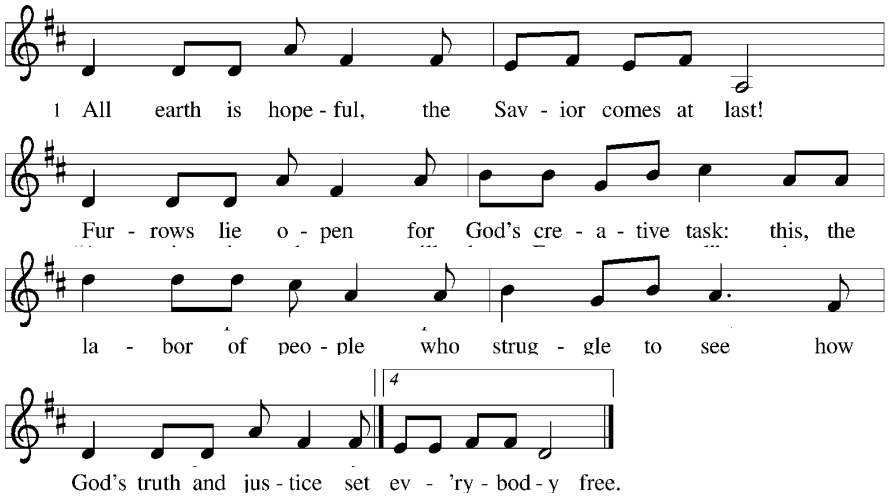




GREETING ╬

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.

ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL ╬



PRAYER OF THE DAY ╬

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Marcy Reeves

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

[1] O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
[2] 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!
[3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4] 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 him.
[5] 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.
[6] 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.
[7] 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.
[8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

ANTHEM ***"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*** Harlan

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

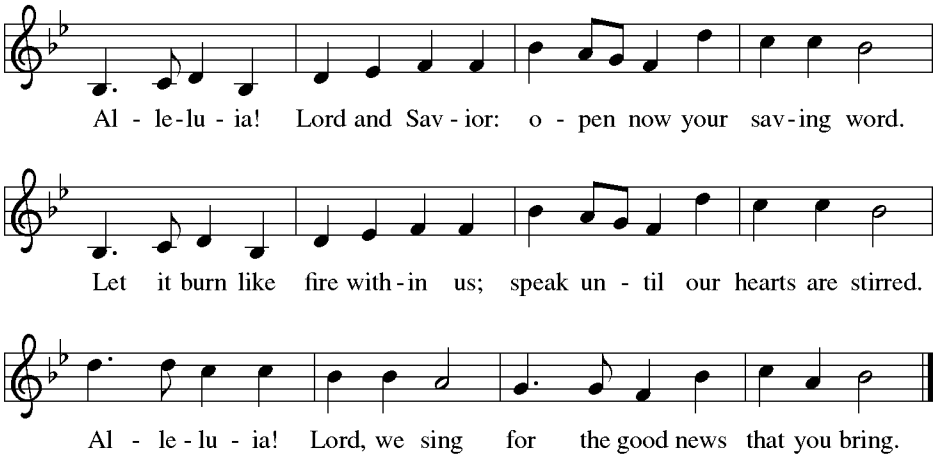
[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given →

you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ╬



HOLY GOSPEL: ╬ **Mark 13:24-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] [24] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

[28] "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. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

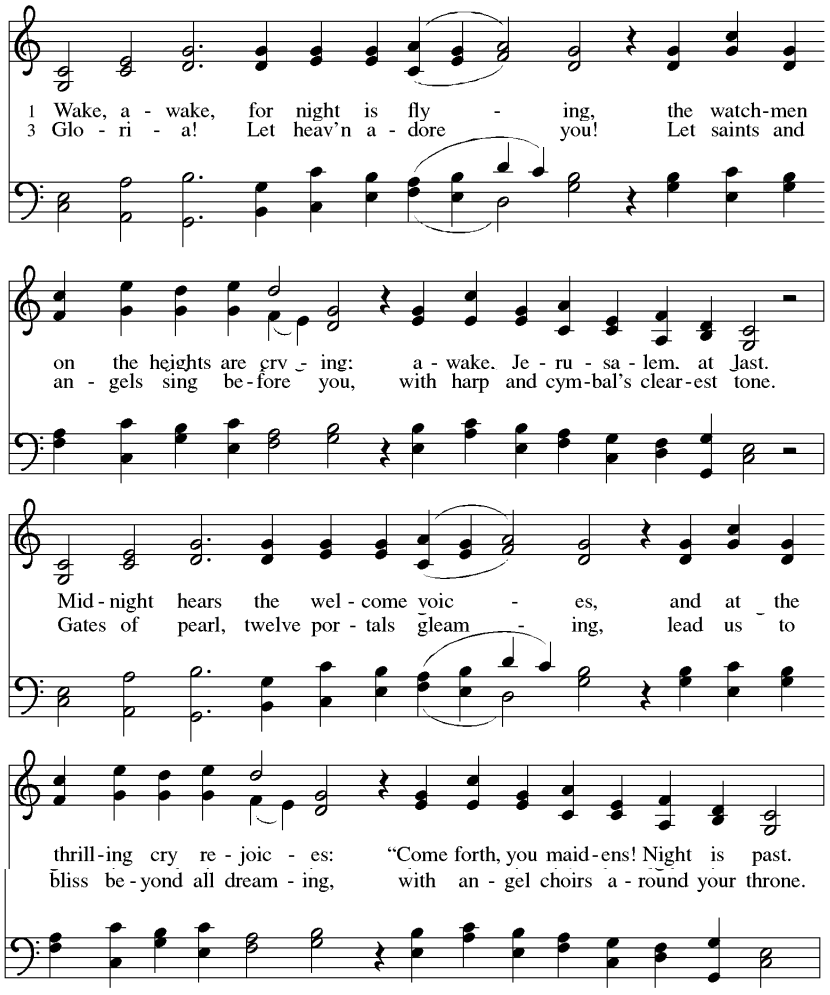
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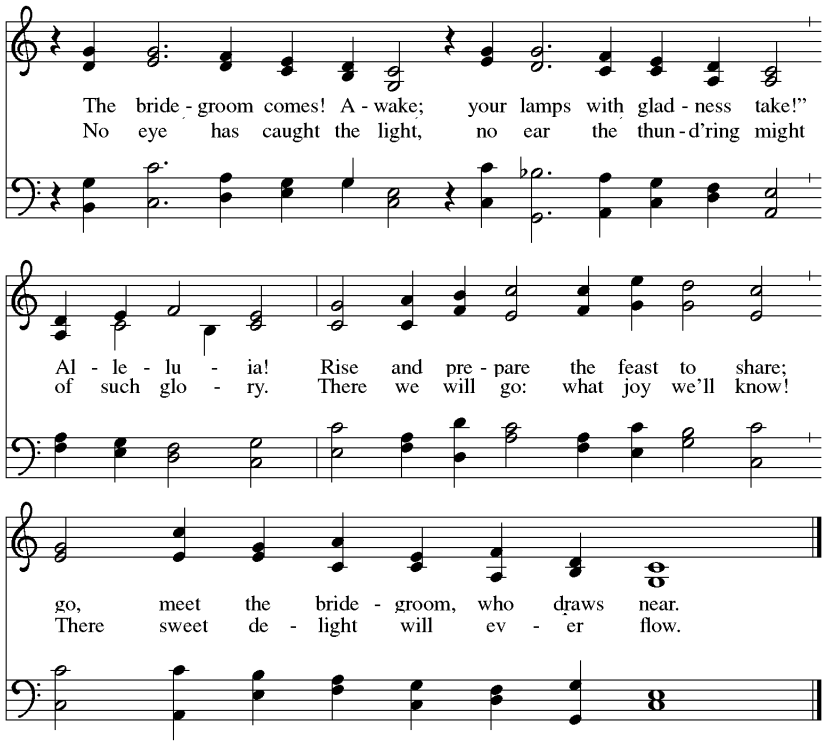
[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son,
but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34]
It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each
with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake,
for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight
or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]
And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Mark Bauer**

HYMN OF THE DAY ╬ ***"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"*** #436 vs 1&3





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.

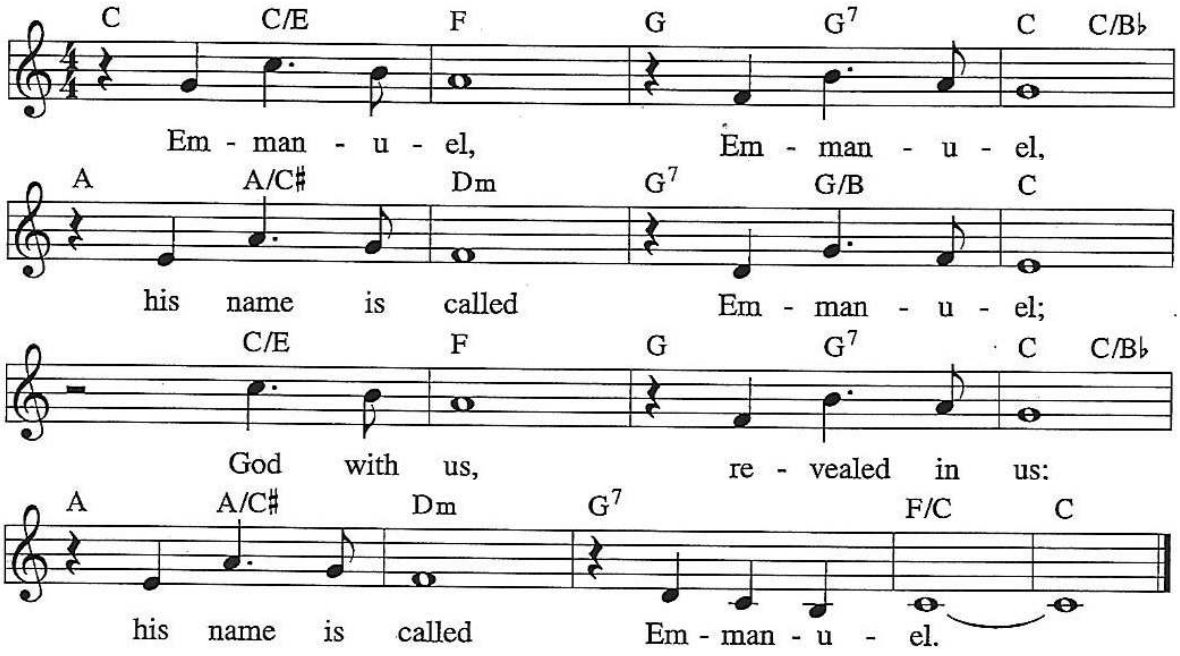
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ╬

Response after each petition: Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Voluntary ***"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*** Hustad

OFERTORY HYMN ╬ ***"Emmanuel"*** w&p #36



OFFERTORY PRAYER ╬

Holy Creator,
we are the clay and you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ╬

DIALOGUE ╬

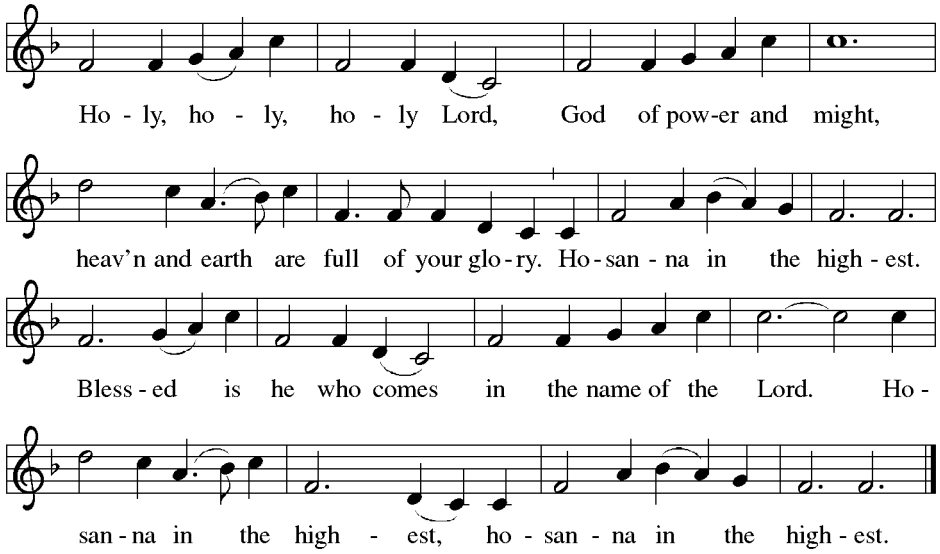
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

PROPER PREFACE ╬
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ╬



WORDS OF INSTITUTION ╬

LORD'S PRAYER ╬

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

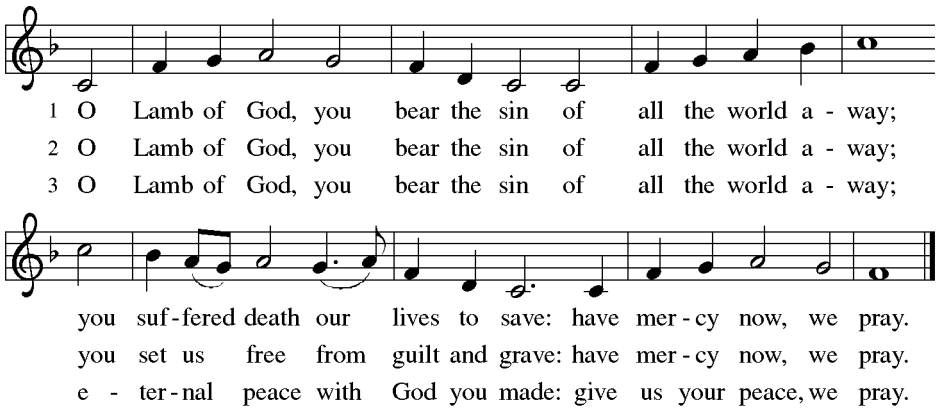
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER ╬

The glory of the Lord is revealed!
Come and taste God's presence.

The assembly is seated.

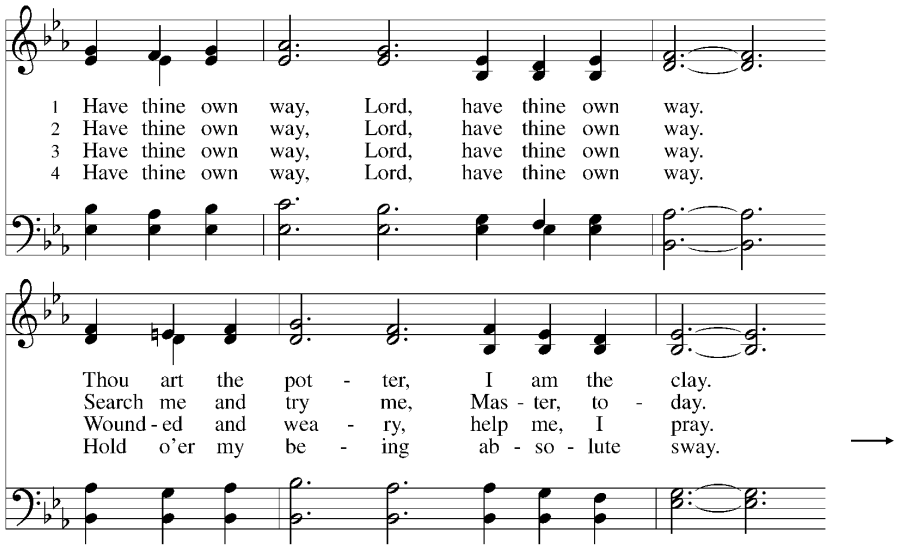
LAMB OF GOD

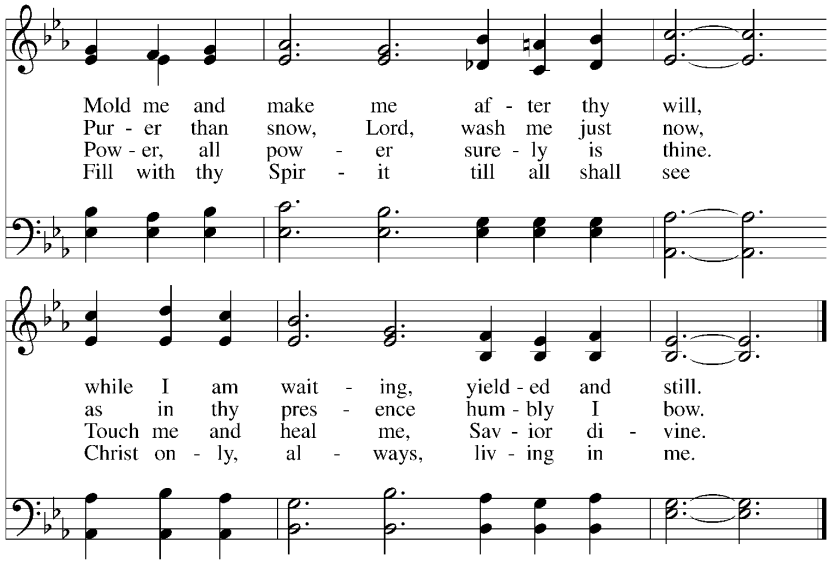


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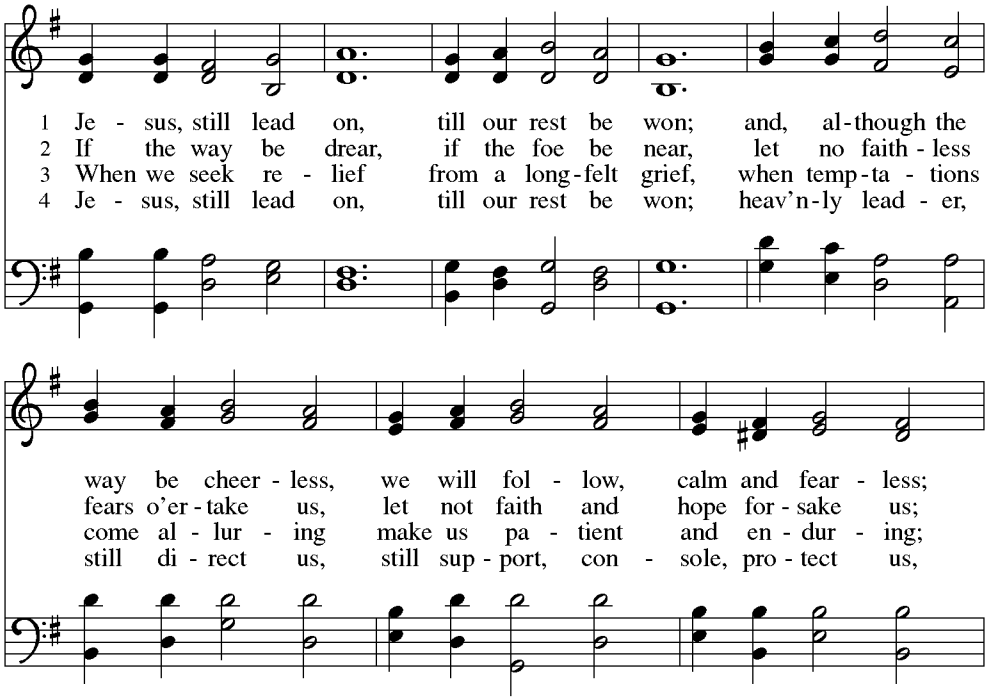
This morning communion is served continuously. Come forward down the center aisle as directed by the ushers and receive the bread—the body of Christ—from the pastor. Take a glass from the tray and move to the wine servers. (The pre-filled glasses are grape juice.) When finished, place the cup in the basket and return to your seat via the side aisles.

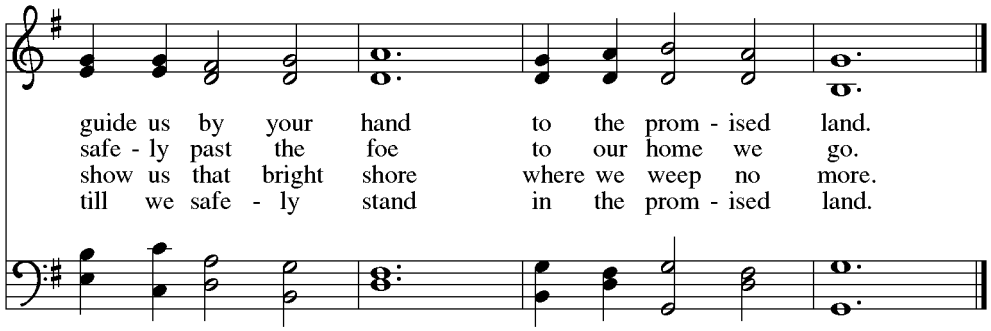
COMMUNION HYMNS ***"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*** ***tff*** #152





"Jesus, Still Lead On" #624





EUCHARISTIC BLESSING ╬

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

Amen

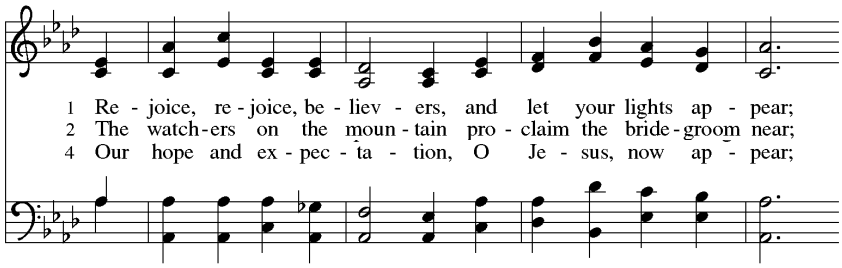
POST COMMUNION PRAYER ╬

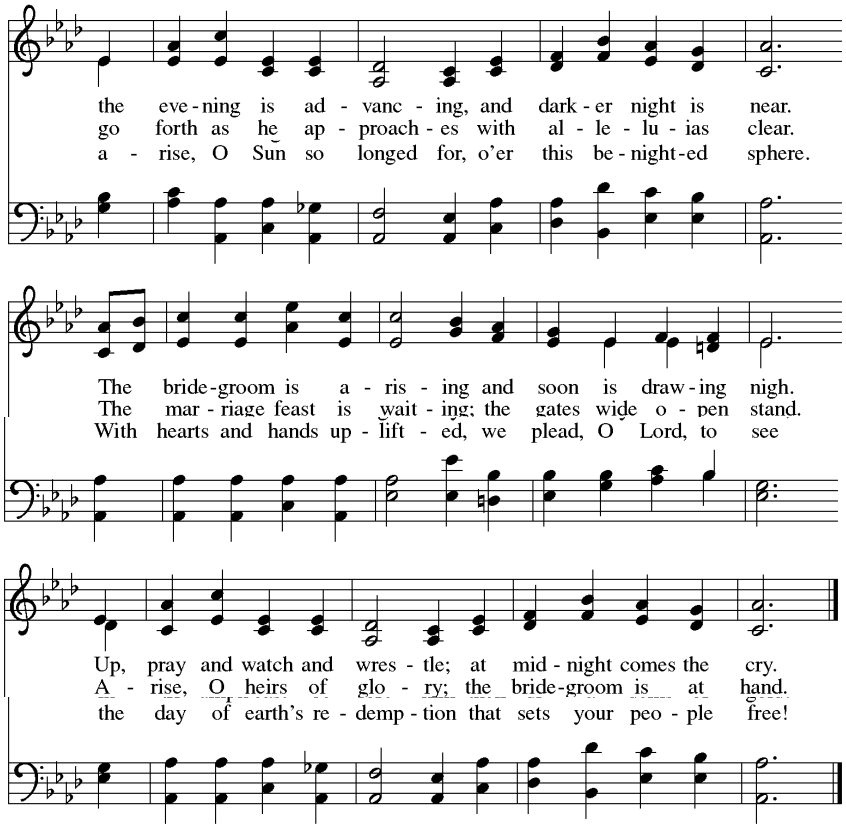
Providing God,
you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your people in your arms.
We praise you for the care and sustenance
you give at this meal and always.
As we leave your table, carry us near your heart,
and send us with confidence in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

BENEDICTION ╬

God our provider,
God our feast,
God our companion,
✢ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ╬ ***"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"*** #244 vs 1, 2 & 4





DISMISSAL ╬
Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.
Thanks be to God.

Silent prayer with chimes.

POSTLUDE ***"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"*** Manz

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"NUMBERS" from November 22, 2026"

Attendance: 53
Giving: $2,072.00 given to the glory of God for the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Lima and beyond.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Today, SUNDAY 11/29	NEXT SUNDAY 12/6
Worship Leader	Pastor Mark Bauer	Pastor Deb Monnin
Organist	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller
Acolyte	Julianna Lewis	Julianna Lewis
Children's Message	Marcy Reeves	Megan Mulcahy
Lector	Sarah Oleson	Rachael Lewis
Communion Servers	Lois Kennedy, Linda Mann	Lauren Williams, Jane Williams
Ushers	Bill Oleson, Dick Fisher	Bob Oleson, Lois Kennedy
Altar Guild	Beth Arheit McCarty	Altar Guild



The flowers in the chancel this morning were given by Mary Stepleton in celebration of All of God's blessings

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
Mon 12/1	6:00 pm	Altar Guild
Wed, 12/3	10:00 am	WELCA
Sun, 12/6	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Choir Christian Education Hour Liturgy of Holy Communion

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Meadows of Marion - Dorothy
Lockhaven - Barb
Wyngate Senior Living - Glen & Elizabeth

Pat, Ida, Madison, Judy, Norman, Natalia, Andrew, Timothy, Susan, Florian, Karen, David

Scripture readings for 12/6/2026

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Staff	*Congregational Leadership*
Interim Hospital Visitation Pastor - Samuel Payne (Cell:419-371-9774) Organist – Sandy Miller Choir Director – Brian Reeves Office Secretary – Robin Hefner	President - Rich Moritz Vice President - James Williams Secretary - Lois Kennedy Treasurer - Alison Williams Tyler Arheit Susie Cornell Perry Luhn Marcy Reeves Jane Williams

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