

# Service of Worship

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024



Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church! Our hope today is that you will experience God's love in Word, Sacrament, and Song through the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. Everything you need for today's worship service is printed in this bulletin.

This community welcomes you – wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Are you a visitor? Come back again! Are you looking for a church home? All are invited to become part of the Advent community. If you join us in person or on our Facebook livestream; if you are here for an hour, a season, or a lifetime, you are welcome at Advent. The church may be cozy, but the table is long. There's a place for you here!

Need more information about who and what we are? Fill out a green contact/prayer card, add a comment on Facebook, email the church, or visit our website - [www.adventlc.us](http://www.adventlc.us) - or make an appointment with Pastor Alex. We'd love to know how we can be in ministry together!

Advent is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



### PRAYER CONCERNS

We keep the following persons in prayer



*Douglas M. Bennett* (brother of Shelley Bennett)

*David Church* (friend of Advent)

*Anthony Cordesman* (friend of Shelley Bennett)

*Anthony Goveia* (nephew of Ismay Lovell)

*Ellie Holsopple* (member)

*Rev. Patricia Johnson* (friend of the Stalls)

*Jenny Jones* (friend of the Falksens)

*Kathryn "Kate" Juhl* (member)

*Pam Juhl* (mother of Peter and Kate Juhl)

*Wayne Theye* (friend of the Falksens)

*Becky Wilfinger* (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

*Edwina Wyatt-Knowles* (friend of Nancy Jairrels)

## GATHERING

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**PRELUDE**

**I Love to Tell the Story**

**R. Hobby**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Water is poured into the font as a reminder of God's ever flowing stream of grace and forgiveness.  
All may make the sign of the cross (signified with this ✠), the sign marked at baptism.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God, our rock and refuge,

C **we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**

**dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

C **Amen**

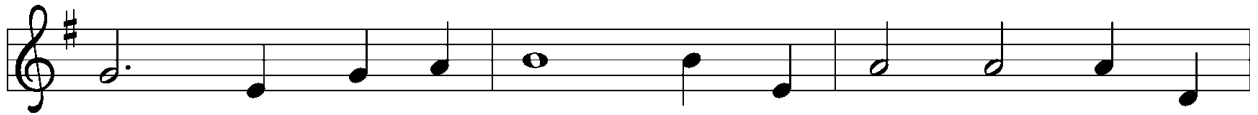
**GATHERING HYMN**

**Jesus Calls us O'er the Tumult**  
*(Please see graphic next page)*

**ELW 696**



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



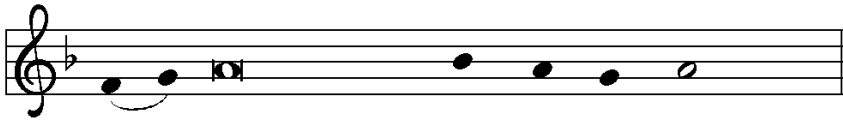
sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## 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.**





In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



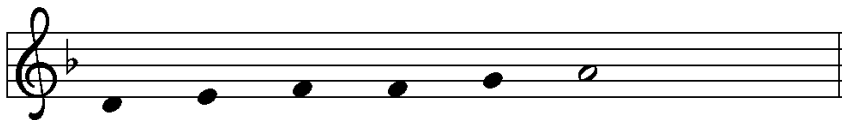
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



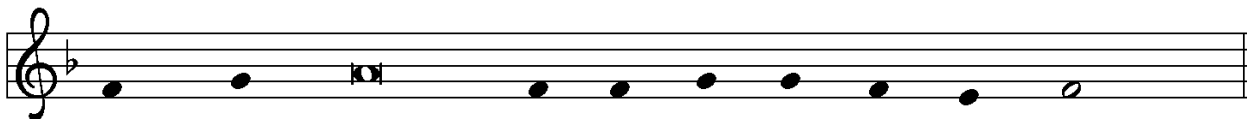
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**All Glory Be to God on High**  
(Please see graphic next page)

**Setting 5**





1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - mighty - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. *(Pause for a moment of silent prayer.)* Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 - 4:5

Reader A reading from Jonah

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup> And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup> And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

<sup>5</sup> Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMS: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*(Assisting minister reads light print; congregation reads bold.)*

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Reader A reading from 1st Corinthians

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

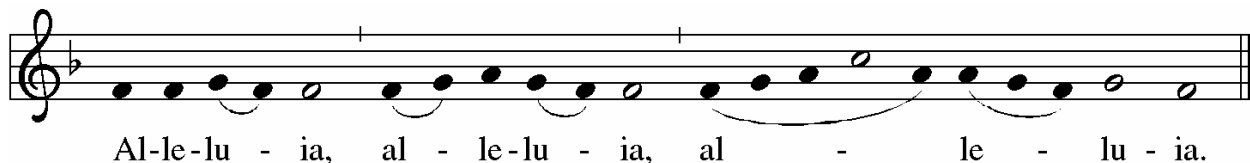
**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

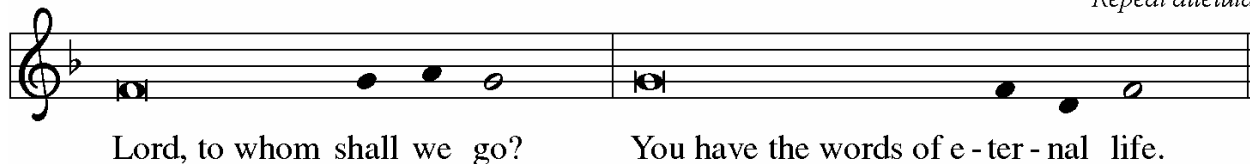
## THE GOSPEL HYMN

## Alleluia

## Setting 5



*Repeat alleluia*



P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Alex Stall, Jr.**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are comfortable to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Faith Begins by Letting Go**

**ACS 1004**



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, eternal, almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the only begotten one;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, lived and loved among us,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
who descended into hell,  
and on the third day rose from the dead;  
Jesus, our Savior, ascended into heaven,  
sits at the right hand of the loving God,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence. After each petition please respond: "receive our prayer."*

A God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

*Offering the peace of Christ is far more than a handshake and a greeting to someone you haven't seen since last Sunday. It is the embodiment of conflicts forgiven, wars ended, even death destroyed. Jesus's resurrection offers true peace.*

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a gesture of peace.*

*Please be seated.*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING**

**O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True**

**A. Mahnke**

*The Offering represents a shift in our worship time. We change from a time of hearing and learning God's Word, to a time of action. We share of our time and resources – and our very selves. We recognize God's grace in our lives and respond with our offerings. All are invited to respond to God with joyful hearts by giving regularly or tithing (giving proportionally) by placing your gifts in the collection plate, or by making electronic donations using our website at [www.adventlc.us](http://www.adventlc.us) (look for the "Giving" option on the home page). We also use Simply Giving for regular, automatic electronic donations. Please reach out to the church office for the necessary forms! In whatever way you support Advent, know that we are thankful for your faithfulness and trust in God.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

**What Feast of Love**

**ELW 487**

*(Verses 1 & 3; please see graphic next page)*





1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?

3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?

What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.

This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.*

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One,

C **for all good things come from you.**

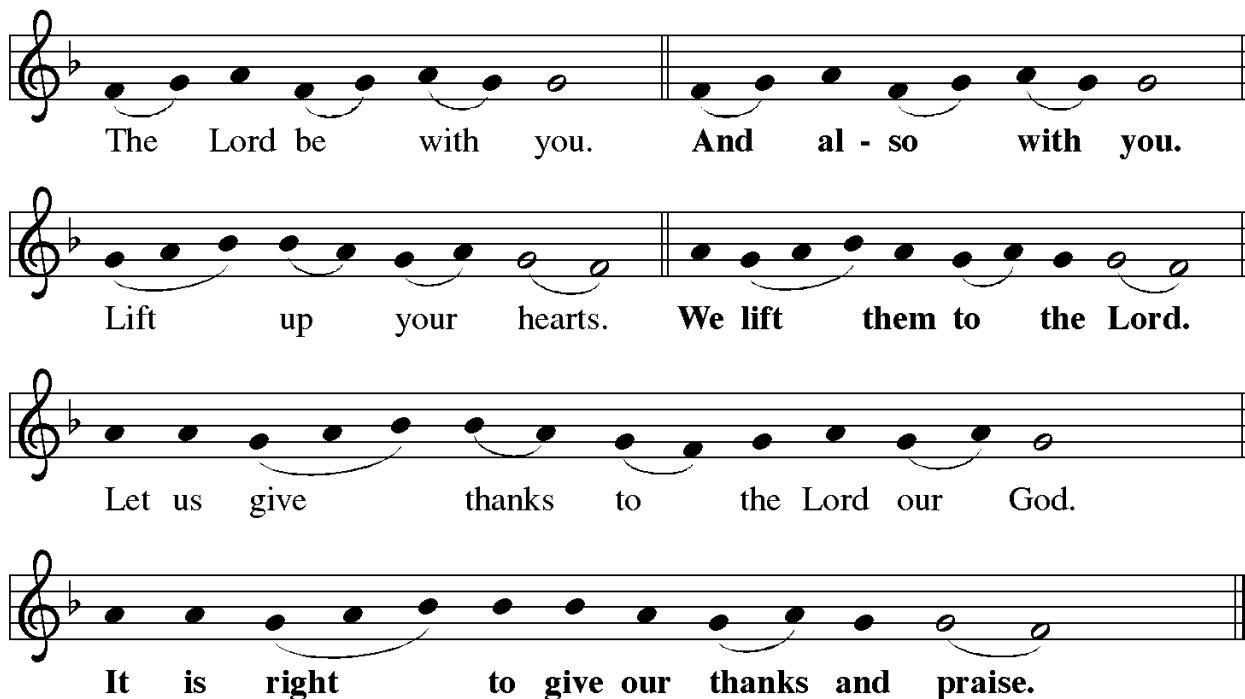
**In bread and cup you open heaven to us.**

**Meet us at this table,**

that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Setting 5



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

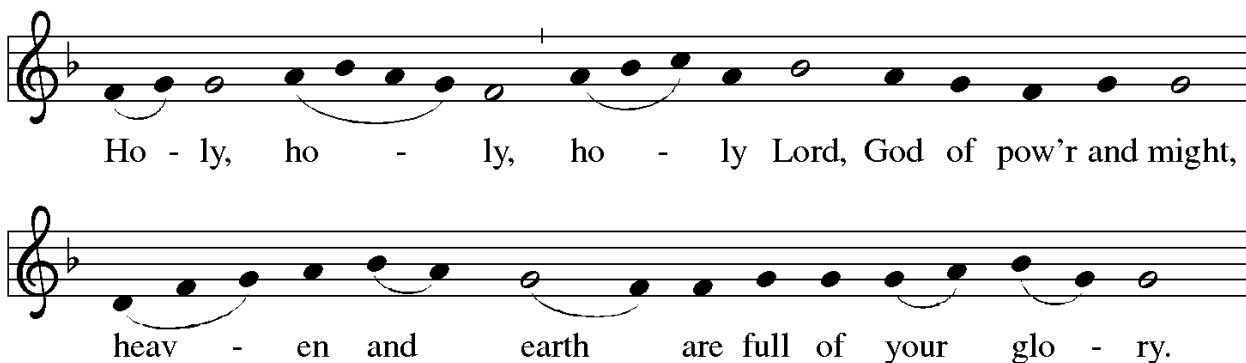
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

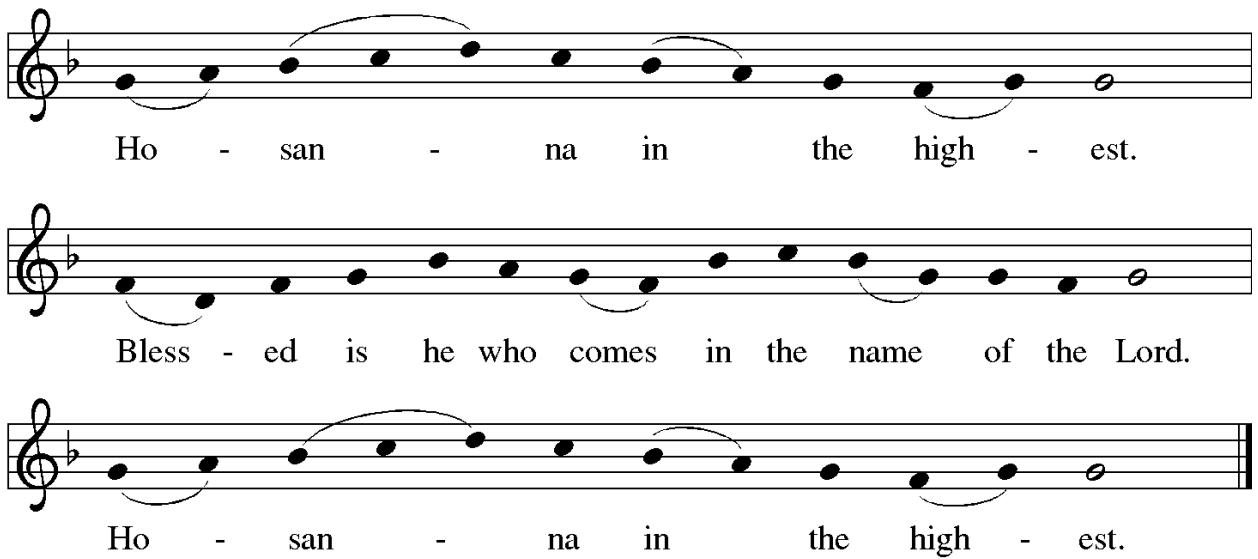
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P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
C **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**P** With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C** **Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P** All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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

*All are welcome at the Lord's Supper here at Advent. Wine and white grape juice are available by individual cup. Gluten-free communion hosts are also available upon request. If you do not commune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. We ask that you please maintain a safe distance as we commune. Hand sanitizer is available at the usher's stand.*

**P** Come now to the Lord's Table, for all is ready!

## LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy 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. A - men.

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*Please be seated.*

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:* The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say:* **Amen**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

## I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best  
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

*Please stand as you are able.*

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

C Amen.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**  
(Verses 2 & 3; please see graphic next page)

**ELW 490**



2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;



Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend-ing from the realms of end - less day,



he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way.

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Giver of every gift,  
C **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.**  
**Raise us to life by your power**  
**for the benefit of all and to your glory,**  
**now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

P God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## Go To the World

ACS 991



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## DISMISSAL

- P This service is ended. But our service continues.  
A Christ the Savior is born!  
Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

M. Sedio

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**We give thanks for those assisting with worship today . . .**

Pastor  
Assisting Minister  
Altar Guild  
Greeter  
Usher  
Cantor  
Organist  
Videographer  
Social Hour Host  
Counters

The Rev. Alex P. Stall, Jr.  
Cheryl Beversdorf  
Esther Day  
Esther Day  
Marianne Hawn  
Chris Haar  
Rhonda Rose  
Shane Gainer  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Learn how to keep seniors safely on their feet.** On Sunday, January 28, Sara Pappa of the Northern Virginia Falls Prevention Alliance will join us to share information about "Falls Awareness." According to the National Council on Aging, 1 in 4 Americans aged 65 or older falls each year; every 11 seconds an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall; and every 19 minutes an older adult dies from a fall. You are invited and encouraged to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this important session at 11:30 AM.

**Make a difference in the lives of your neighbors - provide a ride!** The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, a non-profit all-volunteer organization that provides free rides to adults 50 or older, is looking for volunteers in the South Arlington area. There is no minimum time commitment - volunteers choose when, where, and how often they drive. Background checks are required.



Drive through from 7:30-10 AM for the imposition of ashes, or join us for a service of confession, imposition of ashes, and communion at 5:30 PM. All in time to celebrate Valentine's Day dinner!



February 21 - March 27

Continue your Lenten journey with us on Wednesday nights during Lent as we gather for food, fellowship and an opportunity to share in the presence of Jesus! We'll meet at the church at 6 PM. All are welcome to God's table!

**Our goal  
is 600  
items for  
AFAC!**



"LORD, EVEN AS WE ENJOY THE  
SUPER BOWL FOOTBALL GAME,  
HELP US BE MINDFUL OF THOSE  
WHO ARE WITHOUT A BOWL OF  
SOUP TO EAT. AMEN"

## **TACKLE HUNGER** with the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

**JANUARY 7 -  
FEBRUARY 11  
2024**

### **LET'S SCORE FOR AFAC!**

Our annual food drive continues until football's biggest day - Super Bowl Sunday. Our goal is to collect 600 cans of soup or ingredients to make soup. All donations benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

Help us reach out to the neighborhood by volunteering to receive donations on Saturdays and Sundays. Sign up in the Welcome Center, notating the date and shift you're available.

### **Help RPC provide a place for the homeless**

We are continuing to collect new or gently used towels and washcloths, sheets, blankets, pillows, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and XL and XXL sweatshirts for the Residential Program Center (RPC) on Columbia Pike. Donations may be brought on Sundays or dropped off during office hours.