

Advent Lutheran Church

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“Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve”

Welcome !



9:30 a.m., January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

We welcome everyone to worship on this wonderful day. May God bless our time together in Worship with Word and Sacrament.

If you are visiting with us today, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a *Welcome* card and place it in the offering plate. The reverse of this card can also be used for prayer requests, or other special needs.

Infants and children are always welcome in worship, but if you feel you need the use of a nursery, there is a staffed nursery...just ask one of our ushers to direct you to it.

Need Directions? Feel free to ask an usher if you need to find a restroom, or another particular room or group meeting here in the church building.

Cell phone off? – We respectfully ask that you silence your cell phone during worship this morning.

For hearing impaired: We now have four hearing receivers and two neck units. If you wish to use one, please see the person at the sound booth in the back of the Sanctuary.

THE LORD INVITES EVERYONE TO HIS TABLE

We Believe

Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine.

We receive forgiveness of sins and strength for Christian living.

We are renewed in faith with the promise of salvation and eternal life.

We Offer

Wine and grape juice (light colored glasses in center of trays)

Bread (including gluten-free wafers)

Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good!

INTRODUCTION

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

**SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 28, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Congregation please stand)

Confession & Forgiveness (We make the sign of the cross, the mark first given us in baptism, as we confess our sin and hear God's word of forgiveness).

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,

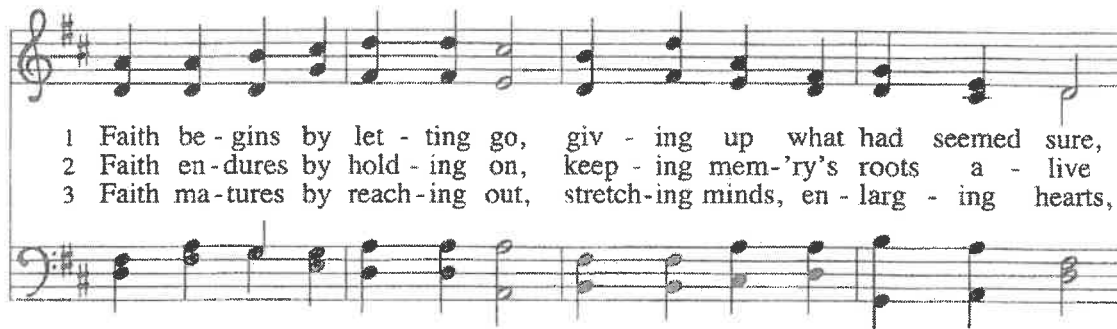
C **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news 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.

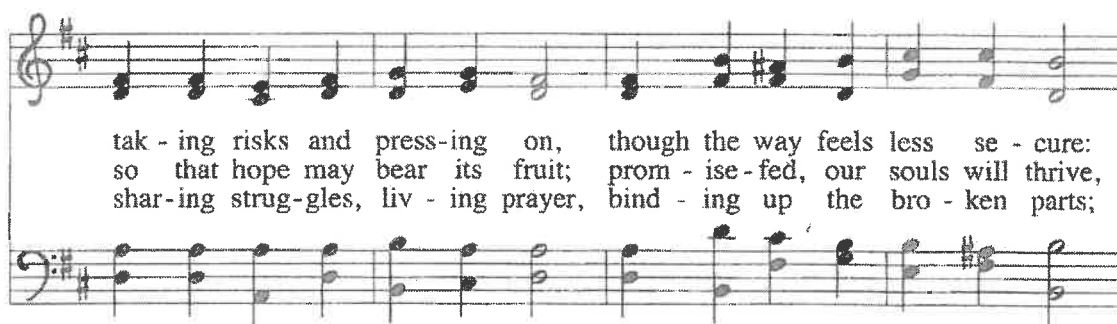
C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

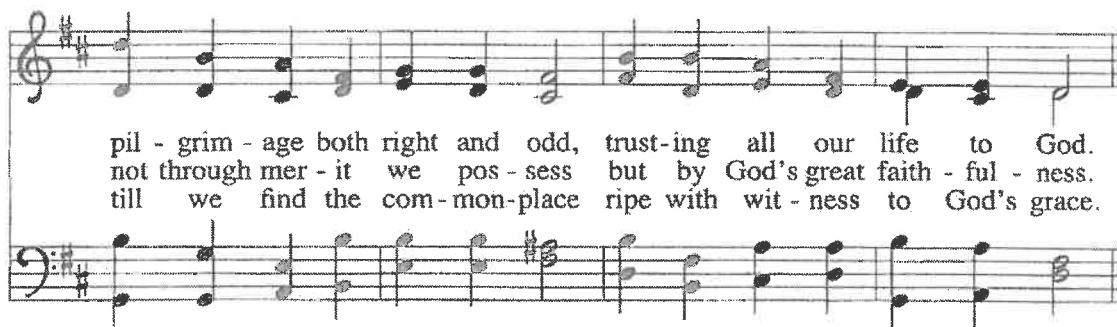
"Faith Begins by Letting Go"



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;

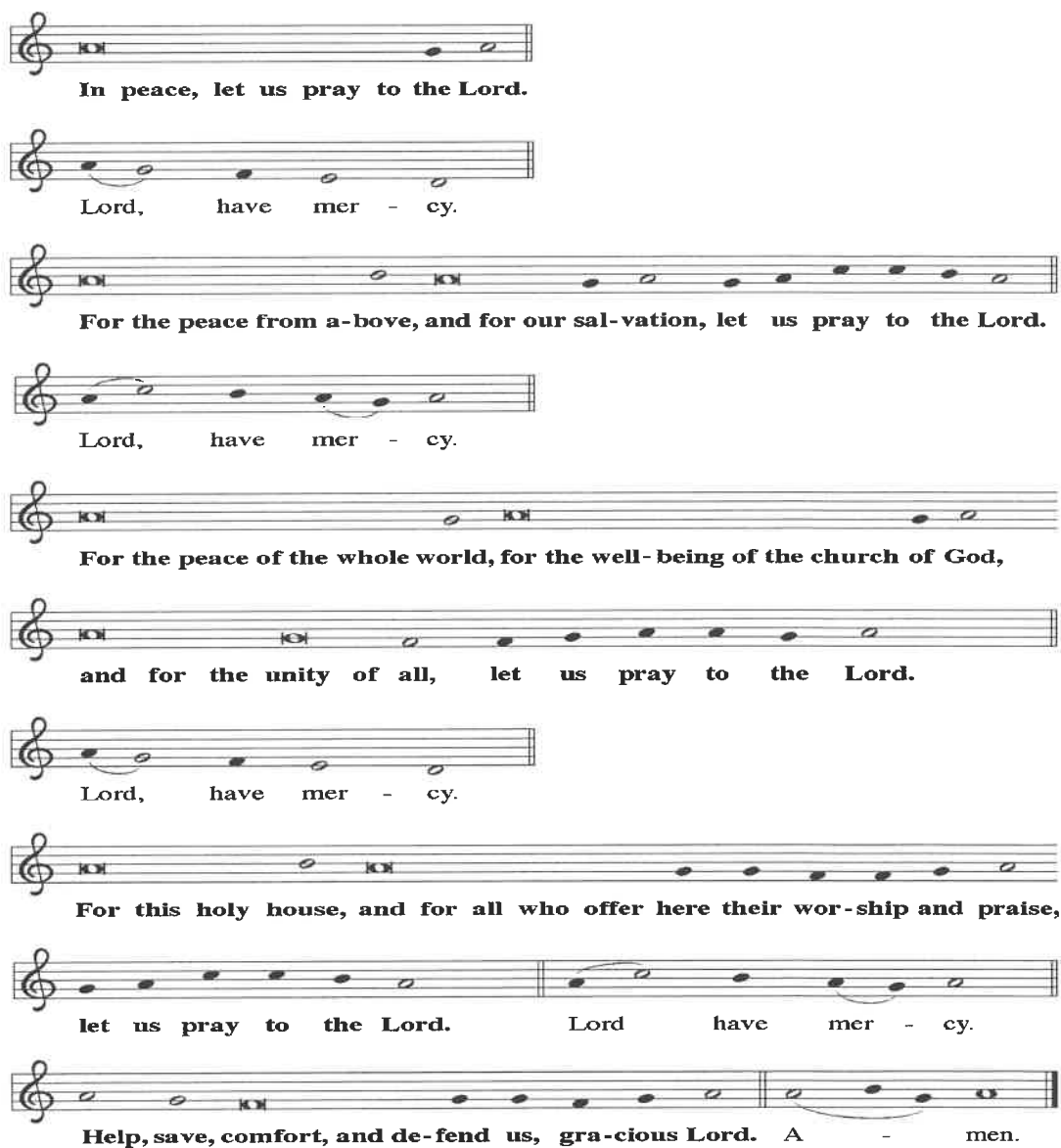


pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust-ing all our life to God.
 not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 till we find the com-mon-place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, 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 holy house, and for all who offer 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.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray, Compassionate God,

C you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

[Moses said:]

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Singing, we rise to greet Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Congregation please be seated)

SERMON

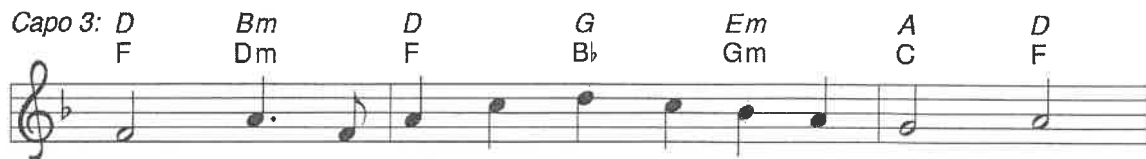
Pastor Matthew Larson

(Congregation please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

#665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom-en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

P *Let us proclaim our Christian faith:*

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE PEOPLE

A brief silence.

(Each petition ends, "God of grace," to which the congregation responds,
"receive our prayer". The petitions are concluded, with the pastor.)

G **Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

(In the midst of flu season, please be sensitive to those who wish to 'keep their hands to themselves.' Thank you.)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G **And also with you.**

Share the peace of God with one another.

(Congregation please be seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(Congregation please stand)

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

#186

Capo 3: D F F#m Am Bm Dm Em Gm A C D F Bm Dm Em Gm

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a

Bm Dm A C Bm Dm C#m Em F# A Bm Dm G Bb Em Gm A C

right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

D F G Bb A C D F Em Gm G Bb A C Bm Dm

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from

E A D F#m Bm Em A F#m Bm G C F D F#m Am Bm Dm Em Gm A C F#m Am Bm Dm

me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

G Bb Em Gm A C D F Bm Dm Em Gm A C D F

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

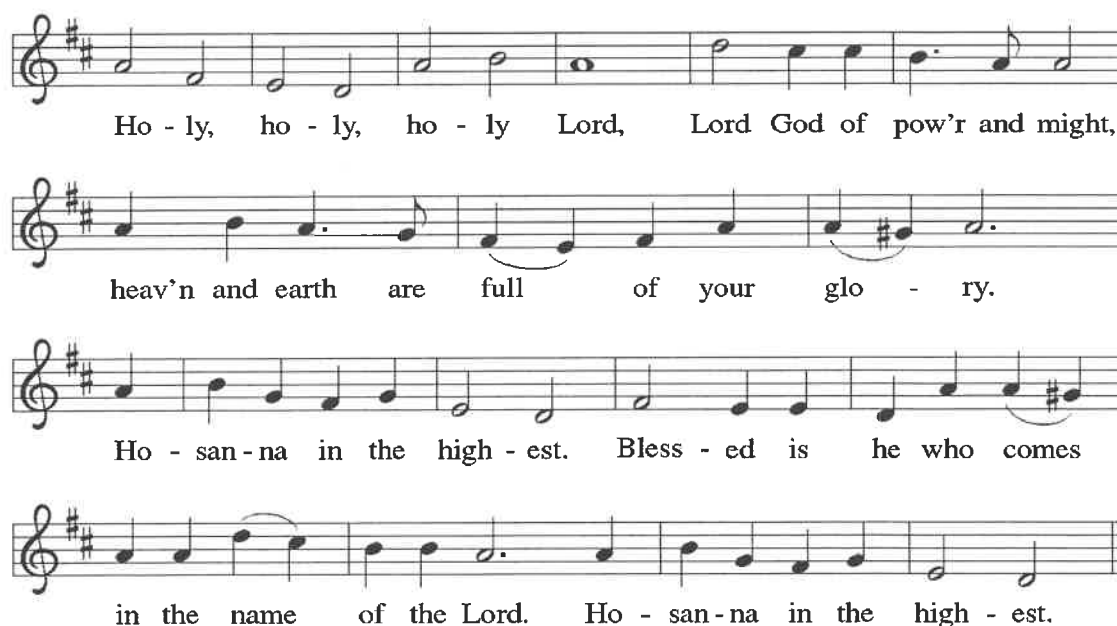
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** 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

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

The Lord's Prayer

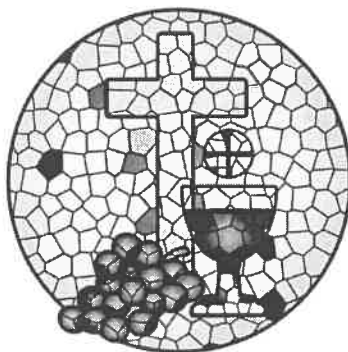
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

(Congregation please be seated)

"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.

HOLY COMMUNION



(Congregation please stand)

(During communion please be respectful to those who use this time for prayer and reflection)

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Giver of every gift, 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.
- C** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

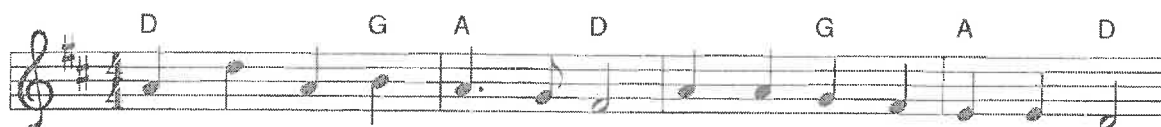
BENEDICTION

- 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.

SENDING HYMN

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

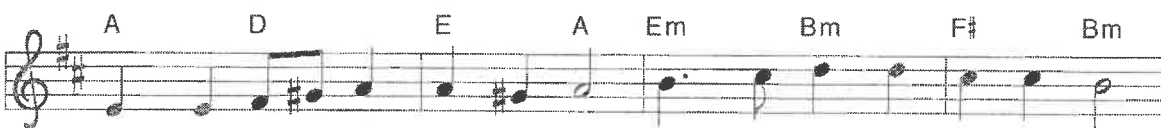
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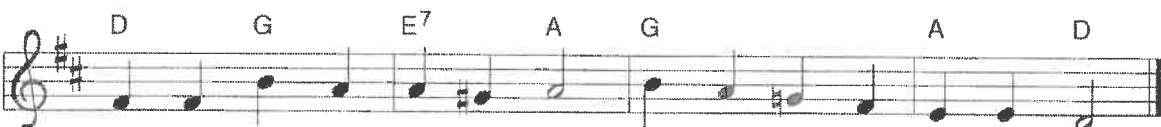
- 1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

- A** As people of God, this is our mission at Advent:
C “Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve.”

DISMISSAL

(God sends us to live as Christ’s body in the world.)

- A** Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.
C Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship Today-9:30 am

Presiding Minister	Pastor Matthew Larson
Preacher	Pastor Matthew Larson
Assisting Minister	Kara Wilson
Communion Assistants	Sandra McCune, Francie Shoquist
Praise Team Director	Kevin Kelly
Pianist	Kevin Kelly
Reader	Marilyn Keith
Ushers	Darrell & Francie Shoquist
Musician	Wes Todd
Audio/Video	Ian Larson
Fellowship Hosts	Dennis & Cathy Johnson
Tellers	Cook

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+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +

New this Week: Prayers are needed for Ann Koschalk's niece Penny and her husband Jack Zenglein. Jack is having surgery tomorrow for Stage 2 or 3 colon cancer. We pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery. Thank you for your prayers for Penny and Jack and their family.

Church Family and Friends: Alan, Esther Barker, Harry & Manda Benton & family, Candy & Bruce Blackmer & family, Diane Buck, Larry Butler, Martha Olene Cason, Cindy & family, Pastor Lori Cornell, Georgia Coulston, Kathleen Curry, Daphne, Dorothy Grier, Candy Harder, Barbara Hooper, Leigh & Steve Hopkins, Clancy & Mary Howard, Gwen Huber & family, Rhonda Jerrett, Sandy Kaufman, Paula Kenney, Karen Klages, Audrey Knuttel & family, Rich Krenke & family, Troy & Linda Lahman, Jan Madden, Ian & SaraLu Moore, Marian Moseman, Bill Moore, Jeanne Mummert, Marlyce Murphy & family, Amaryllis & Ken Otteman, Isaiah Ray, Myrna Rehn, Gerry O'Rourke, Tim O'Rourke, Sharon Ruth, Beverly Smith, Kevin Smith, Stillman family, Costa & Fotini Tsakarestos, Turville family, Carlos Velategui & family, Charlie Walker, and Steve Woodard.

For Family Members & Friends Serving in the Military:

CPT Ashley Allinger, Chaplain US Army, CPT Zane Allinger, USAF, CPL Damien Anderson, Major Ryan Baker, Majors Megan & Robert Barnwell, SGT Alex Baron, USAF, Capt. Jordon Bolster, CPT Christopher Finch, Robert Guyton, TSG Christine Johnson, CW2 Aaron Lang, Sr. Airman Richard Luna III, MSgt. Duncan McFarlane, Bryan McGoon, SSG Aaron Moeller, Sam Nelson, GySgt. Alex Pohle, AF Staff Sgt. Garytt Shirey, Kurt Strigel, Colin Wells, U.S. Air Force, Ryan Wells, Master Sgt. AF Nat'l Guard Sarah Meddock, TSG Jason Wood, CPT Michael West, Staff SGT Jacob McKenzie, Capt. Stephen King, Airman Chase Strunk, U.S. Air Force, LCPL Jared Martin, Rafe Rector in Marines, Staff Sgt. Dan Zabriskie in the National Guard, and Airman Justin Wise, US Air Force.

For Family Members & Friends Serving in Mission Fields around the world.

*If you have a **prayer request**, please send an email to the church office at alcspokane@comcast.net or call the church office at (509) 928-7733.*

Coming This Week: Sunday, January 28, 2024 - Sunday, February 4, 2024

SUNDAY *'Fill the Shelf' Sunday*

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

Pack Blessing Bags/Oatmeal Packets

Confirmation

10:45 am High School Sunday School-Starbucks on Sprague

MONDAY 8:30 am-9:30 am Fitness Class

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 9:00 am-12:00 pm Happy Piecemakers

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY 8:30 am-9:30 am Fitness Class

THURSDAY 9:00 am Happy Helpers

10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study

FRIDAY 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant-Sprague and Pines

SATURDAY

NEXT SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

After Worship

Coffee Fellowship

Council Table Talks in Fellowship Hall

10:45 am High School Sunday School-Starbucks on Sprague

10:45 am-12:30 pm Visitation Team Meeting-Meet in the classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Worship: www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane

GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving Statements for 2023 are available in the Narthex. They are listed alphabetically. Please pick up your statements. Statements that have not been picked up **TODAY** will be mailed to recipients tomorrow, **January 29th**. Please call the church office at **928-7733** if you have any questions.

'BLESSING BAGS'

Have you ever wished you could give something to a person you see in need? Join the **Outreach Committee AFTER WORSHIP TODAY** as we make **'Blessing Bags'**. We plan to make bags with food & supplies and bags with dog food. Money from **Thrivent Action Teams** will be used to purchase the supplies. Your help is needed to fill the bags with dog food OR individually packaged food, snacks, tissues, chap stick, band aids, Tylenol, wipes, hand warmers, water, and a note of encouragement. Once the Blessing Bags are assembled, take some to keep in your car to hand out to people in need. If you are unable to help assemble the bags, stop by the church and pick some up! If you have any questions, contact **Missy Bliesner at 509-954-6406** or **Jo Harris at 801-450-6879**.

OATMEAL PACKETS FOR SPOKANE VALLEY PARTNERS

We will also be making 30 individual servings of Cinnamon Oatmeal for Spokane Valley Partners.

BLOOD DRIVE

I am grateful for the **seven brave donors** who were able to make it to church during an ice event on Sunday, January 21st. The need was great due to other weather related cancelations. Their blood will help at least **24 people** in need. God bless, **Babs Velategui**

VISITATION TEAM MEETING

A **Visitation Team meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 4th from 10:45 AM to 12:30 PM** in the classroom. Questions? Please contact **Marilyn Keith at 509-808-3346**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The **Men's Prayer group** continues to meet each **Friday** morning at **6:30 am** at **Denny's Restaurant** on Sprague and Pines. All men are welcome!

COUNCIL TABLE TALKS

With teamwork in mind, the **Council** discussed and voted on several items, and made some decisions on future projects. We will schedule our **first table talk session** for questions and answers on **February 4th** after worship.

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Saturday, February 10th** at **11:30 a.m.** at **The Max at Mirabeau**. Please contact **Gerry O'Rourke** at **509-893-0787** by **February 7th** so a reservation may be made. The **sign-up sheet** is on the table in the Narthex or you may call the **Church office** at **509-928-7733**. **Thank you.**

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING/BAKE SALE

The **Youth** are fundraising for the **National Youth Gathering**. Please see the **sign up sheet** on the table in the Narthex to sign up. The Youth Ministry group will be having a **bake sale** on **Sunday, February 11**....just in time for Super Bowl! Look for cookies, cupcakes, and more available for your viewing parties. YUM. **THANK YOU** to everyone who ordered cinnamon rolls for our Christmas fundraiser. We raised **\$800.00!**

YOUTH & FAMILY FUN

Silver Mountain Tubing on **February 24** at **1:00 p.m.** Tickets need to be purchased in advance and sell out quickly. **Sign up by Sunday, February 4** in the Narthex or email **April Marshall** at aprilmr.m@gmail.com. April will collect money at time of event. Cost will be **\$10 per person**. **This caps off at 20**—first come, first served! Please see the **sign up sheet** on the table in the Narthex. **Questions?** Please contact **April Marshall** at **509-808-4099**.

LOST AND FOUND

A pair of binoculars was found in the aluminum cans recycling bin. You may claim them in the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

Today is our
'Fill the Shelf' Sunday!!

