First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

8:30am & 11am Worship



Central Lutheran Church

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CENTRAL LUTHERAN'S MISSION

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel.

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love.

We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, economic circumstance, and we firmly commit to racial equity. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, education, fellowship, and service.

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CALL TO WORSHIP The Carillon

PRELUDE *Nous voici dans la ville*, A French carol Haan

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you are able)*
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace. **Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

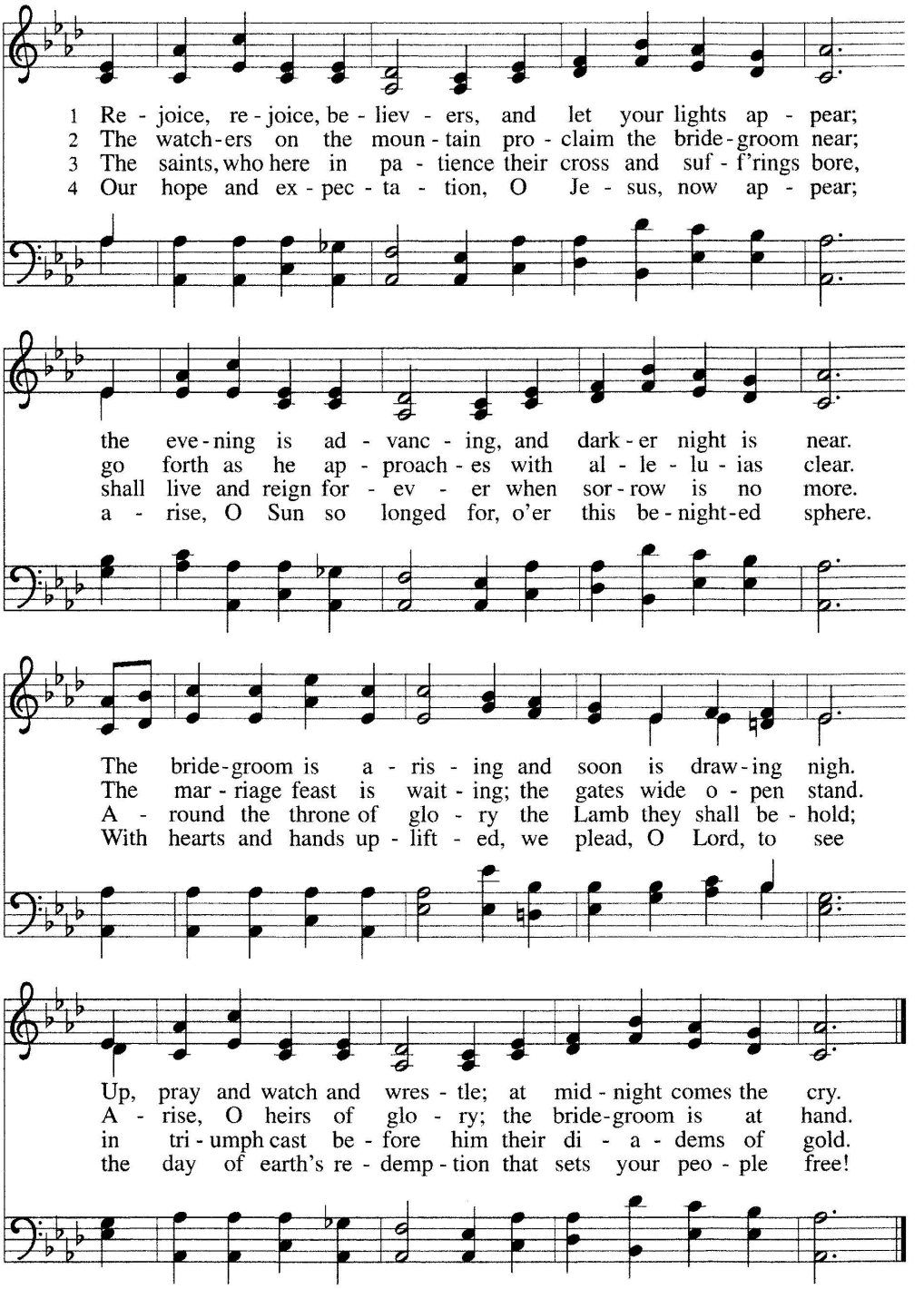
Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

God of grace and mercy, **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.**

"Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God. In ☩ Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news! **Amen.**



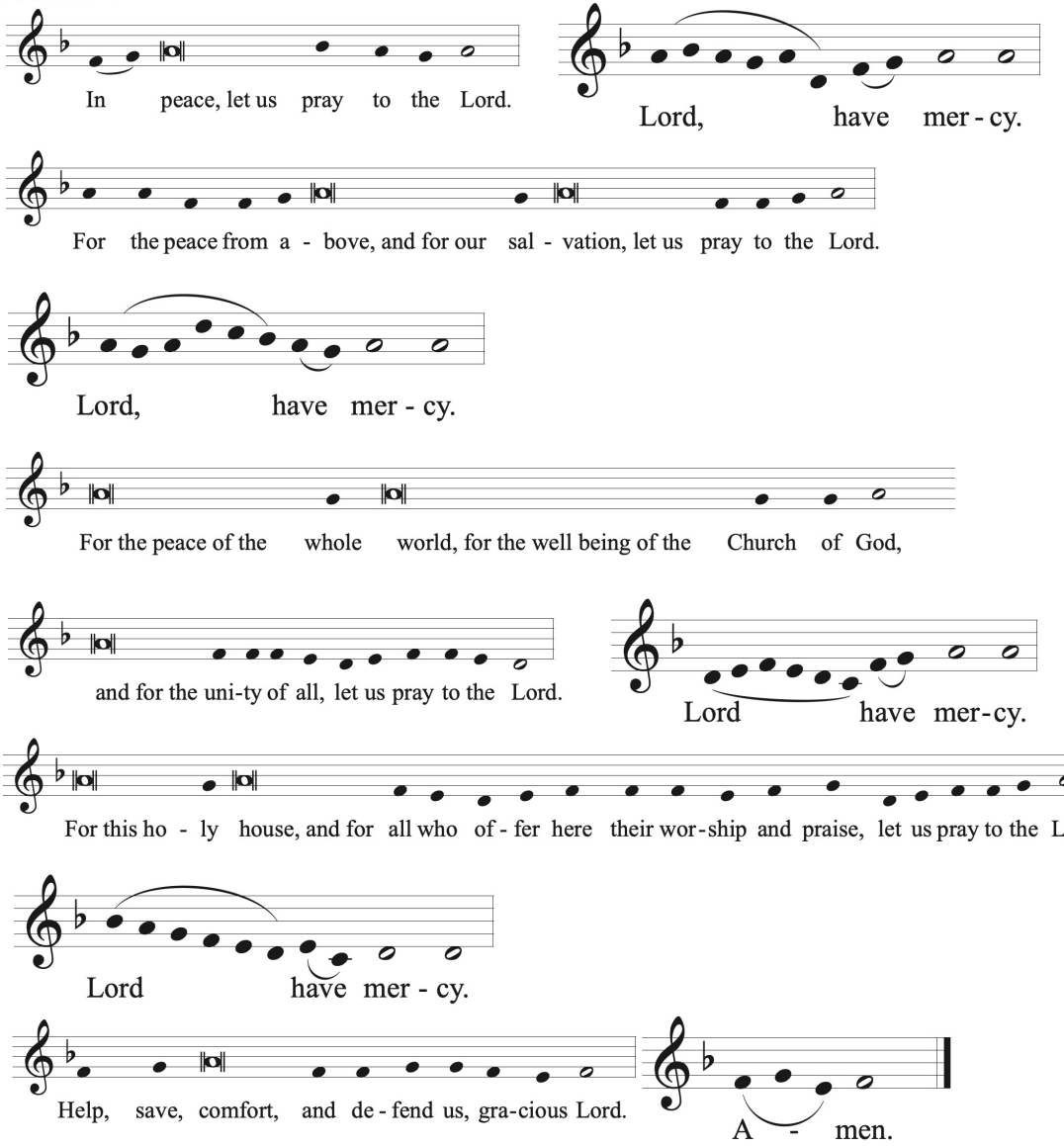
PROCESSIONAL CAROL # 244 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers



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.**

KYRIE



The Canticle of Praise is omitted during Advent until we join the angels singing "Glory to God in the highest" on Christmas.

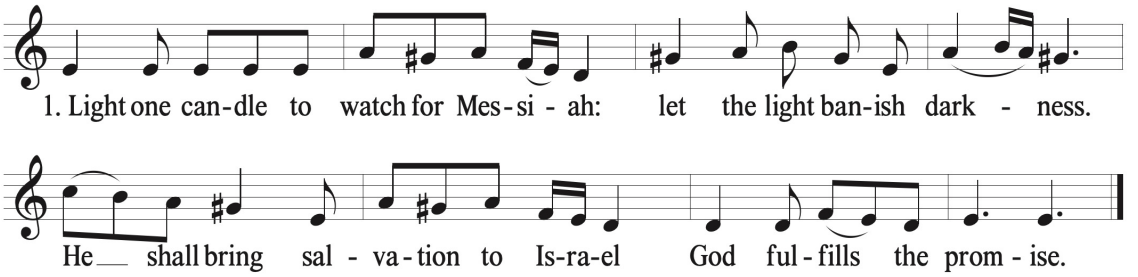
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.** *(be seated)*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

The first candle is lit as we sing…

HYMN Light One Candle Stanza 1



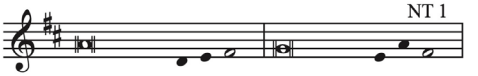
FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—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! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 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. 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. 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. 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. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 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.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
O LORD | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?
You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.

And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.
As it was in the begin- | ning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.

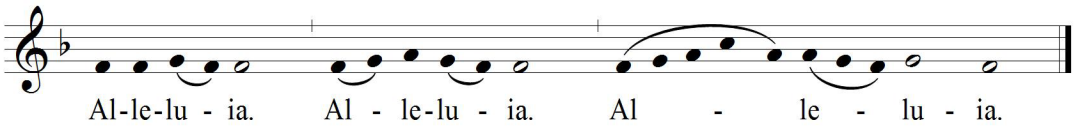
ANTHEM *Creator of the Stars at Night* Cantors

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
During the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to go to the chapel for a special message.

ALLELUIA



Cantors: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Repeat antiphon.

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

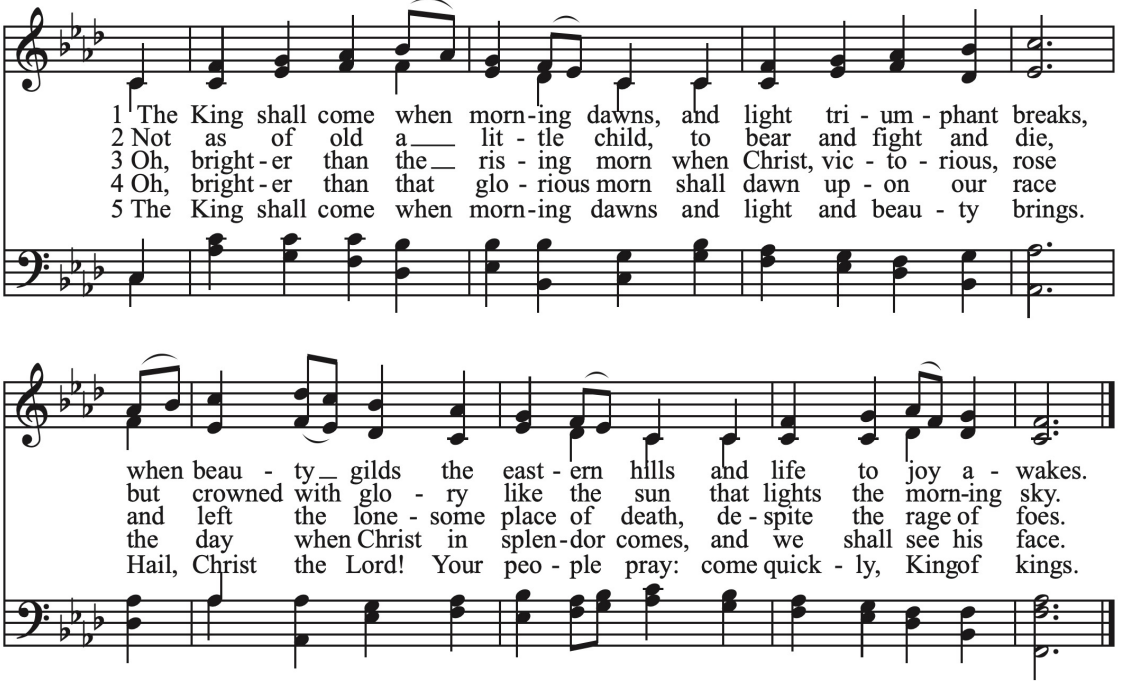
The Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 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. 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Joel Timmons

CAROL #260 The King Shall Come *(please stand)*



NICENE CREED

With the church through the ages, let us confess our Christian faith using the words of the 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. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

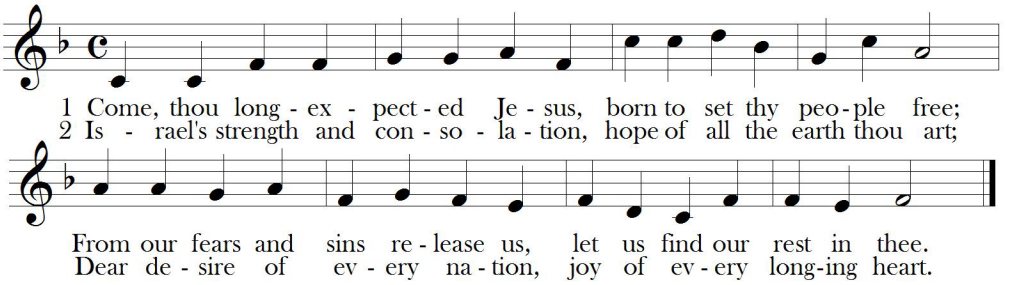
PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *(please stand)*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

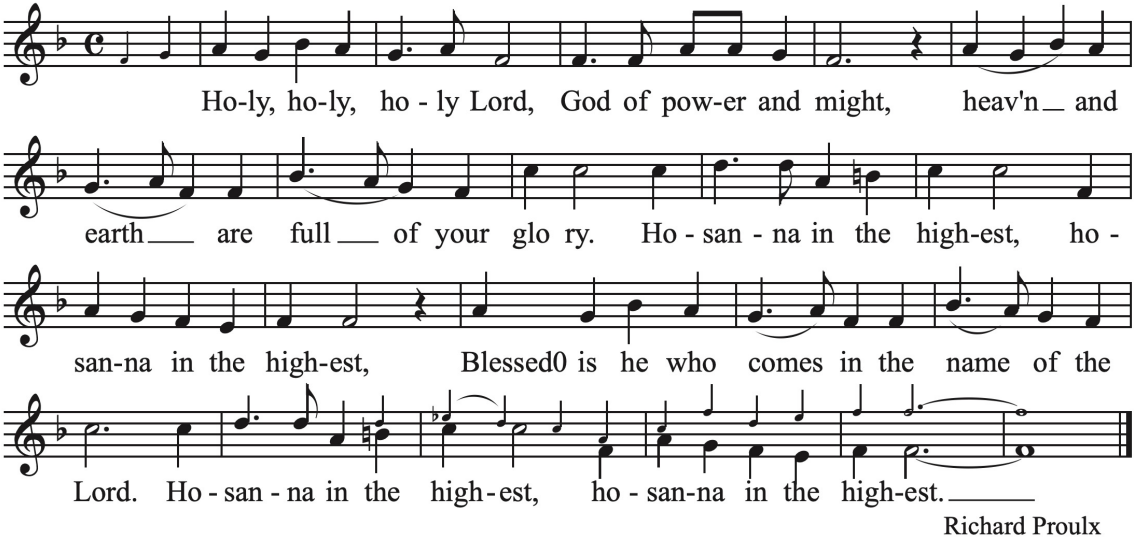
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, 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



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

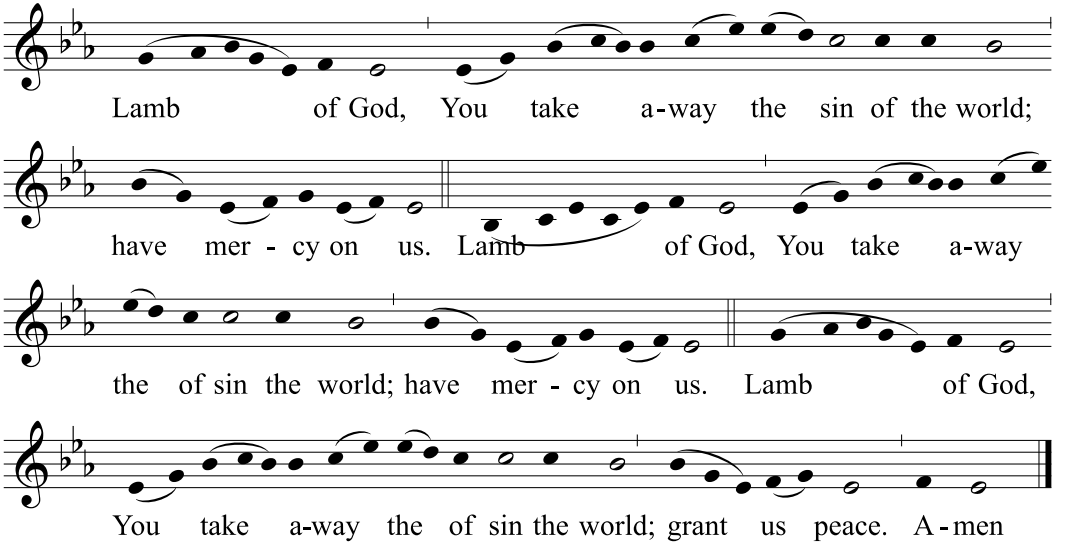
LORD'S PRAYER

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. *(be seated)*

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD



ANTHEM *Lost in the Night* Cantors

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*
Let us pray. 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
The God of peace bless you, the love of ☩Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit, remain upon you, now and forever. **Amen.**

CAROL #248 People Look East *(see next page)*

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Bring the light of Christ into the world. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *The King Shall Come* - David N. Johnson

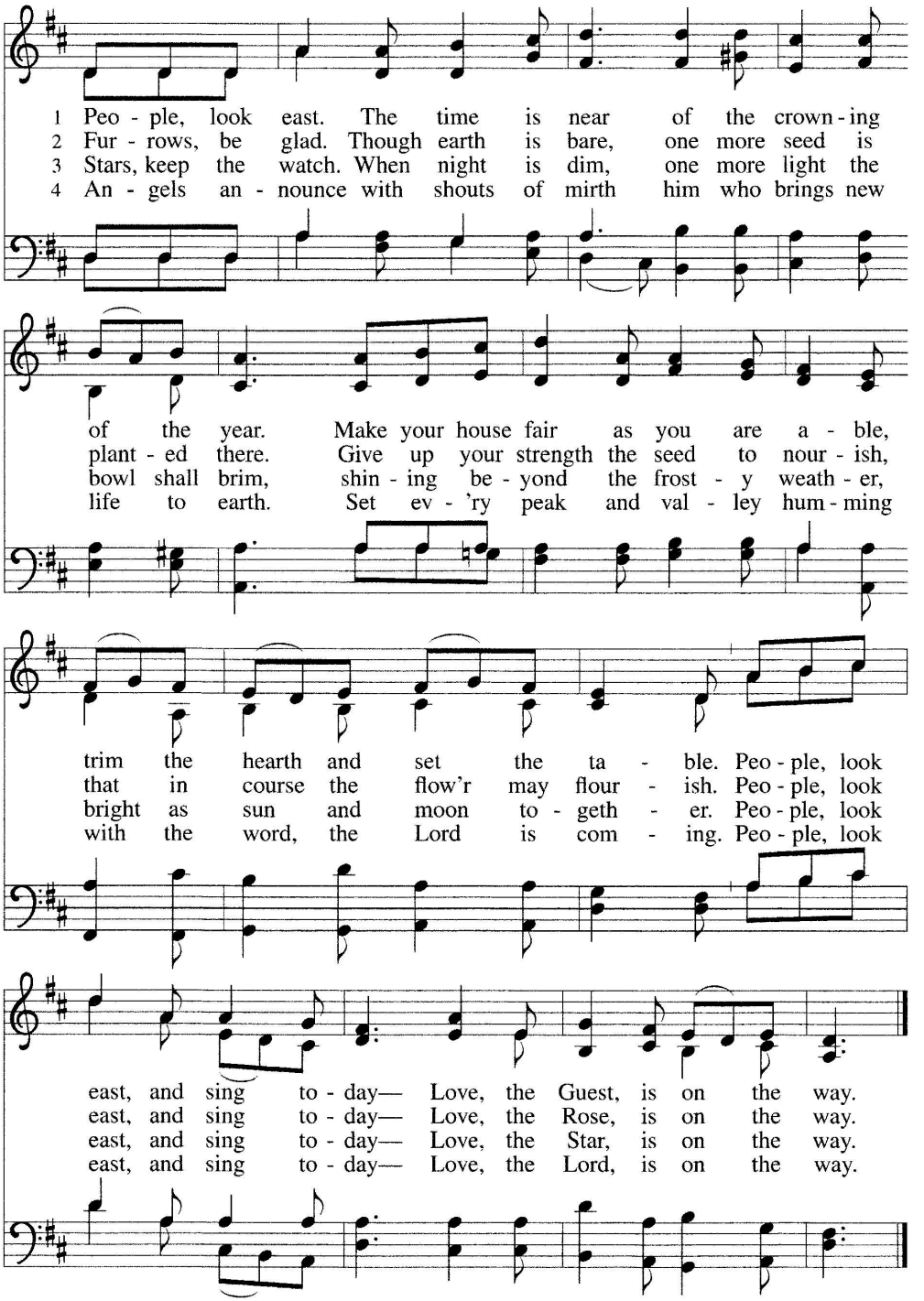
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Cantors: Alyse Jamieson & David Gustafson

***A Procession of Lessons & Carols for Advent* – Dec. 6th at 4:30pm**
This long-time Central tradition includes scripture readings and carols and features our amazing Chorale, Handbell Ensemble, Children's Choir and Junior Cantors, along with many gifted instrumentalists. Come and have your soul fed, then stay for the complimentary Soup Supper afterwards. Invite your friends! All are welcome!

If you are able to help with the Together Tuesday soup suppers and/or with serving or clean-up following Lessons & Carols, please email Kelly Colvin-Smith (churchoffice@welcometocentral.org).

CAROL #248 People Look East



Central Lutheran Advent & Christmas Schedule	
Sunday, 11/29/26	First Sunday of Advent Worship: 8:30 & 11am
Tuesday, 12/1/26	Together Tuesday - Theme: Pause Soup Supper 5:15pm; Holden Evening Prayer 6pm
Sunday, 12/6/26	Second Sunday of Advent Worship: 8:30 & 11am
Sunday, 12/6/26	Advent Lessons & Carols: 4:30pm with Soup Supper following
Tuesday, 12/8/26	Together Tuesday - Theme: Prepare Soup Supper 5:15pm; Holden Evening Prayer 6pm
Sunday, 12/13/26	Third Sunday of Advent Worship: 8:30 & 11am Brother Heinrich: A Christmas Music Story
Tuesday, 12/15/26	Together Tuesday - Theme: Ponder Soup Supper 5:15pm; Holden Evening Prayer 6pm
Sunday, 12/20/26	Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship: 8:30 & 11am
Sunday, 12/20/26	Blue Christmas Contemplative Worship: 4:30pm
Thursday, 12/24/26	Manger Service Worship: 4:30pm
Thursday, 12/24/26	Carol & Communion Festival Service Worship: 9:30pm
Friday, 12/25/26	Christmas Day Worship: 9:30am
Sunday, 12/27/26	Third Day of Christmas Worship: 9:30am
Sunday, 1/3/27	Tenth Day of Christmas Worship: 8:30 & 11am

Help is Needed for Upcoming Events

(if you're able to help, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate)

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

1) **Advent Lessons & Carols on December 6th at 4:30pm with complimentary Soup Supper prepared by Chef Liz**
   Contact: Kelly Colvin-Smith (churchoffice@welcometocentral.org)

   _____ Set-up _____ Serving _____ Clean-up

   I will provide: _____ rolls/bread; _____ cookies/bars

2) **Together Tuesday Soup Suppers at 5:15pm (Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th)**
   Contact: Sue Mathisen (mathisen707@gmail.com) and/or Kari Shorack (karieshorack@gmail.com)

   I can help on: _____12/1 _____ 12/8 _____ 12/15

   _____ soup (circle one: vegetarian or meat); _____ rolls/bread; _____ dessert

3) **Treats for Sunday Mornings during Advent & Christmas season**
   Contact: Chris Prescott (cprescott@mtwi.net)

   I can bring treats on: _____ 12/6 _____ 12/13 ____ 12/20
   _____ 12/27 _____ 1/3