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Reign of Christ Sunday

Welcome to Worship

We are an intentionally inclusive community, proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, and ability into all aspects of our church life.

~ Faith Lutheran Church

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

Welcome

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in this bulletin.

Please take a moment to fill out the **information card** found in the pew rack. Place the card in the offering plate so we can be in touch with you.

Prayer requests to be offered during worship can be written on the prayer request card in the pew rack and passed toward the center aisle where it will be collected by an usher during the first hymn.

There are **coffee and treats** in the Library after the service. We would like to welcome you to continued fellowship. **Restrooms** are located on the far side of the Library or down the main stairs. Should an emergency occur an **AED unit** is located in the narthex on the wall by the main entrance. **Masks and sanitizer** are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

The **elevator** is located at the top of the stairs in the Narthex. Feel free to **explore** the building and ask questions of the pastors, ushers, or anyone you see!

We encourage you to introduce yourselves and hope you feel **comfortable** here.

Children are welcome and highly encouraged to be in worship. We understand that children have the need to move and make sound; which we find to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of the sanctuary filled with activities for children. A **cry room** is available at the back of the sanctuary should you need a brief respite.

Faith Lutheran Church is a **lively, caring, and energetic** community.
We are so glad you are here!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150: *Laudate Dominum*

GEORGE S. TALBOT+

*O praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the timbrels and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.*

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.
Amen.

READING Jeremiah 29:1, 10-14

1These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

10For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. **11**For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. **12**Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. **13**When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, **14**I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

OPENING HYMN 855

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

HYMNS AT THE END OF THE BULLETIN

OPENING WORDS

Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

SEASON OF ADVENT (*Blue*)

P: We ask that you stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of your only-begotten Son, that by his Advent we may serve you with purified minds, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1:1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

The Annunciation

Luke 1: 26-28, 30-32, 38

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."
(immediately to "The Magnificat")

The Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

All:

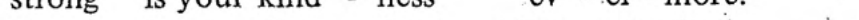
1.3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

[illegible]

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS (White/Gold)

P: As the shepherds told everyone what had happened in Bethlehem on that first Christmas, we declare what we know and believe about God.

Luke 2:1-14

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** All went to their own towns to be registered. **4** Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. **5** He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

8 Now in that same region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: **11** to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

CHRISTMAS CAROL 270 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
(SING VERSES 1 & 2)

MENDELSSOHN

SEASON OF EPIPHANY (Green)

Matthew 2:7-12

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. **8** Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." **9** When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. **11** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The message of Epiphany is abundant and clear.

C: There are no longer strangers.

P: The journey of wise ones from the east to the Palestinian Jesus sets the tone for a Cosmic Christ.

C: This one whom the herald angels proclaimed in Bethlehem is the one to craft a new creation in which all children of earth walk in the light.

P: Christ our King makes it clear – to see the face of Jesus, don't look at the stained glass.

C: To see the face of Jesus, look deep into the face of the stranger in need.

P: That, is light shining in darkness.

C: That is the new creation.

P: A house blessing is often done during the Season of Epiphany using chalk above the threshold: 20 + C + M + B + 25. The three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became man two thousand and twenty-five years ago.

P: Lord God of Heaven and Earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the light of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Allow us to find it a shelter of peace and health. Make our house a place of warmth and caring for all who visit us. Fill us with the light of Christ, that we might clearly see you in our work and play. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPIPHANY HYMN 815 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
(SING VERSES 1 & 3)

HOUSTON

SEASON OF LENT (Purple)

P: We bring nothing into the world, we take nothing out of the world.
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
So then, whether we live, or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Psalms 51:1-17

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

- 13** Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- 14** Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- 15** O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16** For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- 17** The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

PASSION HYMN 347

Go to Dark Gethsemane
(SING VERSES 1 & 3)

GETHSEMANE

SEASON OF EASTER (White)

P: We live as Easter people, ambassadors of Christ's kingdom of forgiveness, healing and hope, and witnesses of what we know to be true.

P: The empty tomb of Easter is the balm that heals the sin-sick soul of the world. In taking all the brokenness of the creation unto himself, into himself, in putting it to death, Christ takes care of us.

P: We are now the hands and feet of Christ, called to bring that healing to a sin-sick world. Our strength to do this work of healing comes from his very own body and blood, the crucified one poured out for us at this table. Here the healer, the Risen One is made known to us, as long ago at Emmaus, in the breaking of the bread, as we remember that...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: ...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 pray the prayer our Lord has taught us:

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.**

COMMUNION INVITATION

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed.

P: Amen. Alleluia. Come to this table. Eat, drink. And be satisfied.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

~ COMMUNION HYMNS ~

EASTER HYMN 382	<i>Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!</i> (SING VERSES 1 & 2)	MORGENLIED
ASCENSION HYMN 389	<i>Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing</i> (SING VERSES 1 & 3)	TRURO
PENTECOST HYMN 396	<i>Spirit of Gentleness</i> (SING VERSES 1, 3 & 4)	SPIRIT

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever, Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

PENTECOST SEASON (Red)

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Sophia, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of her baptism.

P: I present Sophia Catherine Emma who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Sophia: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Sophia: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Sophia: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

The presiding minister addresses Sophia, who is making public affirmation of baptism.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Sophia: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Sophia Catherine Emma and pray for her in her life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

People are invited to surround Sophia for the blessing and laying on of hands

P: Stir up in Sophia Catherine Emma the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us rejoice with our sister in Christ!

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

P: Blessed be God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

HYMN 629

Abide with Me
(SING VERSES 1 & 3)

EVENTIDE

OFFERING RITE

P: Jesus said,

C: "I was naked and you gave me clothing."

P: Jesus said,

C: "When you did it to one of the least of these, you did it unto me."

P: As our offerings are received today, we both remember and celebrate the great call of Christ to which, in some small way, we as God's people have responded.

Sophia's Girl Scout Troop built and maintains the Daisy Hygeine Pantry located on the Northwest side of the church. Additionally, Sophia has impacted the University District Food Bank through the work with her Girl Scout Silver Award. Items collected as part of the offering will be donated to both places.

"The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn, and I completed it in September. The issue that my project addressed was finding a way for University District Food Bank customers to know how to prepare food in a healthy, satisfying and easy way. My project was a recipe collection that had recipes collected from the community and from

the food bank's cafe. The cafe recipes were sized down into family sized portions for ease of access, and I made sure the recipes were all translated into the 6 languages that are most commonly used at the food bank. My collection also complements the cookbook that the food bank is making, and will be a separate section in their cookbook. This collection will also be a page on the food bank's new website when it is published. They will also be putting out copies of my recipes for clients of the food bank to take with them." -Sophia Catherine Emma Snook

OFFERTORY HYMN 712 *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*

BEACH SPRING

(SING VERSES 1 & 2)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ORDINARY TIME (Green)

P: In a time that seems ordinary, we rededicate ourselves to living out Christ's teaching. We hear anew of Christ's miracles. We learn from Christ's parables and sermons. Though the time may seem "ordinary" we have not lost the opportunity to live in God's grace. Let us never time of living out this extraordinary opportunity.

SENDING HYMN 638

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

(SING VERSES 1 & 3)

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

GEORGE S. TALBOT+

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Call to Worship & Benediction Response in public domain

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir

Readers: Lynn Krog, Sophia and Andrew Snook

Ushers: Eileen & Wally Powelson

Fellowship: Mark & Debbie Strom

Zoom Host: Debbie Strom

Tech Operator: Mark Strom

NEXT WEEK:

Daniel 3:1, [2-7], 8-30 & John 18:36-37

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

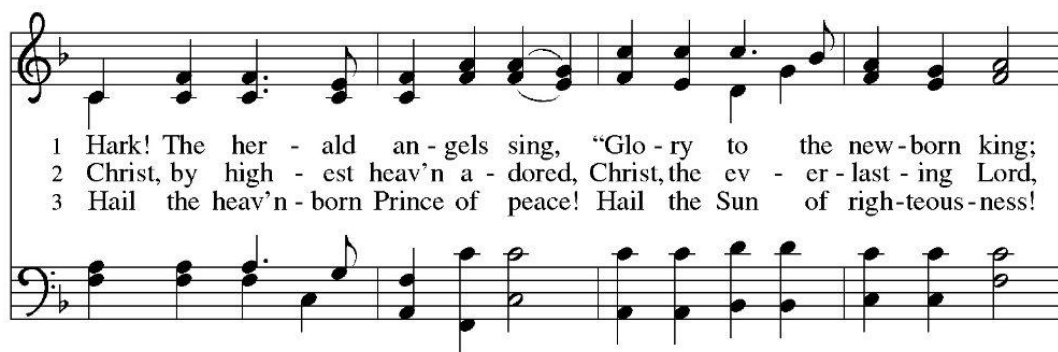
hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

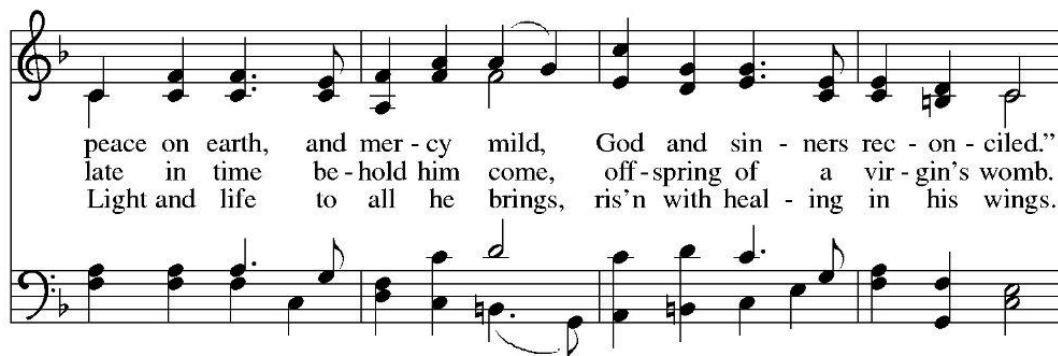
and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

CHRISTMAS CAROL 270 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
(SING VERSES 1 & 2)

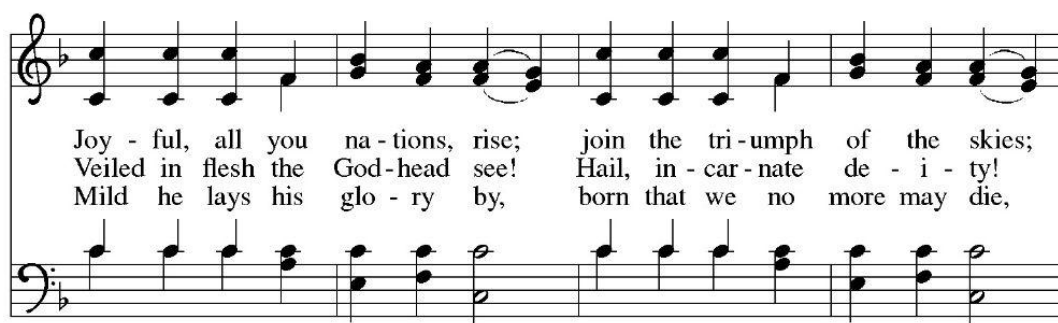
MENDELSSOHN



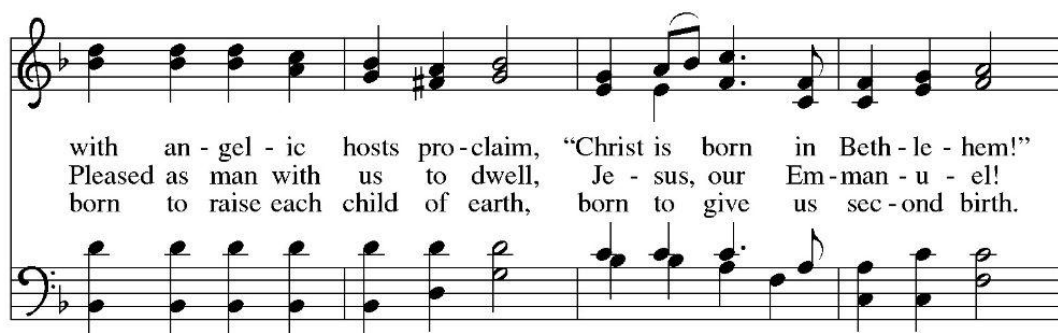
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

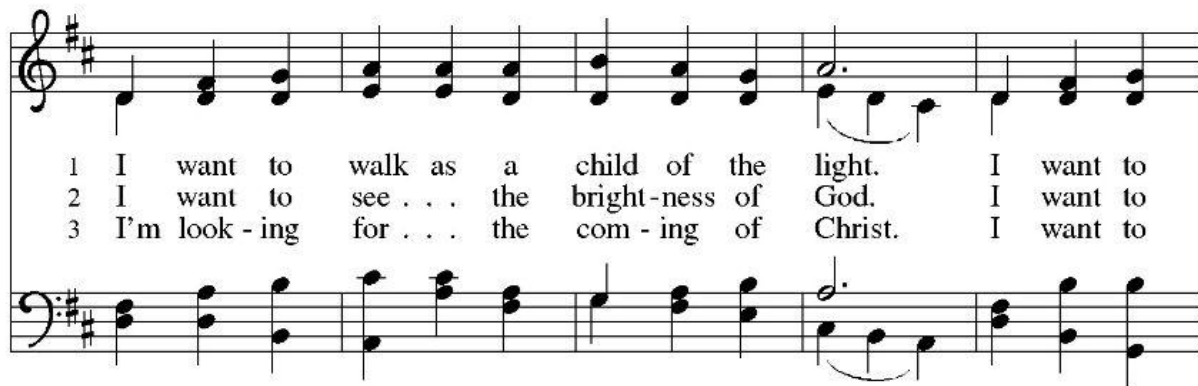


with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

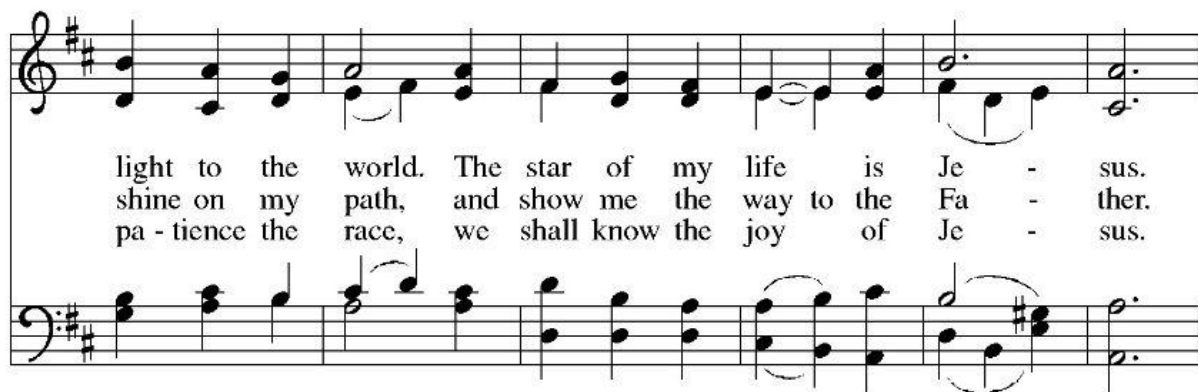
(SING VERSES 1 & 3)



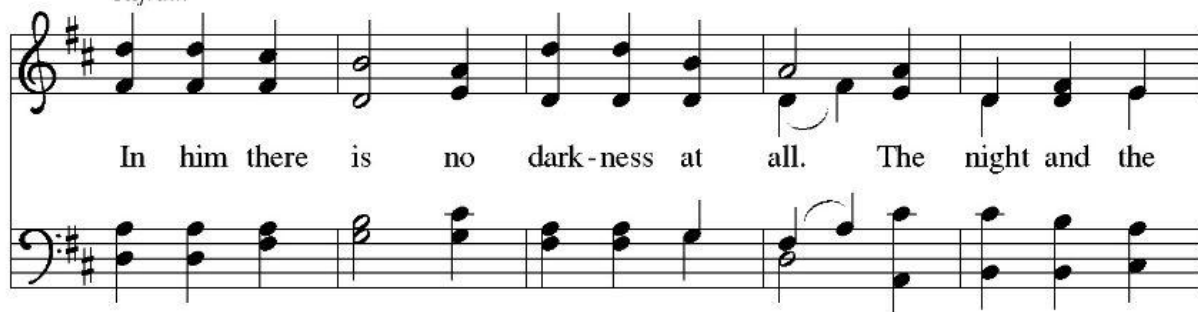
1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

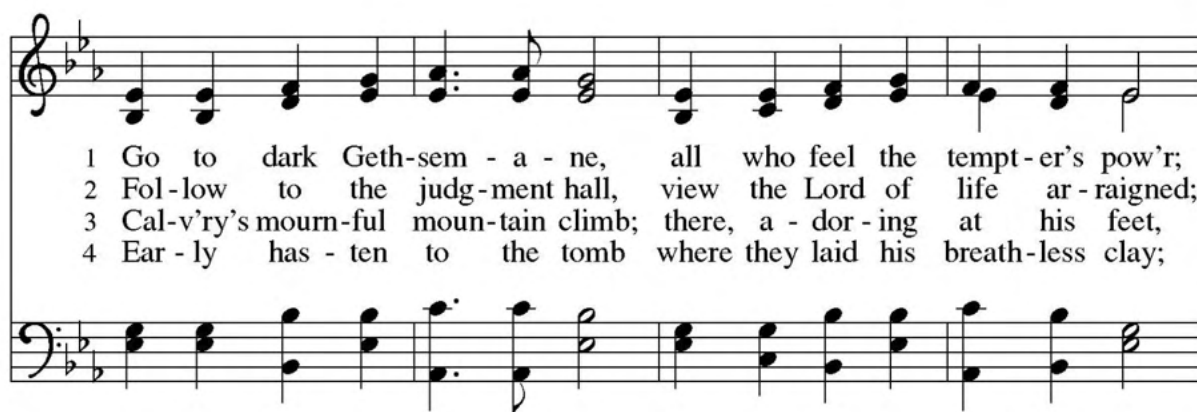
Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

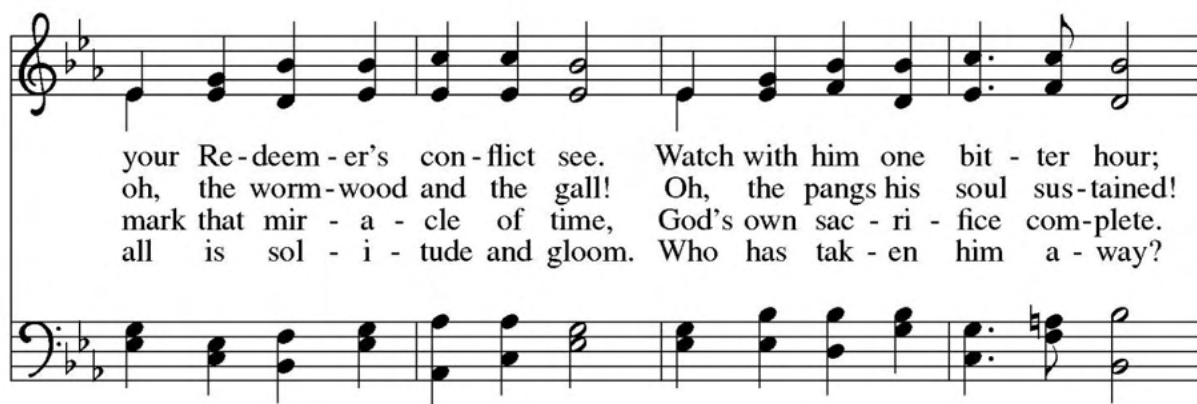
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

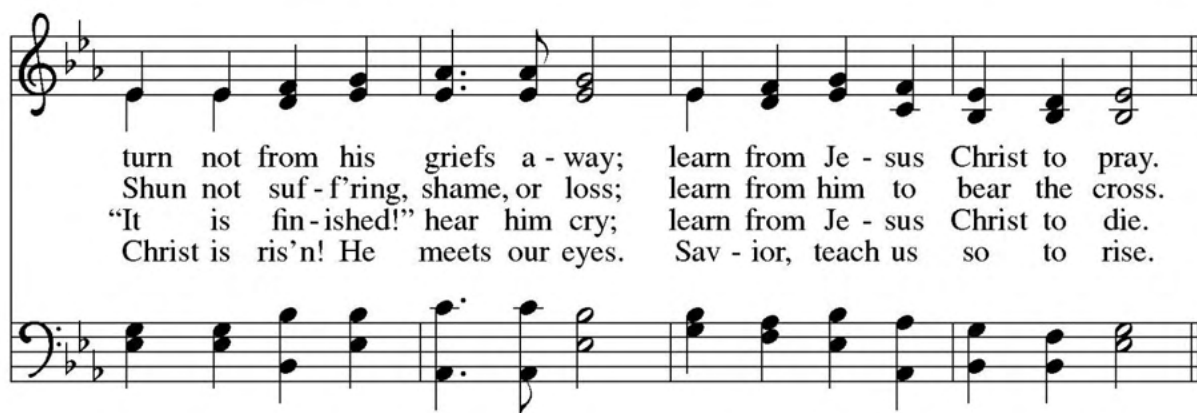
Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

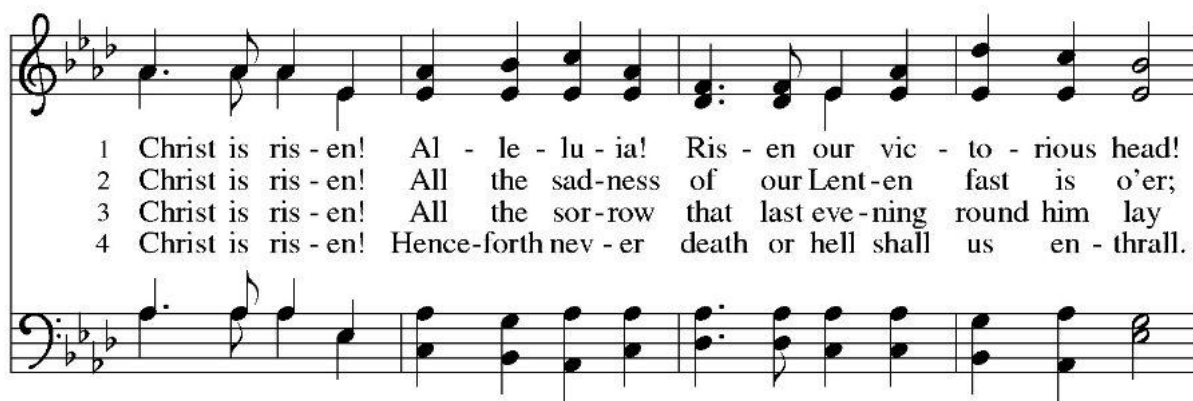


turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

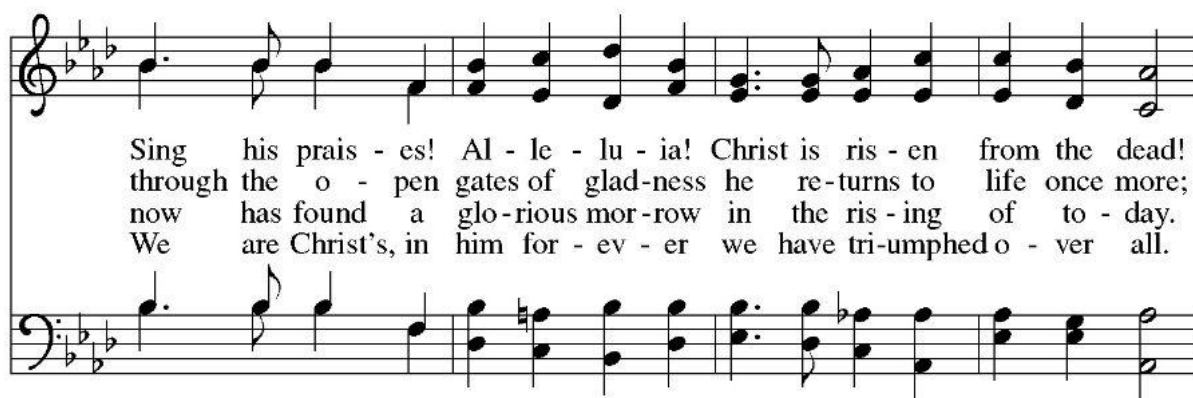
Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

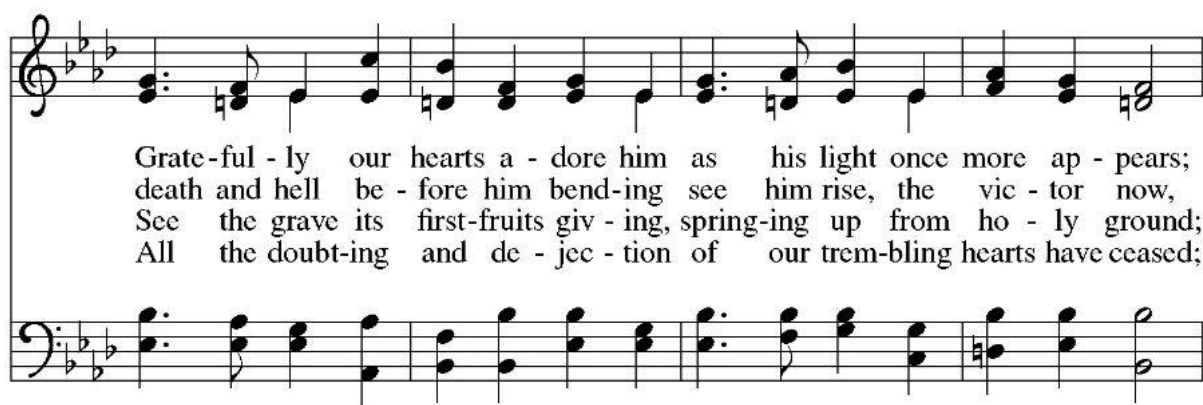
(SING VERSES 1 & 2)



1 Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-rious head!
2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en-thrall.



Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!
through the o-pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris-ing of to-day.
We are Christ's, in him for-ev-er we have tri-umphed o-ver all.



Grate-ful-ly our hearts a-dore him as his light once more ap-pears;
death and hell be-fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic-tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv-ing, spring-ing up from ho-ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de-jec-tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow-ing down in joy be-fore him, ris-ing up from griefs and tears.
an-gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo-ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv-ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res-ur-rec-tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

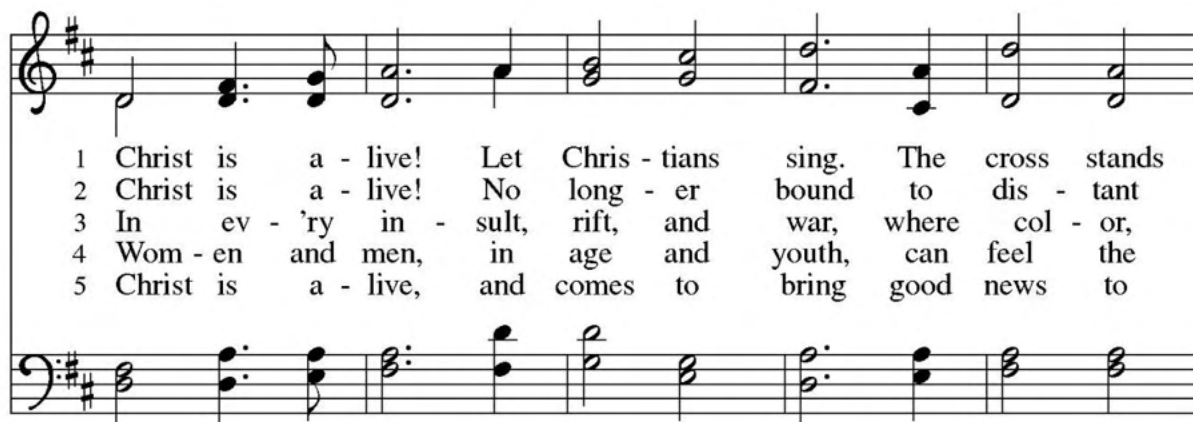
Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. MonseU, 1811–1875, alt.
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

ASCENSION HYMN 389 *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

TRURO

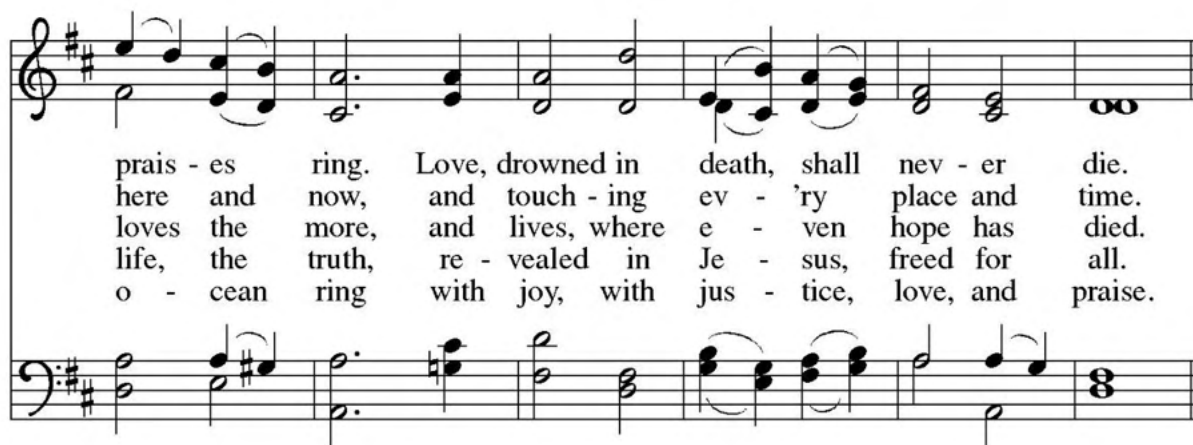
(SING VERSES 1 & 3)



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness



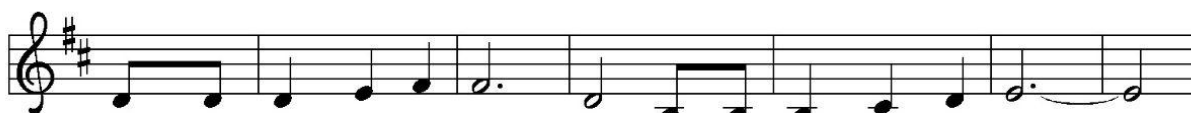
call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,



stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

1 A - bidē with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

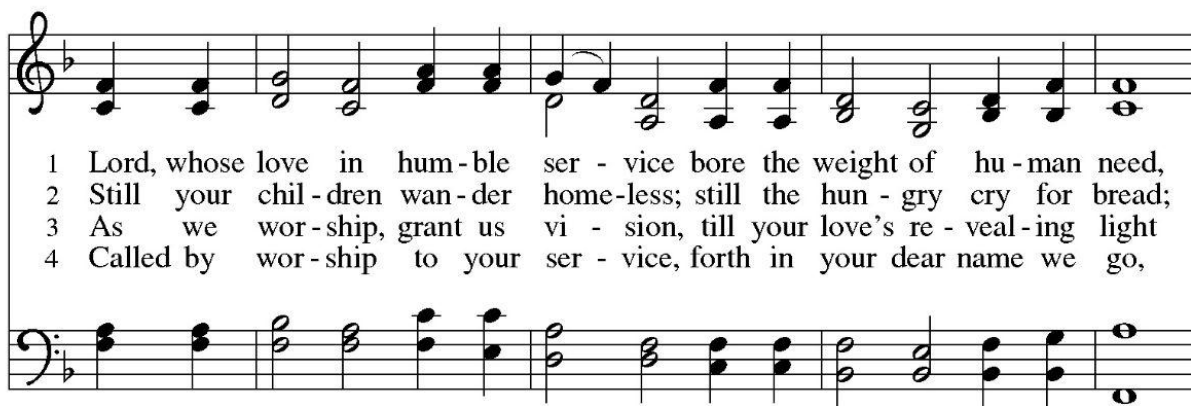
The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bidē.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

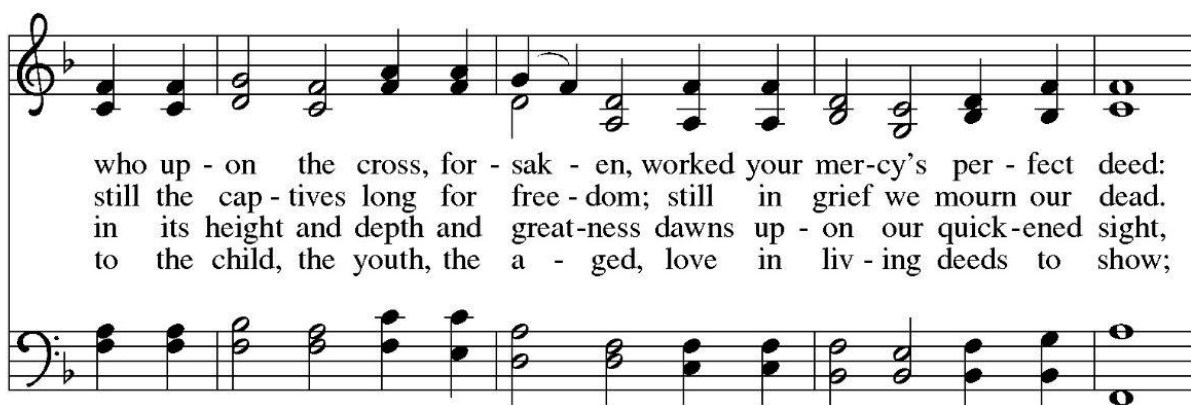
help of the help - less, oh, a - bidē with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bidē with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bidē with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bidē with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bidē with me.

OFFERTORY HYMN 712 *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*
(SING VERSES 1 & 2)

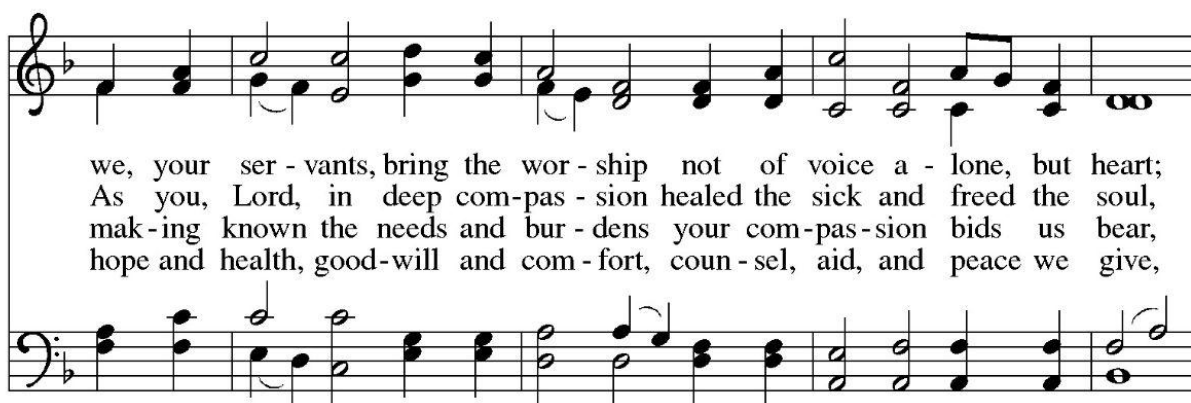
BEACH SPRING



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun-dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

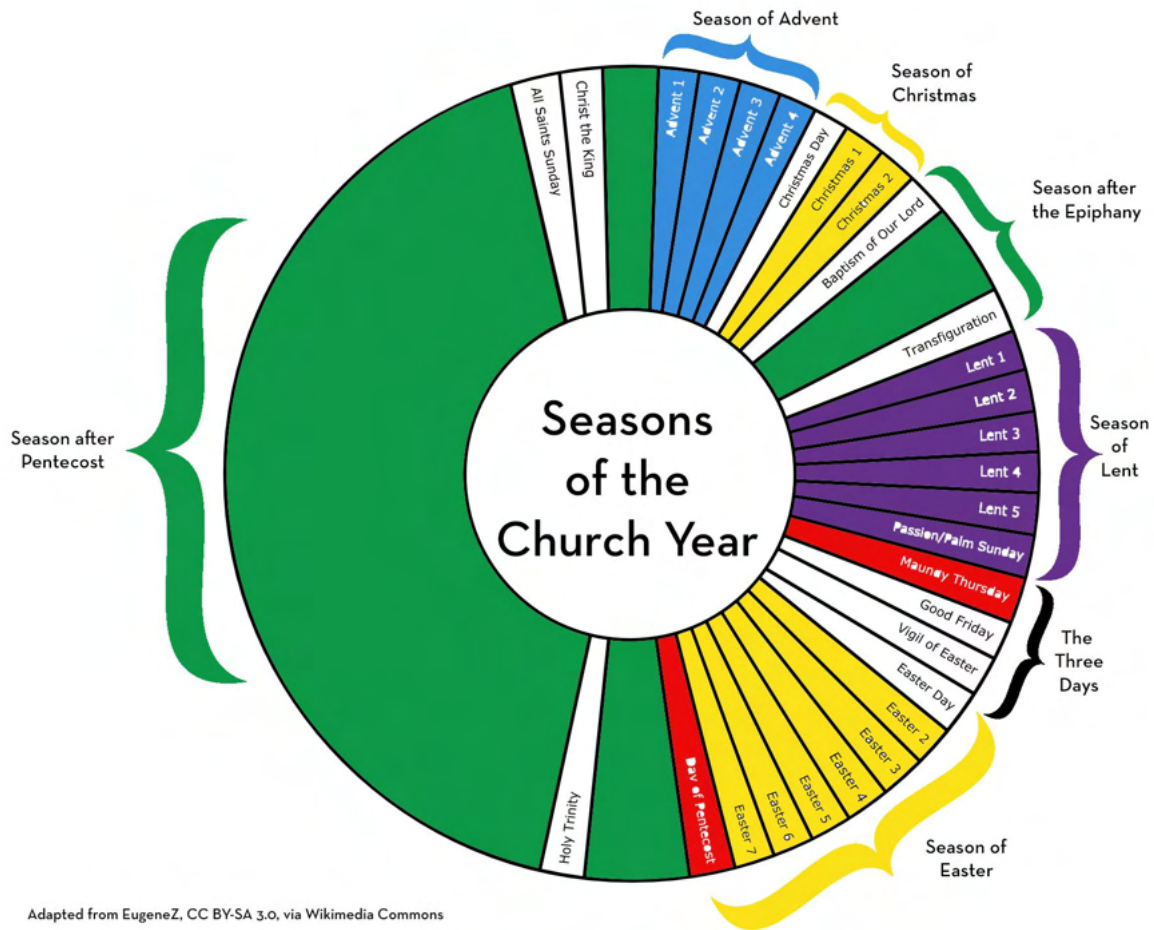
1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



SEASON OF ADVENT (Blue)

Advent is a four-week season in the Church calendar that begins on the Sunday closest to November 30th and concludes on Christmas Eve. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas, focusing on themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. During Advent, Christians reflect on the arrival of Jesus Christ and the anticipation of his second coming. The liturgical color for Advent is blue, symbolizing the hope, anticipation, and preparation for the joy of Christmas.

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS (White/Gold)

The Christmas season is a significant liturgical period in the Church, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. It begins after the season of Advent, a time of preparation, and culminates in the Nativity on December 25. The Christmas season lasts for 12 days, beginning on December 25th and ending on Epiphany, January 6th. The Naming of Jesus in scripture takes place 8 days after his birth, recorded in Luke 2. The season is marked by various celebrations, including the Christmas tree, Nativity scenes, and gift-giving with family and friends, reflecting on the gift of salvation through Christ.

SEASON OF EPIPHANY (Green)

As the season of Christmas winds down and the calendar year ends, the Church Year continues on. After the season of Christmas, we go through the season of Epiphany until Lent begins.

The season of Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons that is observed in the Church Year. The only one older than it? Easter. Epiphany begins on January 6th, and it seems that the date has its origins in a pagan festival that celebrated the birth of Aeon. Back in the first century, the church replaced this festival with a celebration about the baptism and birth of Jesus.

Ἐπιφάνεια: The Greek word from which the English transliterates Epiphany is a combination of a preposition and a verbal idea. *Epi-upon* and *fainō-to* shine, illuminate. An epiphany is literally a “shining or illumination” upon something or someone. In this case, that which was formerly “unseen” is now “seen”.

This season focuses on Jesus’ manifestation as true God and true human. You see this with the inclusion of texts like the baptism of Jesus and the Transfiguration, which really proclaim that truth. Texts about Jesus’ miracles are also common in this season (like Jesus’ first miracle at the wedding at Cana), and they bear witness to his identity as God. Another theme in this season is light, and it is often reflected in the hymns. As the season progresses along, the readings typically switch the teachings that are found in the earlier parts of Jesus’ ministry.

SEASON OF LENT (Purple)

Lent is the 40-day period leading up to Easter, (excluding Sundays) that starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. The 40 days of Lent involve fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as a way to connect deeper with God. Commonly observed by Roman Catholic, Eastern, and Protestant churches, many use the 40 days of Lent as a time of personal reflection to prepare your heart and mind for Good Friday and Easter. The origin of the word Lent comes from the Old English *lencten* “springtime, spring” and from West Germanic *langitinaz* “long-days or lengthening of the day.”

“Shrove Tuesday” is the day before Ash Wednesday and is traditionally a time for confession, repentance, and feasting before the fasting season. The name “Shrove” comes from the Old English word *shriven*, meaning to confess sins and receive absolution.

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, the day when we mark our foreheads with a cross of ashes, saying “remeber you are dust and to dust you shall return.” These ashes are a reminder of our need for repentance and the reality of our human frailty. The ash marks symbolize sorrow and mourning over sin.

SEASON OF EASTER (White)

The season of Easter is a significant period last for the first fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is marked by a series of liturgical events and practices that celebrate the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Easter season is not just a time for worship, but also a time for reflection and community engagement. It encourages the congregation to participate in the proclamation of the resurrection, sing Easter hymns, and engage in worship that emphasizes joy and forgiveness in the celebration of the risen Christ.

The paschal candle is lit every service as a sign of the risen Christ along with the singing of the Kyrie, and the canticle of praise, "This is the feast." The season provides an opportunity to examine the juxtaposition of new life in Christ with the struggles and challenges of the Christian life.

DAY OF PENTECOST (Red)

Pentecost is a significant festival celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church. Pentecost, meaning, "fiftieth" is celebrated on the 50th day after Easter and marks the conclusion of the Easter season. Originally, it was a Jewish harvest festival known as Shavuot, which commemorated the giving of the law at Mount Sinai. In the New Testament, Pentecost commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, empowering them to spread the Gospel, as is read about in Act 2. Pentecost emphasizes the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the church and in the lives of Christians. It is a reminder of the Spirit's role in calling, gathering, and sanctifying the Church. Pentecost is seen as the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to guide and empower us. (Which happens on the Ascension of Our Lord Sunday, the Sunday before Pentecost).

ORDINARY TIME (also known as TIME AFTER PENTECOST)

Ordinary Time is the longest season in the church year, following Pentecost until the First Sunday in Advent. During this time, the focus is on the living out of the gospel and the call to serve one another. We follow Jesus' ministry and teachings in public life. It is a season of growth--spiritually, intellectually, and communally. It is a sacred time marked by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. After Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, we settle into this season that runs throughout the summer and fall.

Advent Fair 2025



After worship on **Sunday, November 30**, we will hold our annual Advent Fair in the social hall.

There will be a soup luncheon, activities (including decorating little gingerbread houses), a chance to refresh or make a new Advent Wreath complete with boughs, ribbons and candles, and the opportunity to share with others through our Giving Tree (gifts for unaccompanied refugee minors), bringing gloves for the clients of Immanuel Community Services, and learning about ELCA Good Gifts regarding gifts of livestock to folks around the world.

NEW THIS YEAR: Due to the shelter use of the social hall Saturday night, we will set up on **SUNDAY morning at 9:00**. With the choir and instrumentalists having a last rehearsal for a wonderful morning of music, we need a lot of volunteers to do a major set-up in a short amount of time. See the sign-up sheet in the library on Sunday or let Barb Sharkey know you are available. We also need help with clean-up and table-take-down afterwards.

Thank you!! (barbsharkey@comcast.net)

Advent Candle Holder

Part of Celebrating the Advent Fair has included building an Advent candle holder using a wooden disc and greens provided by John Hushagen for you to decorate and made to hold 4 candles to be used for each week of Advent.



Just as most people save their Christmas tree decorations and use them each year, as a measure of conservation, if you have saved your wooden candle holder disk from last year, please bring it to the Advent Fair Sunday November 30. New candles and greens are provided. A limited supply of wood discs is available.

Questions: Ask Eileen Reichert, 206-930-3276, bereichert@myctl.net

Christmas Pageant 2025

Do you dream of little angels in choir robes? I do!

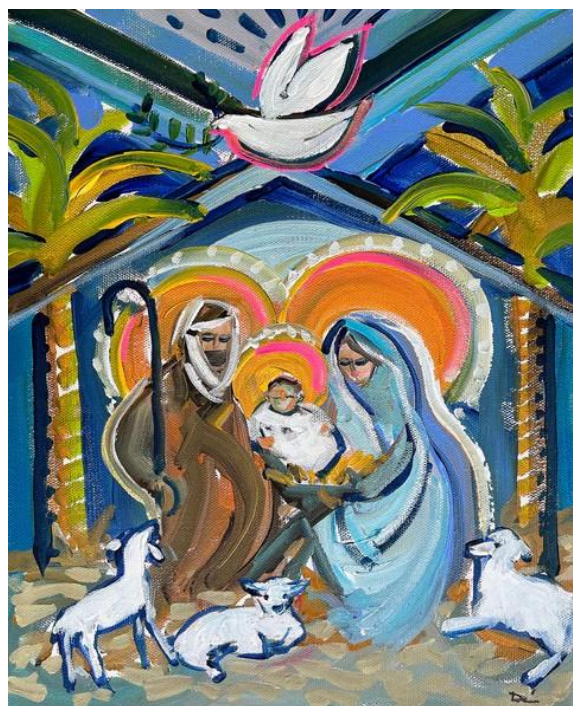
Our Christmas Pageant will be **Sunday, December 14**. The dress rehearsal (and only practice!) will be at 9:00, followed by the actual event at 9:45 during worship. If you have a youngster who would like to participate and you haven't been emailed about a role, please let me know. We welcome newcomers gladly.

Please invite your friends and relatives. It can be a great service for those who haven't attended church for a while...or ever.

At the end of the service, we sing Happy Birthday, Jesus! and celebrate with cupcakes in the library. (If you can bring a dozen cupcakes, let me know. Thank you!)

Hope to see you on December 14!

Barb Sharkey (barbsharkey@comcast.net)



Celebrate Christmas at Faith

Advent Fair

November 30 at 11:00am

Christmas Pageant

December 14 at 9:45am

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

December 24 at 5:00pm In Person & Online

Christmas Day

December 25 at 9:45am In Person

Christmas Carol Hymn Sing

December 28 at 9:45am In Person & Online



Winter Shelter Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer to provide weekend meals & holiday meals for Lake City Partners Winter Shelter at Faith Lutheran Church. Scan QR code below or click on the link in the weekly email.

SCAN ME!



Brief Congregational Meeting, Dec. 7: A brief congregational meeting will be held on Sunday Dec. 7th immediately at the close of the worship service to approve budget adjustments. Based on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and unanimously supported by the Council, there is a need for the Office Manager position to become full-time. Because of the shift in budget mid year, a congregational vote is needed to amend the budget.

Bloodworks Northwest Blood Drive



Wednesday, December 17, 12-6pm

In this season of giving, take an hour to give the best gift of all – a lifesaving pint of blood. When you give blood, Bloodworks Northwest will have you wrapped up in an hour or less, cookie in hand, with the warm feeling that you just gave local patients another shot at life. Your blood donations support people across the Pacific Northwest undergoing cancer treatment, surgeries, and organ transplants.

If you're ready to make a difference, join us for the Faith Lutheran Church blood drive on Wednesday, December 17. Appointments are available between 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. It only takes an hour to make a difference. Sign up for your appointment by scanning QR code or clicking the link in the weekly email.

