

**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**November 27, 2022**

*\*Denotes when we stand*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**BELLS**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**C: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of new beginnings,

**C: We confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

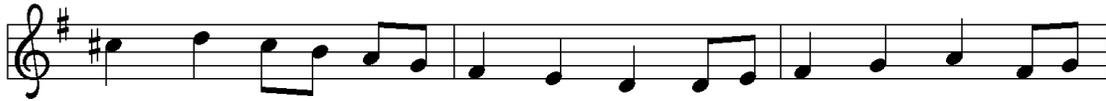
P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Entrance Hymn – “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” ELW 557**



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and  
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -  
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from  
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with  
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.  
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**\*Opening Litany:**

**A:** In darkness enshrouded, the world waits for light to shatter the shadowy darkness of night. To greenery circled, the faithful draw near and longingly listen, God’s message to hear. Send out your light and your truth, O Lord; let them be our guide.

**C:** **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And God said, “Let there be light!”**

**A:** Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

**C:** **Did not our hearts burn within us while he spoke to us and opened the Scriptures for us?**

**A:** “Let the prophet who has my word speak my word faithfully,” says the Lord. “Is not my word a fire?”

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Advent candle is lit*

**C:** **One candle is burning—through darkness shines light, as prophets were yearning for God’s holy might. To people in darkness came promises new. The promise of Jesus is faithful and true.**

**A:** Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

**C:** **For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.**

A: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

**C: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.**

A: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

C: Oh, keep us, Lord Jesus, in your mighty care as for your arrival your people prepare. The flames for the faithful, Lord, let them burn bright, that hearts of all people in faith may ignite.

**\*Advent Canticle “Light One Candle and Watch for Messiah” ELW 240 vs 1**



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

**\*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** (*Assisting minister speaks or sings the lyrics*)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



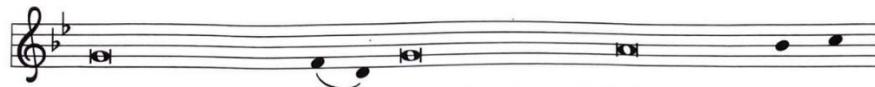
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.



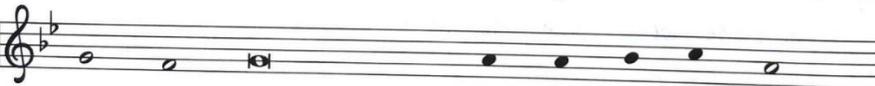
For this ho-ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.



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



A - men.

### \*Prayer of the Day

P: As one candle is lit and our hearts are brightened by its glow, dear Lord, help us to remember with fondness the prophets of old who foretold your coming among us to be our Savior. Let us continue the work of the prophets, proclaiming to those around us your coming among us at Christmas. Let us be beacons of light in this dark world as we beckon others to be drawn to the Light of your love and care for us unto eternity. In your gracious name we pray. C: Amen.

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-18

A: A reading from Deuteronomy the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, “Let me not hear again

the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.” And the Lord said to me, “They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.”

### **Advent Litany**

A: Jesus Christ is the light of the world; the light no darkness can overcome.

**C: So, we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed.**

A: You will do well to be attentive to this, as to a lamp shining in a dark place,

**C: until the day dawns and the daystar rises in our hearts.**

### **Appointed Psalm – Psalm 126**

*(Responses sung to the tune of O Come, O Come, Immanuel ELW 257)*

A: I will read the verse and you will sing the response to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Immanuel”, which is Hymn #257 in your hymnal.

A: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**C: Unto the Lord I lift my soul; I trust in God to make me whole.**

A: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

**C: My voice with joy is raised to sing: The Lord has done a wondrous thing!**

A: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**C: Let all on earth his glory tell, the Holy One of Israel!**

A: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, just as the rain brings water back to dry riverbeds.

**C: Unto the Lord I lift my soul; I trust in God to make me whole.**

A: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**C: My voice with joy is raised to sing: The Lord has done a wondrous thing!**

A: Those who wept as they went out carrying the seed will come back singing for joy, carrying their sheaves.

**C: Let all the earth his glory tell, the Holy One of Israel!**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 3:1-6**

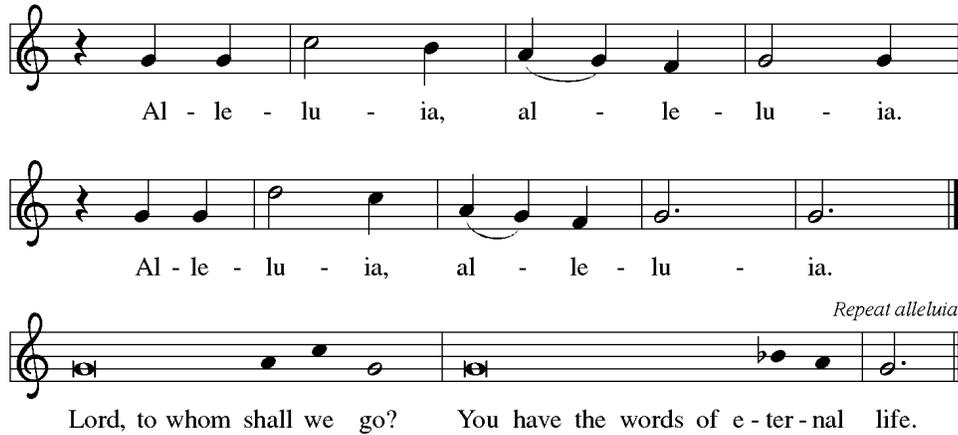
A: A reading from Hebrews the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## \*Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

**P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.**

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

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the

temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, “Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”

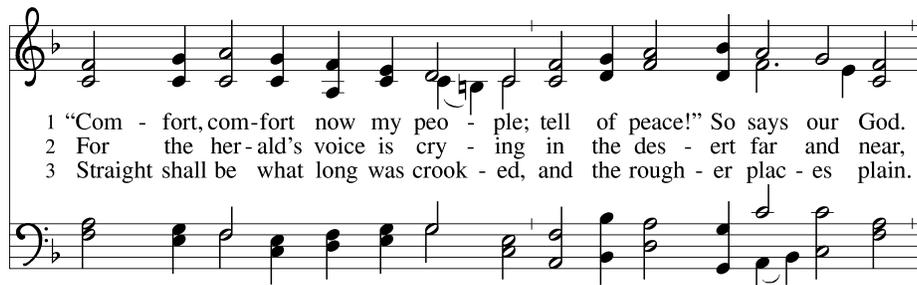
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children’s Sermon

### Sermon

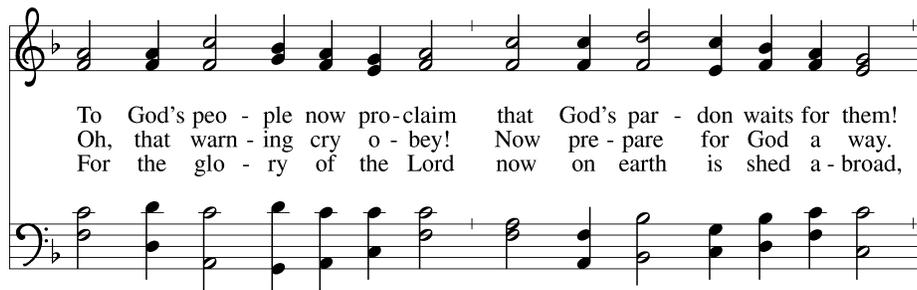
#### Hymn of the Day – “Comfort, Comfort Now My People...ELW 256



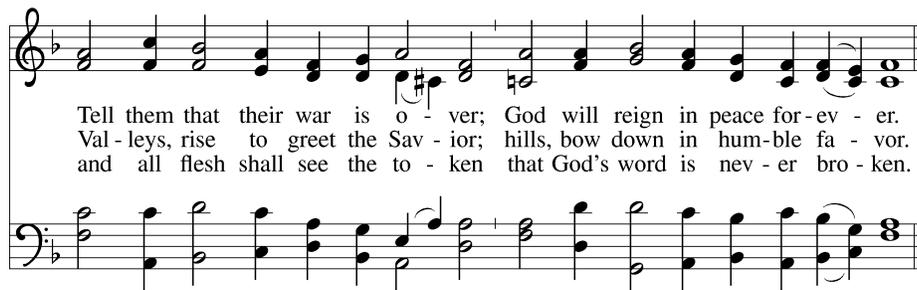
1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.  
 2 For the her-ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.  
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God’s ho - ly reign.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!  
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

A: Let us confess our Christian faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed

**C: 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**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope. *A brief silence.*

Light is sparked in our hearts this season, O God. Where once darkness reigned light now flickers. It is the light of hope—anxious, happy hope that points us toward the Christmas manger, and the heaven-sent Baby we hope to meet there. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

The light of your promises sparked the imagination of prophets. They shared the bright news of your promised presence. What the time had fully come, you sent your infant Light to warm and enlighten all humanity. Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Bless your Church, O God, to shine as flame throughout this earth. Unite us in the strong bonds of love. Grant that all our divisions might cease. Then we will truly shine. Then all the world will see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven. Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Enlighten all the nations of the world with the light of your gracious peace. Instruct all leaders in upholding justice. Open paths once closed so that your Good News might spread like fire across all boundaries. Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Shine as lights upon all who suffer the darkness of any sort of need, O God (*especially*). Enlighten all who are hungry, unhealthy, or unloved. Brighten the discouraged and the grieving. Shine in us and through us to accomplish this necessary work. Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Bless this church to be light to both its members and the surrounding community. Burn in our midst to purify us. Brighten in us the flame of faith. Enlighten our leaders with wisdom and drive. Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

All our prayers we place in the manger, O God, anxious to see your promises fulfilled. In the name of Christ, our Light, we pray. **Amen.**

### **\*The Peace**

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

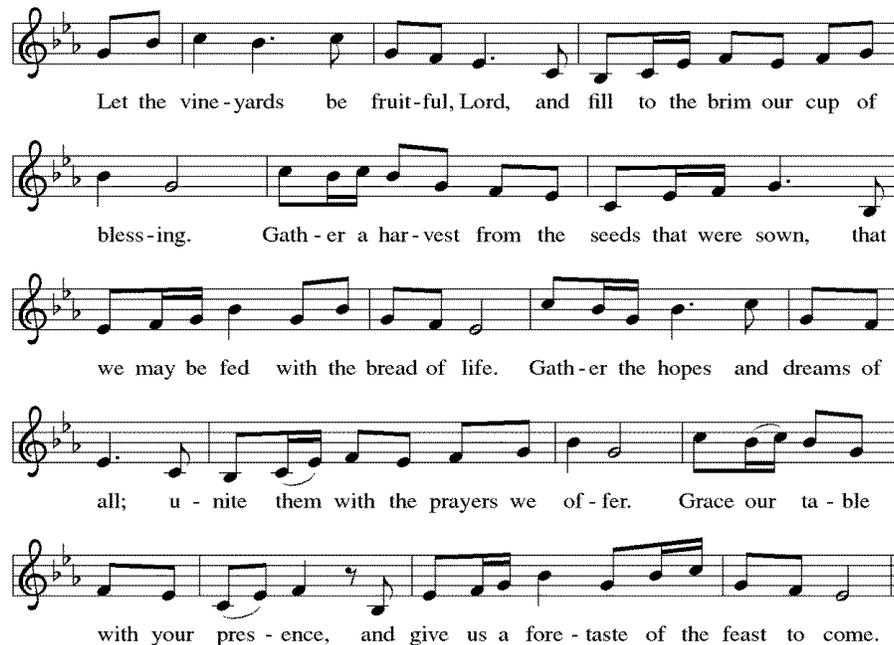
C: **And also with you.**

### **The Offering**

A: Let us now return to God, that which God has first given us – our tithes and our offerings.

### **Musical Offering**

#### **\*Offering Canticle – #184**

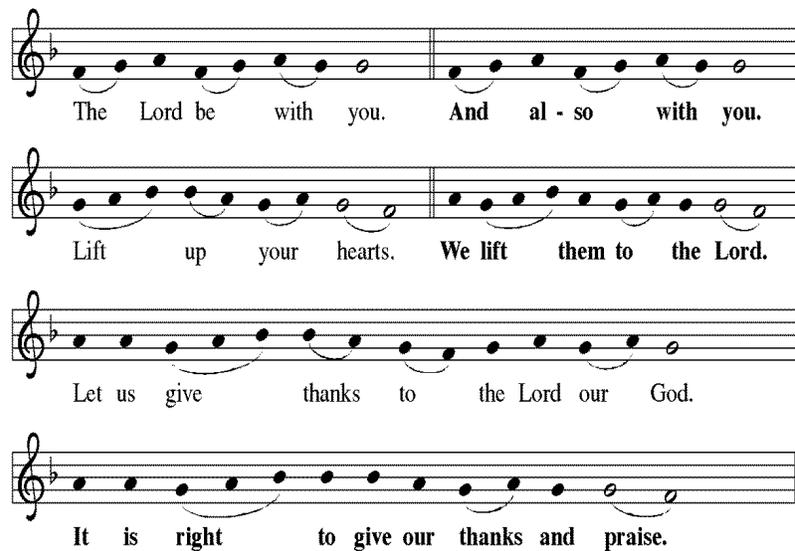


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

#### **\*Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray together, **Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## \*Great Thanksgiving



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.

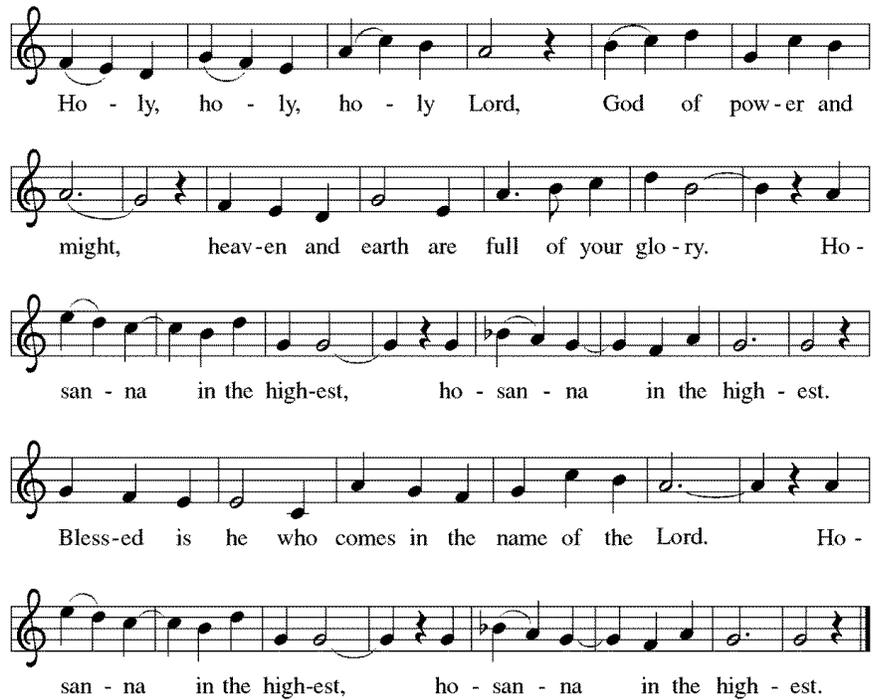
## \*Preface

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 merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*Eucharistic Prayer

P: O God most holy, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

**C: Amen**

## \*Words of Institution

P: On the night of his betrayal, 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."

P: 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."

## \*Mystery of Faith

P: Remembering Jesus' death, we cry out Amen. **C: Amen.**

P: Celebrating Jesus' resurrection, we shout Amen. **C: AMEN!**

P: Trusting Jesus' presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **C: Amen.**

**\*Epiclesis**

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope. O God most majestic, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

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

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

P: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

**Angus Dei**

**Communion Hymns**

**“Eat This Bread” ELW 472**

**“Let the Whole Creation Cry” ELW 876**

**\*Post Communion Blessing**

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

**\*Post Communion Canticle– #207**



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

**\*Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray together, (*pause*) **Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn – “The King Shall Come” ELW 260**

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

**\*Sending**

**P: God’s Work! C: Our Hands!**

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**\*Dismissal**

**A: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**