Church of the Savior
LUTHERAN

November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent

WEE WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:
We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:
We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you… This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that is took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

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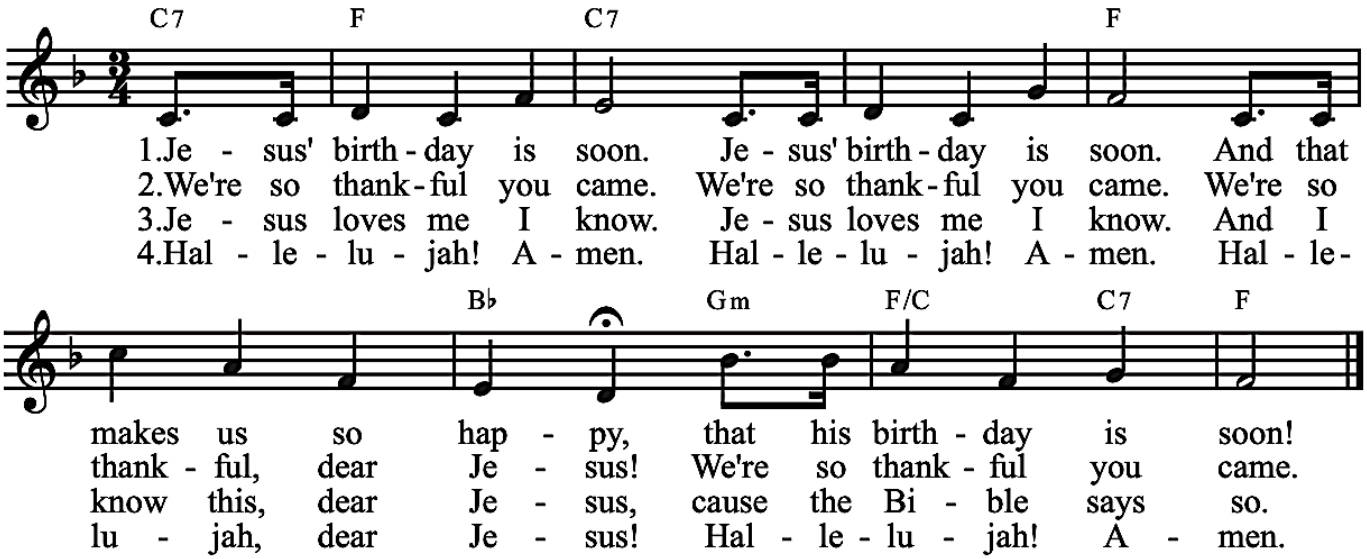
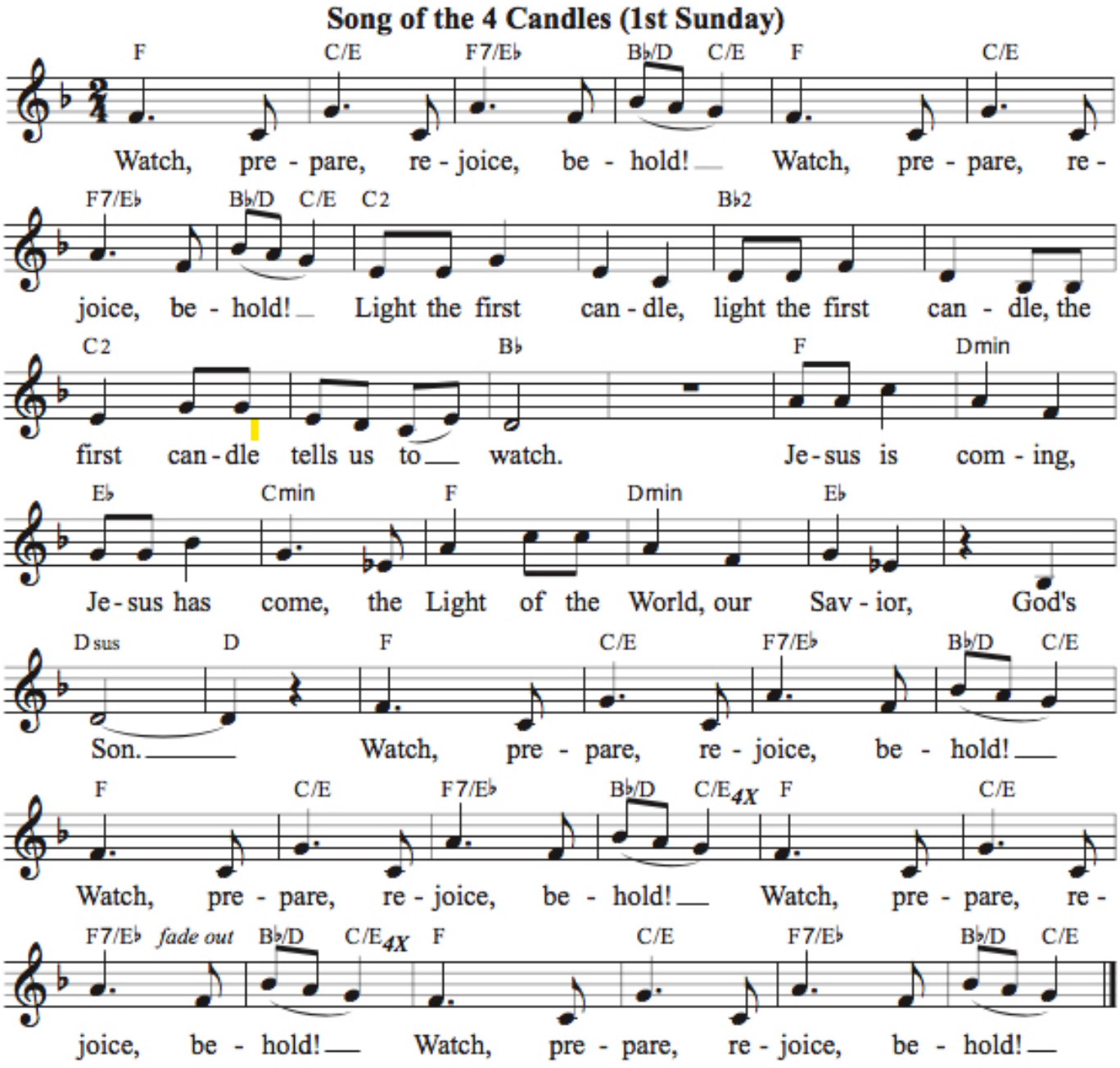
"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them;
For to such as these belongs the Kingdom of God. "
-Mark 10:13-16

Opening Song: Jesus' Birthday Is Soon



LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**



OPENING PRAYER
PASTOR: Let us love God with our hearts
PEOPLE: and our neighbors as ourselves.
PASTOR: Let us love God with our minds
PEOPLE: and our neighbors as ourselves.
PASTOR: Let us love God with our strength
PEOPLE: and our neighbors as ourselves.

FIRST READING: Isaiah: 64:1-9
I wish you would rip the heavens open and come down to us, so that the mountains would shake because you are near. Be like a spark that ignites a pile of twigs, or fire that makes water boil—then your enemies would know who you are, and they would shake just like the mountains. No one has ever seen or heard any god like you, who works in the lives of people. You touch our lives. But we build barriers between you and us, God. Then you get angry, and we sin all the more because we forget that we belong to you. Then we can't seem to do anything right. And our lives are as dirty as a filthy cloth. Our lives have no substance and when the wind blows, our sins carry us away. It seems you have hidden your face from us, because no one can feel your presence anymore. We are obsessed with our own sinful ways. Yet we know you are our Father. We are clay and you are the potter. You can shape us and make us yours. Please don't be angry with us, God. Do not remember how sinful we can be. Remember instead that we are all yours.
The Word of the Lord.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life
People: Thanks Be to God

SECOND READING: First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1 :3-9
With this letter I send you grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of the grace that God has poured into your lives through Jesus. For I can see your lives are richer in every way because you can speak from your heart about God. As you wait for him to be with us again, you have everything you need. God has called you into relationship with Jesus and will give you strength.

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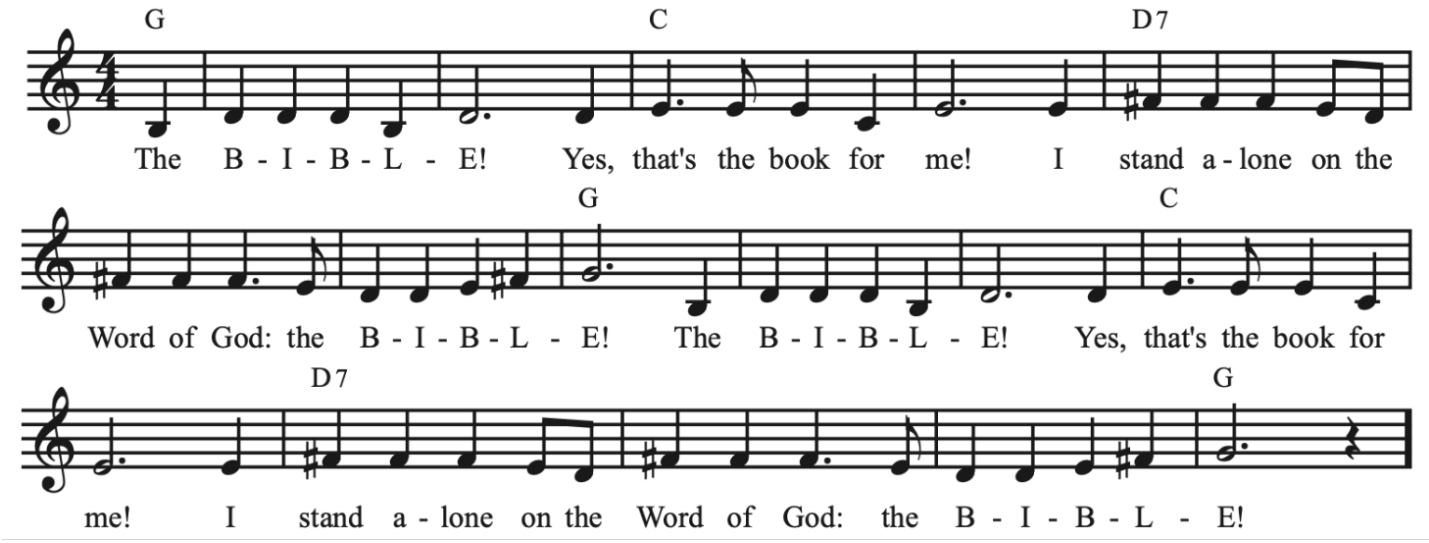
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark: 13:24-37

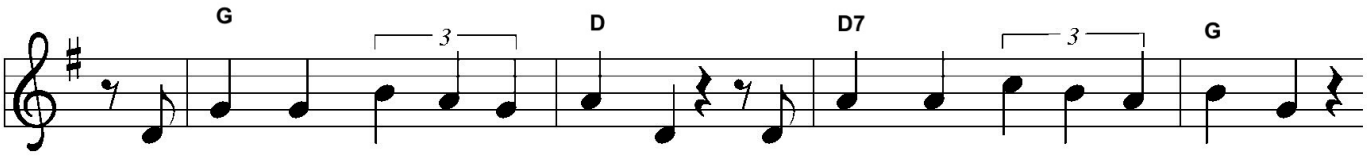
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "One day soon the sun will go dark, the moonlight will be turned off, the stars will fall out of the sky, and the heavens will shake. Then the Son of Man will come through the clouds with power and glory. And he will send his angels to every corner of the earth to gather up his people. The fig tree has this lesson to teach us: When there is a tiny leaf, you can tell that summer is corning. Just like that leaf, when you see the signs in the heavens, you'll know the Son of Man is close. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words won't. No one knows when this will happen—not the angels, not even me. Only the Father. So make sure you stay awake, because you don't know when this will happen either. If you were going on a trip, you'd put someone in charge to watch your house. That's what you need to do. Keep watch, because you don't want to be surprised or asleep when he comes. STAY AWAKE!

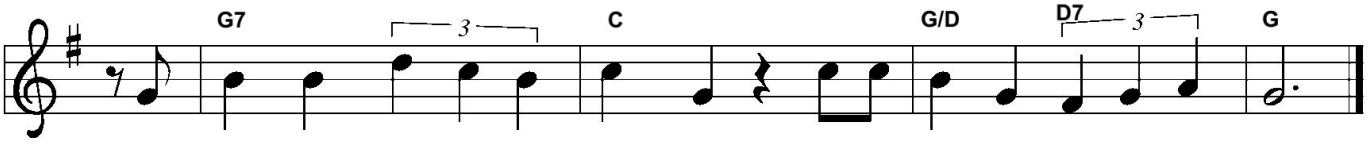
The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: He Came Down



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



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hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

Elise Hua Yee-Sheard

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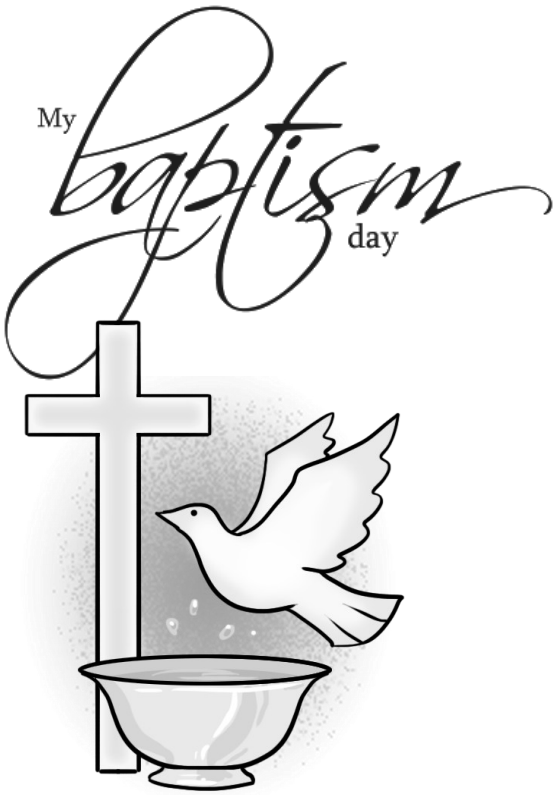


Born: March 20, 2026

Godparents: Nathan Hieb

Bonnie Lin

THE BAPTISM OF
ELISE HUA YEE-SHEARD

Pastor: God who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the holy spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors present **Elise.***

I present Elise for baptism.
Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Elise baptized into Christ? **Parents and godparents: I do.**

Pastor: As you bring **Elise** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with **her** among God's faithful people, bring **her** to the word of God's holy supper, teach **her** the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in **her** hands the holy scriptures, and nurture **her** in faith and prayer, so that s**he** may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help **Elise gro**w in the Christian faith and life? **Parents and godparents: I do.**

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture **Elise** in the Christ faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help **her** live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **Godparents: I do.**

Pastor: People of God, in this assembly, do you promise to support **Elise** and pray for **her** in **her** new life in Christ? **People: I do.**

The assembly stands.

Pastor: I ask you to profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **People: I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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 into hell. 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Pastor: Elise, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.
Sustain **Elise** with 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. **Amen.**

ANOINTING WITH OIL

Pastor: Elise, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

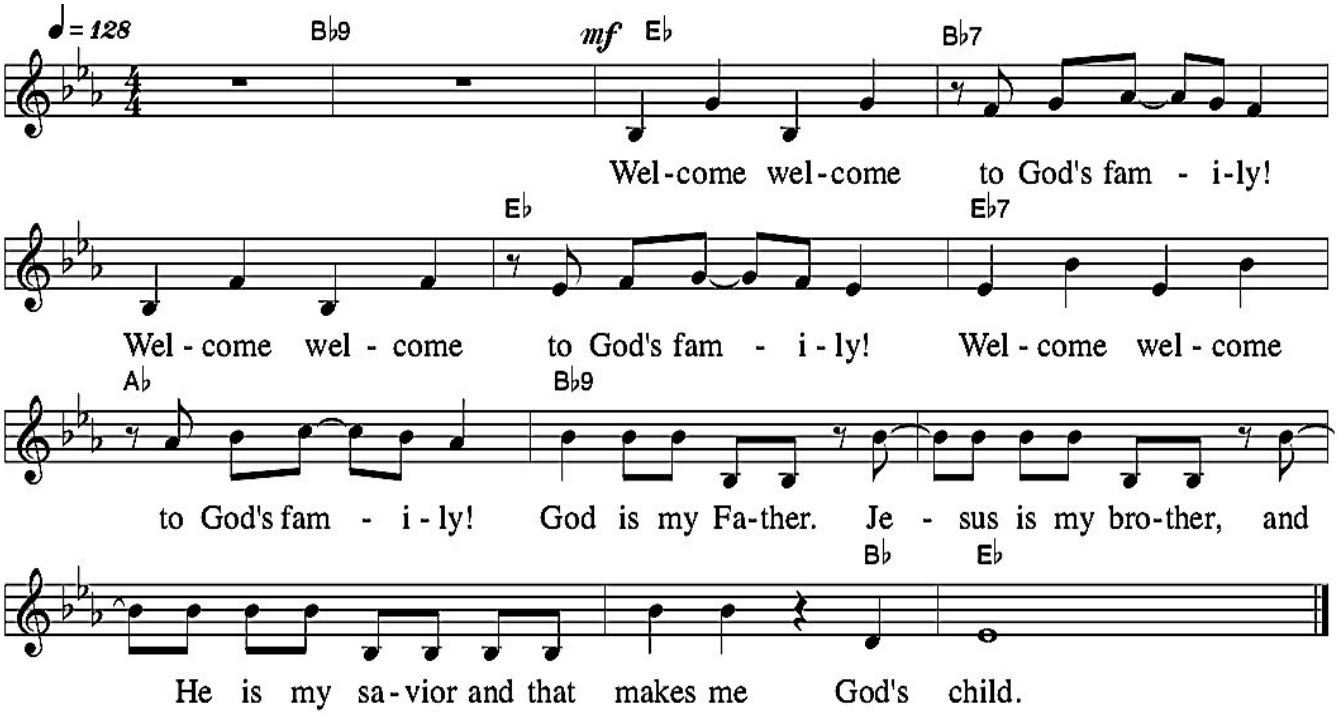
A candle is presented to parents and sponsors.

Pastor: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Pastor: Let us welcome **Elise** into the family of faith.

People: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share, where you will join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

MUSIC: WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:
Each petition ends: God of grace.
And we respond: **Receive our prayer.**
SHARING OF THE PEACE
All greet one another in the name of Christ.
THE OFFERING
SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir: "I've Got the Joy Joy Joy Joy Down in My Heart"
"This Little Light of Mine"

OFFERING PRAYER:
PASTOR: Come, Lord Jesus
PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus
PASTOR: Be our guest
PEOPLE: Be our guest
PASTOR: And let these gifts
PEOPLE: And let these gifts
PASTOR: To us be blessed.
PEOPLE: To us be blessed. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

….proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer ….

People: Amen

We will conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

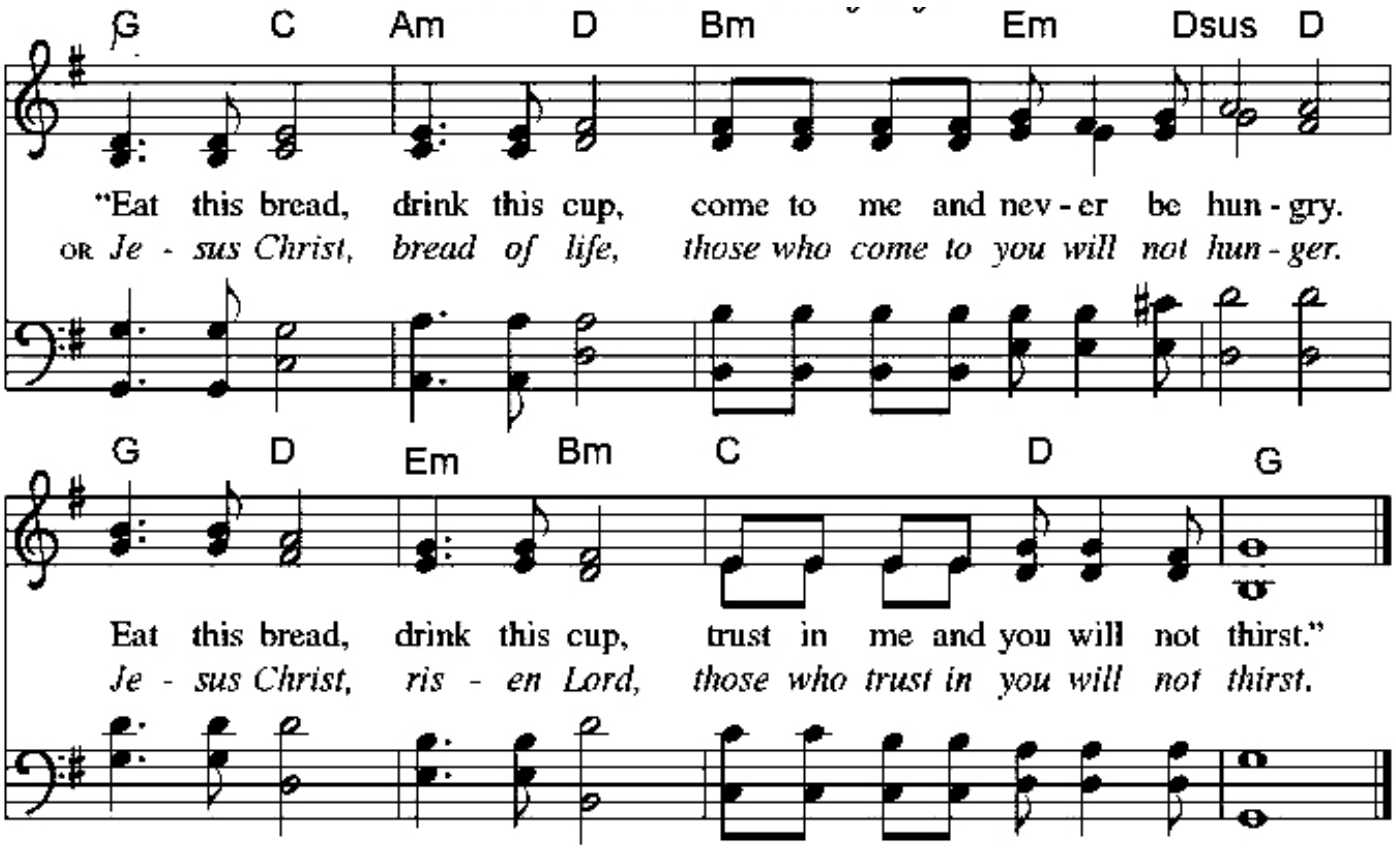
Our Father in heaven, hallowed is your name. our kingdom come, your will be done, On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish for your child to receive communion, they are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: Eat This Bread

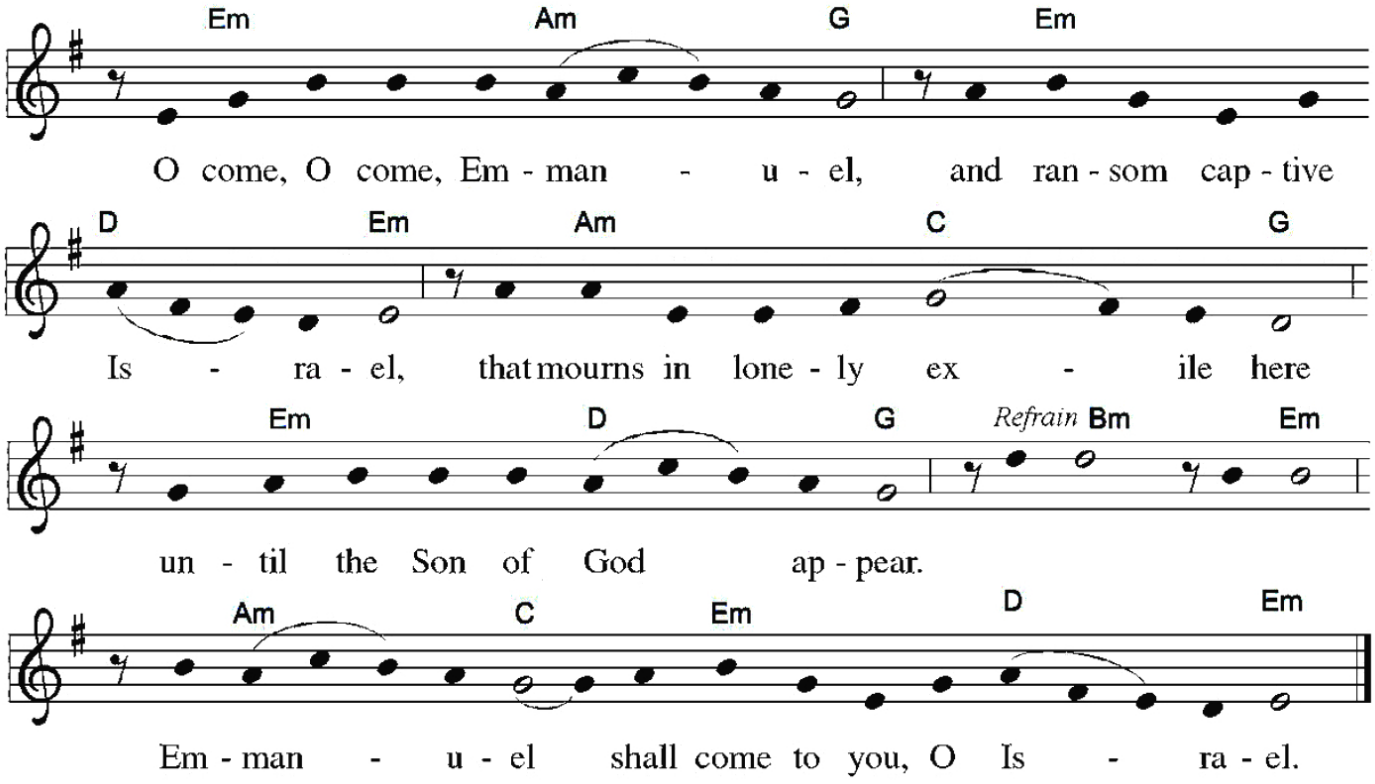


BENEDICTION

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

Go Now in Peace

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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Nov 29	Vicki Coyle	Brenda Heydt	John Leara
Dec 6	Nicole Hazarian	Maggie Harrer	Ed Moderacki
Dec 13	Ed Moderacki	Sally Leara	Rick Henly

FLOWERS

Nov 29	For:	In Loving Memory of Leah Feingold
	From:	Laurie Feingold
Dec 6	For:	Jake's Birthday
	From:	John & Sally Leara
Dec 13	For:	In Loving Memory of Carol Conrad
	From:	The Conrad Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 29	Wee Worship / Noisy Offering
Dec 4	Advent Wreath Making from 4:30 to 6pm / Christmas Caroling 6pm
Dec 5	Christmas Gala at 6pm
Dec 6	Coffee Hour/Food Offering/Advent Wreath Making following Worship
Dec 13	Sunday School/Noisy Offering

MAILING LIST

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8am to 1pm.
Pastor's day off is Monday but is available on email / phone throughout the week. He is always available for Pastoral emergencies 24/7. If you would like to meet him in person, please make an appointment. Homebound visits are also available if desired.