

# Service of Holy Communion for December 18, 2022.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God loves you all the time.

C All the time God loves you.

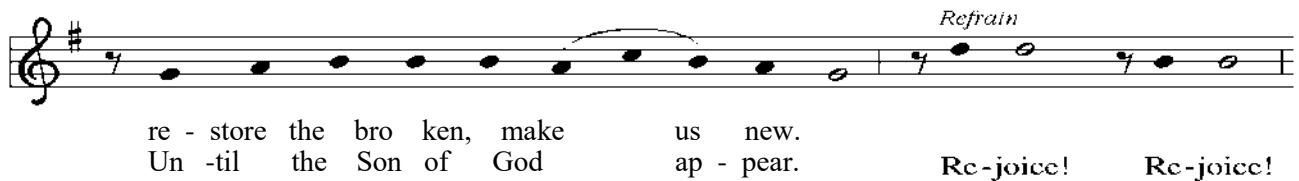
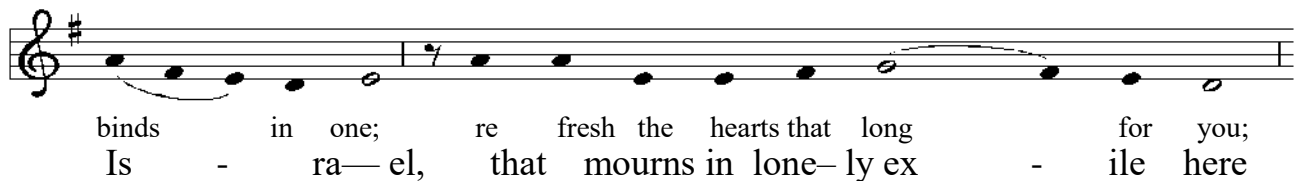
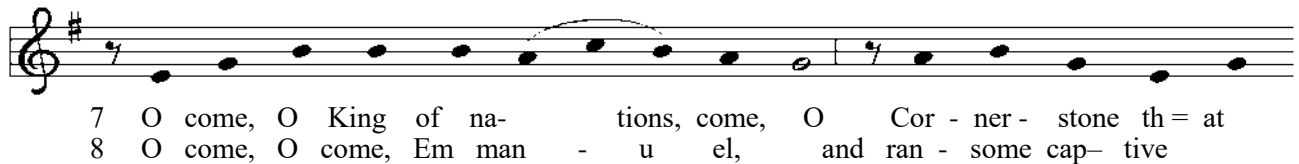
### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Light the fourth candle.*

P Generous One,  
Thank you for all of the ways we are loved.  
Thank you for all of the ways we can love.  
Teach us to listen closely to each other,  
and to our world,  
For all of the ways and places love is shared.

C Amen.

### *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* ELW 257 v. 7, 8



*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Word made flesh,  
our life and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

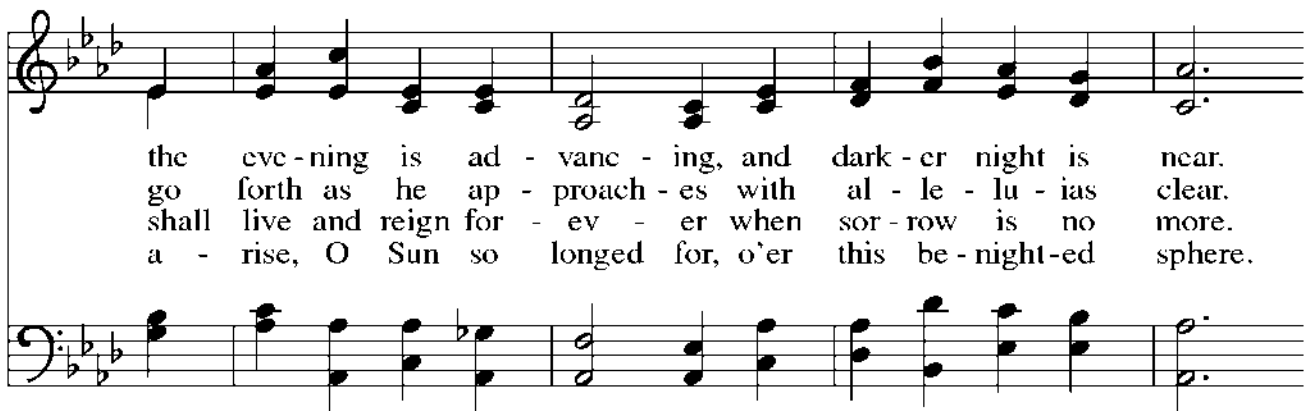
C God of life,  
you promise good news of great joy for all people,  
and call us to be messengers of your peace.  
We confess that too often we hoard our joy,  
our resources, and our security.  
We nurture conflict and build barriers.  
We neglect the needs of our neighbors  
and ignore the groaning of creation.  
Have mercy on us.  
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.  
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.  
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.  
Renew us with your grace  
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.  
**Amen.**

P Hear the good news:  
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises  
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.  
In ✝ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.  
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth  
shall know the salvation of God.

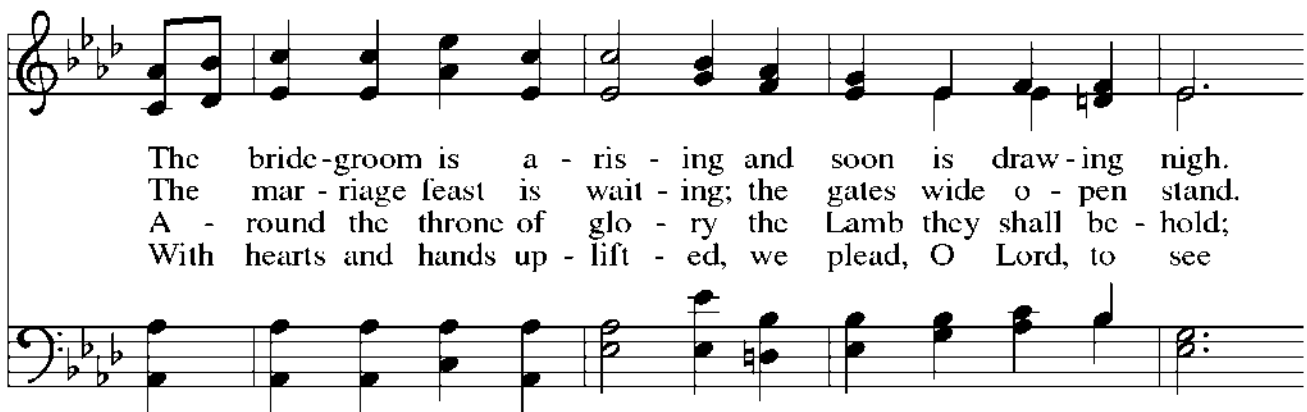
C **Amen.**



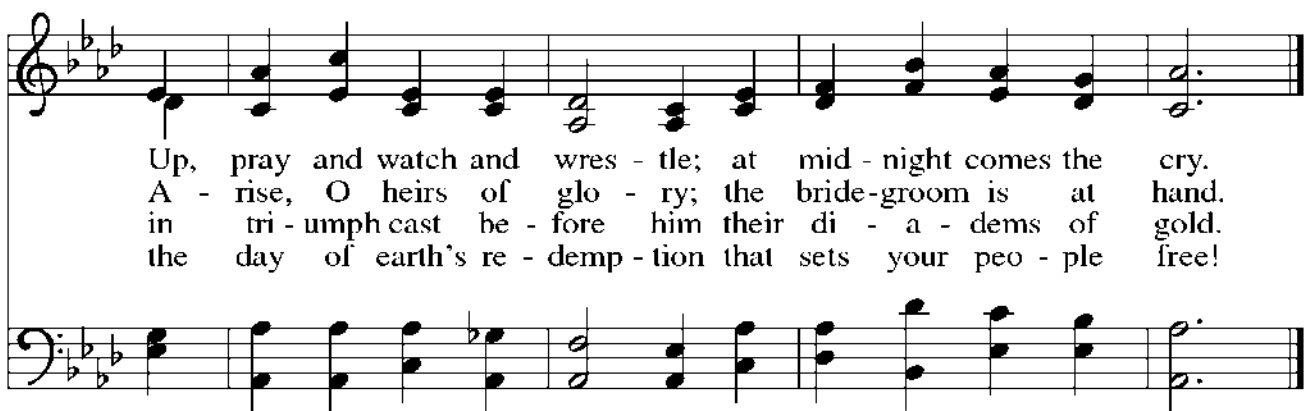
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

## 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

- A In the beginning was the Word,
- C **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
- A In the Word was life,
- C **and the life was the light of all people.**
- A The Word became flesh and lived among us,
- C **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P` Let us pray.  
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- C **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

<sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 80:1-7, 17-19

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-on the cherubim.  
<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**  
<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**  
<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**  
<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**  
<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.  
<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,  
<sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel  
concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was de-  
clared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from  
the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship  
to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>in-  
cluding yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

\*Refrain: All

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Al-le - lu - ia! Give the glo - ry

1  
and the hon - or to the Lord!

2  
and the hon - or to the Lord!

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

The holy gospel of Matthew the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Tara Magoon**

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.



## APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended 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.

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 INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

God our shepherd, let your Spirit move with power throughout the church. Give discernment and wisdom to our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Take away our fear, so that we serve and love, confident that you are guiding us. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our source, awaken us to the beauty of the earth and the marvelous variety of life. Unite humankind in repairing and caring for your creation. Protect creatures and habitats in peril due to rising seas and warming temperatures. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our vision, raise up leaders in every nation who dream of freedom and justice for all people. We pray for the work of international organizations that promote peace and human rights, especially Amnesty International (*others may be named*). God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our helper, come to the aid of all who cry out to you. Shelter migrants, refugees, and those fleeing war and famine. Bring relief to individuals and families experiencing hunger, homelessness, or impoverishment. Comfort any who are isolated or lonely. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our Emmanuel, you are with us in our life together. We give you thanks for gathering us in worship and fellowship, and we remember those who cannot be present. Watch over those who travel. Heal the sick and speed their recovery (*especially*). God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our hope, you bring life out of death, and you promise to be our God forever. Shine upon the faithful who now rest in the fulfillment of your promise and bring us also into your blessed reign of peace. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*Thank you so much for your support of Grace ministry through your worship.  
If you wish to make a donation to Grace, you can follow this link [www.glcde.org](http://www.glcde.org) or scan the QR code to  
make a donation on our website through the "GIVE" button in the upper right corner.  
You can also make a donation by placing your gift in our offering plates  
located inside both sanctuary doors.*



## ANTHEM

*This is Love (Come Thou Long Expected Jesus)*

R. Prichard, P. Baloché, K. Scott

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY

*Sanctuary*

*Thompson/Scruggs*

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and  
true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the  
service of all your people.  
Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus  
our pathway and our peace.  
C Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise 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.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

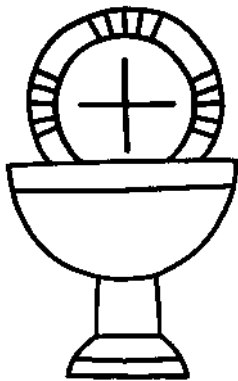
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see  
that the Lord is good.  
All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

*Please be seated*



## COMMUNION

*Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to Pastor at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements.*

*Elements at in-person worship are red wine and white grape juice.*

*Please let Pastor know if you require gluten-free bread.*

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

*I Choose to Worship* Saddler/DeShazo

VERSE



1. I could stand \_ out - side \_ Your gates \_ and nev - er \_ en - ter in; \_  
2. I won't stand \_ out - side \_ Your gates \_ and nev - er \_ en - ter in; \_



\_ I could let \_ this mo - ment pass \_ and go \_ my way \_ a - gain. \_  
\_ I won't let \_ this mo - ment pass \_ and go \_ my way \_ a - gain. \_



\_ I could just \_ keep si - lent \_ and hold \_ from You \_ my praise; \_  
\_ How can I \_ keep si - lent \_ and hold \_ from You \_ my praise? \_



\_ Or I \_ could give \_ my heart \_ a - way. \_  
\_ Lord, I give \_ my heart \_ a - way. \_

CHORUS



\_ I choose \_ to wor - ship, \_ I choose \_ to



love You, \_ to reach out \_ and touch Your heart;



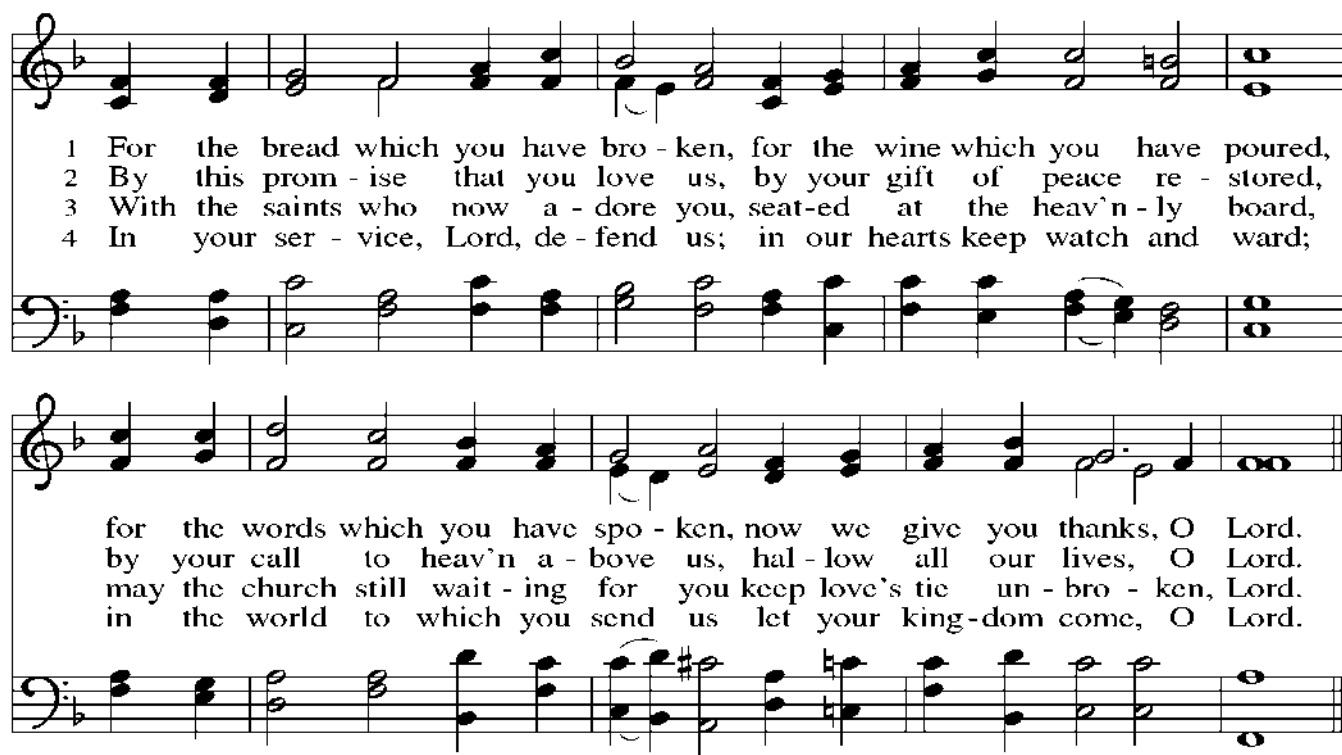
I want \_ to know You, \_ here in \_ this



mo - ment, \_ O I choose \_ to wor - ship You. \_

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION

### *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ELW 494



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.



HYMN DURING COMMUNION

*Change My Heart, O God*    W&P 28

*Refrain*



Change my heart, O God;                      make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God;                      may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter;                      I am the clay.



Mold me and make me;                      this is what I pray.



*Please stand as you are able.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God our redeemer,  
you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

P God bless you and keep you,  
✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth,  
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,  
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
 that in course and the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
 bright as the sun and the moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

## PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER 18, 2022

### TODAY we pray:

- Karl Wagenfuhr (son of Vera Waganfuhr)
- Itamar and sister Irama (relative of Vera Waganfuhr)
- Phedon Jones
- Pam Hyde (friend of Merrily Schiavone)
- Jennifer Wolf (niece of Brian and Sandy Wolf)
- Rich DiRocco (neighbor of Kathy Long)
- Midge (friend of Vera Wagenfuhr)
- Jeff Dandoy (Audrey Day's father)
- Kendall, Aimee & Scott Oller (Lynda Martinez)
- \* Maria Santopietro (friend of Beth Fenner)

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Judy & Paul Freys (aunt and uncle of Beth Fenner); Krista Wacker; Val; Ben Epstein; Lynne Luetttgen; Pam Wasgatt Montecalvo; Richard McBride; Debbie Anderson; Laurie Spears; John Boguki; Terri Dickson Rigglesman, Lois Nordby (sister of Gerry Teig; )*John Keating*

Joanne Deaton; Dorothy Dzuris, Nancy Goyda, Joan Snyder; Ed and Erika Burke; Angie Wasgatt; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Polly Gillis; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; John Deaton; Gretchen Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Chuck Loomis

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl.

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers.

For our staff; Pastor Tara Magoon, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones.

**For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference of the Delaware-Maryland Synod—*Hope Lutheran Church New Castle, Pastor Amy Jensen Wright;; St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Dover, Pastor Anne Strickert***

For all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

**To request or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481)  
office@glcde.org.**





### **Sunday Worship & Education**

8:30am Service of Holy Communion

9:45am Sunday School for all ages!

Advent Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

11:00am Service of Holy Communion

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God  
by the Fenner family.

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

#### **8:30am**

**Assisting Minister:** Gerry Teig

**Greeter/Usher:** Julie Auger

**Usher:** John Auger

**Reader:** Paul Warren

**Sound:** Kris McMahan

**Nursery:** Audrey Day, John Day

**Counters:** Lynne Luetgen, Beth Fenner

**Refreshments:** Jane Foscett, Beth Fenner

### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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