

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**NOVEMBER 30, 2025**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**10:00AM**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P God loves you all the time.  
C All the time God loves you.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Light the first candle.*

P Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.  
As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.  
O house of Jacob, come,  
C let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* ELW 257 v 1, 2

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Please stand as you are able.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☉ one God,  
whose home is heaven and earth,  
whose salvation is sure.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C Long-expected God,  
**we confess that we look to ourselves  
for the peace and security only you can provide.  
We use words of conflict,  
reluctant to release our grip on boundaries that divide.  
We become impatient while waiting  
and weary of keeping awake.  
Free us from self-reliance,  
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.  
Increase our trust in God's timing,  
and awaken us to your advent among us,  
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.  
Amen.**

P God judges us not as we deserve,  
but according to God's own righteousness.  
✙ You are freed and forgiven,  
saved by grace,  
and ready to welcome the Savior.

C **Amen.**



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
 king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
 seep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



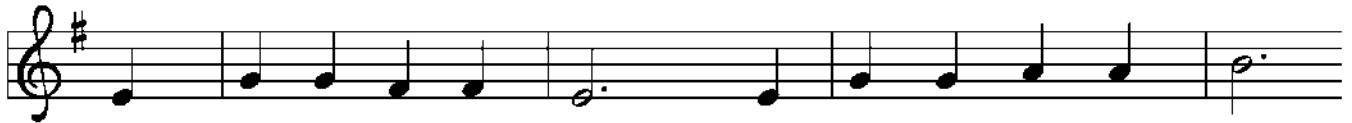
praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.  
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

## 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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 122

*read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

<sup>2</sup> **Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**  
“May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup> **For the sake of my kindred and companions,**  
**I pray for your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

## SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

The holy gospel of Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup> “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

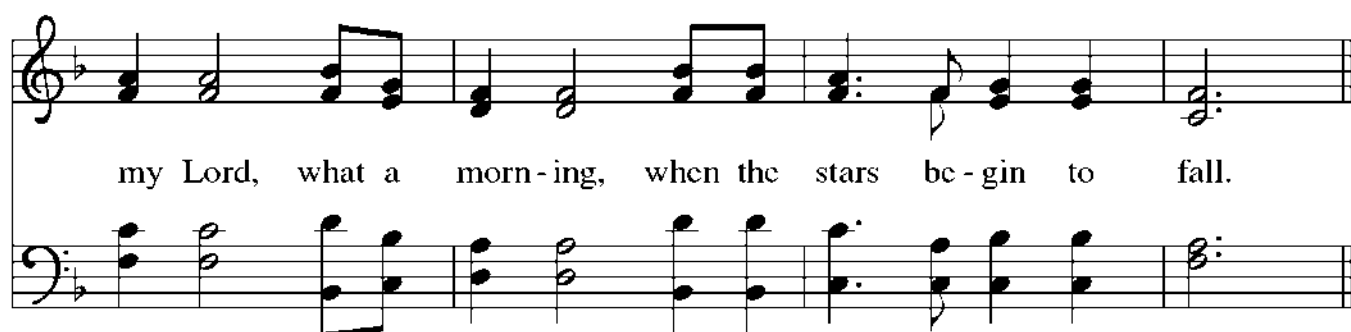
**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Tara Magoon**

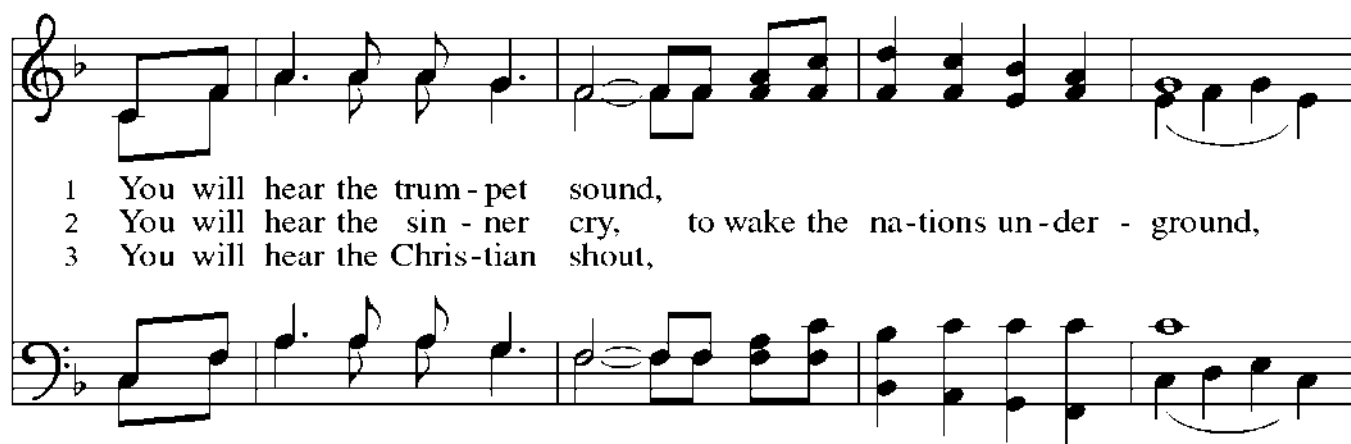
*Please stand as you are able at the last verse.*

*Refrain*


My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.



## APOSTLES CREED

A Let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles 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 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

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing. . Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share God's peace.

## 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

### *The Coming of the Lord*

Pepper Choplin

Lift up your heads, O gates, and make the highway straight,  
prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord.

Your waiting soon will end, God's glory will descend,  
rise up and welcome in the coming of the Lord,  
the coming of the Lord!

Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord!  
The ancient words foretell, God with us, He will dwell,

Christ, our Emmanuel,  
and all will see the glory of the Lord!

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel

O come, O come, prepare the way!  
O come, prepare the way, way of the Lord

And then the deaf will hear, the blind will see Him clear,  
the mute will find their voice, the lame will leap for joy,  
prepare the way of the coming of the Lord!

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel, our God, will come to us,  
Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

## 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 Nourishing God,  
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,  
that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come..

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 God 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.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

P 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

C **Come Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours.  
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
on God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

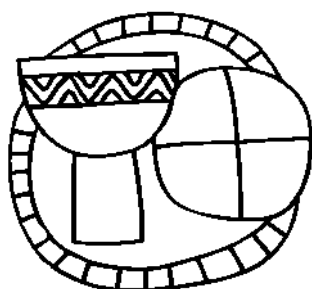
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time 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 Here is life. God is with us.  
Come, receive what God has promised.  
Come to the table. All are welcome.

*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.*

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

# HYMN DURING COMMUNION

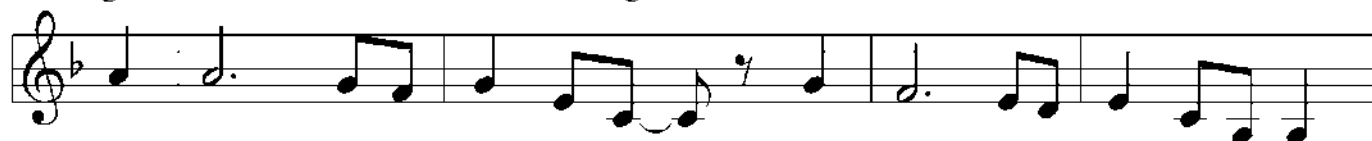
## *Give Thanks* W&P 41



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



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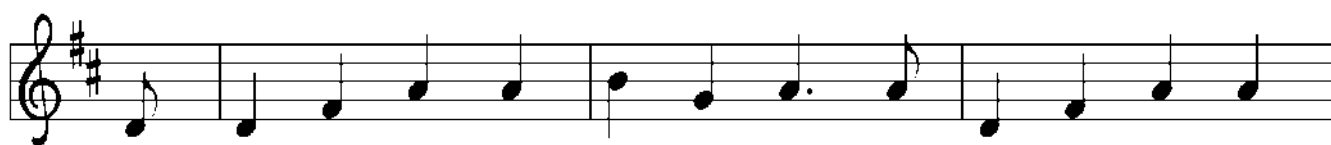
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION

### *We Come to the Hungry Feast* ELW 479



- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.




# HYMN DURING COMMUNION

*O Bread of Life From Heaven* ELW 480



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

## 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

A God our host,  
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus

C Amen.

## BLESSING


P May God who comes among us,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.

C Amen.

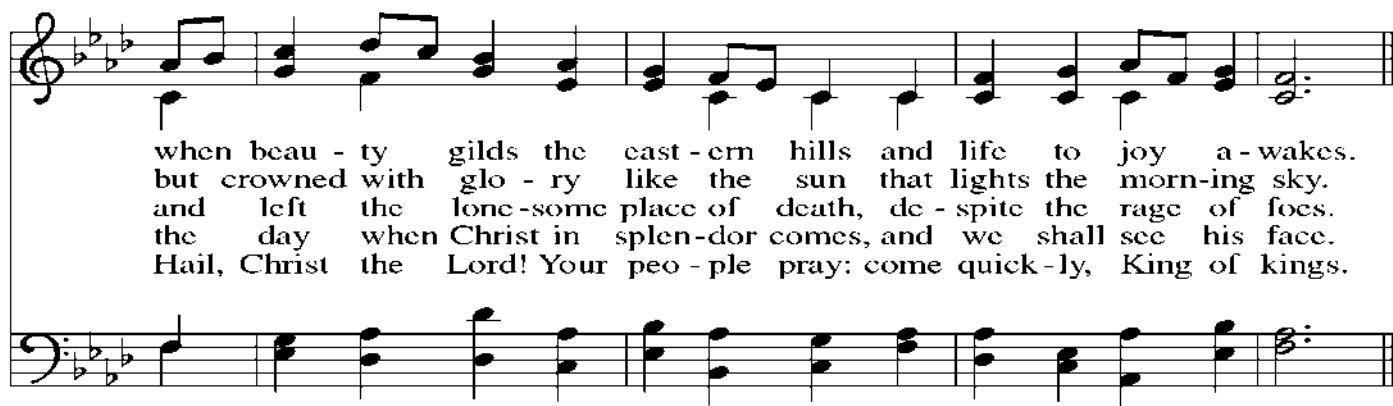
## SENDING HYMN

### *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.

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Assisting Minister:** Mark Teasley

**Greeter:** Jane Teasley

**Ushers:** Diane Frederick, Tom Frederick

**Reader:** Bill Brizendine

**Sound:** Mark Maurer

**Streamer:** Gerry Teig

**Nursery:** Jane Foscett

**Counters:** Peter Tuhy, Gerry Teig

**Refreshments:** Pat Kizuka, Gerry Teig

The chancel flowers are presented today to the glory of God  
in memory of Daniel Frederick's 65th birthday  
by Alison and JT Fleming

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