

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church



The First Sunday in Advent

ELW setting 3

November 29, 2026 10:00 a.m.

(**Indicates Please Stand*)

GATHERING

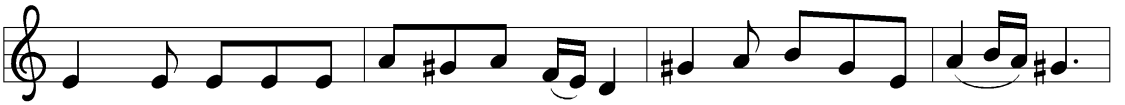
PRELUDE *Lo, He Comes, with Clouds Descending* Franklin Ritter
Tune by Johann G.Störl, 1675-1719

*** INVOCATION**

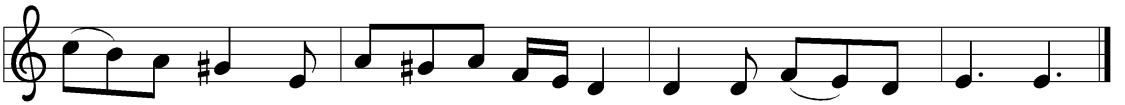
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Lighting of Advent Candle

LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH, V1 (SING TWICE)



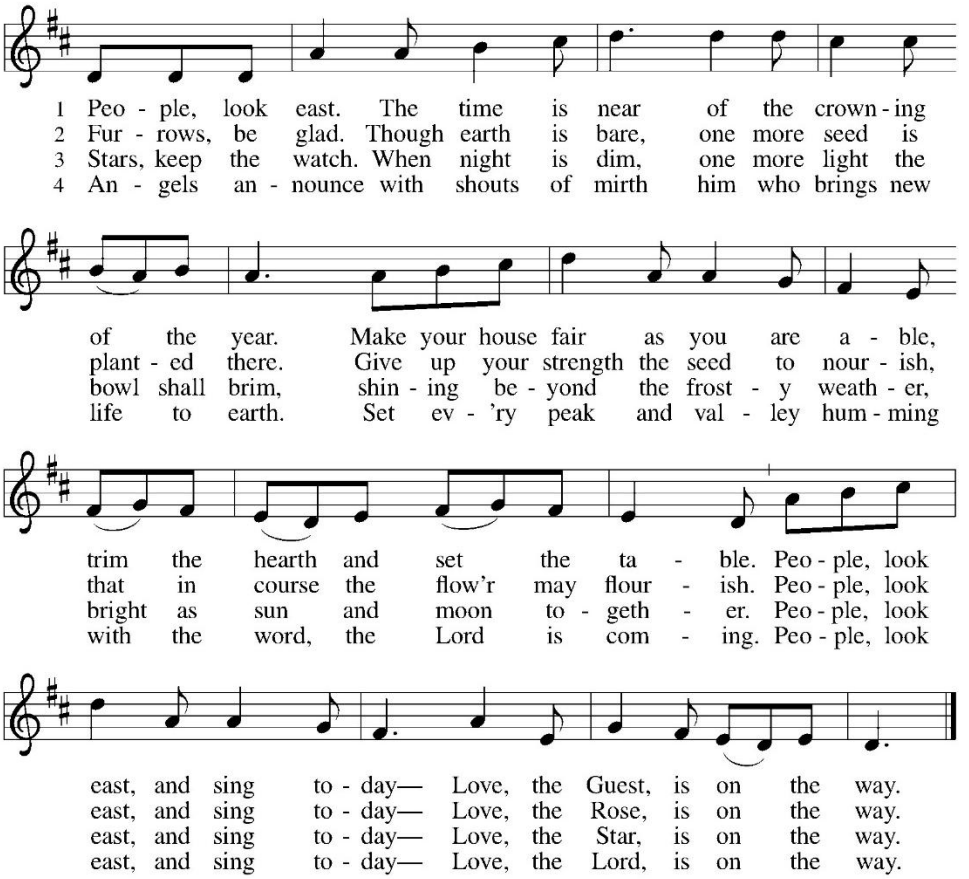
1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish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



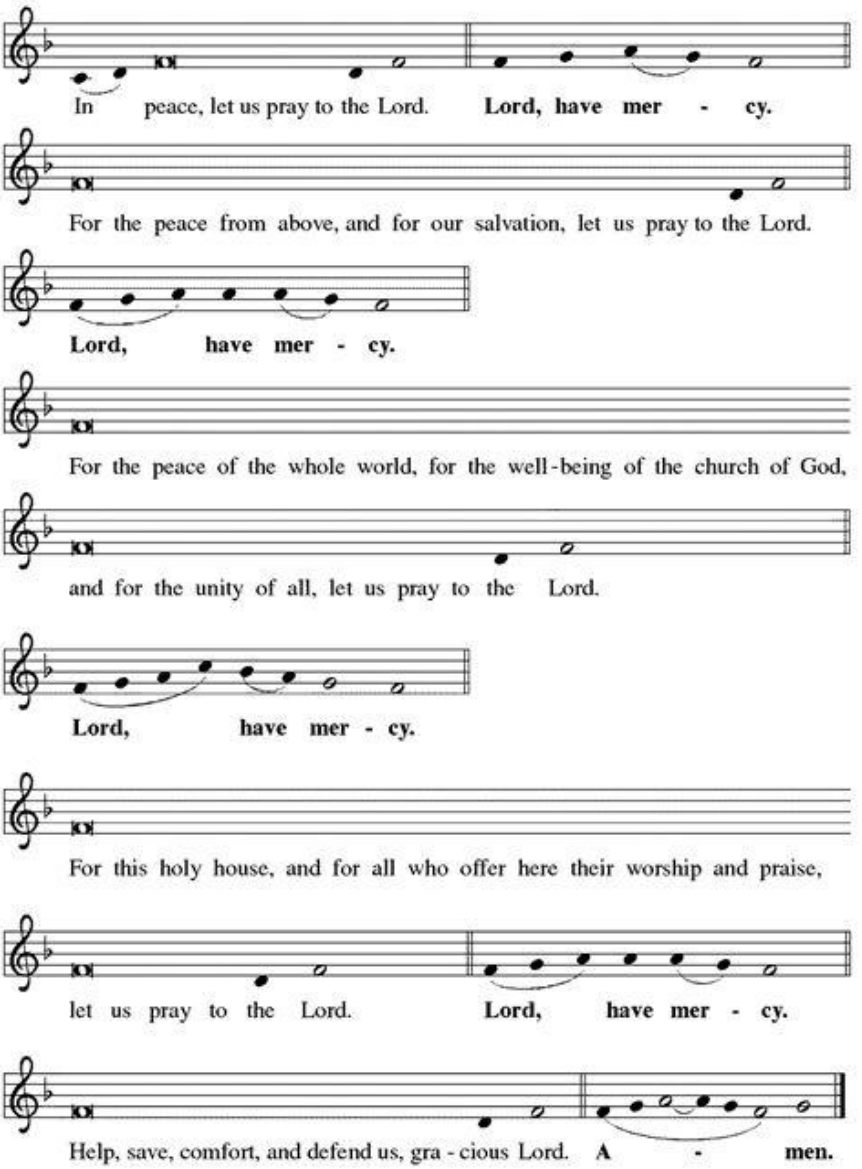
He shall bring sal-va-tion to Is-ra-el, God ful-fills the prom-ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent-ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo-ry.
He is com-ing, tell the glad tid-ings. Let your lights be shin-ing!

PRAYER

* HYMN #248 PEOPLE LOOK EAST



KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

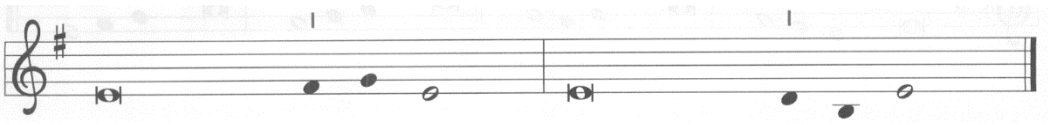
LESSON I Corinthians 1:3-9

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

[4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

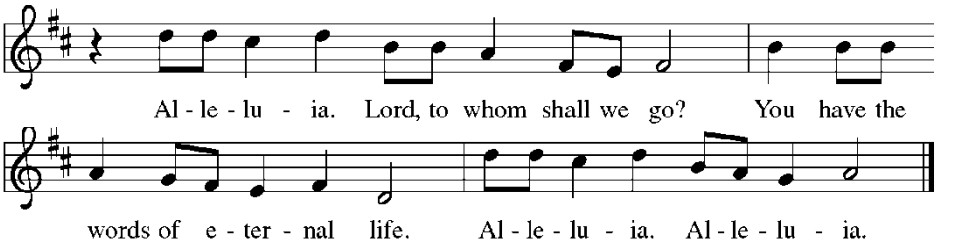
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 *Sing responsively*



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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***HOLY GOSPEL** **Mark 13:24-37**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said [24] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

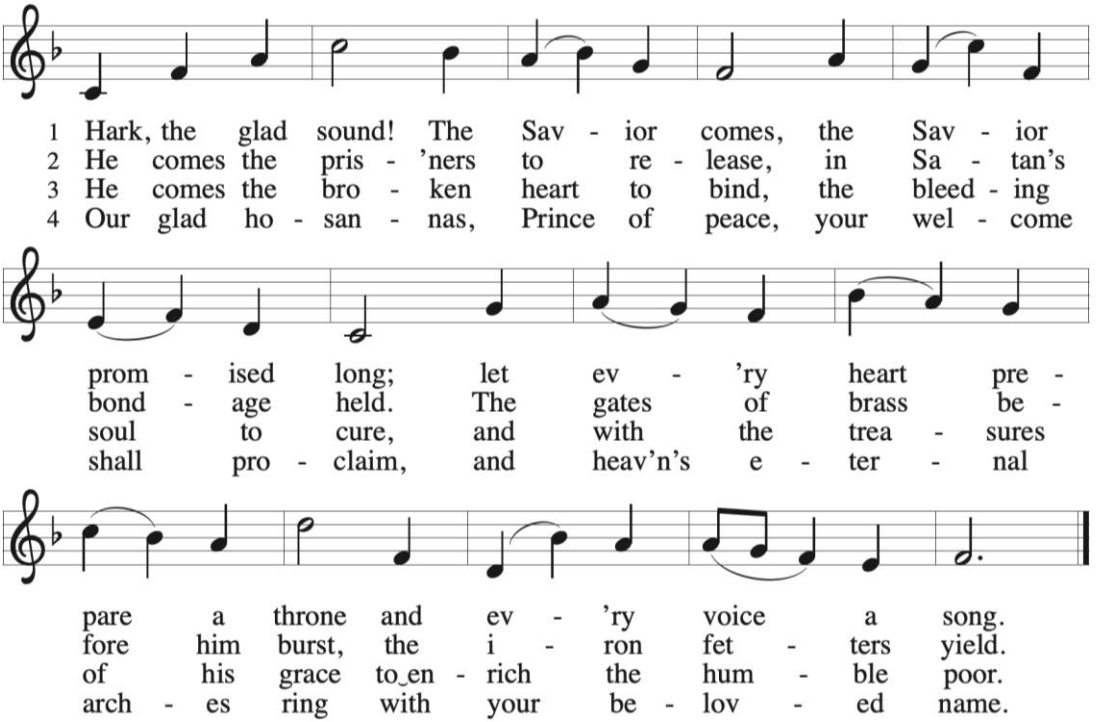
[28] "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Mark A. Grorud

*HYMN ELW 239 HARK, THE GLAD SOUND



*** APOSTLE'S 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 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 CHURCH**

Each portion of the prayers ends with one of these responses:

Lord, in your mercy,	Hear us, O God.	Bless we the Lord
hear our prayer.	**Your mercy is great.**	**Thanks be to God!**

(The prayers conclude:)

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*** PEACE**

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

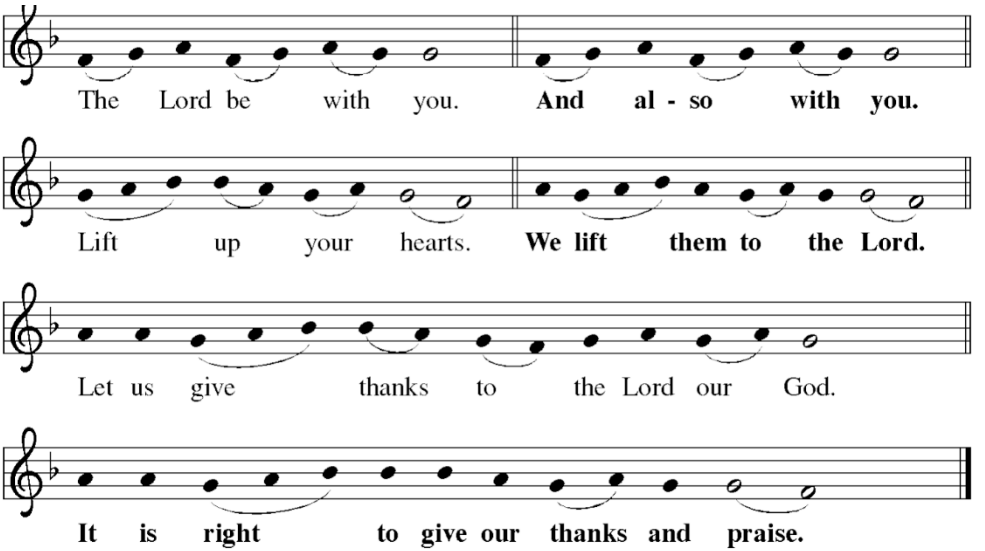
ANTHEM *O Thou Who Camest From Above* Gerald Peterson

Tune: ***HEREFORD*** *by Samuel Wesley*

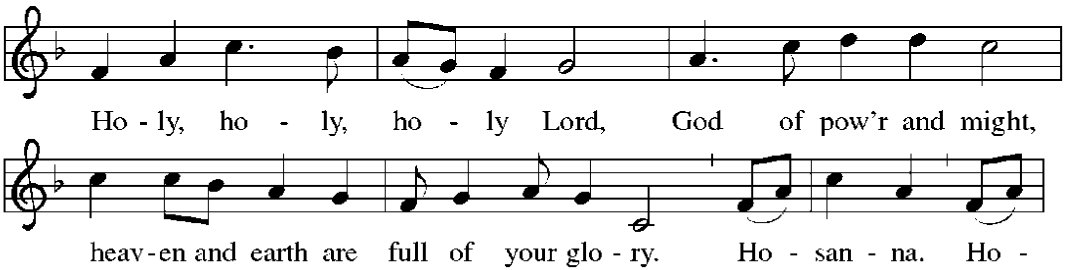
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

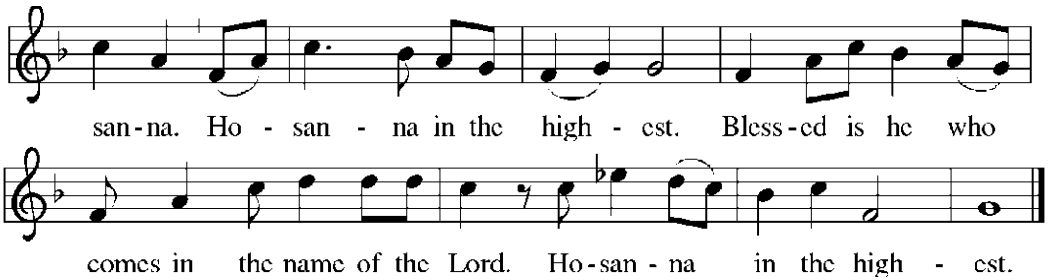
Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine**. Amen.**

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**



PREFACE FOR ADVENT SEASON





*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took break, 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**

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.

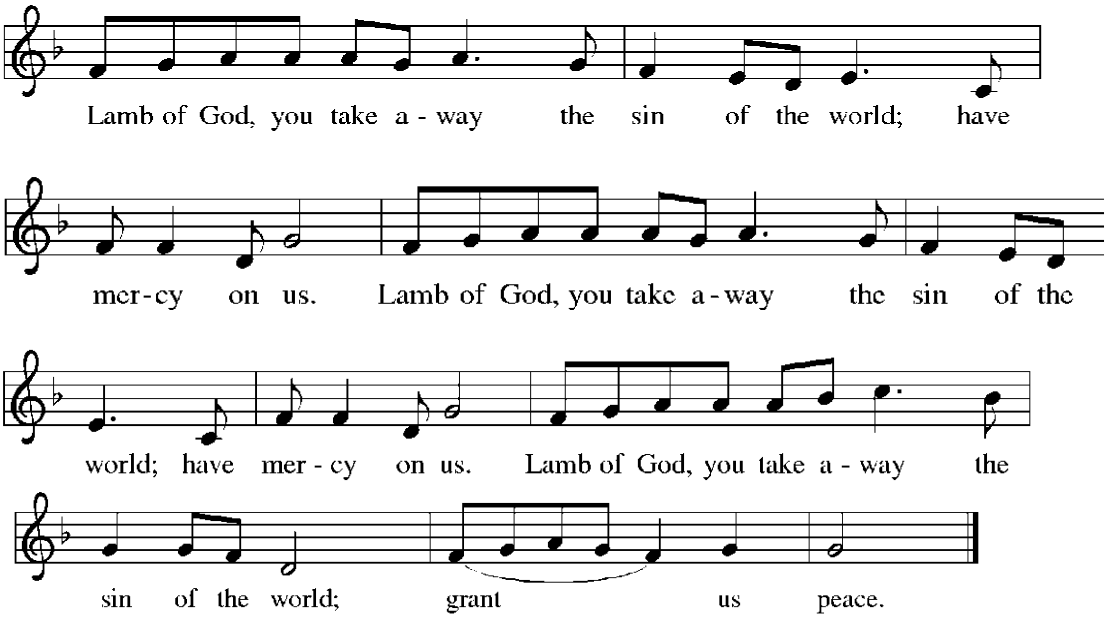
Amen.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

God feeds us with tender mercy.

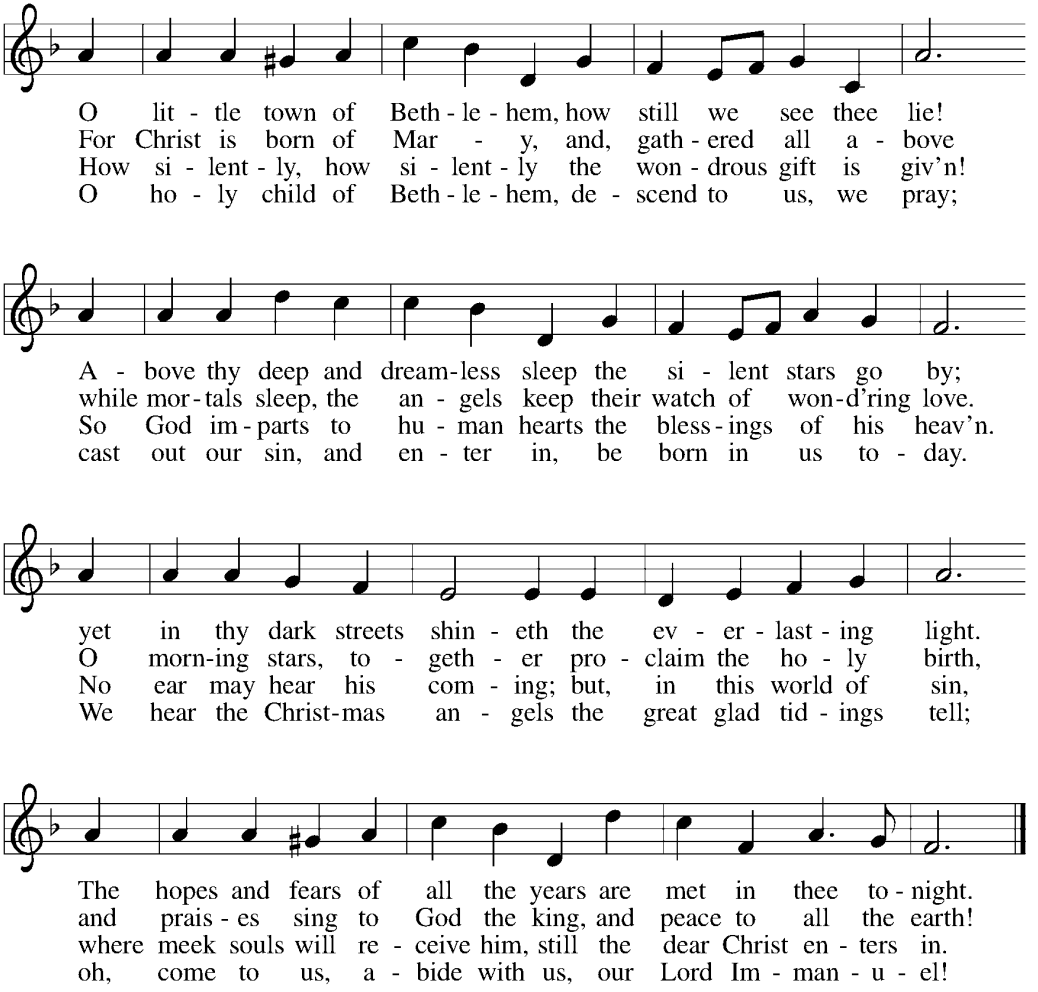
Come to the table.

LAMB OF GOD



Please bring your offering with you as you come forward to receive Holy Communion. Communion distribution is by intinction. The communion bread or gluten-free wafer will be placed in your hand. Take the bread or wafer and dip it into the chalice of wine. Do not have your fingers touch the wine

HYMN # 279 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM



***COMMUNION BLESSING**
The body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and always keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

LET US PRAY.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

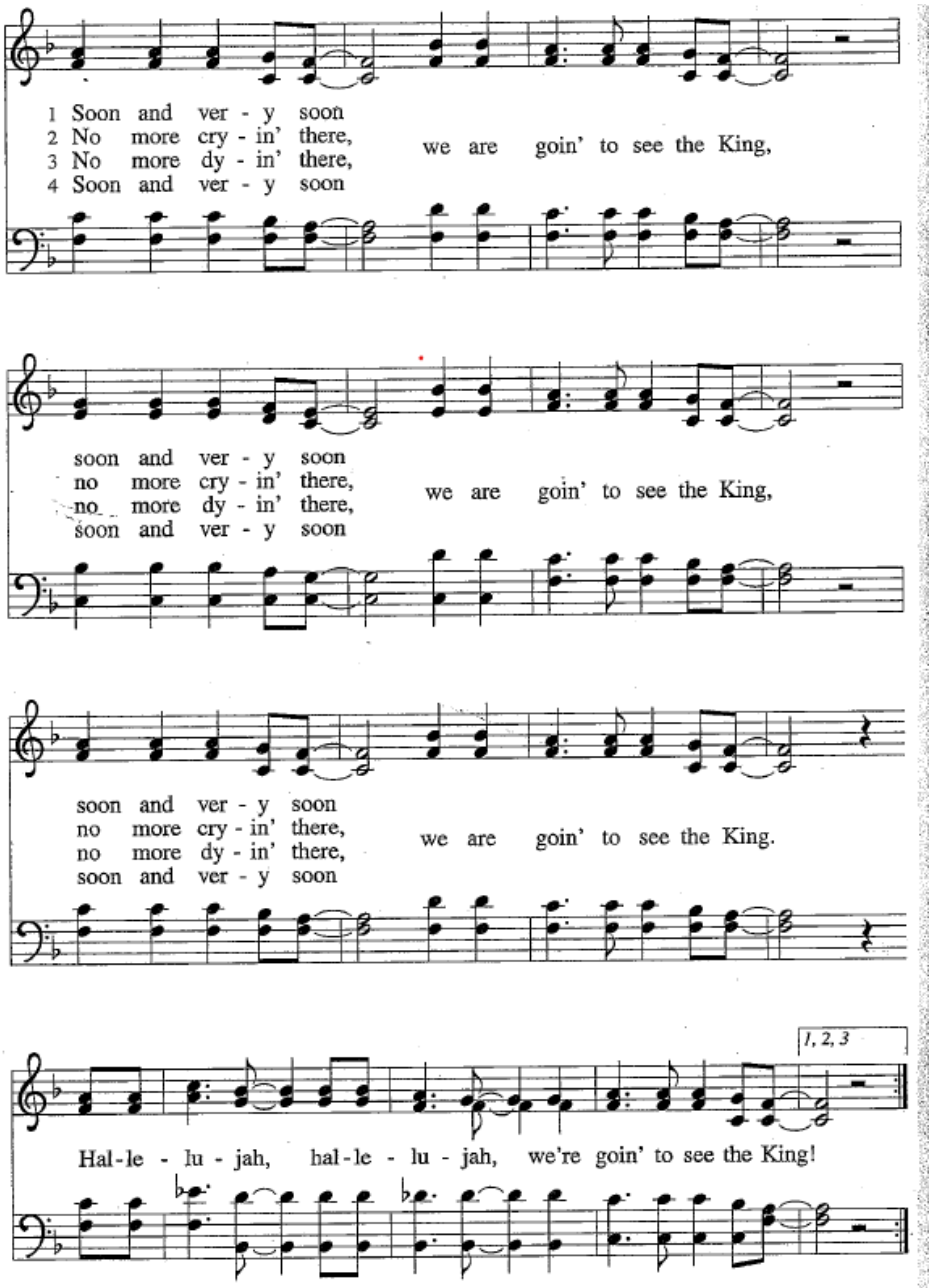
Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen**

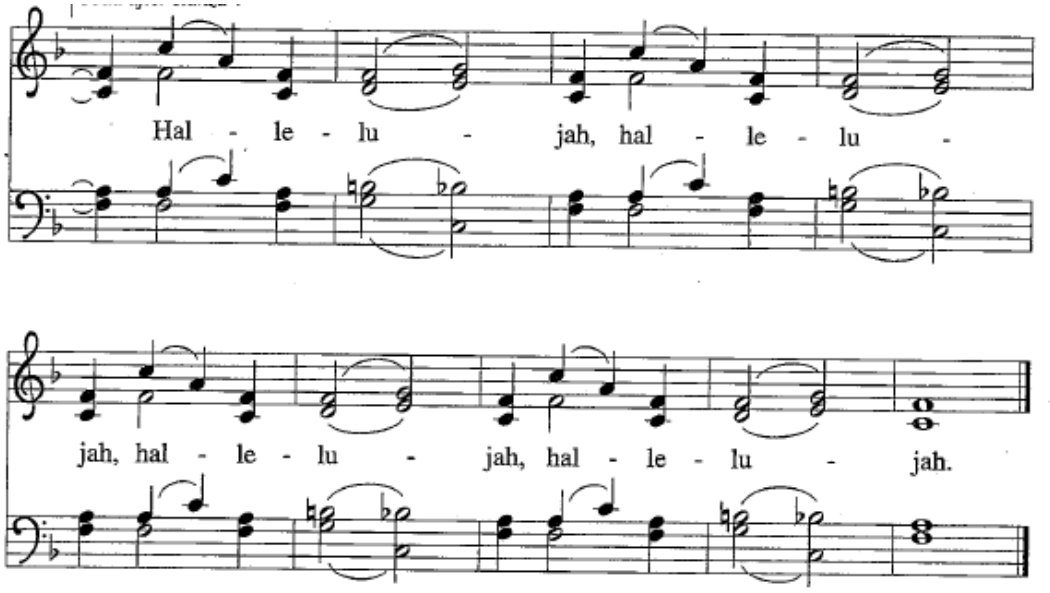
SENDING

*** BLESSING**

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.
Amen.

***HYMN #439 SOON AND VERY SOON**





***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Prepare the Way, o Zion* David Paxton

A traditional 17th century Swedish melody

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #23311.
Used by permission under ONE LICENSE #A-736999

SERVING TODAY

Greeter	Paul Laubscher
Assisting Minister	Roger Heine
Reader	Esme Laubscher
Altar Guild	Laura White
Cookies & Conversations	Norma Gerwig
Counters	Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heinz
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Dr. Alla Borzova

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter	Ken Fitter
Assisting Minister	Ken D'Arinzo
Reader	Diana Vam Dam
Altar Guild	Agneta Aspinwall
Cookies & Conversations	Agneta Aspinwall
Counters	Ken D'Arinzo, Melba Grieshaber
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Dr. Alla Borzova

Indoor Worship Protocol

We are still careful of one another's health in the post Covid time and encourage you to keep following safe protocols.

Pastor Mark Grorud, Interim Pastor	mgrorud@gmail.com
Church Office (203) 966-3913	saintmichaelsoffice@gmail.com
Nancy Rowe, Admin (203) 966-3913	saintmichaelsoffice@gmail.com
Alla Borzova, Director of Music	music@StMichaelsLutheran.org
Ken D'Arinzo, Council President	SaintMichaelsPresident@gmail.com
Website (Stephen Galyas; webmaster)	

WEEKLY NEWS

November 30-December 6

ONLINE? KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING…
Please use **#stmichaelsnewcanaan** as your hashtag on social media during the week. **"Like"** our Facebook Page: St. Michael's Lutheran Church, New Canaan, CT.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please use the offering envelopes in the pew rack if you make a cash donation, and write your name on the front of the envelope. This allows us to ensure we are keeping track of members' cash contributions placed in the offering plate without their numbered envelope.

COMMUNION CARDS: To remain on the active member voting list you must submit at least one communion card per year and one financial contribution per year. If you have not filled out a communion card yet this year, please do so soon. They are located in the pew card holder and you can just drop it in the offering plate on your way up to communion.

CARE AND HEALING: Elaine Bakios, Stephen Bakios, Ken Bielemeier, Joe Boehm, Shari Bruner, Robert Carpenter, Angela Castillo, Jill Ferenc, Michael Guhl, April Gurciullo, Rita Hausdorff, Jack Koch, Mark Kramm, Joy Johansen, Riley Johansen, Pam Lowell, Baylor (Boomer) Manchuck, Claire Miethke, Richard Miller Jr., Judy Mirczak, Ann Moores, Jim Moores, Benton Morse, Doris Ann Peter, Joey Peter, Helga Turk, Jan Weitzel, and Jen Wolfe.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for all those celebrating birthdays this week, including Reid Fitter (November 28), Laura White (November 28) and Roger Heine (November 30).

FLOWERS were given this week by Ingrid Hollinger.

MISSION PARTNERS: in the Gulf States, Martin Luther Church, (ELCA) Mobile, Alabama, and our NEW ENGLAND SYNOD PARTNERS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Palestine and the Holy Land, and the Lutheran church in Honduras

28 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

WEEKLY CALENDER

Sunday, November 29
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 6
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

THE NEW SANTUARY CHAIRS ARE HERE.

COME TO CHURCH AND SIT IN ONE.



