

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, December 4, 2016



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Ferguson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C Amen.

P Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P God of all time,

C we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

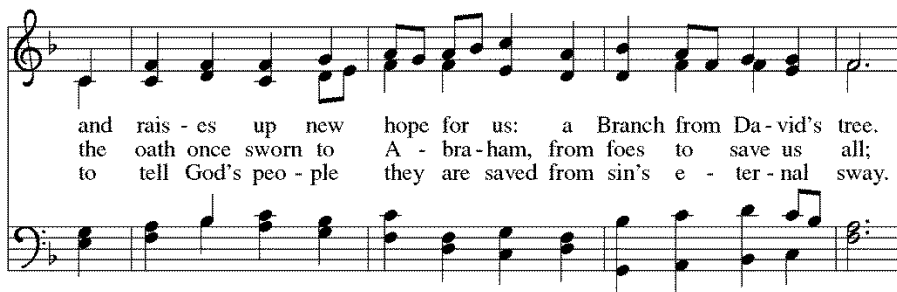
P Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In ☩ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C Amen.

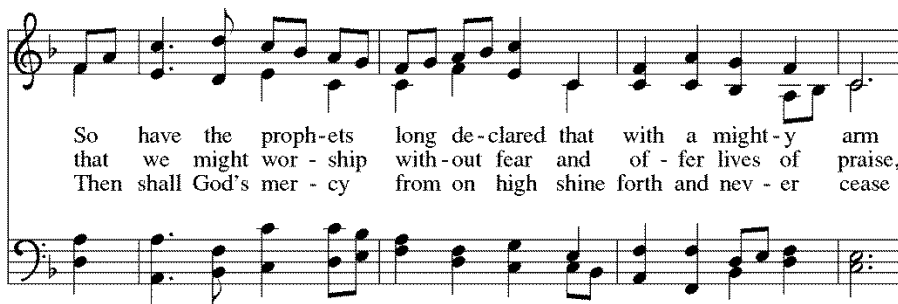
GATHERING SONG: *Blessed Be the God of Israel* All Stand & Sing



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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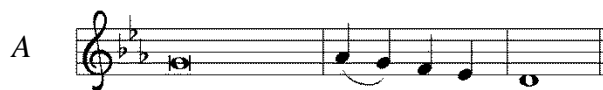
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GREETING

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.

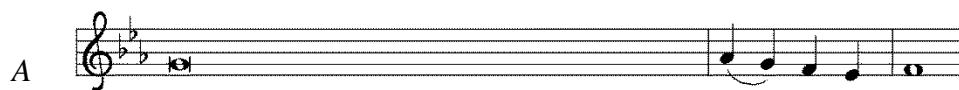
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



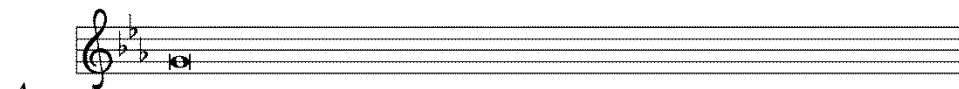
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

C

Lord, have mer - cy.

A

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

C

A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE All Sing

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

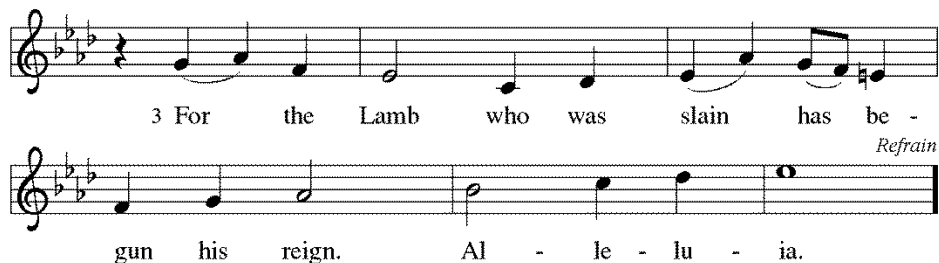
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Congregation is Seated and are invited to **sing “Jesus Loves Me”**
as the children come forward.*

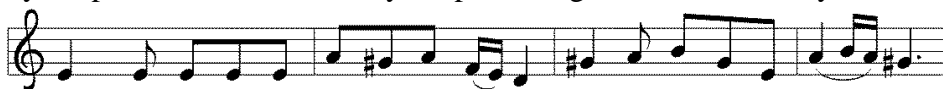
CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries**.



LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH: *Light One Candle All Sing*

The second candle reminds us that Christ comes to bring **PEACE** to our hearts and minds as we pray for peace in the world. May his peace reign in our lives today.



2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the eleventh chapter of Isaiah.

In today's reading the prophet describes the ideal ruler who will come in the future as a green shoot springing from a dead stump (David's royal line) of Jesse (David's father). Gifted by the Spirit, this messiah will seek justice for the poor, and the reign of this monarch will be experienced as paradise regained.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall



inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

A reading from the fifteenth chapter of Romans.

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

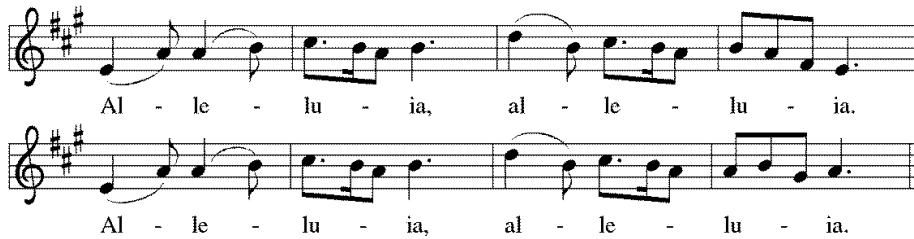
“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

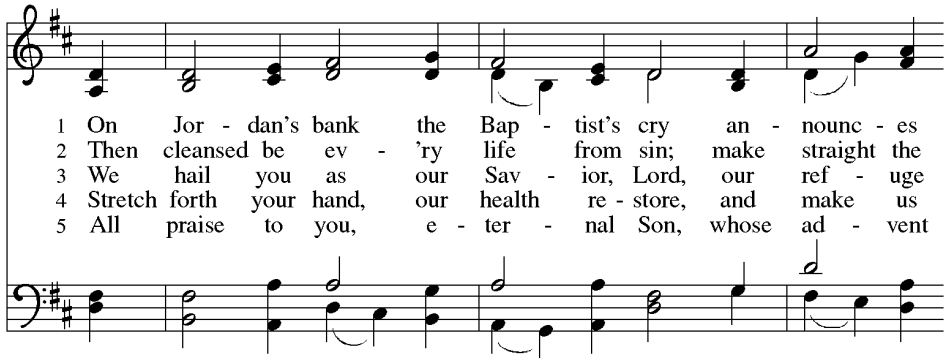
P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON Pastor Micah

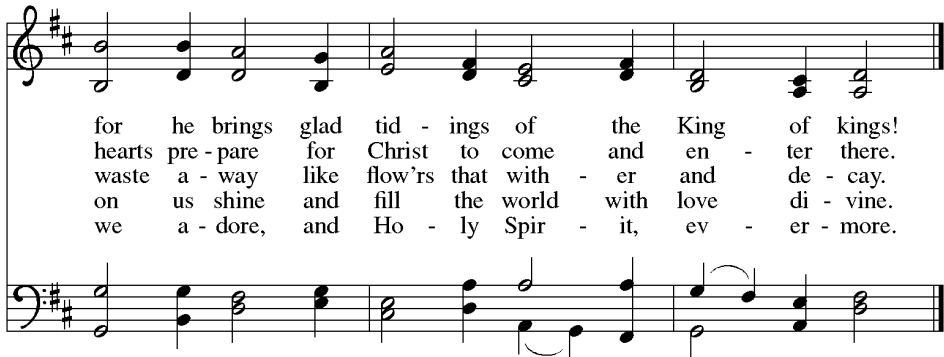
HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* All Stand & Sing



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

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 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 INTERCESSION

As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world, for all inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, and for all who proclaim the wondrous deeds of God; that all divisions and disagreements cease, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the earth and its creatures, for animals of every size, for plants that provide shade and nourishment; that we see God's goodness revealed in every living thing, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations and those in authority, for police officers and firefighters, for social workers and attorneys; that God grant them wisdom to work for peace and justice, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the poor, the meek, the unwelcomed, those suffering from cancer or other diseases, the sick and the bereaved (*especially*); that they experience Christ embodied in healthcare workers and caregivers, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those traveling and those absent from this gathering, for those serving in the military, for those preparing for baptism, and for our congregation; that in all we do we praise and glorify God, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have died in Christ that they show us the way of hope through the incarnate Word, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.



OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *O Christ Be My Light.* Children's Ensemble

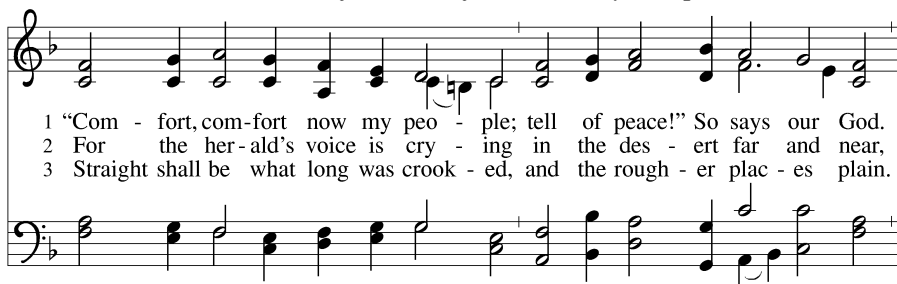
O Christ be my Light, Illumine and guide me.

Christ be my shield, protect me from harm.

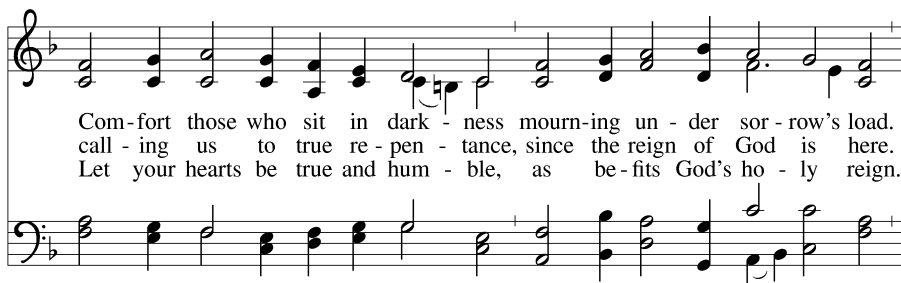
Christ be over me, and Christ be under me.

Christ beside me this day, Christ before me always.

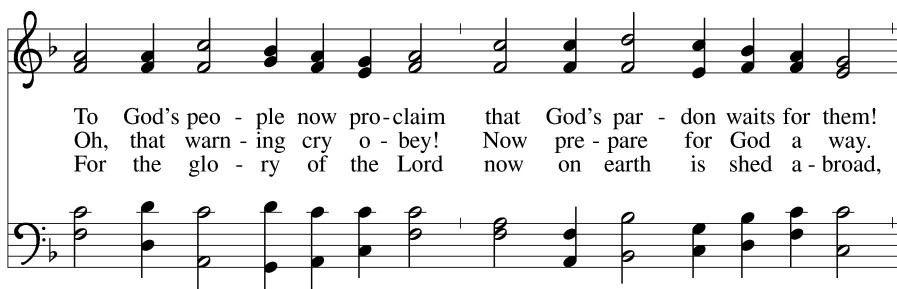
OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People . . . All Stand & Sing*



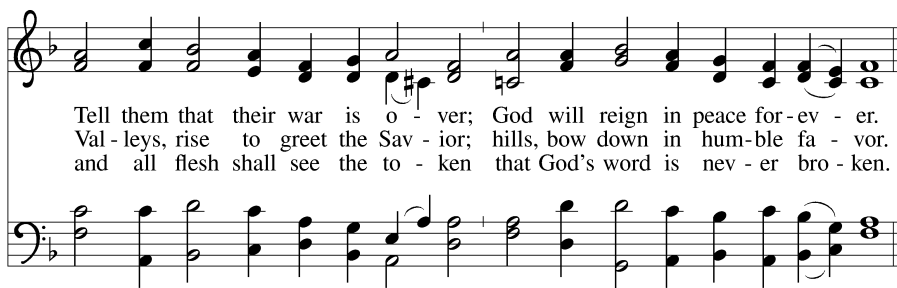
1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



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.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

DIALOGUE

Presider

Congregation

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first two staves are for the Presider and Congregation respectively. The third staff is marked with a 'P' for Piano, and the fourth with a 'C' for Cantor. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

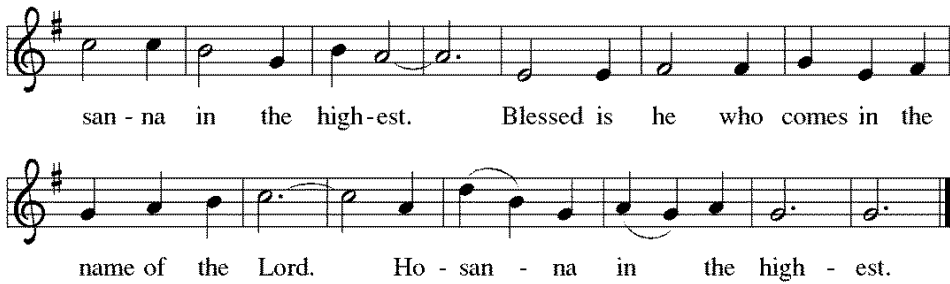
P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical notation is written on two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

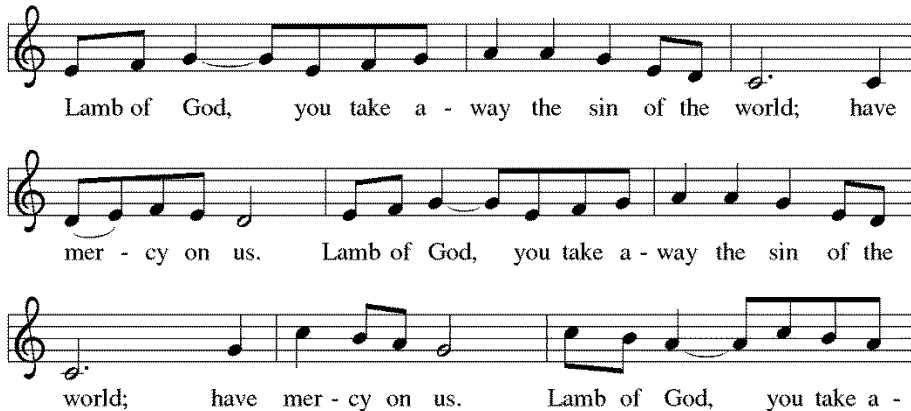
LORD'S PRAYER

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

P Share in the inheritance of all the saints. Come to the table prepared for you.
C Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION

A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You All Sing*



- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
- 2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
- 3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
- 4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
 send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

C God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



SENDING SONG: *Prepare the Royal Highway All Stand & Sing*

Musical notation for the first system of the Sending Song, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Musical notation for the second system of the Sending Song, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **Second Sunday of Advent**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, “let the children come to me!” Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children (infants through 3 years old) are located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



KIDS’ WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Paul & Tracey, Caroline & Ashton Nault in honor of Aaron’s birthday; and by Shelia & Tim Kelly in honor of Madison & Nathan’s birthdays.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music

Offering and Attendance Report for November 27, 2016:

Attendance: 159

Budget Report

	<u>November 27, 2016</u>
Current Offering Received	\$ 3,836.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 5,019.46
Offering, Year-To-Date (YTD)	\$ 217,306.17
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 12,689.41
Offering less Expenses YTD	\$ 39.12

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye

GREETER: Pat Long

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Volunteers

TELLERS: Janet & Brian Achor

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev & Charles Mauney, Co-Captains
Carmen De Nicholas Deb Williams

CHILDREN’S CHURCH:

Trudy Whitener

USHERS: Need Volunteers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Need Volunteers

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)

Infants: Staff

Toddlers: Volunteers

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Need Volunteers

COMMUNION KEYBOARD: Jo Irwin

NARRATOR: Julia Gunter

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: December 4-10

Today, Caitlan Reese

Marguerite Shive

Denise Wiegand



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, December 4

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am Worship Service with **Holy Communion**

2-4:00 pm Confirmation at Holy Communion, Dallas

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

Christmas play practice after Ensemble

5:00 pm Handbells

6:00 pm Church choir

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Wednesday, December 7

6:00 pm Meal

6:45 pm Advent Worship

7:30 pm Chamber Choir

Saturday, December 10

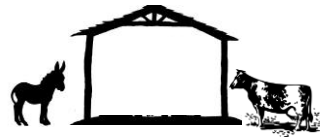
2:00 pm **Christmas play practice**

Kid's Club visit from Santa

after play practice



THE FIGURES ADDED TO OUR CRECHE this morning are a donkey and a cow. This reminds us that in God's creation, everyone and everything rejoices in the coming of God into the world. This includes the animals in the stable, for it was indeed their home.



THE BLUE CANDLE in the crèche reminds us that we are to keep our hearts and minds in confession and prayer this entire Advent Season.

BCO DECEMBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH:

Ingredients for a Christmas meal

One or more of the following:

Frozen turkey or canned ham

Dressing mix

Canned beans

Canned corn

Cranberry sauce

Instant Potatoes

Sweet potatoes in can

Pumpkin pie mix

Monetary donations



NOTE: Notify Rebecca Yount or Tom Bocchino that you have brought and placed a frozen turkey in the church's freezer.



Angel Tree Reminder: All **Foster** children's gifts are due to Holy Comforter by **Thursday, December 8.**

All **SOCKS** children's gifts are due to Holy Comforter by **December 12.**

Holy Doodles





ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Advent Worship

Wednesdays on December 7, 14 & 21

6:00 pm Dinner, 6:45 pm Worship

Confirmation: December 4, 2-4:00 pm - Holy Communion, Dallas

2nd Sunday of Advent:

December 4 at 10:30 am – Worship service with Holy Communion

Children's Play Practice:

December 4 at 3:15 pm

December 10 at 2:00 pm

December 11 at 3:15 pm

December 17 at 1:00 pm

***Kids' Club* and Visit from Santa:**

December 10 at 2:00 pm - Play practice, Santa after (*Kids' Club*)

Hanging of the Green Service: (3rd Sunday of Advent)

December 11 at 10:30 am

Holy Comforter Youth (HCY): Party at the Carr's home

December 11 at 5:00 pm

Christmas Caroling:

December 17 *after* Play practice at 1:00 pm

Children's Christmas Play: (Service with Holy Communion)

December 18 at 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Children's Service:

December 24 at 1:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:

December 24 at 10:40 pm – Prelude

11:00 pm – Worship service with Holy Communion

Christmas Day, the Birth of Our Lord:

December 25 at 10:30 am – Worship service with Holy Communion

Note: Time changes for Sunday Christmas play Practices (different from the newsletter...changed after newsletter was published.)

To place a poinsettia *in honor of* or in *memory of* a loved one, or to the *glory of God*, please fill in the order form below and attach your payment. Make checks payable to *Holy Comforter* and be sure to put "poinsettia order" in the memo line of your check. Please **PRINT your information** (to reduce the chance of mistakes in spelling) and give to an usher or take to the church office. The cost of each poinsettia is \$15.00. **All poinsettia orders are due to Dianne in the office by today, December 4th.**



Poinsettia Order Form

YOUR NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS ORDERED _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

TO THE GLORY OF GOD: _____

PAID CHECK _____ PAID CASH _____

(Remember to add \$15.00 for each poinsettia ordered.)

Payment must be attached to order form.

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The 2017 Flower Chart is now available in the Narthex.

The cost for altar vases is \$22.50 for 1 vase; \$45.00 for both vases.

You may choose one vase or both vases.

Please print your name at the date you want to provide altar flowers and also the name/s you are honoring or putting the flowers in memory of.

Write "altar flowers" on the memo line of your check and place in the offering plate or give to an usher. Payment **of \$22.50 for each vase** is due during the month in which you are providing the flowers.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

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