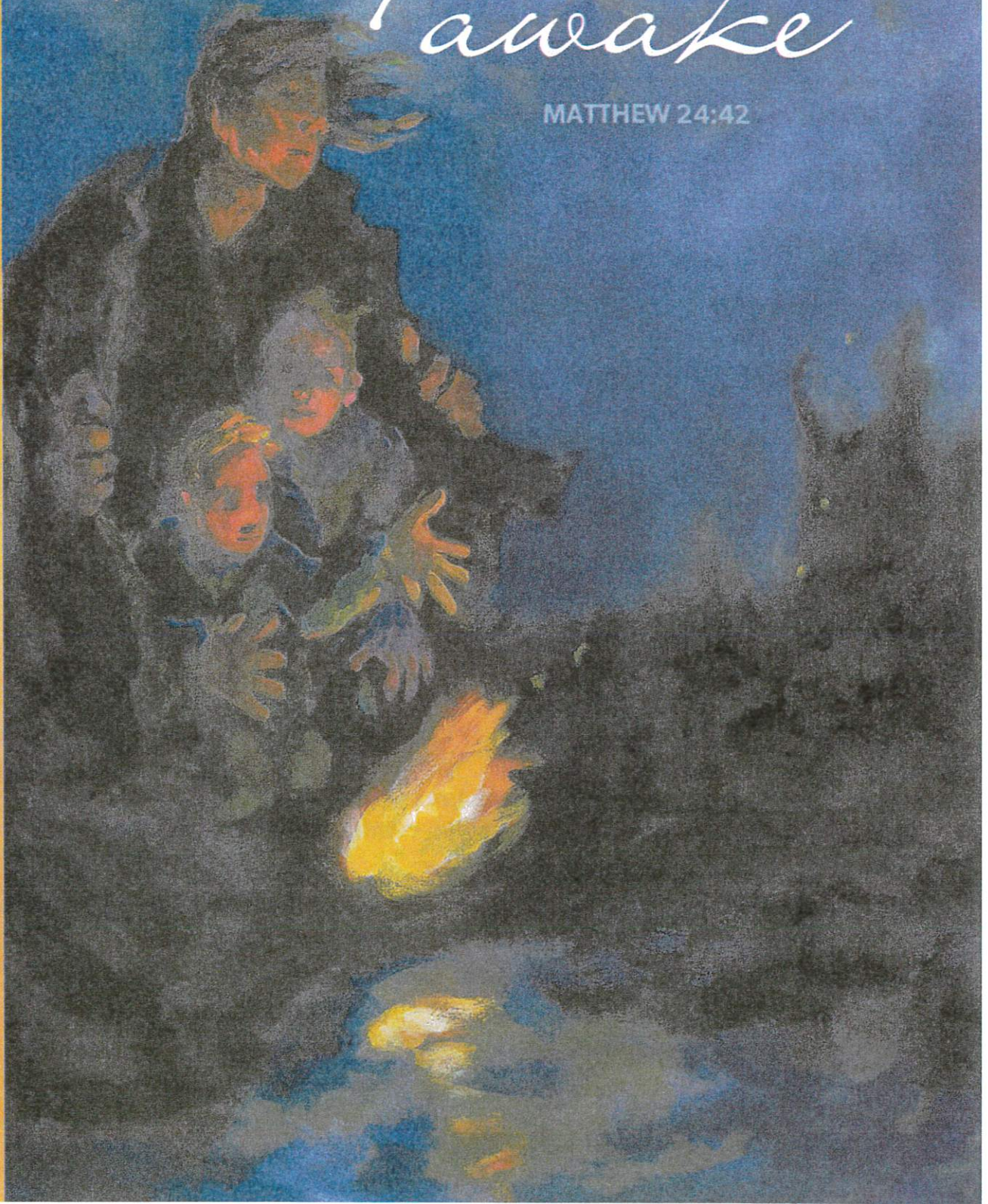


Keep awake

MATTHEW 24:42





The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 26, 2022—5:00 pm

Sunday, November 27, 2022—9:00 am

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (9 am) "An Advent Acclamation" People of Praise/Resounding Joy

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us.

Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG "My Lord, What a Morning"

ELW #438

GREETING

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.

FIRST SUNDAY - *The Wonder of Christmas*

Candle Lighting

Today we light the **first candle**. The first candle reminds us that the season of Advent is a time of unspeakable wonder. As we begin our Advent journey, let us stand amazed at the promise God has fulfilled, the love God has shown, and the joy God has given through the birth of Christ

Responsive Litany

Advent is a time to remember the wonders of our faith.

God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Advent is a time to be amazed at God's wondrous love.

God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Advent is a time to retrace our past, and reclaim the hope of our future.

God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Advent is a time to be awed by God's unfolding plan for creation.

God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

ANTHEM (9 am) "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Resounding Joy

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In 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.

³Many 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.

⁴He 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.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

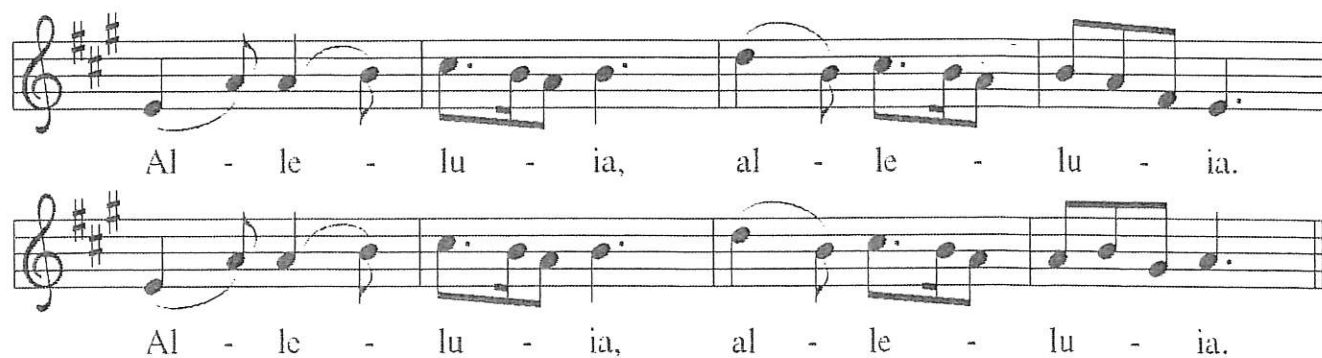
A reading from Romans.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, 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 “Celtic Alleluia”



GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW #244

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "Let the Vineyards"



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

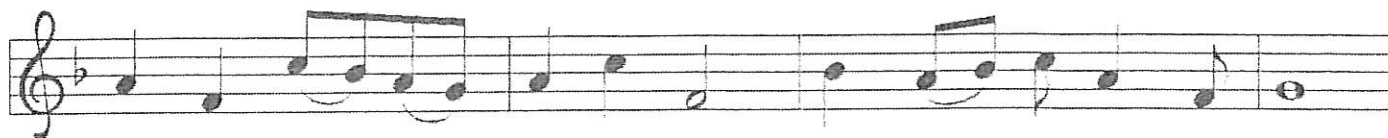
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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

heav-en 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

ELW #523

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

[illegible]

The first staff of the handwritten musical score is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by an eighth-note pair (A4-Bb4), a quarter note on C5, and an eighth-note pair (D5-Eb5). This is followed by a quarter note on F5, a half note on G5, and a quarter note on A5. The next measure contains a quarter note on Bb5, a half note on C6, and a quarter note on D6. The final measure of the staff shows a quarter note on E6, a half note on F6, and a quarter note on G6. The notation is handwritten and includes some corrections, such as the flat sign on B and the sharp sign on F.

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	The Kroeger Family
Reader	Chris Copley
Communion Assistant	Mark Copley
Counters	Joni King and

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Bob & Theresa White
Reader	Theresa White
Communion Assistant	Theresa White
Counters	Dan & Mary Ann Anderson

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organists	Teri Wittkowski and Susan Becker

Time to Wake Up

Advent is a season of waking up. Even as the days grow darker, we are awoken to the light of truth about our lives, the world, and, ultimately, God. But no one really *likes* being woken from sleep, real or metaphorical. No one likes being pulled from a cozy blanket to a crowded commute, from dreams to reality, from what's comfortable and "always has been" to what's actually happening right now. It's why when we have pivotal, perhaps painful moments in our lives in which we become aware of something previously hidden, or about which we shed the veil of denial, we refer to them as "wake-up calls."

Yet it is never God's intent to hurt us by rousing us from sleep. It is not to punish us for our past mistakes, to expose our inner failings to the world, or to add to the already deep well of shame that so many of us carry. *It is for our good* that God comes to reveal that which was hidden, breaking into our world as human flesh and blood. And it is for our good that, through our baptism, we are able to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:14). The divine image is revealed in you, and in every friend and stranger. God knows, loves, and takes delight in each of us.

That is why nations will beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks, and their guns into gravel to build a highway for our God. We won't *need* to learn war anymore, as the prophet says (Isaiah 2:4), because you can't raise arms against your own kin, another person in whom the living Christ dwells.

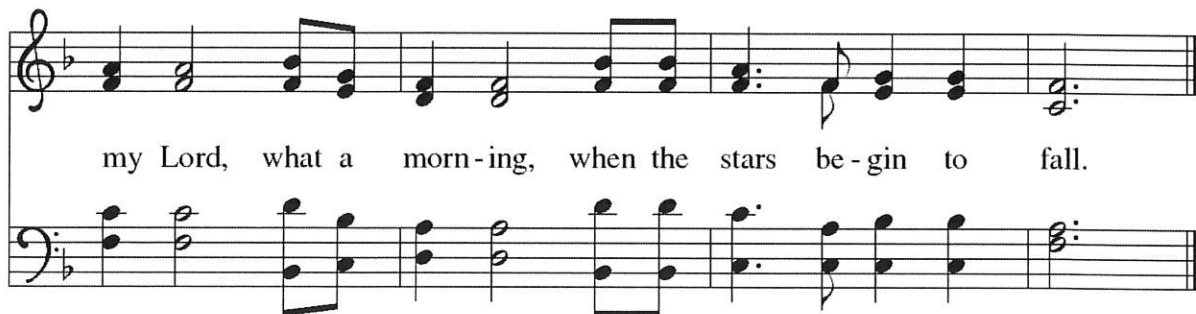
This season is a time for us to awaken to this new reality: at any moment, and at every moment, Christ lives among and within us, helping us rub the sleep out of our eyes, and revealing a different way. Welcome to Advent.

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



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

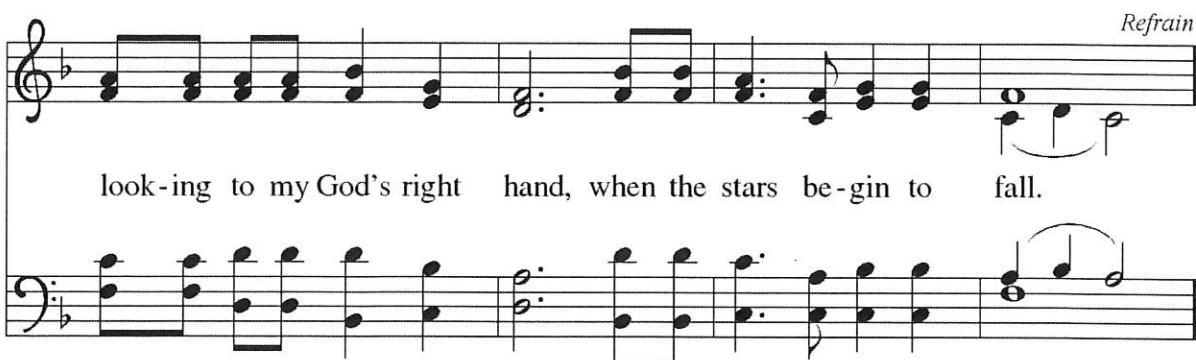


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



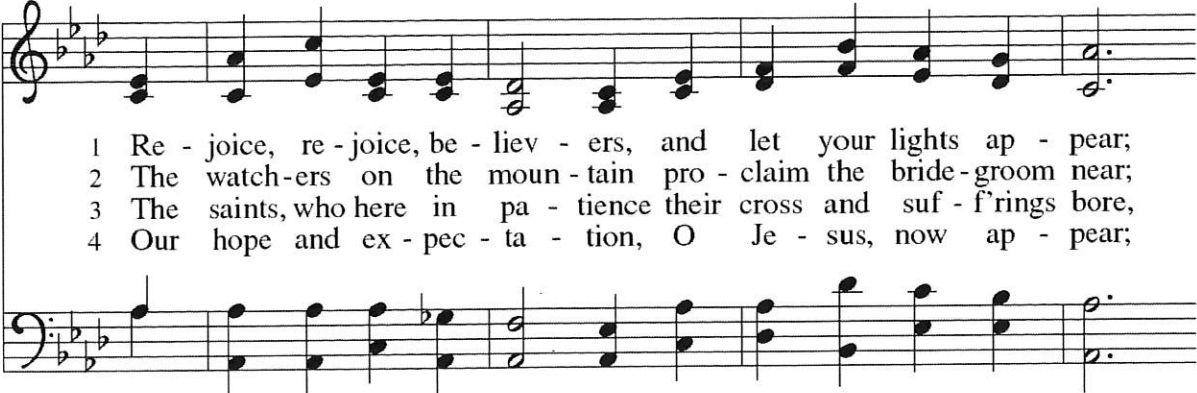
1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain

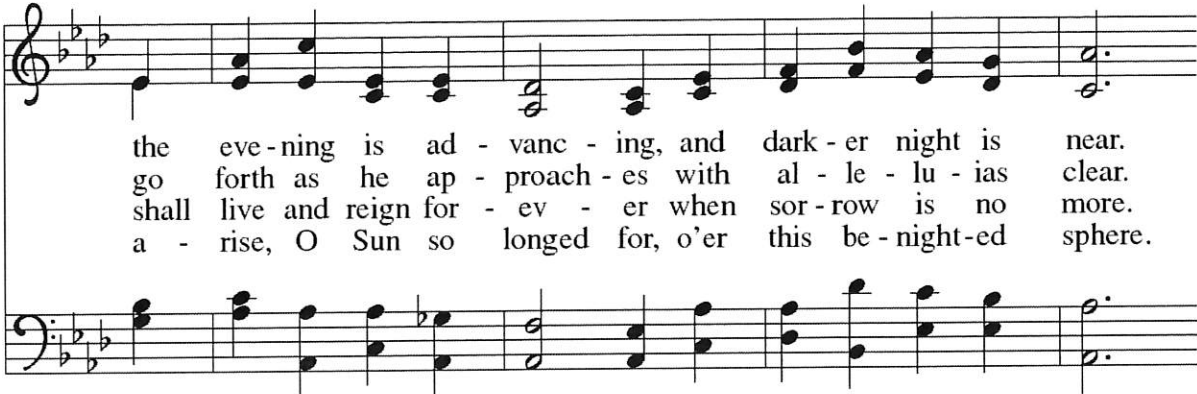


look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

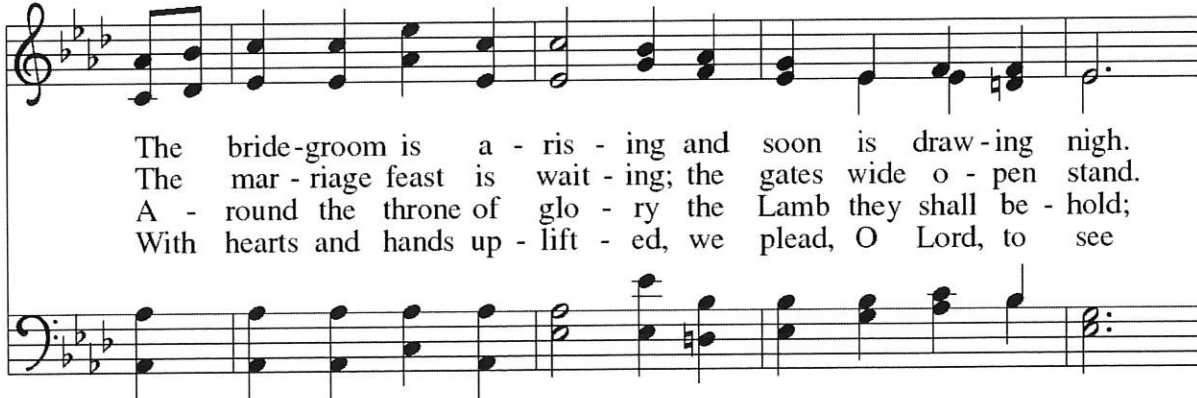
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



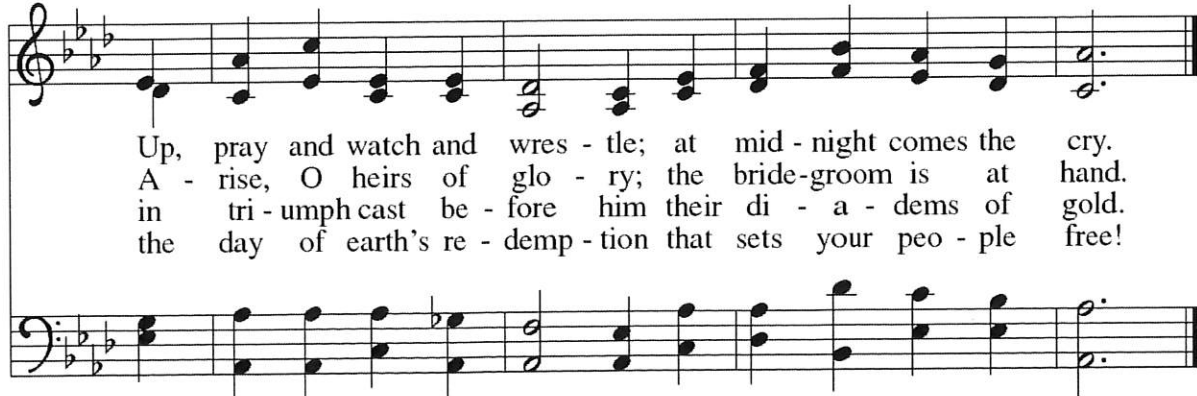
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



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!

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Refrain / Estribillo

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phunt 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.



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First Sunday of Advent
November 26 & 27, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Dan & Karen O'Flaherty in loving memory of their parents.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheranelldridge.com

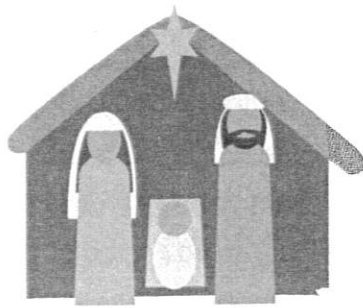


Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate
H.O. Nelson
Sheila Baustian
Sally Puls
Duane Miller
Kory Winter
Tim Winter
Jensen Spencer
Ann Kuehl
Carol Judge
Carolyn Scheibe
Madison Russo

Janet Bowman
Florence Whisler
Callan Murray
Kathy Stoltz
Roger Lewis
Ed Stoltz
Judy Knoer
Jan Kluever
Michael Schafer
Bob Morehead
Melissa Alden
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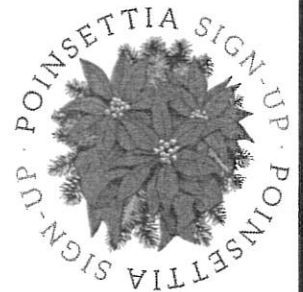
Live Nativity during Eldridge Hometown Holiday

The Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce has asked us to provide a live nativity in Weise Park for Hometown Holiday on Friday, December 2. If you or your children would like to be part of the nativity, please sign up on the bulletin board in the gathering space.



This year's Thanksgiving Offering will be divided between two funds. Half of the offering will be given to our Seminary Student Fund which will be shared with Wartburg Seminary and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in thanksgiving for our pastors. The other half will be given to Lutheran Disaster Response. Please use your Thanksgiving envelopes or write "Thanksgiving" on a pew envelope.

If you wish to contribute toward Christmas poinsettias that will decorate the altar area this year, please list your name and the name(s) of those you wish to honor on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex area. We are asking for a contribution of \$10.00 to help offset the cost of the plants. **Please indicate 'flowers' on your envelope so we know how to allocate the funds.** Names will be published in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin.

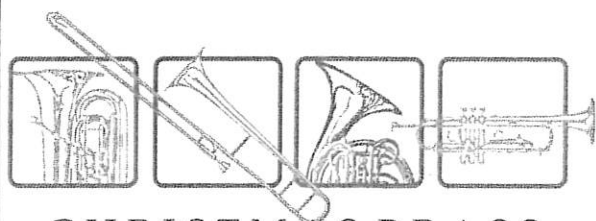


Please join us during the month of November to show appreciation for our pastors and our staff: Pastor Carrie, Pastor Heather, Beth Ann Anderson (Office Manager), Sue Becker (Music Director/Organist), Dennis Kelly (Custodian), and Teri Wittkowski (Organist).

There is a basket of cards in the gathering space you may use to write a note of appreciation.

Let's join together to let them know how much they are loved!





CHRISTMAS BRASS

Christmas Brass Is Back

On **Sunday December 4**, the brass quartet will return to play many of your favorite Christmas carols before, during, and after the service. Come and enjoy the sounds of Advent and Christmas!

CHRISTMAS



PROGRAM

Please join our Sunday School students as they will be sharing "The Christmas Story" with you on December 11th at the 9:00 am service. Also, join us for the Congregational Breakfast afterwards in Fellowship Hall. We have a sign up on the bulletin board, and online for anyone to bring or make something for this breakfast. Hope to see everyone there!!!



Please note—there is no Children's Sunday School on December 18, December 25, or January 1. Children's Sunday School resumes January 8.

Sign Up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EABA62CAAF85-congregational>

WINTER



OUTERWEAR DRIVE

Humility Homes and Services (humilityhomes.org) in Davenport has requested donations of coats, gloves, mittens, and hats for the clients that they serve. They are looking for children's coats, but will also accept adult coats. These may be new or gently used. If used, please make sure they are clean. A collection receptacle has been placed in the church for your donations. Final donations will be accepted until Sunday December 11. As donations are received, they will be taken to Humility Homes and Services so they can distribute them to their clients. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Strom at 217-493-9329. Thank you so much for your donation.



5 pm: 28, 9 am: 65, Online: 50, Total: 143

THIS WEEK AT FAITH



Saturday, November 26	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, November 27	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Monday, November 28	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, November 29	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Jubilation
Wednesday, November 30	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:15 pm	People of Praise
	7:00pm	High School Youth
	7:15 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, December 1	9:00 am	Ambassador Folding
	6:30 pm	Team Night
Friday, December 2	9:30 am	Food Pantry
	5:30 pm	Hometown Holiday
Saturday, December 3	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, December 4	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School



Last weekend we kicked off a campaign to raise funds to replace our aging roof over Fellowship Hall and the Education Wing. Our goal is \$50,000.

Please contact a Council Member with any questions regarding our campaign. More information will be in the December Ambassador.

Thank you for helping us Replace the Roof!