

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion toward all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Conversations Across the Church: Today at 4:00 MST we are invited to join National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and ELCIC members for one hour via Zoom. The link to register was sent in your weekly email.

Mitten Tree – Our mitten tree has been set up again in our Place of Welcome. Please help us decorate it with mittens, socks, and toques to be donated to Streets Alive

Lunch & Christmas Carols – Wednesday, December 10th at 12:30 pm

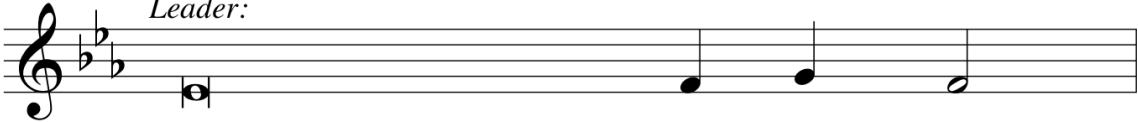
Christmas Movie Night – Dec 12th at 6:30 pm

(No thematic introduction during Advent)

While everything around us and in our lives seems to speak hurry up, we are invited to take a moment, to enter the wide-open space, to wait in stillness and the presence of God.

"SERVICE OF LIGHT OPENING" *Holden Evening Prayer*

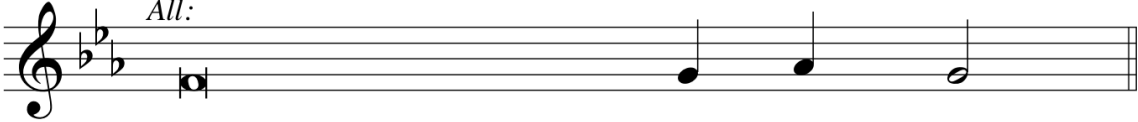
Leader:



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

The musical notation for the first line is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5.

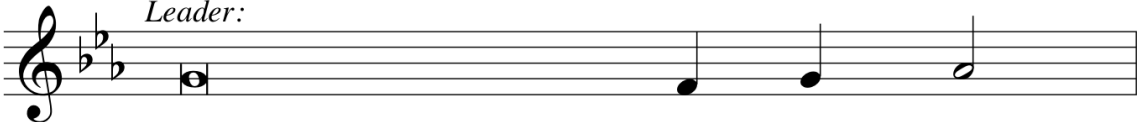
All:



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

The musical notation for the second line is on a single staff in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5.

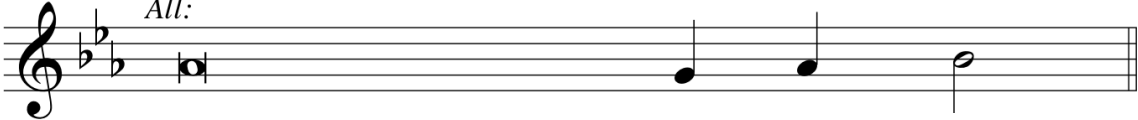
Leader:



be with us in the light of this morning

The musical notation for the third line is on a single staff in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5.

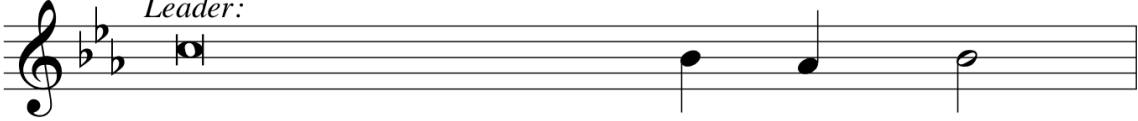
All:



and chase away the shadows of our fear.

The musical notation for the fourth line is on a single staff in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

The musical notation for the fifth line is on a single staff in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5.

All:



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

The musical notation for the sixth line is on a single staff in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The line ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.



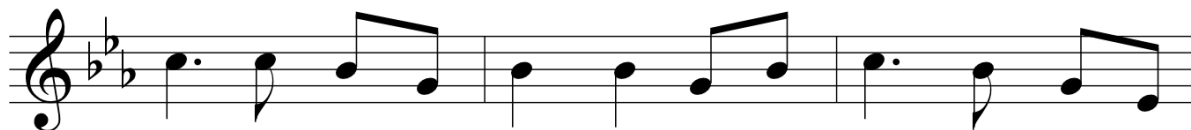
1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



mor - ning dawns a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

"Come, Light of Hope"



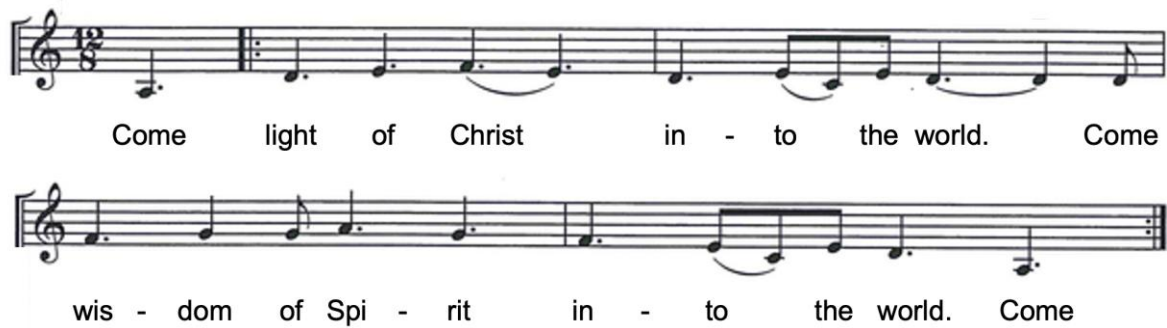
Candlelighters (two readers)

- A: The season of Advent reminds us of the hope we have in the humanity of Jesus. God came to us, leaving behind the glory of heaven to be a person feeling pain, joy, loss, and love.
- B: Today, we light the candle of hope, because in Jesus, heaven came to earth.

Light the first candle.

- A: Jesus Christ you are the light of the world. May we have eyes to see you and ears to hear you.
- B: Come into our world today. Amen.

Sing twice (words are projected for this verse)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

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

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.

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.

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.

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

This is what God is saying to us today

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Same tune as beginning "Jesus Christ you are the Light of the World" from Holden) – *piano, guitar, bass*

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go
You have the words of eternal life
Speak to us now that we might hear you
And fill us with your grace and truth
Holy Spirit, come now among us
Alleluia, Jesus come.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24: 36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

One: But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Two: For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

One & Two: Then two will be in the field;

Two: one will be taken
One: and one will be left.

One & Two: Two women will be grinding meal together;

One: one will be taken
Two: and one will be left.

One & Two: Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

One: 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.

Two: Therefore 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

The sermon for today has been prepared and shared by Pastor Jane Gingrich, Spiritual Health Practitioner for Kamloops Royal Inland Hospital in BC Synod.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v 1, 5, 6) ELW 257

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here

un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain*

Re-joice! Re-joice!

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

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS - Holden

Song leader joins the worship leader at the front.

The song leader leads the sung prayers (choose from the suggested sung petitions, plus all the spoken ones). The worship leader concludes the prayers as noted.

A *Repeat continuously*



(Hmmm)

B



God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: [A] [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: [A] [B]

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

Leader: [A] [B]

3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:

4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish-es all of cre-a-tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be-lov-ed who rest in your mer-cy:

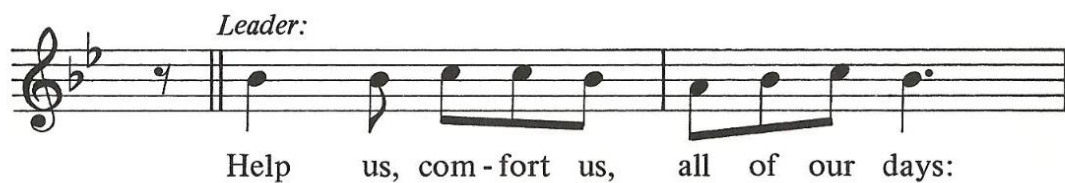
Spoken Petitions (after Petition 9):

We pray for especially for Alice, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Karen, Janet C, Victor and Judy, Janet D, Dave, Tiffany, Lori, Corrie, Alice, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda, Murray, Shirley, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim N., Donna, Helga, Margaret and Clayton, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Ray, Alan and those we name silently now.

Sing: God of mercy, hold us in love.

Bless the work of Ecumenical Campus Ministry and keep close Norm Gunness and Jim & Lu Gunther.

Sing: God of mercy, hold us in love.



The worship leader concludes the prayers

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

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.

BLESSING Holden Evening Prayer, p. 22-23

Leader: *All:*



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider:



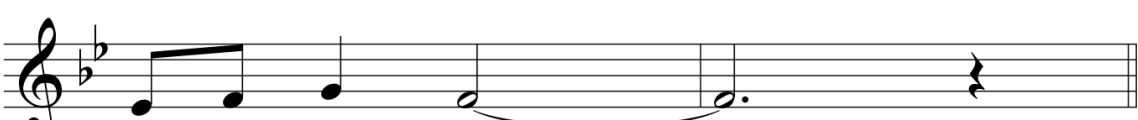
May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

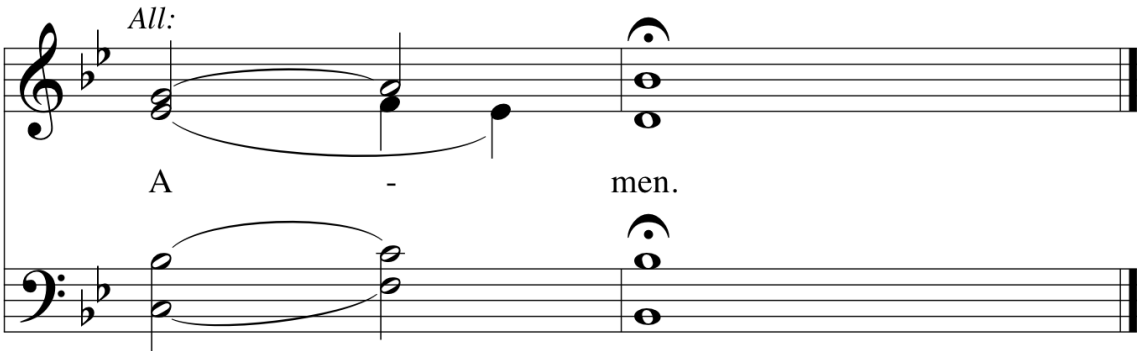


Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. _____

All:



A - men.

SENDING SONG "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" ELW 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is coming soon!
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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