

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share your contact information with the greeter, if you would like a follow up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

Offering: The ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), through on-line bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

Holy Communion: We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward, or come forward at the end for the common cup. We offer either wine or juice and gluten-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. You are also welcome to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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WORDS FOR REFLECTION

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

Consolation

Felix Mendelssohn

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GREETING

ADVENT HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2) **ELW 257**

All stand, as able, and sing verse 1. After the Advent wreath lighting is completed, please sing verse 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 night: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;

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

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

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite; Music: French processional, 15th cent. (Public Domain)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

R1 When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...

R2 When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer—and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

R1 In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

R2 In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope...

The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

R1 May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

R2 May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

R1 Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

All sing verse 2 of the Advent Hymn.

DANCE MEDITATION

Four Variations on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (var. 1)

arr. Curt Oliver

with The Messengers Sacred Dancers

CONFESSION

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.

Pause for reflection

P Long-expected God,

C **We confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the power promised by violence. 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 your holy timing, and awaken us to expect 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. Hear the good news: ☩ you are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and called to welcome the Savior.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper **ACS 901**



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with-in:
Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn-ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant-ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with-in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang-er, in the out-cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him.
Heav-en's em - ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel-come him.
Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody
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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

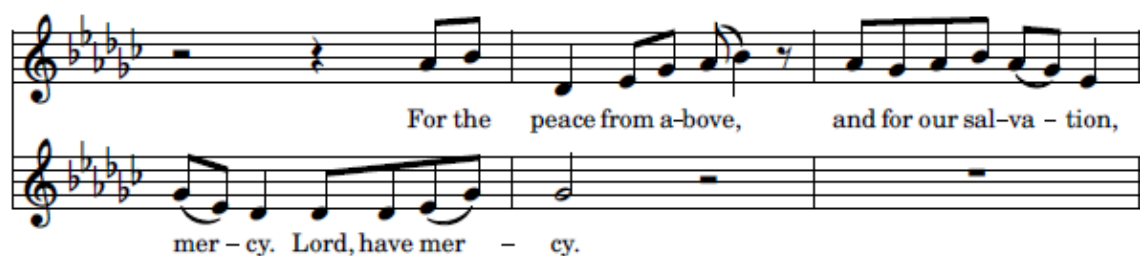
All sing, as able.

Leader 

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Cong. 

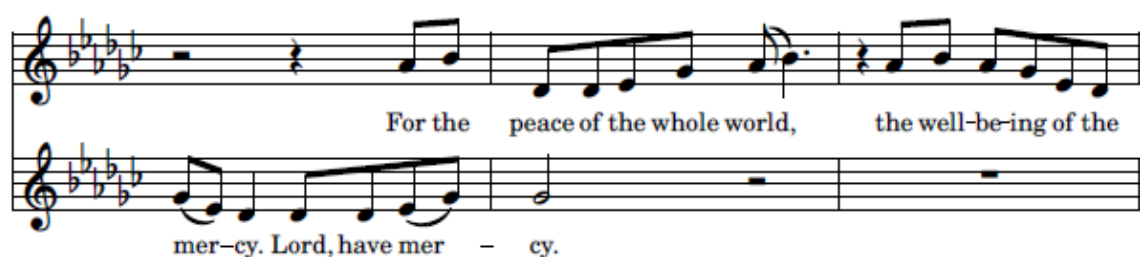
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have



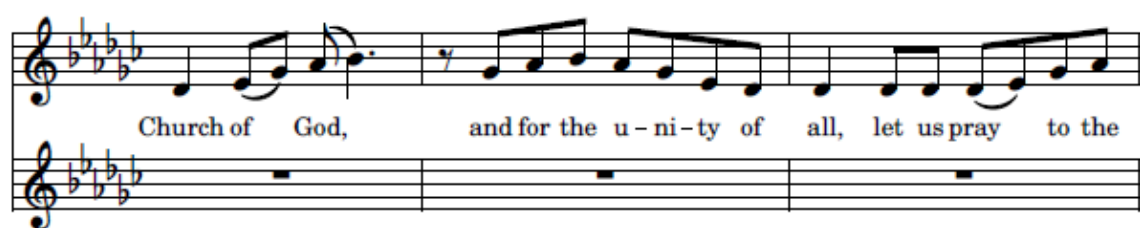
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va - tion,
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



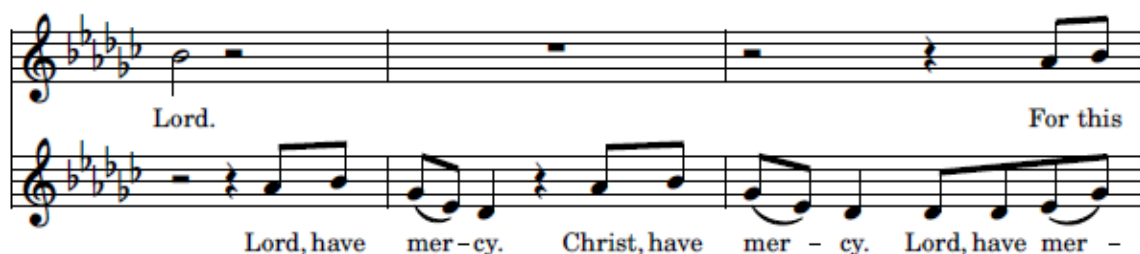
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



For the peace of the whole world, the well-be-ing of the
mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord. For this
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here

cy.

their wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have

Help, save, com-fort, and de -

mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A-men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

***C* 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.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE 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 worshiping community responds: “Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!”

L A reading from Isaiah.

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!

L The Word of the Lord.

***C* Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 122

The Psalm will be chanted in unison, by verse.



- 1 I was glad when they | said to me,
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord.”
- 2 Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;
- 4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David
- 6 Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
“May they pros- | per who love you.
- 7 Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.
- 8 For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the | Lord our God,
I will seek to | do you good.”

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11–14

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn, where all deeds are visible.
We live our lives today in light of Christ’s coming in the future.*

L A reading from Romans.

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; 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; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in

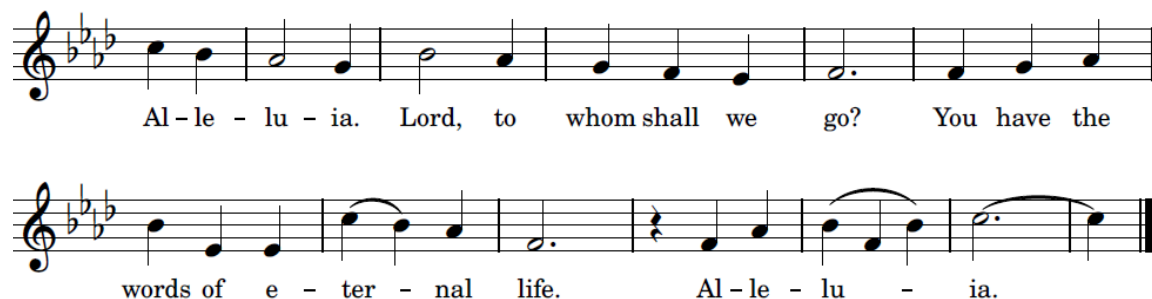
illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, if you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36–44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew, the twenty-fourth chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “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. 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, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying **ELW 436**

All stand and sing



1	Wake, a - wake,	for night is fly	- ing,	the watch-men
2	Zi - on hears	the watch-men sing	- ing,	and all her
3	Glo - ri - a!	Let heav'n a - dore	you!	Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing;	a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing.	She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you,	with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voice - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

APOSTLE'S 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 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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

A God of all times and places, build up our lives so that we may more and more 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,

C receive our prayer.

A God of all 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,

C receive our prayer.

A God of all the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, plants and animals, as your beauty is reflected in your creation and we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

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

C receive our prayer.

A God of all healing, bring comfort and strength to those in any need. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing, including those affected by HIV and AIDS as we remember World AIDS Day. Surround all with care and consolation. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Linn, Brian, Judy, Dan, Mary Beth, Bill, Joshua, Jon, Cheryl, Judy, Jon & Maria, Sandy, Karen, and Jim. (Pause to allow additional prayers to be offered.) We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas.

C receive our prayer.

A God of all 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. Teach our community how to truly see each other and hold each other in understanding and love. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

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

C Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Ministers and People stand and share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources, in recognition and thanksgiving that all we have comes from God.

P Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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OFFERTORY

Chorale on WERDE MUNTER

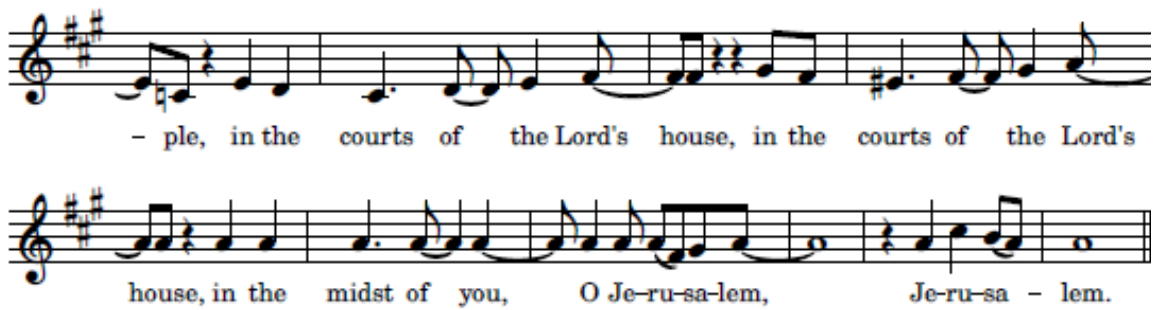
Johann Schop
arr. Johann Pachelbel

OFFERTORY CANTICLE

All stand, as able, and sing.



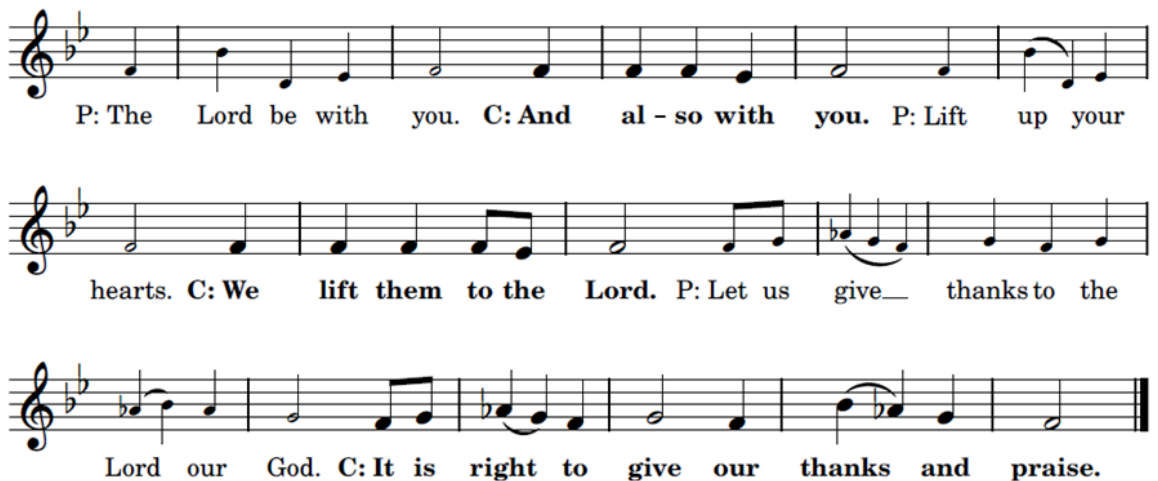
What shall I ren - der, what shall I ren - der to the Lord
for all God's ben-e-fits to me, for all God's ben - e-fits to me?
I will of-fer the sac - ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call
on the name, the name of the Lord. I will
take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will
pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all God's peo -



A Nourishing God,

C you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our thirst in parched places and our hunger for justice, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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'r and God of

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) Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. (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.

On the night when he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in 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 in remembrance of me."

P 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 all creation, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

***C* Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Jesus, teach us to pray:

***C* 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.**

Please be seated

P Here is life. God is with us.

***C* We come to receive what God has promised.**

You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please observe distancing at the rail, hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.



Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have



mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



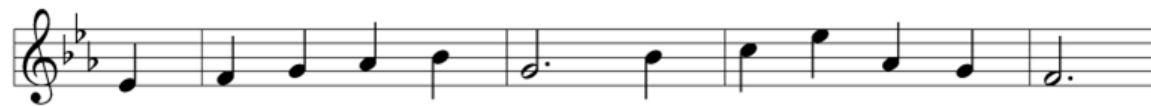
sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Advent of Our God **LBW 22**



- 1 The ad - vent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;
- 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be,
- 3 Come, Zi - on's daugh-ter, rise to meet your low - ly king,
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain,



come, let us meet him on the road and place for him pre - pare.
 him - self the ser - vant's form puts on to set his peo - ple free.
 nor let your faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
 and all his scat - tered saints u - nite with him on high to reign.

continued

5 Before the dawning day
let sin be put to flight;
no longer let the law hold sway,
but walk in freedom's light.

6 All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
Music: FRANCONIA, Johann B. König, 1691–1758, adapt.

Stand, if you are able.

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

C **Amen.**

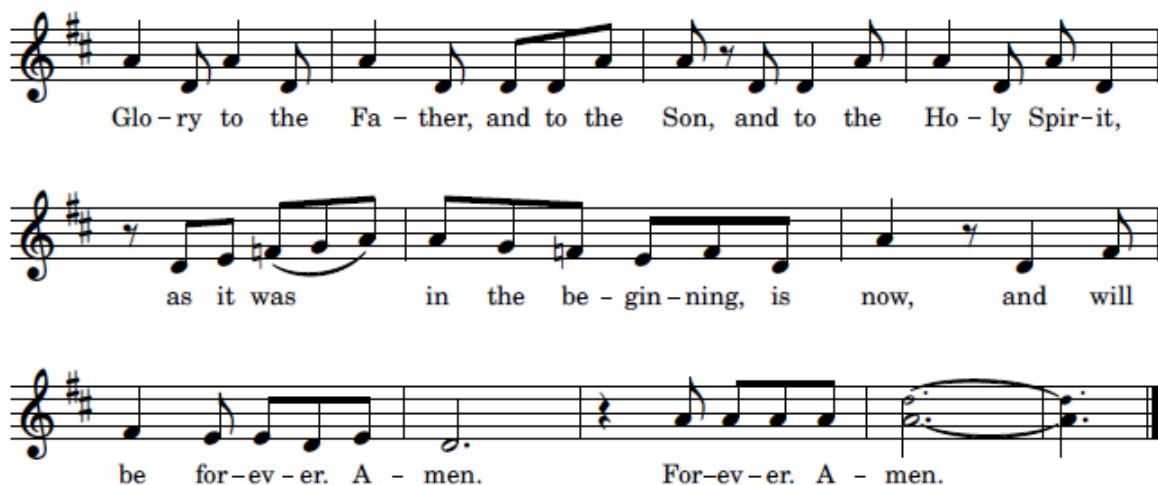
A God our host,

C 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. Amen.



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled. My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you've pre- pared in the sight of all peo- ples: A light to re- veal you to the na- tions and the glo- ry of your peo- ple Is- ra- el."

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you've pre-
pared in the sight of all peo- ples: A light to re- veal you to the
na- tions and the glo- ry of your peo- ple Is- ra- el.



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

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.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers **ELW 244**

Please stand, as you are able.



- 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'rings 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!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Expect our Savior's coming.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Sonata No. 20, 1st mv't.

Ludwig van Beethoven



Next Week's Lessons:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Serving in Worship		
	Today, Nov 30	Next Week, Dec.7
Altar Guild	Sandy Carlson	Sandy Carlson
Counter	Howard Corneilson	Howard Corneilson
Assistant Minister	Maria Jerez	Sue Stirrat
Lector	Sue Stirrat	Doug Laird
Communion Assist.	Doug Laird	Maria Jerez
Usher/Greeter	Sandy Carlson	Mary Kasakove
Acolyte	Sibylle Schroeder	Sandy Carlson
Soloist	Howard Corneilson	TBD
Candle Lighting	TBD	The Lairds
Livestream Assistant	Nick Senior	Nick Senior

Pastor Serena: Wednesday, 12/3: 3:30pm-9:00pm, Thursday, 12/4: 9:00am-1:00pm; Sunday, 12/7: 9:00am-1:00pm

Catherine Belfiore: Thursday, 12/4: 9:00-12:00

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginet, Jennifer Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore and family, David Breault, Charles Wetzell, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, Audrey Moehring, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, Leslie Picinich, Hailey Ochs Plante, Kate Draven, Dawn Huber, Heinz and family, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Darrell Senior, Shariff Stewart, Lisa Wolper, Maxine Wolper, Samy Dawood, David Laird, Peter Jensen, Joan Lewis, Jose, Linn Fisher, Brian Henkel, Judy Day and family, Dan Filin, Mary Beth Mueller, and Joseph DeSantis.

Those in mourning: The family of Dawn Parks; the loved ones of Carole Ernststrom; those mourning Maria's mother, Juanita; the friends and family of Kenneth Johanson; the friends and family of Harold Olsen; the Persson Family on the loss of Carrin (daughter of Jan, sister of Krista); the family of Woody Woodruff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **Church office hours:** During Advent, Pastor Serena will hold office hours on Wednesday afternoon/evenings, Thursday mornings and Sundays. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means on other days (Saturday is her day off). Our office administrator, Catherine, is in the office on Thursday mornings, unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.

~ **Food Pantry Needs for December:** Peanut butter, Parmalat milk, fruit, juice, hot-dogs & buns, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, crackers, cake mixes, gluten free pasta.

~ **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested send an email to Erin Porter with your dedication and date you want the flowers on the Altar and send your check to the church.

~ **Interested in hosting a coffee hour?** Not hard. Just bring some store bought baked goods. Coffee is already prepared ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Questions: Call Demetria Laird at 973-398-9614.

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Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, November 30

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Balcony Conversation, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 1

Tuesday, December 2

- Faith Kitchen, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Tullo Ballroom Class, Cha Cha, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3

- AA, 6:30 p.m.
- Advent Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m.
- Midweek Advent Services, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 4

Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 6

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, December 7

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Sunday School
- Advent Craft, 11:00 a.m.
- Packing Christmas Baskets for Food Pantry, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 8

- Worship & Music Committee, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, December 9

- Tullo Ballroom Class, Rumba, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10

- Blood Drive, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- AA, 6:30 p.m.
- Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m.
- Midweek Advent Service, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 11

- Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

- Zumba, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. - **Prayer Partner Gift Exchange**
- Sunday, Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m. - **Longest Night Service**
- Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**
- Wednesday, Dec. 24, 10:15 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, with Choir**

For all live-streamed services, click (or type) the link below:

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