

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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8:30 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby  
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.  
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent  
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

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

## Gathering Music

Come to Be Our Hope, Lord Jesus  
Jeff Gross, solo, Glenn Hinderliter, percussion

Filho

## Welcome and Announcements

## We Wait in Hope – Lighting of the Advent Candles

Advent is a time to wait.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

During Advent we wait for light in the darkness.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

During Advent we wait for freedom from captivity.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

During Advent we wait for comfort in sorrow.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

During Advent we wait for power in weakness.

**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

Today we light the first candle. The first candle reminds us that, as we wait upon the Lord, God's light never ceases to shine, God's will never ceases to unfold, and God's grace never ceases to be felt. As we begin the journey of Advent, may we learn to wait upon the Lord with hopeful expectation by celebrating all God has done and anticipating all he will do.

We rise in body or spirit.

**Gathering Song**

We Wait in Hope  
Week 1 Verse

JOEL RANEY

**Congregation:**  
**Refrain**



(1st Sunday) We wait in  
(2nd Sunday) We watch in  
(3rd Sunday) We pre - pare in  
(4th Sunday) We praise with  
(Christmas Eve) We pro - claim with

hope \_\_\_\_\_ for the morn - ing Light,



for the love of Christ to il - lu - mi - nate \_\_\_\_\_ the night. \_\_\_\_\_



We wait with  
We watch with  
We pre - pare with  
We praise with  
We pro - claim with

joy \_\_\_\_\_ for the Sav - ior's birth;



we wait in  
we watch in  
we pre - pare in  
we praise with  
we pro - claim with

hope for peace on earth.

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**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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.**

We pray.

**God in heaven, as we begin this season of Advent, we pray that you will teach us to wait with patience, endurance and trust. Holding to the eternal promises revealed to us through the power of your Word, we ask that you remind us of your everlasting presence.**

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5

Translation: NRSVue

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!

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel** Matthew 24:36-44

Translation: NRSVue

The Good News from Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

“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. 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.

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Shari Duminy

*We rise in body or spirit.*

**Word in Song**

**Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

ACS 949



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night  
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

*Refrain*



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

## Affirmation for Advent

We affirm our faith.

We believe in God,  
**source of both darkness and light.**

We see God in Jesus Christ,  
**who suffered but could not be overcome.**  
**Through him, the world is renewed and those in need are restored.**

We follow God,  
**guided by the Spirit into truth and life.**

We await God's promises:  
**a world made whole where peace prevails.**  
**Amen**

## Prayers of the People

*Invitation to prayer:*

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

*After each petition:*

God of grace,  
**we wait in hope.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

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

**Amen**

## Peace

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

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*



The assembly is seated.

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.  
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

### Offering Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257

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 nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;

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

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

## Offering Prayer

We pray.

God of goodness, as we walk in the light of your love, you give us the beauty of nature, food to nourish us, and communities to love and support us. Out of our abundance, we bring our gifts to you. May they increase peace in our community and in the world.

**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Great Thanksgiving

We begin the journey that leads to Christmas.

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

This is a journey of peace.

**Let us beat swords into plowshares.**

This is a journey of hope.

**Let us walk with God.**

## Words of Institution

### Word in Meal

As we wait in hope, and prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, we tell the world of that Advent mystery.

**Jesus was born that we might have hope.**

**Jesus died and was raised that we might have life.**

**Jesus will come again to welcome us home.**

Pour out the Spirit of Advent upon the gifts of bread and cup.

As we receive the bread open our shuttered hearts that we might become more compassionate.

As we receive the cup, may we not only proclaim your love,  
but speak of peace, of reconciliation, of healing to all the broken places and people.

### **Lord's Prayer**

We pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

### **Invitation to the Table**

All are welcome at this table.  
You are welcome at this table.  
God is with us at this table.

*The assembly is seated.*

### **Distribution of Communion**

*Refrain*

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



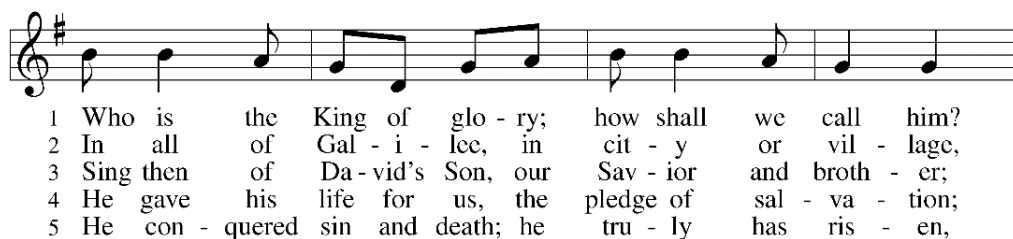
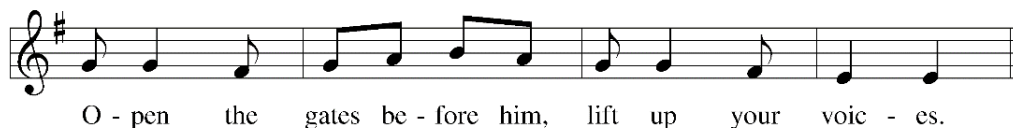
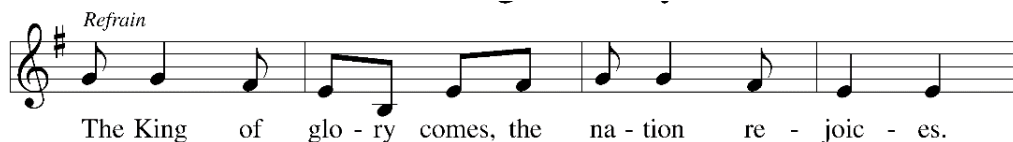
my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



- 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.



*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä,* *täs - sä*  
 1 In this feast of love, in this  
 2 In this bread and wine, in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*pöy - däs - sä* *syn - ti - sil - le*  
 feast of love, Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

*We rise in body or spirit.*

### Prayer after communion

We pray.

God our host, 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**

# SENDING

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

## **Blessing**

Now let the face of God shine upon you to bless you  
and save you from all doubt and danger;  
through Jesus Christ, now and always.

**Amen**

**Sending Song** *Please see next page.*

## **Dismissal**

Friends, go out into the world and do not be afraid.  
God is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sending Song

## May the God of Hope Go with Us Sing 2 times

ACS 984



*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!*  
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



*Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.*  
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



*Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,*  
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



*luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.*  
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



*O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos*  
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



*de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,*  
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



*fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.*  
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.



Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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