



How does a  
weary world  
rejoice?



# Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Compassionate. Challenging. Inclusive.

*Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.*

**Welcome to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church!** Our mission is to **proclaim and embody the compassionate, challenging, and inclusive love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.** Your age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, doubts and questions are all part of your story as a beloved child of God, and your whole self is welcome and affirmed here.

**If you are a first-time visitor, welcome!** We hope you will fill out a Welcome Card from your seat and drop it in the offering plate when it comes around - we'd love to get to know you! You are also welcome to communion today.

**Live streaming and recording** occur at our 9:30 am service. Those who worship online enjoy seeing people in the sanctuary, so if you are comfortable being on camera, please sit in the chairs to the right of the altar or close to the piano.

**The assisted listening system** in our sanctuary is compatible with personal hearing aids with the setting "T". Portable receivers and headsets are available from an usher.

**Children are always welcome in worship.** Activities for kids are located on the bookshelf located at the back of the sanctuary. Childcare is also available at the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services in our nursery. The nursery is designed for children ages 4 and younger – follow the overhead sign in the narthex that directs you to the hallway towards the nursery (on the right).

**Sunday School** for kids aged 3 through 6th grade occurs during our 9:30 am service, and all are welcome. As Sunday School takes place throughout the building, ask an usher or staff person where to find your child's class.

**This worship bulletin is intended to be used at all three services today.** Please leave it on your seat after the 8:00 and 9:30 worship. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Feel free to take home the announcement inserts for your personal use.

**As we begin worship, we invite you to silence your cell phone.**

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Advent**



*We gather in the Advent season around a persistent question: how does a weary world rejoice? Advent gives us space to wonder together as we look for God's presence among us – anticipating not just the celebration of Jesus' birth long ago, but the continuing work of God's holy spirit in the world. Where do you see joy? What weariness do you carry? How can good news arrive even in the midst of sorrow and loss?*

*Throughout today's worship, you are invited to participate by joining in speaking the words in bold type.*

## **Prelude**

Arief Abraham, piano

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

*Please stand as you are able.*

In God's house, we can be joyful.

**We can be grateful. We can be hopeful.**

In God's house, we can be weary.

**We can be anxious. We can be grieving.**

In God's house, we can be honest—

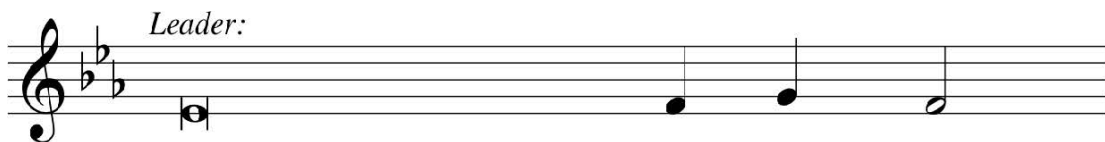
**inspired or tired, delighted or doubtful, connected or curious, and everything in between.**

This is God's house. You are welcome exactly as you are.

**Let us worship our loving God.**

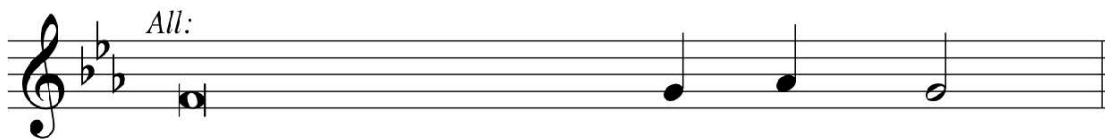
# Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Leader:*



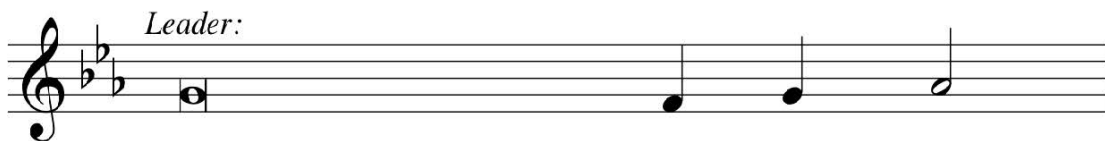
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



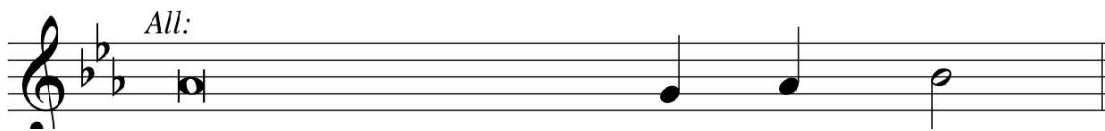
the light no darkness can overcome;

*Leader:*



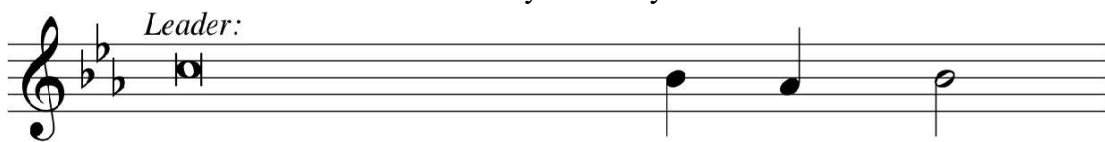
Strengthen us in this new day,

*All:*



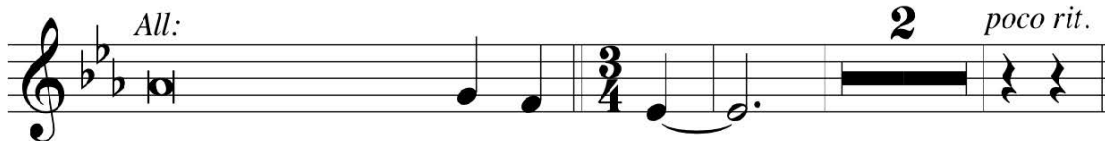
For each day is your creation.

*Leader:*



Let your light scatter the darkness,

*All:*

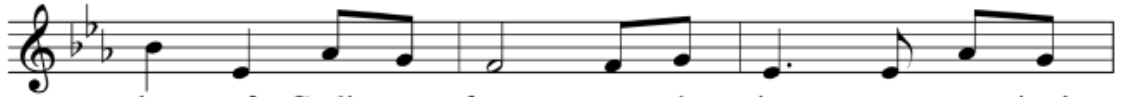


and shine within your people here. —

All



1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly 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



we to - get - her wor - ship, 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.

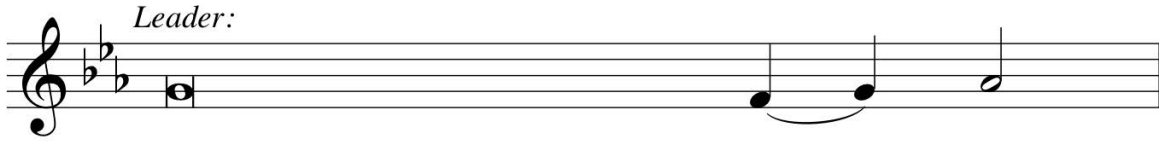
## Prayer of the Day

*Leader:* *All:*



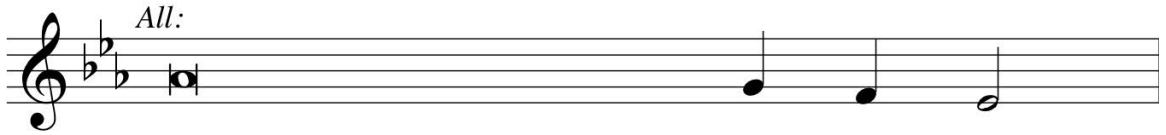
May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

*Leader:*



Let us sing our thanks to ——— God,

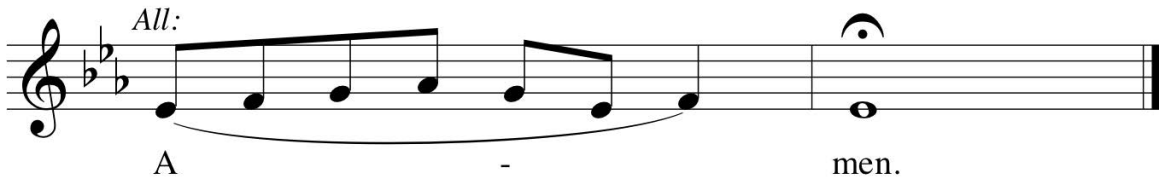
*All:*



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

*All:*



A - men.

*Let's all be seated.*

## Musical Offering

9:30, 11:00

Chancel Choir



## First Reading

## Micah 5:2-5a

*The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.*

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh —  
my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>11</sup>**Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.**

<sup>12</sup>Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

<sup>13</sup>**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
**wait for the LORD!**

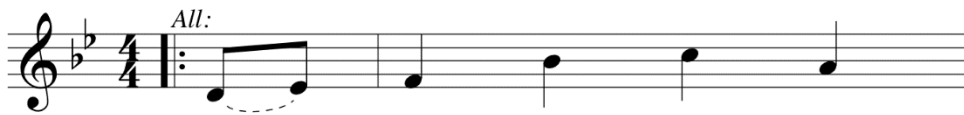
11:00

**Children's Message****Annunciation and Magnificat***Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.*

*Leaders:* An angel went from God, to a town called Nazareth, to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you! You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the chosen one of God most high." Then Mary said, "I am the servant of my God! I live to do your will."



*All:*



1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y



great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of



you, You have looked with love on your  
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

*The prologue to the Gospel of John describes Jesus as the Word of God made flesh, the one who reveals God to be "full of grace and truth."*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Let's all be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Pastor Gina Herman**

Please stand as you are able.

## Hymn of the Day

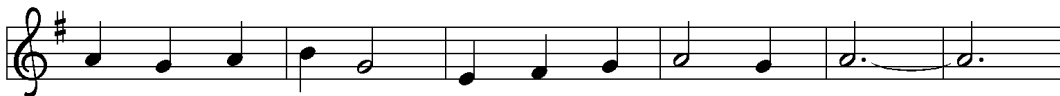
## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## Creed

Together, let's affirm our trust in God:

**We believe in a God who hears our prayers,  
who knows the shape and form of our weariness.**

**We believe in a God who wants joy and delight for us,  
not just survival and existence.**

**We believe in a God who looks ahead,  
who is not done dreaming for the world—  
a God who sends hope in the form of people and change,  
movements and Spirit.**

**And so we return to this space.**

**We bring our joy and our weariness  
like two sides of the same coin,  
and we trust that God is already at work.**

**Yes, we believe in a God who hears our prayers.**

**Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration, saying:

Hear us, O God,  
**your mercy is great.**

*Our communal prayers begin with a short time of silence and then petitions for the world, the church, and people and places in particular need. You will also be invited to name, in speech or silence, the prayers you carry with you.*



## Sharing the Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Bearing in mind the personal comfort of those around you, please share a friendly sign of God's peace and reconciliation with others and then be seated.*

## Offering

We invite you to contribute to our shared mission and ministry. Scan the following QR code to reach the Giving page on our website.



## Musical Offering

***His Eye Is on the Sparrow***  
arranged by Arief Abraham

Arief Abraham, piano

## Offertory Song

*Please stand as you are able.*

**All:** Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

**Group 1:** I. O God, I call to you, come to me

**Group 2:** I. O God, I

**Group 1:** now; O hear my voice when I cry to

**Group 2:** call to you, come to me now; O hear my

*(continued on next page)*

### Refrain

**Group 1:** you. Let my prayer rise up like

**Group 2:** voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

**Group 1:** in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

**Group 2:** up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

### Verse 2

**Group 1:** of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -

**Group 2:** hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

**Group 1:** in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

**Group 2:** 2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

**Group 1:** love be burn - ing bright.

**Group 2:** heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

**Refrain**

**Group 1:** Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

**Group 2:** bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

**Group 1:** lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

**Group 2:** fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

**Verse 3**

**Group 1:** 3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of

**Group 2:** you. 3. All praise to the

*(continued on next page)*

**Group 1:** life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of

**Group 2:** God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to

**Refrain**

**Group 1:** love. Let my prayer rise up like

**Group 2:** Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise

**Group 1:** in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

**Group 2:** up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

**Group 1:** of-fer-ing to you.

**Group 2:** hands as an of-fer-ing to you.



## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,

**And let these gifts to us be blessed.**

Blessed be God, who is our bread;

**May all the world be clothed and fed.**

This table does not belong to any denomination,  
church or community.

It belongs to Jesus.

It was at tables that he met people,  
heard their stories and shared his.

It was at tables that he deepened his friendship  
with those who were poor and oppressed,  
those who were rich and unsatisfied.

It was at tables that he shared  
who God is and what God wants.

And it was at a table, with bread and wine,  
that he began the meal we now celebrate.

So come to this table.

Leave behind any baggage of arrogance or unworthiness.

Do not think, 'This is not for me.'

Think rather of Jesus saying, 'I am for you,'  
and how, long before this building came to be,  
in open spaces and hard places,  
people heard of how, on the night of his arrest,  
Jesus sat at supper with his friends.

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During the meal, he took a piece of bread,  
Blessed and broke it, and said to his disciples,  
'This is my body, given for you.'  
Later in the meal he took a cup of wine, saying,  
'In this cup is a new relationship with God  
made possible because of my life and death.  
Drink it, all of you, and remember me.'

So we take this bread and wine,  
offering them to God for blessing,  
that through them the goodness of God  
may bless, enrich, and enlighten us.

And as Jesus taught his friends, so may we pray together, saying:

**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.**

*Let's all be seated.*

## **Communion Distribution**

*All are welcome to God's meal, where ordinary bread and wine become extraordinary, filled with Christ's presence. Ushers will direct you to one of the stations in front. Communion will be by intinction. You will receive a wafer, which you may dip into the chalice with wine, or with juice, then eat. Wafers in the small bowl on the side of the plate are gluten free. If you avoid gluten, please take one for yourself. If you would prefer not to receive communion, please feel free to remain seated or come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

Refrain

God of our jour - neys, day - break to night;  
Lead us to jus - tice and light.  
Grant us com - pas - sion, strength for the day,  
Wis - dom to walk in your way.

Verse 3

3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the  
lame to walk, bring us danc - ing in - to day,  
lead your peo - ple in your way. D.C.

Verse 6

6. Come, O Spir - it! re - new our hearts!  
We shall a - rise to be chil - dren of light. D.C.



### **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand as you are able.*

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you strengthen our hearts at this table of life. In your mercy, give us courage to live in faith toward you and in fervent love toward all the world; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

People of God,

as you leave this place,  
you go into a weary world—  
so speak tenderly.

Do the good that is yours to do.

Choose connection.

Hold onto hope.

And remember that Christ took on flesh for you.

You are God's beloved.

So go rejoicing.

The world needs it.

**Amen.**



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be -  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the lowly.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Arief Abraham, piano

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<b>SERVING TODAY – November 19</b>			
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	n/a	Stella Pumper Sam Kostopoulos	Aiden Stewart
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Jacque Brissey	Eric Henrikson	Tena Hanson
<b>GREETERS</b>	Kathy Doran	Linda Nack	Phil Etheredge
<b>USHERS</b>	Bryan and Marsha Maxfield	Chris and Debbie Halvorson	Maryrose Henebry Ron Nitz
<b>A/V TECHNICIAN</b>		Danielle Dadashi	Heath Stewart
<b>COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP</b>	Kathy Doran	n/a	Polly Vann

<b>SERVING NEXT WEDNESDAY – November 22</b>
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	<b>7:00</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	n/a
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Christina Brugman
<b>GREETERS</b>	Ron Nitz
<b>USHERS</b>	Brent Taylor Donna Morris
<b>A/V TECHNICIAN</b>	Zander Cole
<b>COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP</b>	Kathy Doran

<b>SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – November 26</b>			
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	n/a	Micah Herman	Aiden Stewart
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Margaret Spatafore	Dave Papenhausen	Jennifer Williams
<b>GREETERS</b>	Mike Boyce	Nancy Swanson	Maryrose Henebry
<b>USHERS</b>		Ron Nitz Donna Morris	Cathy Dunlop
<b>A/V TECHNICIAN</b>		Danielle Dadashi	Heath Stewart
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