



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.**



*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—

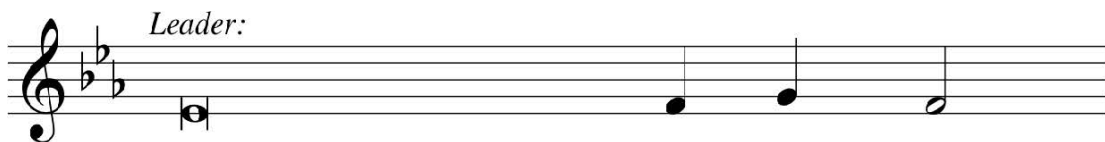
**inspired or tired, delighted or doubtful, connected or curious, and everything in between.**

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

**Let us worship our loving God.**

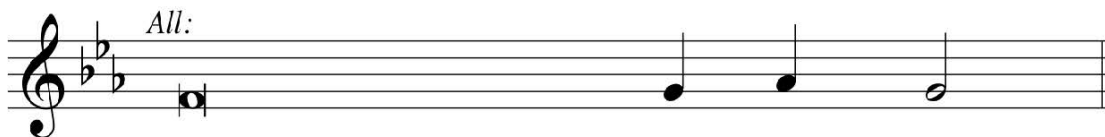
# Lighting of the Advent Candles

*Leader:*



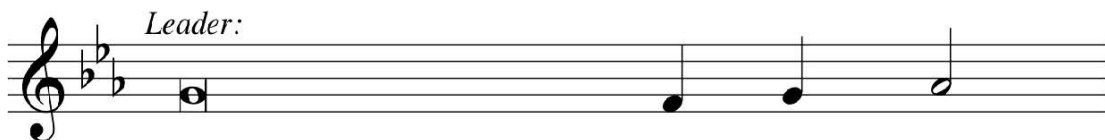
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



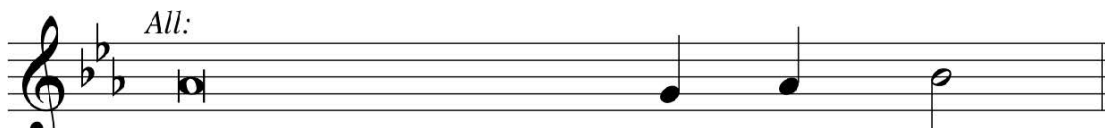
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*



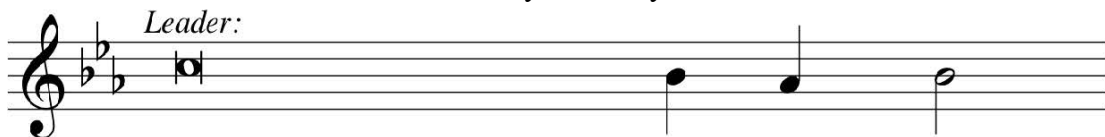
Strengthen us in this new day,

*All:*



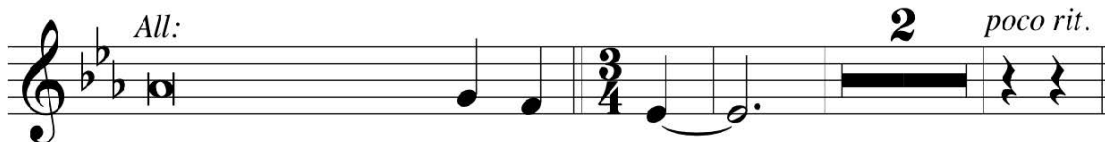
For each day is your cre - a-tion.

*Leader:*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All:*

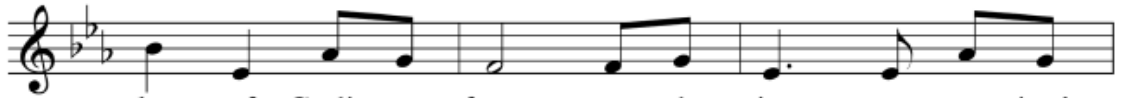


and shine within your peo - ple here.—

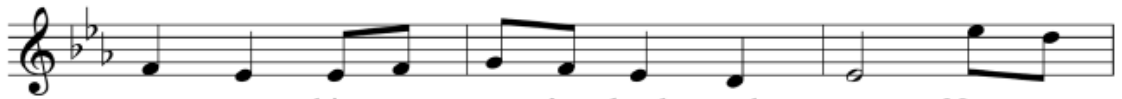
All



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

8:00	<b>Wexford Carol</b> (traditional Irish Carol) arranged by Richard Walters	Jackie Boreson Arief Abraham, piano
9:30	<b>Carol of the Advent</b> arranged by Phillip R. Dietterich	Lorica
11:00	<b>When Will the Little King Come?</b> by Ruth Elaine Schram	Chancel Choir



## Word

### First Reading

### Isaiah 52:7-12

*Isaiah proclaims news of great joy: "Your God reigns!" Just as God saved the people from oppression in Egypt, God delivers Israel from exile. All the earth will witness the saving acts of God.*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>11</sup>Depart, depart, go out from there!  
Touch no unclean thing;  
go out from the midst of it, purify yourselves,  
you who carry the vessels of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall not go out in haste,  
and you shall not go in flight;  
for the LORD will go before you,  
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

11:00

**Children's Christmas Program – Los Posadas**

En el nombre del cielo  
Pidemos posada.

In the name of Heaven,  
We ask you for shelter.

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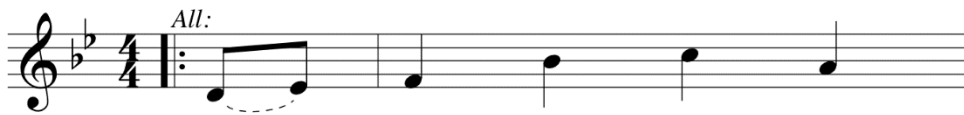
8:00, 9:30 **Annunciation and Magnificat**

*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 birth and naming of John ends his father Zechariah's silence. He announces the child's name given by the angel and speaks a prophecy about the newborn infant.*

<sup>67</sup>Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

<sup>68</sup>"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup>He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,

<sup>70</sup>as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

<sup>71</sup>that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

<sup>72</sup>Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant us <sup>74</sup>that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

<sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

<sup>78</sup>By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

<sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

<sup>80</sup>The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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

## Go Tell It On the Mountain

At 11:00 am worship, kids sing chorus, congregation joins in singing.

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



*Refrain*

## 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:

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*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.



## Offertory

8:00, 9:30

**Medley: Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, Ave Maria** Arief Abraham, piano  
arranged by Arief Abraham

11:00

**Will We Know Him?**  
by Nancy Price and Don Besig

Chancel Choir

## Offertory Song

*Please stand as you are able.*



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### 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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The first staff is for Group 1 and the second for Group 2. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### Refrain

Group 1: love. Let my prayer rise up like  
Group 2: Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise

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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

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for Group 1 and the second for Group 2. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Group 1: of-fer-ing to you.  
Group 2: hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

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## **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.

## Music During Distribution

11:00

**Medley: Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, Ave Maria**  
arranged by Arief Abraham

Arief Abraham, piano



## 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.**

# Sending Hymn

# O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Root of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's  
3 O come, O Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by your  
4 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,  
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

*Refrain*

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
and death's dark shad-ows put to flight.  
and close the path to mis - er - y.

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

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the lowly.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Arief Abraham, piano

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<b>SERVING TODAY – December 17</b>			
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	n/a	Noah Pumper	Sophie Tiesel Micah Herman
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Jacque Brissey	Brad Paulson	Cathy Dunlop
<b>GREETERS</b>	Sandra Deegan		Christopher Cole Sharon Clum
<b>USHERS</b>	Dennis Pierce	Kurt and Julie Billett	Jeff and Kristin Reeder
<b>A/V TECHNICIAN</b>		Danielle Dadashi	Heath Stewart
<b>COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP</b>	Nancy Swanson	n/a	Cathy Dunlop

<b>SERVING ON LONGEST NIGHT – December 21</b>	
	<b>7:00</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	n/a
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Christina Brugman
<b>GREETERS</b>	Kathy Doran
<b>USHERS</b>	Linda Pickard Donna Morris
<b>A/V TECHNICIAN</b>	Heath Stewart

<b>SERVING CHRISTMAS EVE – December 24</b>				
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>2:00</b>	<b>4:00</b>	<b>8:00</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Alex Doll	Sophie Tiesel Collins Christmas	Aiden Stewart	
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Leah Wouters	Melissa Tiesel	Dennis Pierce	Jennifer Williams
<b>GREETERS</b>	Ron Nitz		Sharon Clum	Christopher Cole
<b>USHERS</b>	Chris and Debbie Halvorson	Ron Nitz	Judy Meyer Donna Morris	Jeff and Kristin Reeder
<b>A/V TECHNICIAN</b>	Danielle Dadashi	Becky Cole	Heath Stewart	Zander Cole
<b>COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP</b>	Martha Krug	n/a	Diane Lynch	Kristin Reeder