



# PRINCE OF PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## First Sunday of Christmas



December 30-31, 2023

*...for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.*

LUKE 2:30-32

# WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church** has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 38 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, the Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the U.S. and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, related networks and agencies, ecumenical and interreligious companions, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches and numerous global church partners and organizations.

**Please visit our website, [princeofpeacedublin.org](http://princeofpeacedublin.org), for more information about Prince of Peace.**

## **Joining Prince of Peace**

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, [office@princeofpeacedublin.org](mailto:office@princeofpeacedublin.org), for more information.

**Please note** that Sunday's 10:30 AM worship service will be broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at [office@princeofpeacedublin.org](mailto:office@princeofpeacedublin.org).

*Proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ  
and welcoming all to grow with us in God's love through  
worship, learning, service, and fellowship.*

# GATHERING

*Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. All hymns are found in the ELW (red) hymnal in the pew, unless printed in the bulletin.*

## PRELUDE

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

An Old English Christmas  
Prince of Peace Band

arr. Phillip Gordon

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Presider: Hear the good news: We are all children of God and heirs of God's promises. In ✠ Jesus we are forgiven, redeemed, and all the earth knows the salvation of God.

**All: Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 490

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

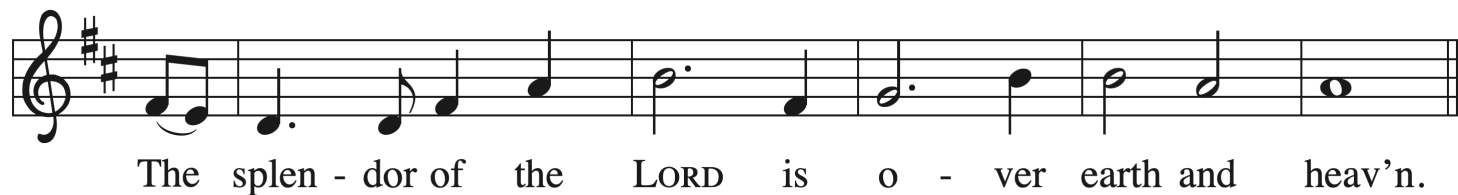
**All: Thanks be to God.**

# PSALMODY

Psalm 148

The Congregation repeats the Refrain and sings the bolded verses as indicated.

## PSALM REFRAIN



## PSALM TONE



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord <sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God <sup>1</sup> in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>Praise the Lord, <sup>1</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.

<sup>3</sup>Praise the Lord, <sup>1</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>Praise the Lord, heav- <sup>1</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they <sup>1</sup> were created,  
<sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not <sup>1</sup> pass away.

*Refrain*

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord <sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters <sup>1</sup> and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, <sup>1</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- <sup>1</sup> ing God's will;

<sup>9</sup>mountains <sup>1</sup> and all hills,  
fruit trees <sup>1</sup> and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>wild beasts <sup>1</sup> and all cattle,  
creeping things and <sup>1</sup> flying birds;

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth <sup>1</sup> and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers <sup>1</sup> of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>young <sup>1</sup> men and maidens,  
old and <sup>1</sup> young together.

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over <sup>1</sup> earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise  
for all <sup>1</sup> faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!     *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector:     The Word of the Lord.

All:         Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis.

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a. God's word is ev - er - last - ing.

*by Beth Kenreich*

## GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor John D. Morris

# HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 417

## In His Temple Now Behold Him

REGENT SQUARE



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -  
2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -  
3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,  
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,  
hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,  
weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,  
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,  
ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,  
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!  
in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.  
and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

# NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the ☩ resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting

Minister: Believing and trusting in the birth of Christ, the good news for all people, let us pray for the world, the church, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Creating God, design and produce new ways of your presence with us. Continue creating new things so we look at you in awe and wonder. Spark the excitement within us to look for you in us and around us every day.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, encourage your church to find different and new ways to show your justice and love for your creation and your people. As we look to the new year, help us reflect on your presence in the past and give us hope to continue to trust in you.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Present God, sustain our communities in hope and your abiding presence as we enter the cold months. Protect your people and cultivate joy through the work of the community organizations doing your work, such as One Dublin and the Dublin Food Pantry. Provide abundance to them to love and provide for your people.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Hopeful God, we are carrying many things and experiences into the new year. Hear us as we lift these things to you now, silently or aloud. Inspire us to see you in brand new experiences and ways as we live in your promises and hope in the new year.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your grace and promises, O God, we offer these prayers to you today and every day.

**All: Amen.**

## PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MEAL

## OFFERING

*At Prince of Peace, we rely on our members to support the financial needs of our congregation. As a visitor, please know that your offerings will go outside of our church to support a variety of local missions that help people in need.*

*Today's flowers are given by David and Joyce Miller, in celebration of their grandson Bode's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Fanfare On Westminster Carol

Arr Jim Curnow

Prince of Peace Band

# OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 268

From Heaven Above

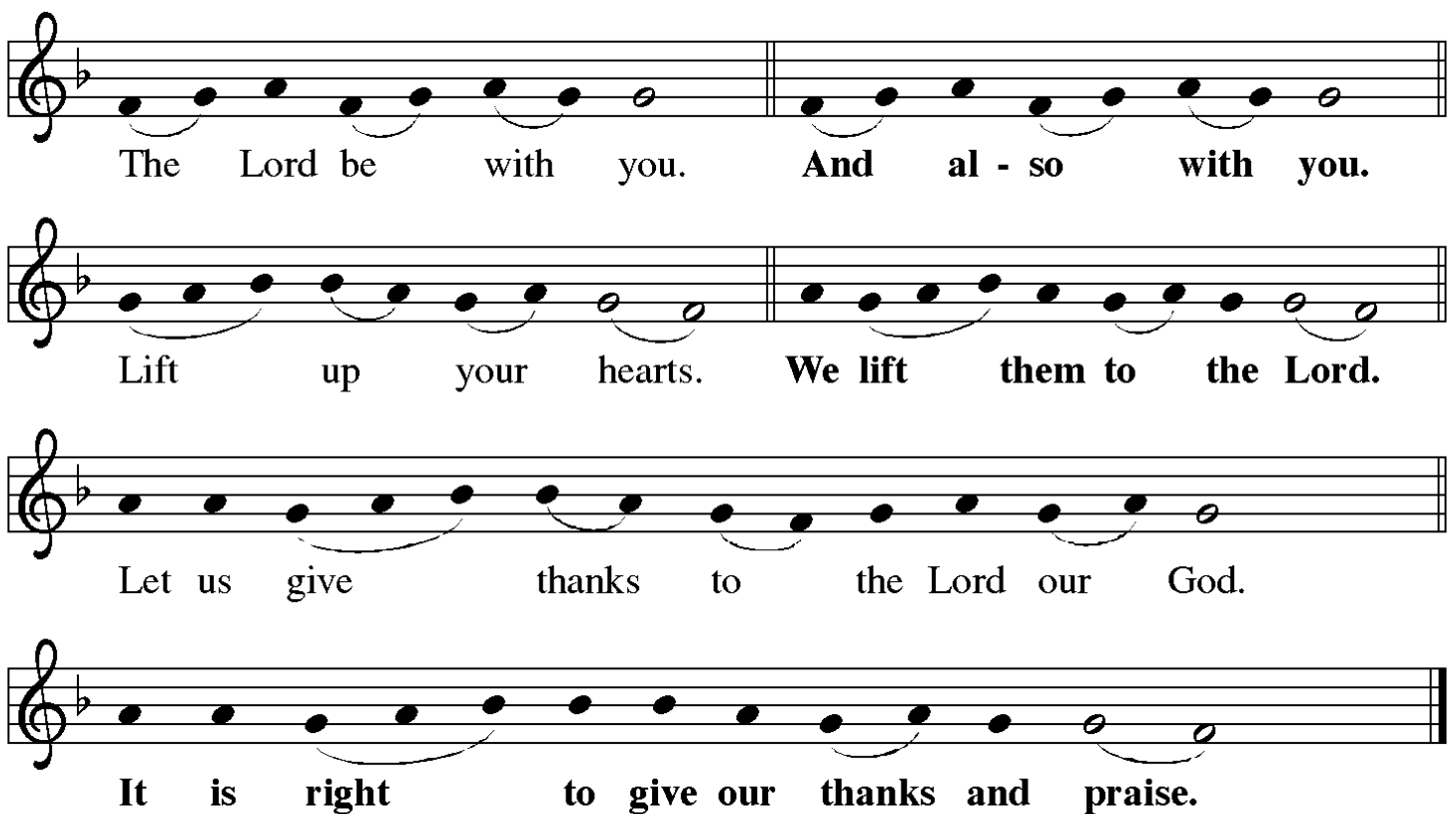
VOM HIMMEL HOCH



"From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good  
"Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, who un - to  
news to ev - 'ry home! Glad tid - ings of great joy I  
us the Son has giv'n." With an - gels sing in pi - ous  
bring mirth to all the world, and glad - ly sing."  
a glad new year to all the earth!

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

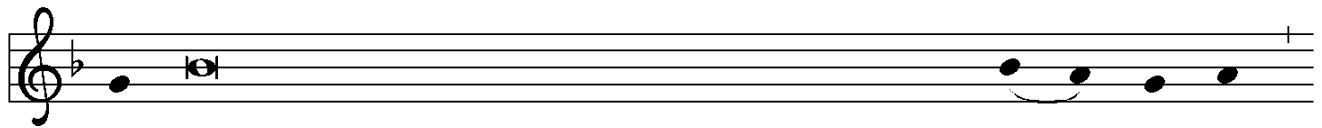
S144a



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



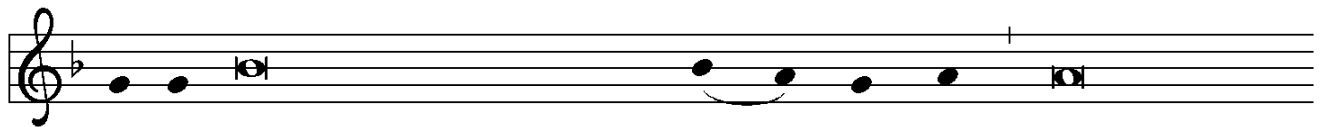
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



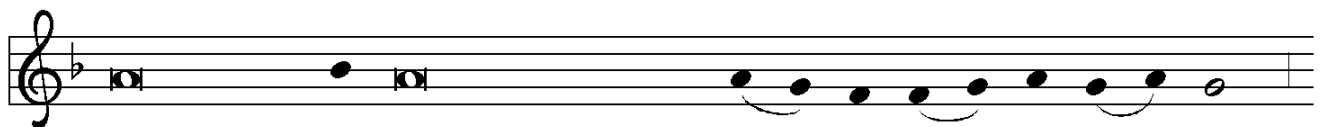
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened



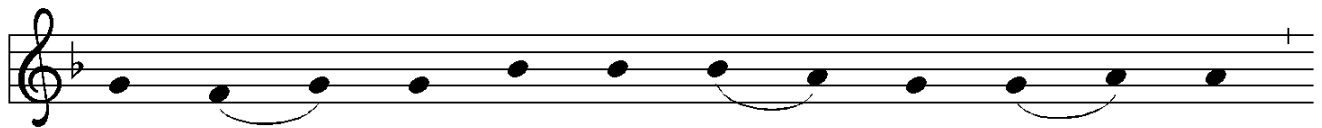
the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vis - ion of your glo - ry,



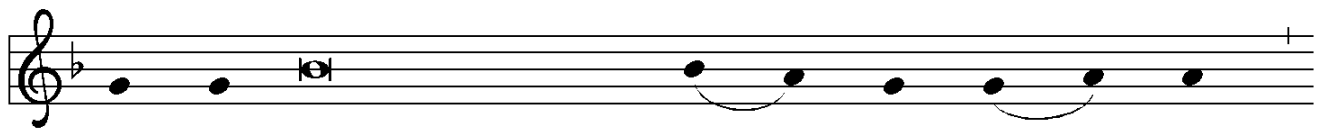
that be - holding the God made vis - i - ble,



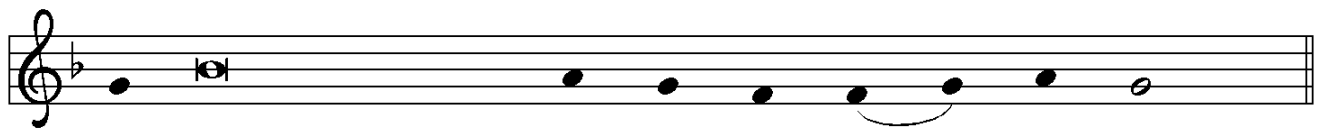
we may be drawn to love the God whom we can - not see.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

S144b



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: Holy God,

Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time  
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary,  
to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection,  
we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by  
you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

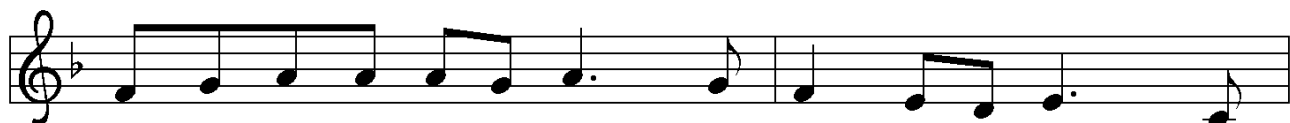
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

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.

# LAMB OF GOD

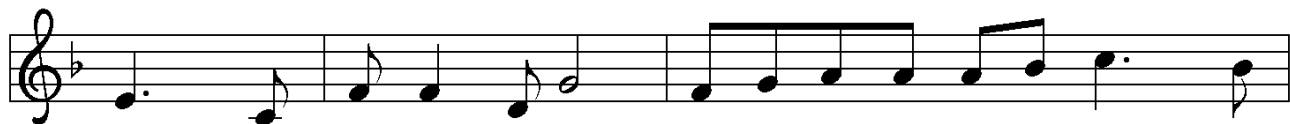
S146



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please ask your server.*

## SENDING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting

Minister: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### THE BENEDICTION

Presider: God bless you and keep you, ✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

ELW 299

Cold December Flies Away

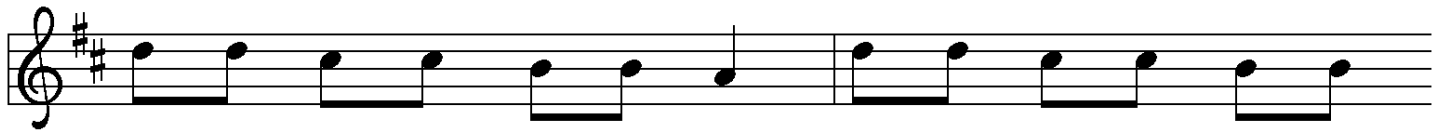
EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.  
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.  
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



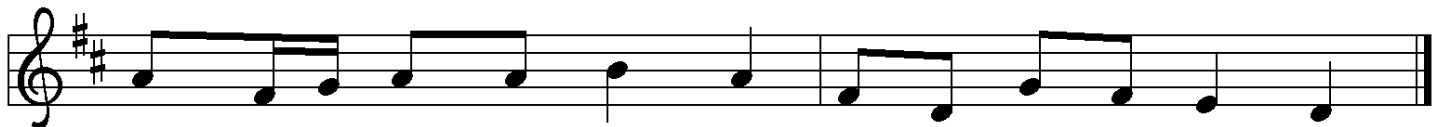
A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders  
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.  
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the  
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en  
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the  
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est  
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.  
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.  
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

# DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# POSTLUDE

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Good King Wenceslas  
Prince of Peace Band

arr. Dean Logsdon

Thank you to Ron Kenreich and all of our Prince of Peace Band musicians  
for playing on Sunday.

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# ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

## First Sunday of Christmas

December 30 & 31, 2023

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	<b>Saturday, 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>
<b>Front Door Greeter</b>		Eli Losey	Bob Stevenson Marj Stevenson
<b>Back Door Greeter</b>		Shannon Harrison	Jan Holden Kate Hoyt
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mark Russell	Tess Losey Cooper	ASST MIN
<b>Lector</b>	Greg LaBarge	Kay Crosby	Barbara Hunt
<b>Communion Server</b>		Mitch Huber Karen Lintala	Kiran McCoy Bev Ross
<b>Altar Care</b>	Julie Wood	Roxanne Docter Cyndi Flowers Nancy Shuman	Becky Brickner Judi Lang
<b>Head Usher</b>	Tony Smith	Dennis Shuman	Mike Bosse
<b>Usher</b>	Donna LaBarge	Josh Burnside Lance Dacre Sarah Dacre	Linda Bosse Jerri Hutter Sara Pryor
<b>Acolyte</b>	ACOLYTE Samantha Harrison Jordan Hicks Rory Moncrief	Zachary Berger Taylor Burnside Max Huber Vivian Stuart	Zoey Barnett Kaden Buchholtz ACOLYTE ACOLYTE
<b>Nursery Room #2</b>		Ben Stuart	Thomas Langella
<b>A/V Producer</b>			Brock Hensel
<b>Prayer Writer</b>	Vicar Jennie White		
<b>Offering Depositor</b>			
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Brian Golden		
<b>Altar Linens</b>	Nancy Shuman		

# PRINCE OF PEACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Kathy Liebisch	Weddings
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