

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

1st Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

Traditional Service



**We welcome you to The Traditional Service this morning**

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***Our Mission:***

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,  
and our support*

***Our Vision:***

*To build and strengthen the body of Christ*

Holy Communion

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

Assisting at Worship:		
Today		December 7
Asst. Min.	Savana Conner	Savana Conner
Lector	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
Usher	TBD	TBD
Sound System	TDB	TDB
Video	Savana Conner	Savana Conner
Counters	Laurie Hecht, Linda Jones	Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild	Linda Voigt, Ann Kent	
Altar Guild December	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee	

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness** *[stand/kneel as able]*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose name 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 *(silence)* Long-expected God,

**C** we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We become impatient while waiting We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing, and awaken us to 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. + You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

**C** Amen.

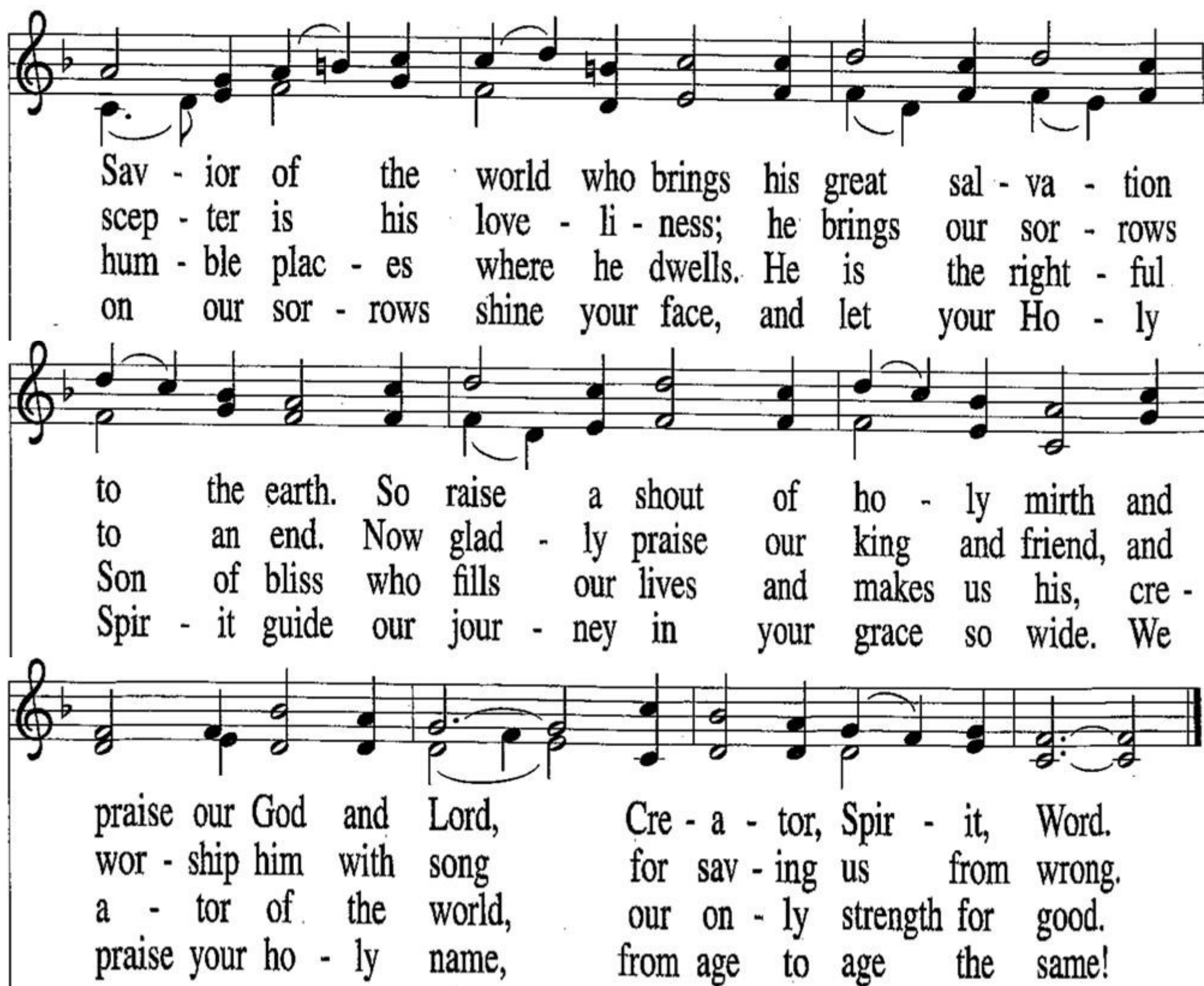
**Gathering Hymn**

**Fling Wide the Door**



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.  
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

### ***Greeting***

**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***



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

- P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
C **those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.**
- P We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey.  
C **Today, we light the candle of Hope.**
- P Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!  
C **Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.**

***Lighting Hymn                      Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah***



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is-ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

***Prayer of the Day***

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**
- P Let us Pray: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. 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.  
C **Amen** *Please be seated.*

***Lesson*** ***Isaiah 2:1-5***

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

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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!

**A** The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.


***Gospel Lesson*** ***Matthew 24:36-44***

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.”

**A** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

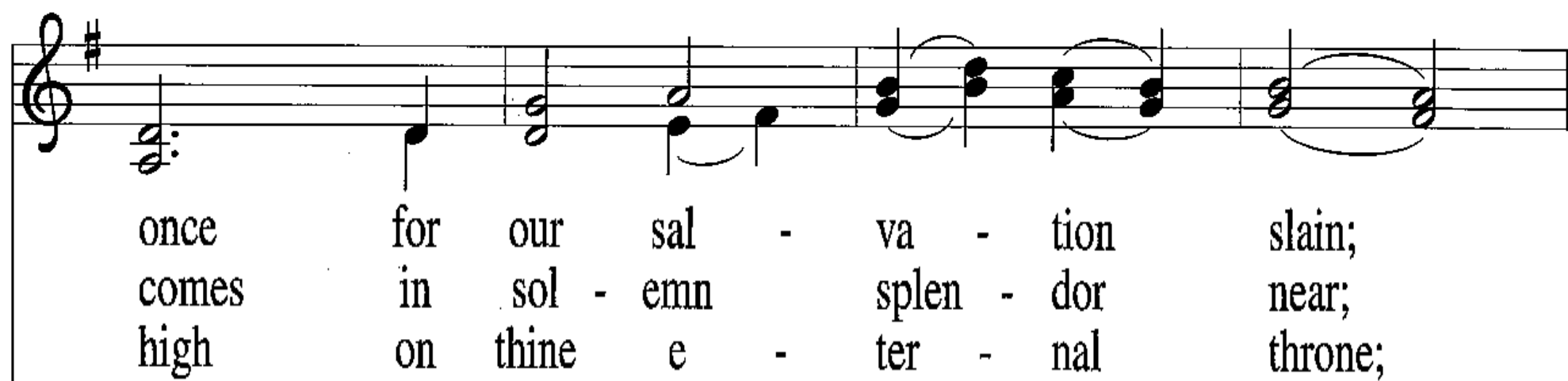
***MESSAGE***

***Hymn of the Day*** ***Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending***

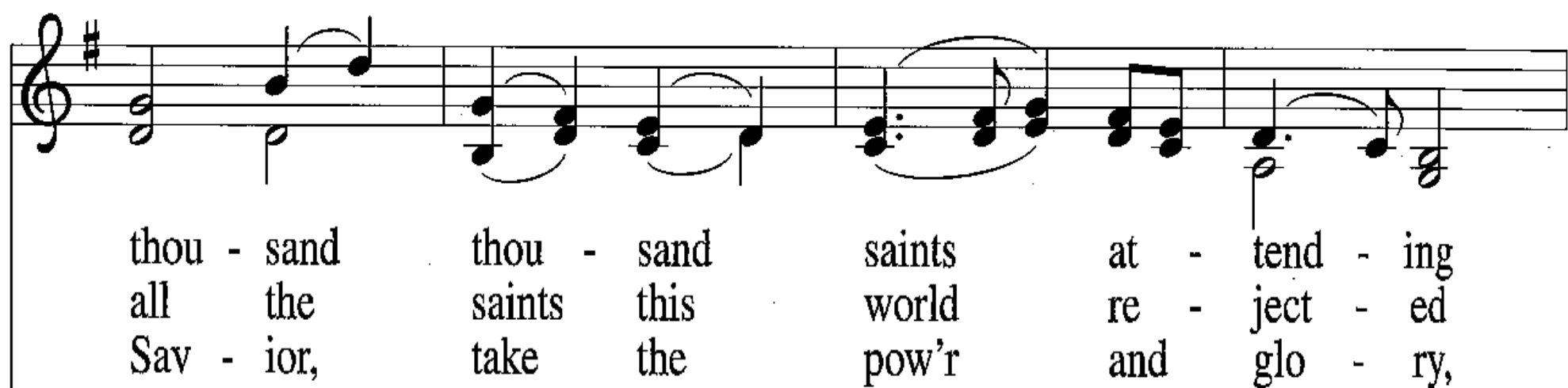


1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

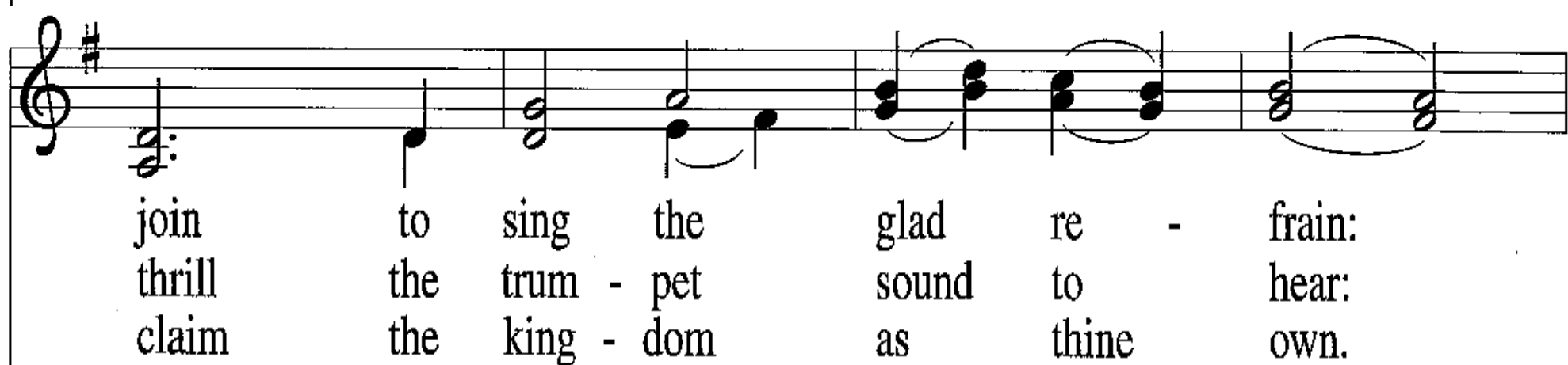




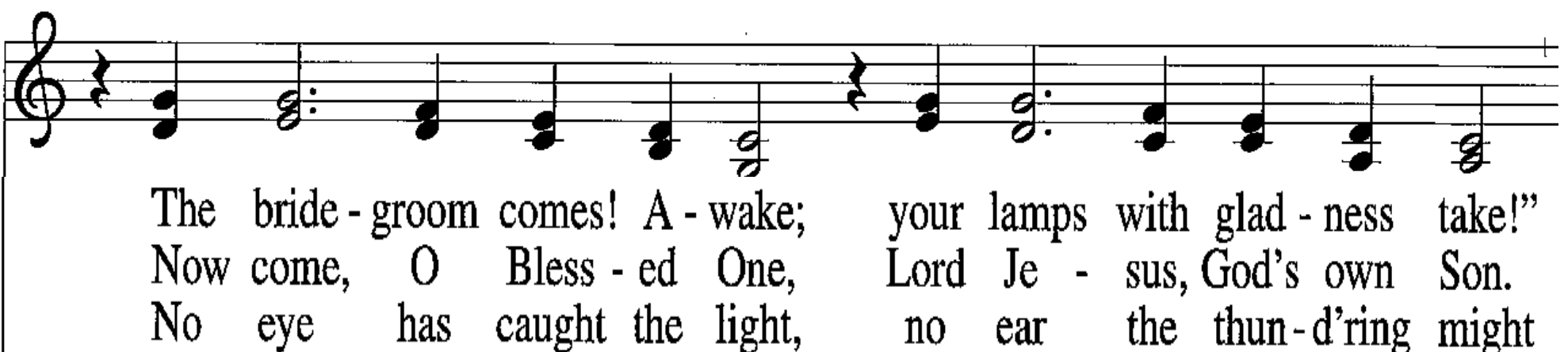
once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



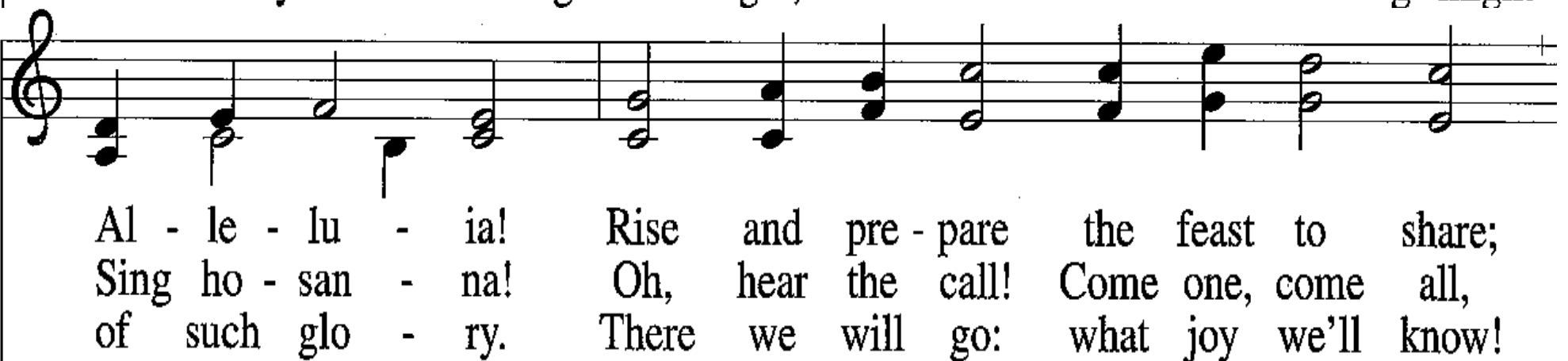
thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
all the saints this world re - ject - ed  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



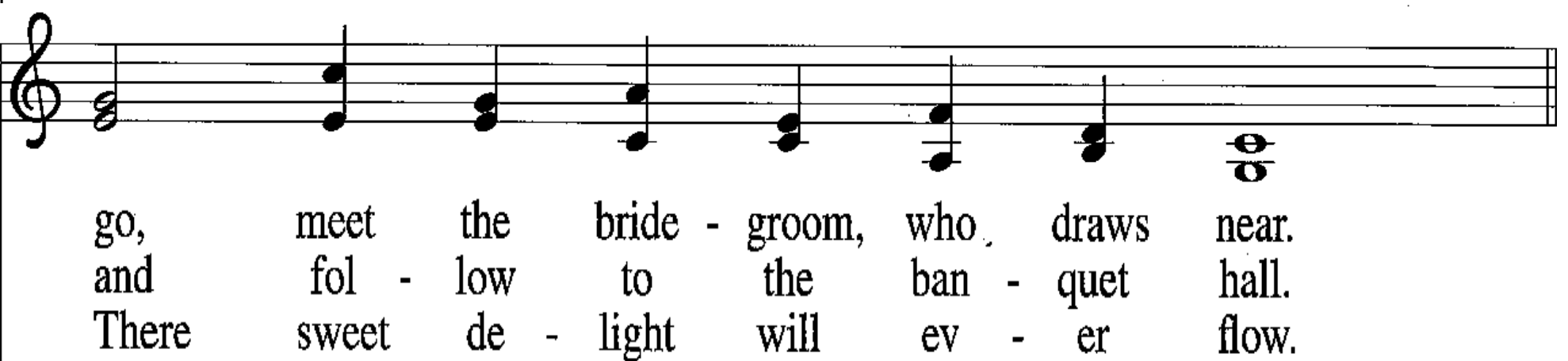
join to sing the glad re - frain:  
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
claim the king - dom as thine own.



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.

## ***Creed***

**P** Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again 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 the People***

**A** 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. God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

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

**C** Amen.

## ***Peace***

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

## ***Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared***

### ***Offertory Hymn***

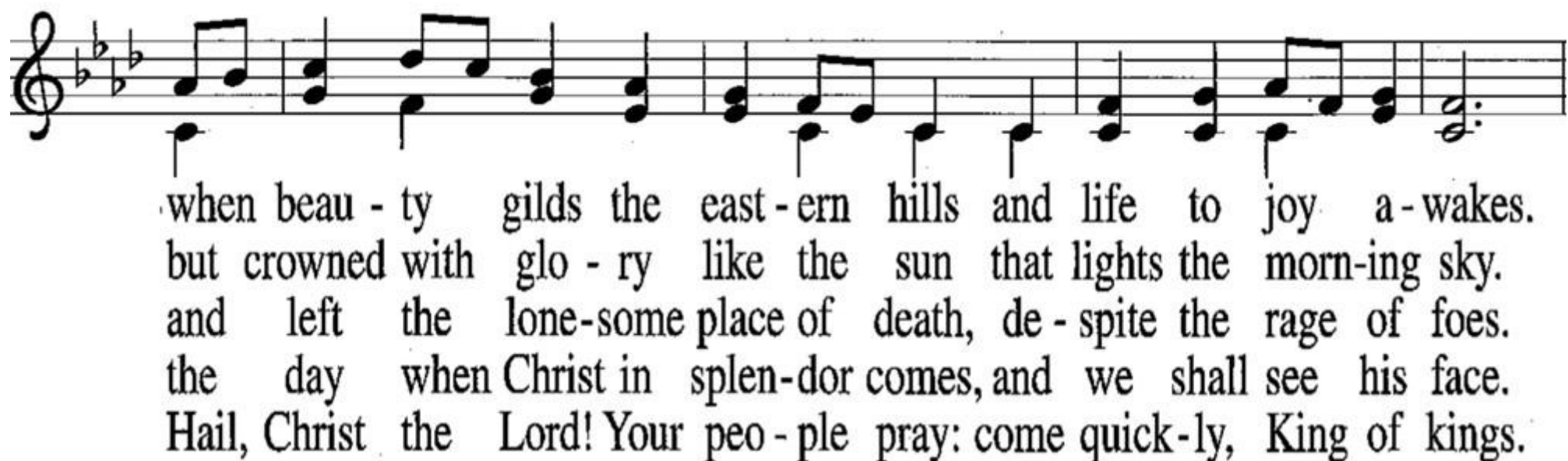
### ***The King Shall Come***

***[stand]***



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn when Christ; vic - to - rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings





when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self***

**A** Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Nourishing God,  
**C** you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
 Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may  
 rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.

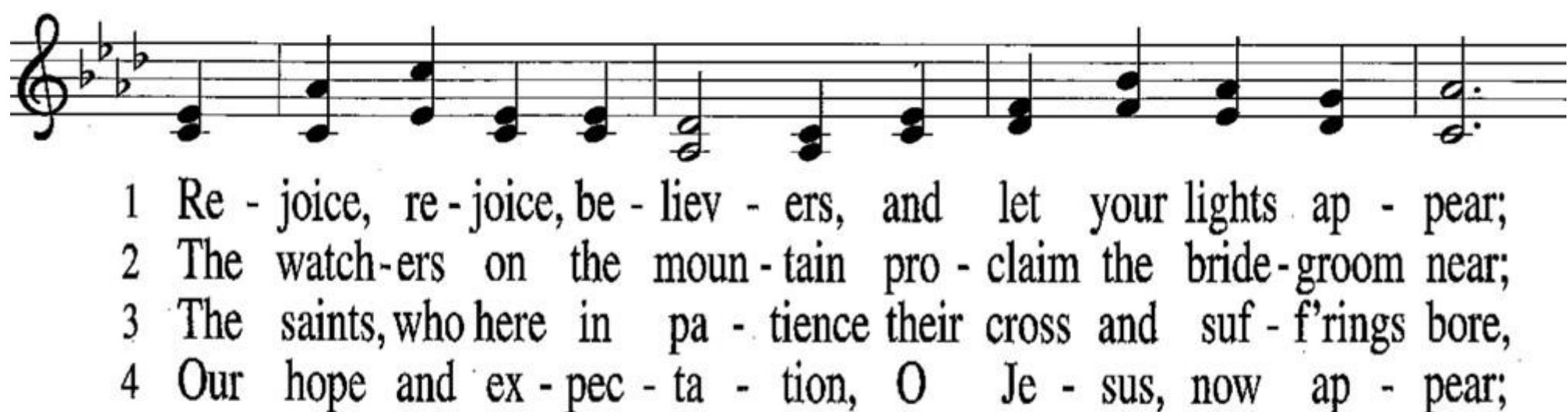
***The Lord's Prayer***

**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.

***Blessing***

**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.

***Sending Hymn                      Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers***



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!

### **Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Keep awake.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my brothers,  
 Jack and Bob by Jean Parker*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of our  
 wedding anniversary by Gene & Linda Jones*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of the Advent  
 Season by Robin Curtis*







## *Announcements*

**S**econd Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **December** the **Mercy Center for Women** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**W**esleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking “Food Pantry” in the memo line.

**I**t’s **All Greek to Me Bible Study**: Pastor Tom is leading a weekly Bible study on **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** starting in the Study Lounge.

**A**ngel Tree: will be in the Narthex through **December 7**. Please take a tag or two from the tree located in the Narthex to benefit the Mercy Center for Women. The unwrapped items, along with the tag, **MUST** be returned to the Church by **December 7**. They asked for “Back to Basic” items due to changing in Federal Funding.

**A**dvent Devotional Pamphlets: are in the Narthex. Feel free to take one to use.

**P**rayer Cards: are in the Narthex on the counter.

**O**WLs: Wesley Keenagers is hosting Gary Foster chalk drawing and invited us to join them on **Thursday, December 4, 10:00 am**. Bring a dessert to share. Cost is \$7.00 due at the event for lunch. RSVP to Karen Pistner by November 30.

**W**esleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

December 2 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

December 8 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

December 15 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

December 16 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PRELIMINARY 3-YEAR VISION  
APPROVED - 2025 to 2027

WORSHIP	Start?
<u>Technology</u>	
Add Screens in sanctuary	(DONE)
Update website	(ongoing)
Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices	(DONE)
<u>Music Ministry</u>	
Build out the Band	(2025)
CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY	
Bubble Church	(ongoing)
School Day Off Camp	(Fall 2025)
Milestone Ministry	(Fall 2025)
PROPERTY	
Fix Front Electronic Sign	(DONE)
Repair/Purchase Boiler	(DONE)
Plumbing Upgrades/Restrooms	(2027)
Buy New Freezer	(DONE)
IN-REACH	
Recruit and Train More Volunteer	(2025)
Train in-home communion ministry	(2025)
EDUCATION	
Bible Study (Adult and Children) - have more options	(2025-2027)
OUTREACH	
Maintain Community Garden	(ongoing)
Continue Back to School Bash	(2025-2027)
Continue participation in Community National Night Out	(2025-2027)
FELLOWSHIP	
Explore more group events	(ongoing)
Continue to grow OWLs ministry (spiritually and fellowship)	(ongoing)
Lutheran Walkers	(2025)

**This Week at the Church**  
*(See Newsletter for More Detail)*

**Office Hours :Monday-Closed, Tuesday-10:00am-5:00pm,  
Wednesday-Closed, Thursday-10:00am-5:00pm,  
Friday-10:00am-5:00pm**

<b>Sun. 11/30</b>	<b><i>1st Sunday in Advent</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
<b>Mon.</b>	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00PM	Sewing Circle
<b>Wed.</b>	11:00AM	Worship Committee
	1:00PM	Bound Together
<b>Thu.</b>	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:30PM	NA Group
<b>Fri.</b>	7:30PM	AA
<b>Sun. 12/7</b>	<b><i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach

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