

# You're Welcome...



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# The Liturgy of Holy Communion

9:00 AM



## GATHERING

### Announcements

**Prelude:** *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying*, arr. Johann Gottfried Walther

*(Please stand)*

### Confession and Forgiveness

P. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence/Kneel)*

P. God of mercy,

**C. we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.  
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

P. God of might,

**C. we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have  
trusted false promises.**

P. God in our midst,

**C. we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

P. A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**C. Amen**

*(stand)*

**The Entrance Hymn:** #436 WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

### Apostolic Greeting

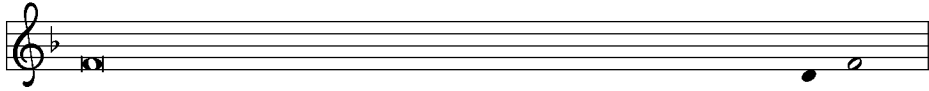
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

# Kyrie:



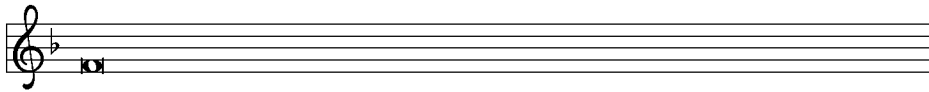
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



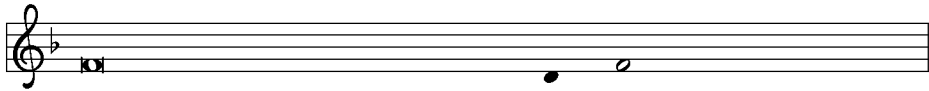
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



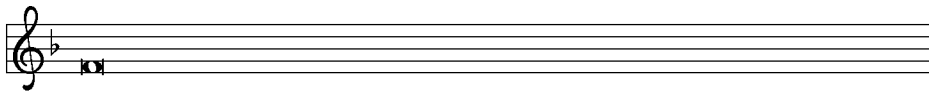
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



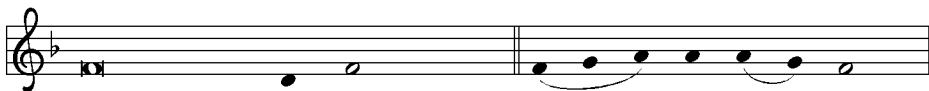
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



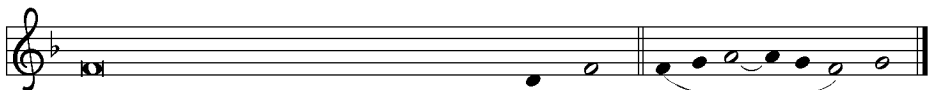
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P. Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

**C. Amen**

**Stanza 1** of “*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*” (hymn 240) is sung:

**C. *Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.***

## The Prayer of the Day:

P. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

**C. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*(Be Seated)*

## WORD

### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 25:1-10 (sung responsively with the cantor)

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your  
steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

### The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

### The Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

<sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Be seated)*

**The Sermon:** Rev. Mark Luscombe

*[Silence for reflection follows the sermon.]*

*(stand)*

**The Hymn of the Day:** #254 COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

**The Nicene Creed**

P. Let us affirm our faith in the words of the 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**

**The Prayers**

A. As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*(please kneel or sit)*

*(after each petition, please respond)*

A. Lord, in your mercy, **C. receive our prayer.**

P. Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C. Amen**

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C. And also with you!**

**The Offertory:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, arr. Robert Powell

**The Offertory:** *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**The Offertory Prayer:**

P. Creator God,

**C. you made the whole world and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**The Preface Dialogue: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

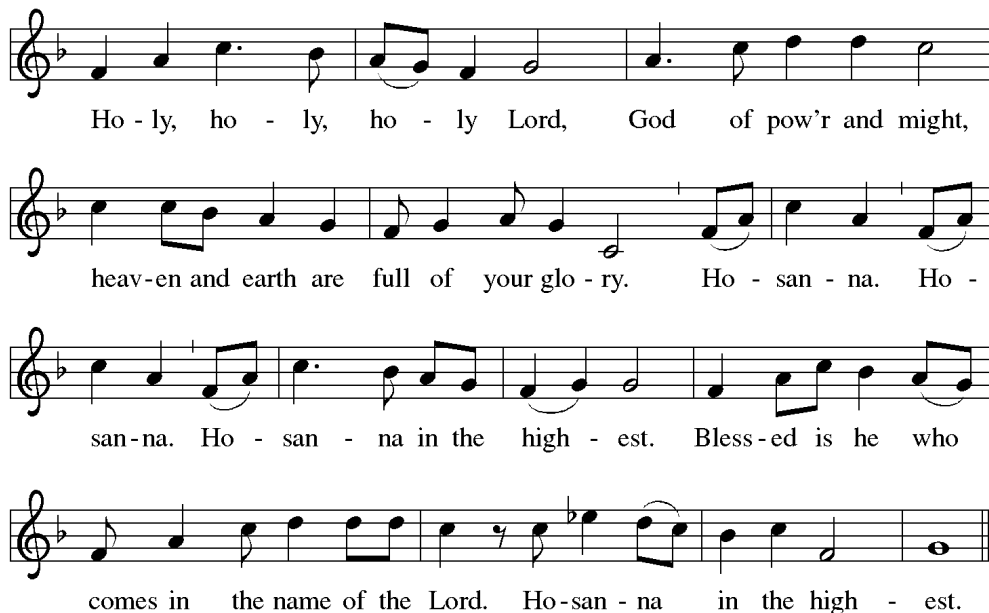
P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Preface for Advent

P. "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....join their unending hymn."

## The Sanctus:



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.

## Eucharistic Prayer:

P. Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.....Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C. Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer:

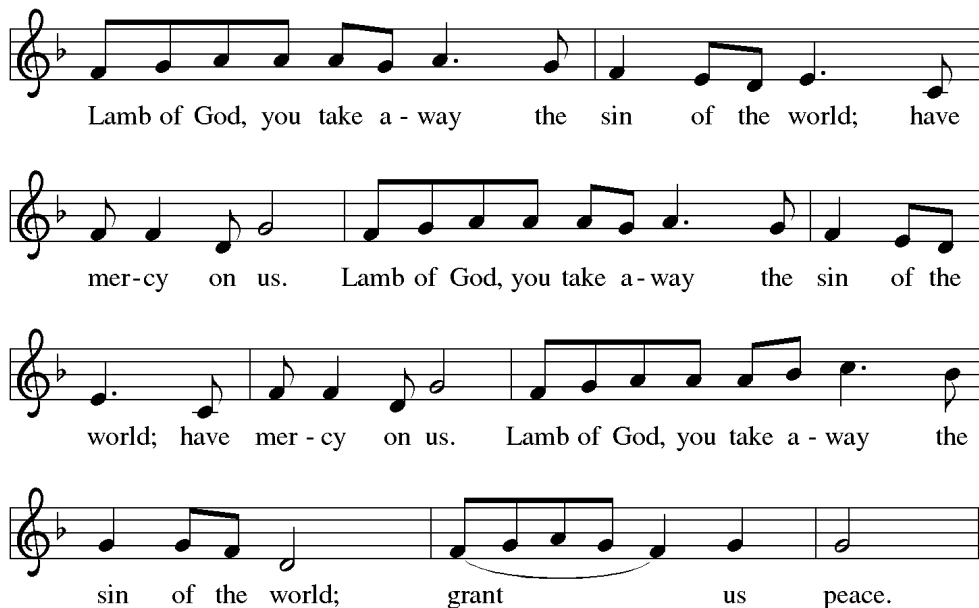
**C. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## The Fraction:

P. God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.



## Agnes Dei – LAMB OF GOD



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.

*[Please be seated at the conclusion of this hymn.]*

### **The Distribution:**

*(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)*

- #260 THE KING SHALL COME
- #241 O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU
- #488 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS
- #490 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE
- #262 WAIT FOR THE LORD

*(stand)*

### **The Blessing of Communicants:**

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C. Amen**

## The Post Communion Canticle:



Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

## The Post Communion Prayer:

P. Generous God,

**C. we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world to be a sign of your reign. Amen**

## The Benediction

P. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C. Amen**

## The Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude:** *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*, arr. Paul Manz

## OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

9:00 Ed Quirke

### LECTOR

9:00 Gary Nace

### COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 Barry Kreider, Lisa Garrett

### ACOLYTES

9:00 CH Ava Morgan

### AV

Live Stream

### ALTAR GUILD

9:00 Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman,  
Lisa Garrett

### USHERS

9:00 Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer

**Launder Linens:** Lori Spitzer

**Deliver Flowers:** Winnie Gerlach

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### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:

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- ✠ In memory of Joyce Bowers:  
by Dave Bowers.
- ✠ In honor of the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday of our  
granddaughter, Ava Berkosky;  
by Terry & Joyce Gehman.

## Prayers of the People

Jim Hooper – Joyce Hooper’s husband. 309 Bank Hill Rd. Wrightsville, PA 17368

Candy Snyder – 218 E. Walnut St. Ephrata, PA 17522

Jill Puleo – Cheryl Plummer’s cousin

Ryan Johnson – nephew of Deb & Trig Olson

Carl Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543

Karen Hurst – Neighbor of Bill & Lori Spitzer

Sheldon Garman – Friend of Mike & Judy Williams

Henry Perella – great-nephew of Judy Williams

All people affected by war

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Biden and leaders of this nation, Leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries, serving those in need



*If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.*

## CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna

Emmalyn Mulvenna

Janet Brunner

Andrew Campbell

Michael Spenrath

Asher D'Agostino

Tony Perella

Mike & Claudia Belden

COL. Eric Bowers

Dan Wierbiki

Jacob Hinkle Jr.

Karen Woerner Kim

Kim Harnish

Rick Gerhard

Wyatt Geisthweit

Les Doremus

Jim Weik

Heidi White

Johnny White

Jacob Connelly

Sue & Denis Rowe

Crystal Perry

Hank & Pat Kajetzke

Terry Gehman

Brent Stever

Alan & family

Dori Hoch

Cindy Stahl

Grant Hummer

Martha Becker

Chris and Karen Payonk

Alysha Fassnacht

John Surdich

Ava Berkosky

Amy Pasili

Theresa Cimino

Kim Burke

Eric Mortorell

Duke & Bonnie Leeper