



# ADVENT

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**“Love God, Serve Neighbor”**

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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### Pastoral Welcome

### Call to Worship

L: When forces in the world threaten us,  
when our bodies or spirits turn against us,  
there is One who seeks us,  
One who meets us,  
One who heals us,  
whose love washes over us  
and sets us free for joy.  
This One is the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Come, let us worship him now.

**Prelude**        *"More Precious Than Silver"* (Lynn DeShazo, arr. Mark Hayes)  
Kristin Sakamoto

### Affirmation of Baptism

L: We begin by making the sign that was made on the day of our baptisms.  
We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: As we see the light the Christ candle, we remember the words that were said  
when we were baptized:

**C: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

L: Brothers and sisters, in Baptism, God brings us into his family and calls us his  
own. By Baptism, God gives us the gifts of faith, love, life, forgiveness, and  
strength, and asks to respond in faithfulness to him and in service to others.

I ask those who are affirming their baptisms today, do you intend to continue  
in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people;  
to hear his Word and share in his supper;  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

**C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Sharing the Peace

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

#### ***Refrain***

That we may live out your impassioned response  
to the hungry and the poor;  
That we may live out . . . truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

#### ***Refrain***

## Greeting

L: 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.**

## Prayer of Illumination

L: Let us pray. Calm us now, Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap with the joy of your good news.

C: **Amen.**

## The First Reading

Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

## 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, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

## The Message

Song of the Day

ELW #798 "The Summons"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God is present,  
In the darkness before dawn,  
In the waiting and uncertainty,  
Where conflict and caring link arms,  
Where fear and courage join hands.

We believe in a God who is with us,  
Who sits down in our midst  
To share our humanity.

We affirm a faith  
That takes us beyond a safe place:  
Into action, into vulnerability,  
And into the places of deepest need.

We commit ourselves to work for change  
And to put ourselves on the line.  
To bear responsibility, to take risks,  
And to face humiliation.  
To stand with those on the edge,  
to choose life and  
to be a community of hope for all people.  
Amen.

## Prayers of the Faithful

- L: Let us pray. God, you have been our resting-place through the ages.  
Generations come and pass away, but you abide forever.  
We praise you for your presence among us.  
You bring us comfort amid our trials, clarity where confusion persists,  
and peace in the midst of conflict.  
Hear us now as we pray for your church and the needs of the world,  
for you are the God of our lives.

*Time of silence.*

- L: God, we pray for the church – the community of believers throughout the  
world – that we may be true, engaging, and actively doing your will. Let your  
church always be faithful, and ready to promote the cause of compassionate  
love and peace.

God, hear our prayer

- C: and in your love, answer.**

L: God, we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. We pray that everywhere upon this earth there may be justice and peace. We pray for the country and the people of Ukraine, and for the countries of Sudan and Myanmar.

God, hear our prayer

**C: and in your love, answer.**

L: God, we pray for all people in their daily life and work — for our families, friends, neighbors, and for those who are hospitalized or ill at home. Hear us now as we lift up those people and those situations you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Terence Connelly         | ▪ Sara Moeller     |
| ▪ Inez Easley              | ▪ Terry Mosher     |
| ▪ Rosemary Martin-Fountain | ▪ Steve O'Donnell  |
| ▪ Andrea Hankins           | ▪ Gerry Osborne    |
| ▪ Dwight Hartsell          | ▪ Terry Park       |
| ▪ Jim Hintz                | ▪ Joyce Quigley    |
| ▪ Gary Homesley            | ▪ Anne Steele      |
| ▪ Donnell Horton           | ▪ Earlene Stephens |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz          | ▪ David Townsend   |
| ▪ Bobbi Larson             | ▪ Herbert Watson   |
| ▪ Bonnie Lupton            | ▪ Renate Wilson    |
| ▪ Gabe Lynch               |                    |

L: We now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name.

*(Time for the community to pray.)*

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Michael Conley, coworker of Andy Goerke, died June 3

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: God, hear our prayer

**C: and in your love, answer.**

L: God, we offer these prayers to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us. Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide. We ask all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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## SHARING THE MEAL

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**Offering** *(Please sign and pass the pew pads)*

**Offertory Song** *"The Feast of Life" (Evan Shelton)* Kristin Sakamoto

### Table Prayer

L: The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Jesus became fully human. So come to the table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been in a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have fallen short. Come. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

C: Amen.

**The Words of Institution** *"Come and See"*

L: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room. He took the bread and blessed it as he said, "Here's my body broken for you." He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed his head and prayed. And then he said, "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sin away."



## Congregational Response

1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the  
 2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the

Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,  
 Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,

Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth,

Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

## The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

- C:** 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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

"Lamb of God"

1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 2 Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing you to  
 (3) pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ

sin of the world. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way my sin. I con - fess that  
 cleans - es me from sin. The pre - cious blood of

take a - way the sin of the world.  
 I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.  
 Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

*Refrain*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
 mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

*Last time to coda*  $\diamond$   
 mer - cy, have mer - cy on me.  $\text{3 The}$

$\diamond$  *Coda*  
 Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Communion Song

ELW #793 "Be Thou My Vision"

Communion Song

"Sanctuary/I Exalt Thee"

## The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

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## Benediction

L: May you never feel alone in the struggle for justice and peace.

May you know the support of family, friends, and people who feel as passionately about the world as you do.

May you feel a part of the great cloud of witnesses, who through the ages, did God's work and prayed for the coming of the Kingdom.

May you never feel alone.

And if you do, may you carry in your heart the words of Jesus, who told his friends: "I am with you always."

C: Amen.

## Sending Song

ELW #860 "I'm So Glad"



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.