

Traditional Service 11:00am

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

"Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter."

Hope Lutheran Church
November 29 —11:00 am



WELCOME Pastor Kevin

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor: When the nights are long and the roads are hard,
All: we turn our eyes to the stars.
Pastor: When the work is demanding and injustice unending,
All: we stand together, arm in arm.
Pastor: When fear looms large and grief weighs heavy,
All: we cry out to God without holding back.
Pastor: And when the dawn of tomorrow feels far away,
All: we gather together to light the candle of hope.
Light candle.
All: Like the stars above,
Pastor: may this light shine bright.
All: May it guide our path.
Pastor: May it inspire deeper hope.
All: Until God's promised day, may it be so. Amen.

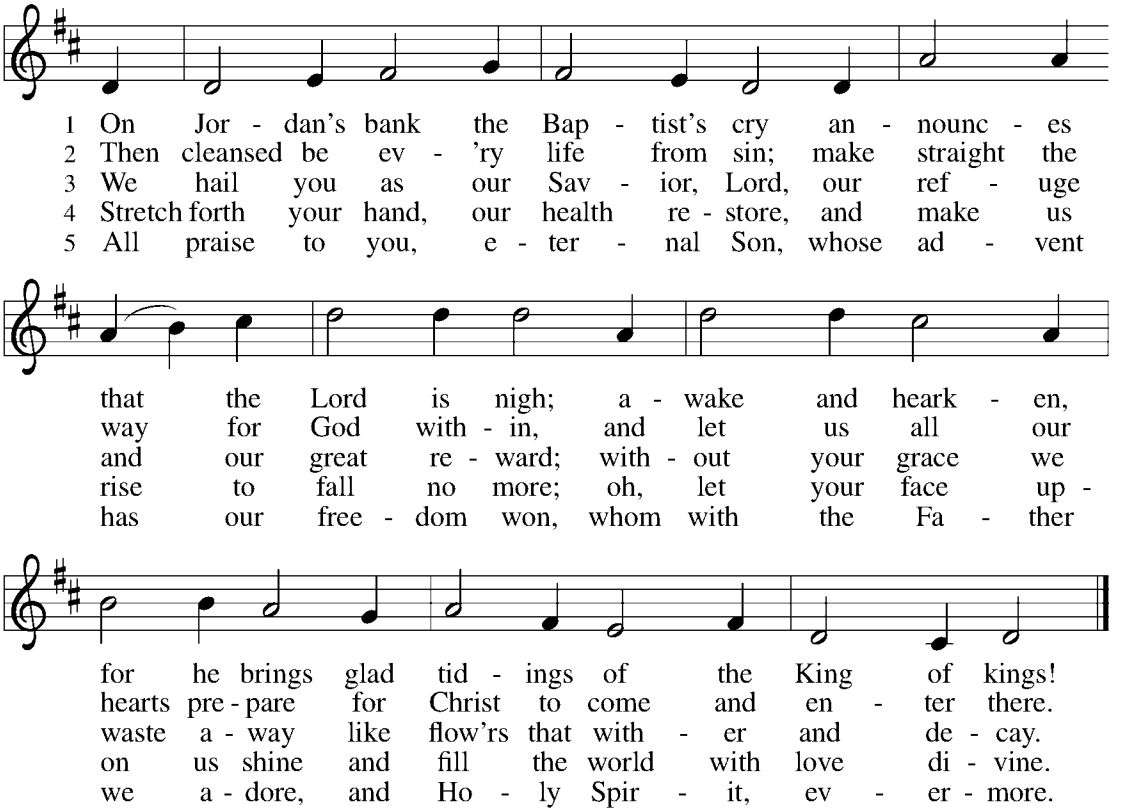
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity,☩ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.
All: Amen.
Pastor: A voice cries out in the wilderness. "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back towards God's love.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Pastor: Comforting God,
All: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

Pastor: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says our God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN ***On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry*** **#249**



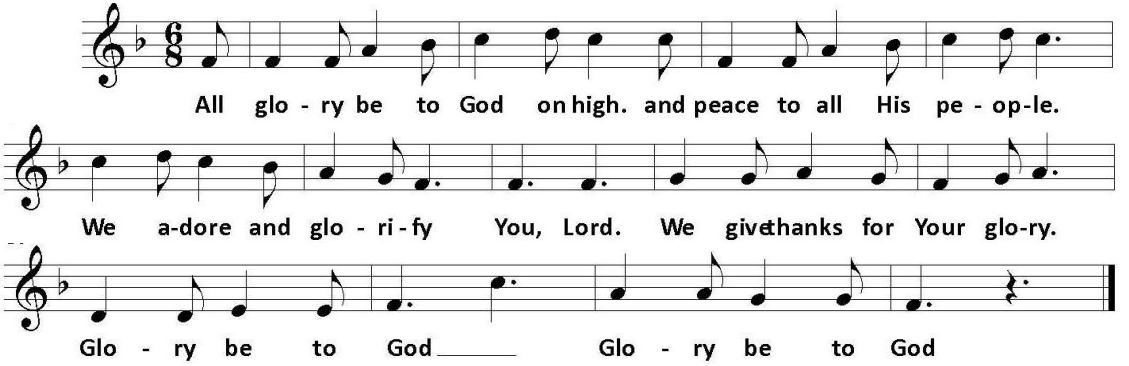
Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

GREETING

Pastor: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.



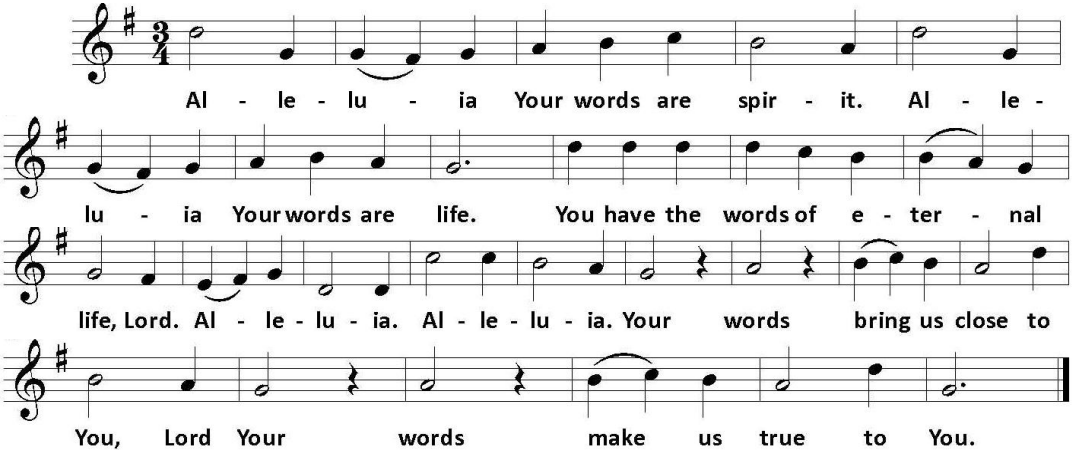
OLD TESTAMENT READING **Isaiah 64:1-9**

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would
quake at your presence— 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your
presence! 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the
mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet those
who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we
sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is
unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our
iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to
take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of
our iniquity. 8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are
all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember
iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING **Mark 13:24-37**

24 "But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

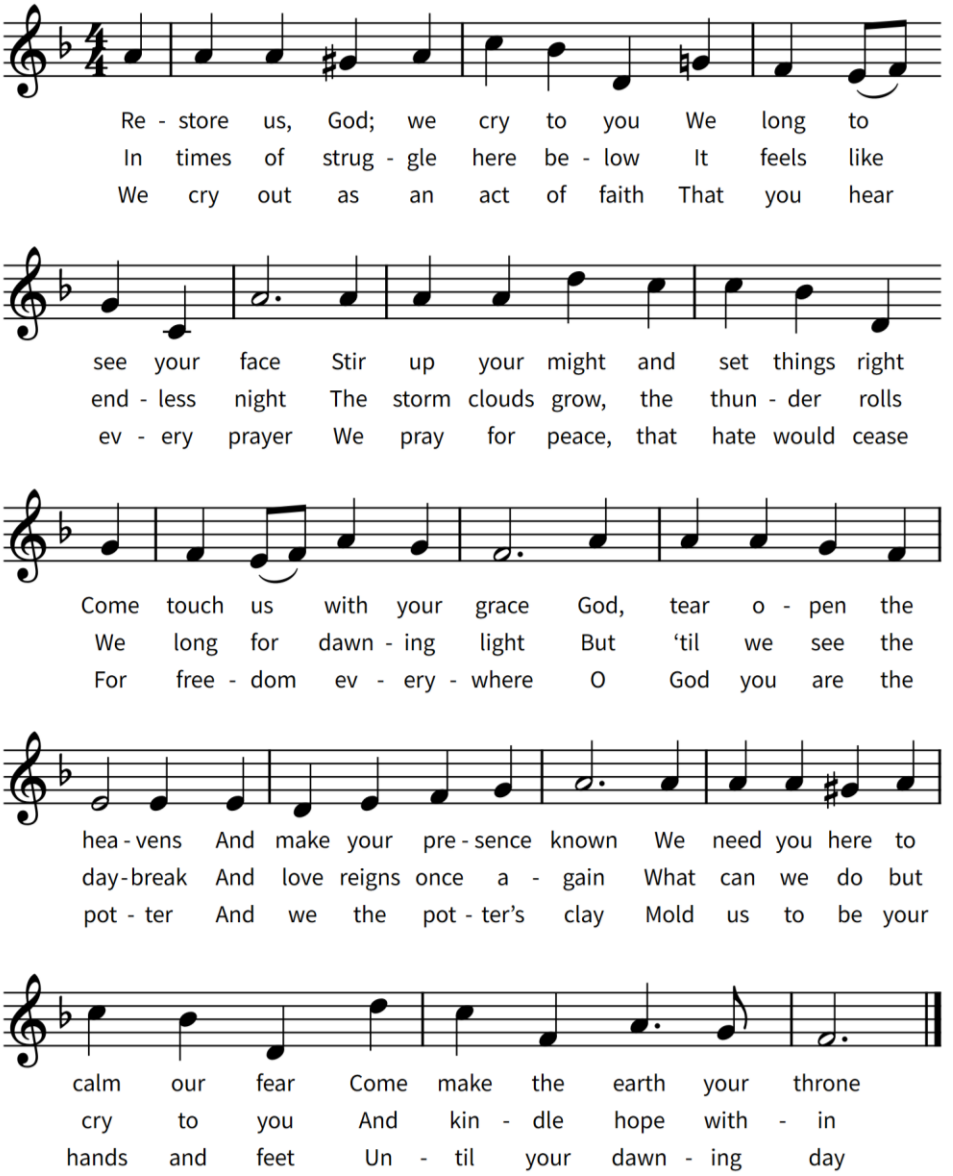
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Pastor Kevin

MESSAGE *Cry Out* Pastor Kevin

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Restore Us, God***



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THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 OUR COMMUNITY

Each petition ends with God, in your mercy, *and people respond* **Receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

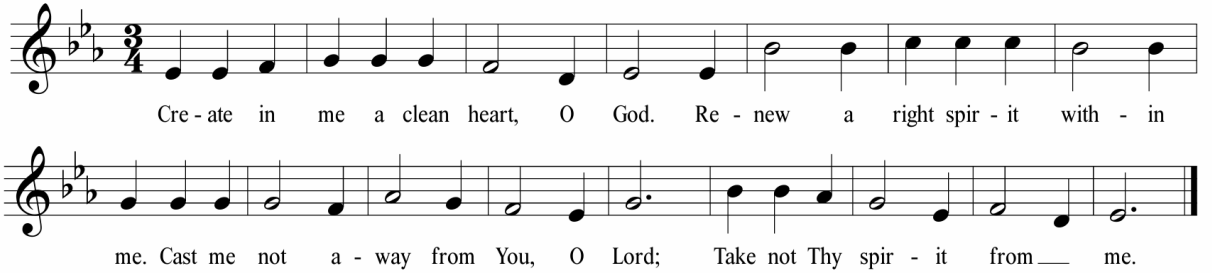
Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated as the tithes & offerings to support our ministries are received.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Hear Me, Redeemer* Adult Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Holy Creator, we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts, shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

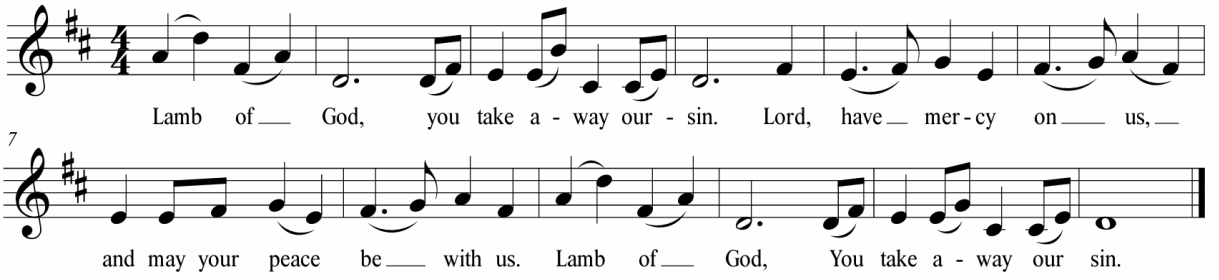
Invitation to Communion

Pastor: The glory of the Lord is revealed! Come and taste God's presence.

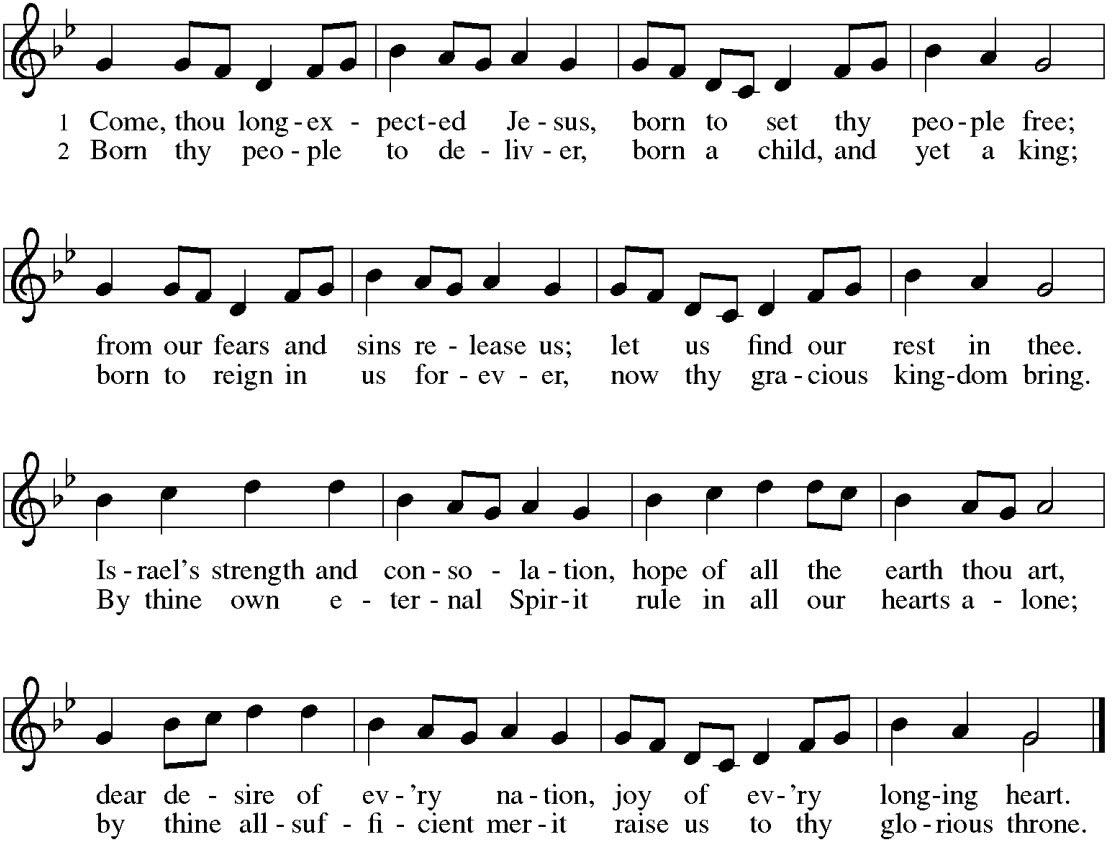
Communion Distribution

Communion will be received up front. The pastors will place the wafer in your open hand. Wrapped, gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine and grape juice are available for intinction. Dip the bread into the cup and consume. Individual cups of wine are also available if you prefer. Return to your seat by using the aisles.

Distribution Hymn ***Lamb of God***



COMMUNION HYMN ***Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*** **#254**



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

All: Amen.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

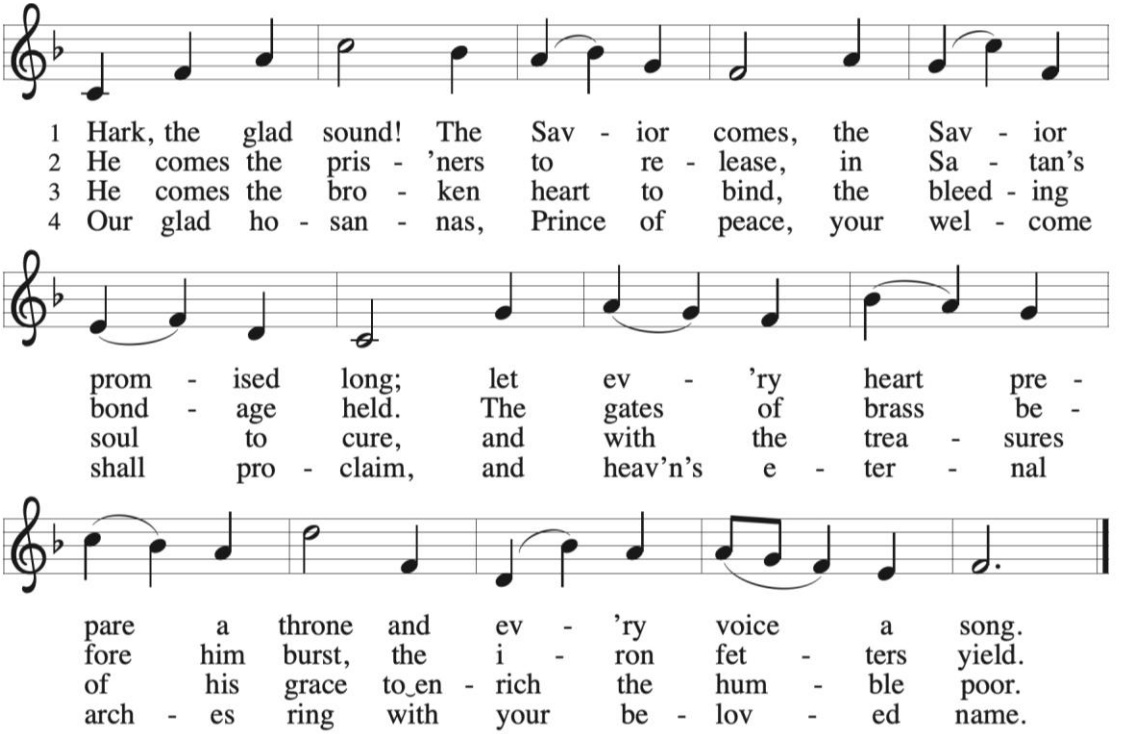
All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ***Hark the Glad Sound*** **#239**



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

Leader: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

All: Live out Servant Love,
Show Hospitality,
Extend Generosity,
Worship the Risen Lord.

Leader: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God!

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