

# The Third Sunday in Advent

## Sunday, December 11, 2022

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" G. F. Handel

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure, and whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we wait the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

### "Christ, Be Our Light"

*[Three candles are lit.]*

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff continues the melody for the third line. The lyrics are: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.'

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”  
[See back of bulletin]

## **GREETING**

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

## **KYRIE**

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

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

**B** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 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.

**B** 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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, or Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### A READING FROM ISAIAH

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
 the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
 like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
 and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
 the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
 They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
 the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
 and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
 “Be strong, do not fear!  
 Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
 with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isaiah 35:1-10)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**LUKE 1:46b-55 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>**and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>**for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.**

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>**He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>**he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.**

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>**according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."**

### A READING FROM JAMES

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. (James 5:7-10)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” (Matthew 11:2-11)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”  
[See back of bulletin]

### **THE NICENE CREED (Read in unison)**

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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,  
He 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**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, equip your church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abundant God, revive lands we have mistreated and abused. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, end racism and oppression. Free all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations in conflict and help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, strengthen and protect all who risk their own lives to keep others safe. Bring healing and wholeness to everyone who suffers. We lift up the names of everyone on our prayer list and those who live amid war and destruction. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with love and support. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and all the saints throughout all generations. Look with favor on those who have died in faith and lead us to sing your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

# OFFERING

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

(8 AM)

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

J. Pachelbel

(10:30 AM)

“Prophets Knew”\*

L. Larson

## OFFERTORY HYMN “Let the Vineyards be fruitful, Lord”



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

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them, we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

♩ 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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## 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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

## **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.

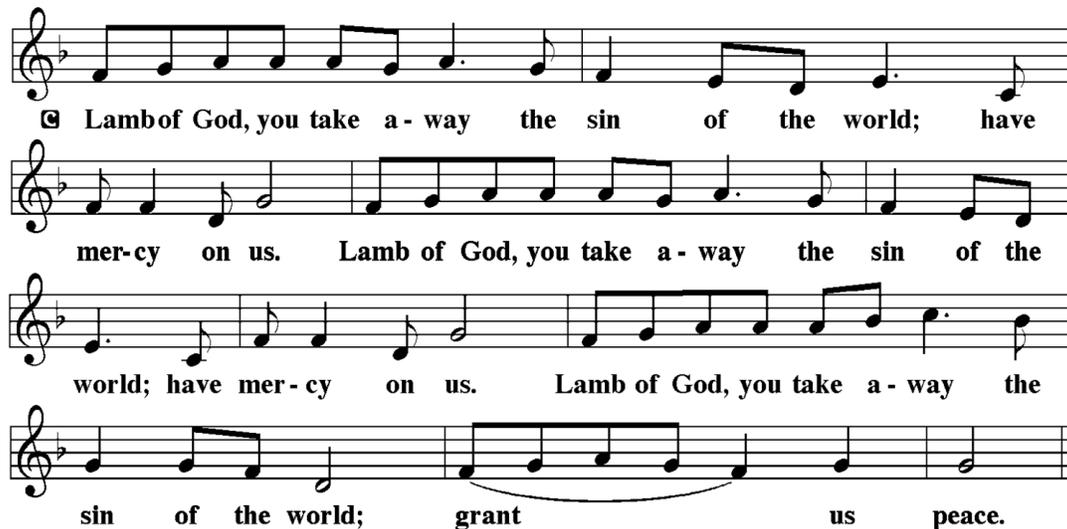
## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come, all who hunger and thirst for food from heaven!

## INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by way of *intinction*. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pew.

## AGNUS DEI



♩ 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.

## COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 AM) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" [See back of bulletin]

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

May Almighty God protect you from all evil.

May you abide in hope and abound in faith.

May you love God and serve your neighbor with great joy  
until that day when Christ comes again. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

"Fling Wide the Door" (vs. 1 & 4)  
[See back of bulletin]

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is near. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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**Introduction to the day:** A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship.

Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

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**Altar flowers** are presented in loving memory of Clark "Duke" Schenck by Sue, Kurt, and Julianne.

**Bulletins** are presented in memory of Guy and Frances Lengel by James Lengel and the Lengel Family.

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## CAROL SING AT SETON MANOR

Our congregation and the five area Lutheran congregations which make up the Southeastern Schuylkill County Co-operative (SSCC) will host a "Carol Sing" for the residents at Seton Manor in Orwigsburg, PA at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022. If you would like to sing with us, please gather in the Seton Manor parking lot beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Due to concerns about COVID-19, RSV, and Flu, carolers will be required to wear masks while inside the facility.

After the Carol Sing, everyone is invited to enjoy hot chocolate and share seasonal snacks at Jerusalem Lutheran Church at 252 Dock Street in Schuylkill Haven, PA.

## **SERVING THIS SUNDAY (12/11/22)**

### **8:00 AM**

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

### **10:30 AM**

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Joanne Emerich; LECTOR: Sue Reier

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Wayne Lutsey

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlene Eidam

## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (12/18/22)**

### **8:00 AM**

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

### **10:30 AM**

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Barb Sterner; LECTOR: Tom Wehr

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Diane Brobst

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, Pat Davis

<b>THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S</b>
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Sunday, December 11	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion "Second Sunday" Sunday School
Monday, December 12	7:00 PM	Council
Wednesday, December 14	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 15	12 Noon	WELCA Christmas Luncheon
	6:30 PM	SSCC Carol Sing at Seton Manor
Friday, December 16	10:00 AM	STiC Walk in Tumbling Run
Saturday, December 17	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, December 18	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	4:00 PM	Christmas Concert at St. Paul's

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Our annual Christmas Concert will return next Sunday, December the 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The program includes traditional carols, music by St. Paul's Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, and instrumentalists. Join us for light refreshments and fellowship following the concert. Everyone is welcome!

### **WE REMEMBER AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER!**

The Evangelism committee would like to send cards, signed by our church family, to the home bound and military and college students away from home. The cards will be located on the small table with the prayer list. Please remember to sign our card(s) as you enter or leave the church.

### **CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND ARTISANS**

St. Paul's is establishing a crafting guild that makes items to sell at local community fairs and events as a new outreach program and an opportunity for fellowship. All proceeds from the sale of craft items will go to support St. Paul's ministries. We are looking for current crafters or anyone interested in learning a new craft. If you would like more information, please sign the interest sheet in the gathering room, or contact Kristin Durkee (804-380-9066) or Amy Dewald (570-449-4816).

### **WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS AND GUESTS**

Our offering plates are not "passed" during the service. Offerings can be placed in the plate located in the center aisle in the back of the church before or after worship. Our restrooms are in the back of our gathering room. Please look for the sign. If you have other questions, please ask our Greeter or Usher.

### **"SECOND SUNDAY" SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!**

Children ages 1-10 are welcome to join us upstairs for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship today. Thank you for supporting our Sunday School program. Mark your calendars for "Second Sunday" Sunday School on January 8, 2023!

### **ANGEL TREE**

Thank you for your generosity in helping us complete our 2022 Angel Tree! If you have not done so already, please return your wrapped gift, filled stockings, and Angel Tree Tag **TODAY**, Sunday, December 11.

## GATHERING HYMN “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

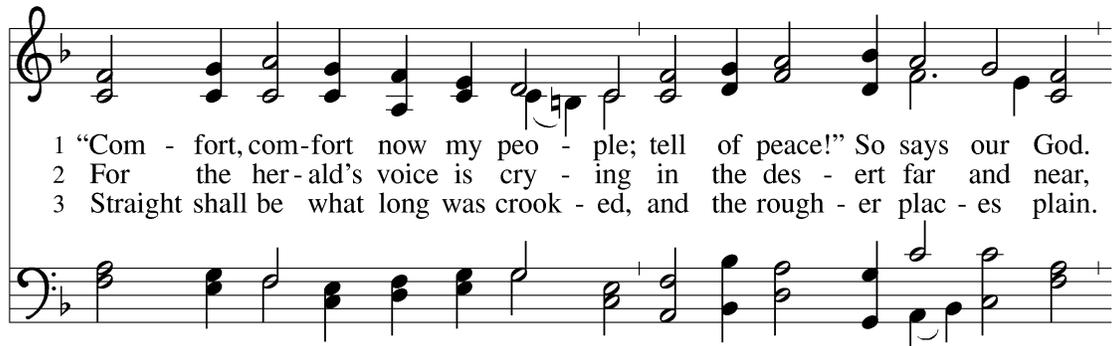
for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

### HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

On Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, we will worship at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Candle lighting, carols, and Holy Communion will be featured. On Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, we will worship at a single 9:30 a.m. service with carols and Holy Communion.

While there is no worship scheduled for Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve, join us for a single worship service on Sunday, January 1, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be offered. Please mark your calendars!

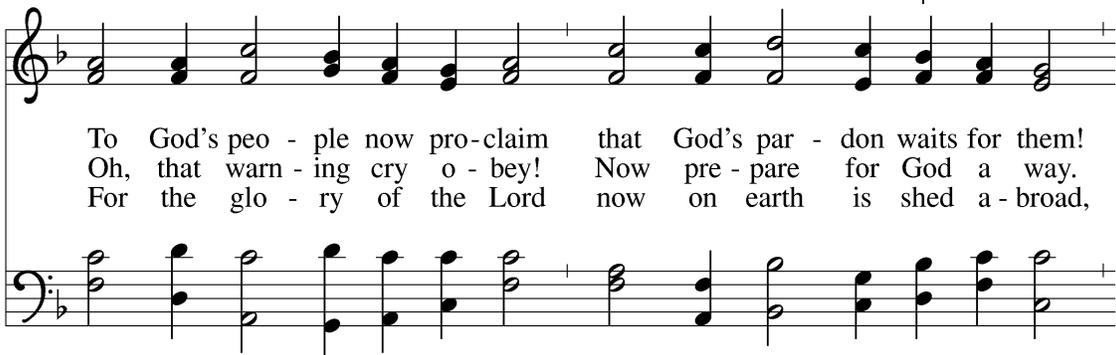
## HYMN OF THE DAY “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”



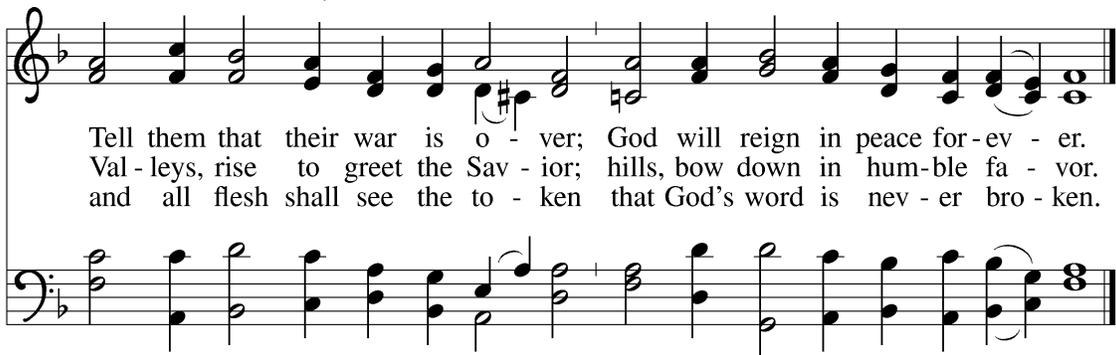
1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God’s ho - ly reign.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

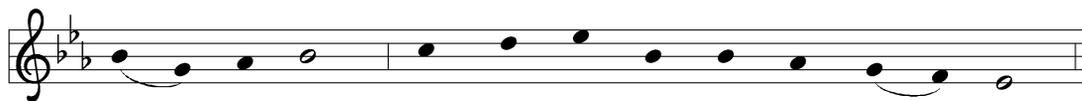
### WELCA NEWS

Our Christmas Luncheon at the McKeansburg Hotel will be on Thursday, December 15 at 12 Noon. Details and a signup sheet are available at the table in the gathering room. Deadline to register and pay is **TODAY**. If you wish to send a “Message from Home” to service people, the address list is at the gathering table.

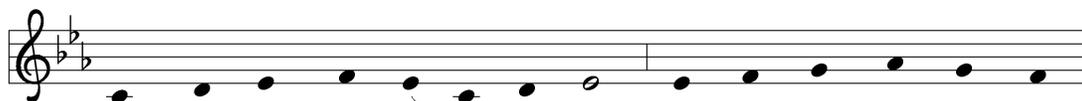
# COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 AM) "Of the Father's Love Begotten"



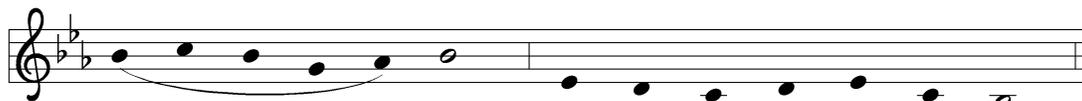
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
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ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service concludes. Please mark your new 2023 calendar for this important meeting!

# SENDING HYMN

## “Fling Wide the Door” (vs. 1 & 4)

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
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  
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

The musical score consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR BENEVOLENCE GIVING

Your generosity will likely allow us to meet and exceed our congregation's goal of \$7,300 this year. Thank you for valuing this important outreach!