
Here Comes The Dawn
First Sunday in Advent
November 29th, 2026

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. Our Saviour's is a dynamic community, centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent - to celebrate, serve and do justice.

You Are Welcome Here!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church celebrates the beauty of human diversity, knowing God creates every person in God's image. We welcome you in the fullness of who you are: at every age, with every ability and challenge; in every race, ethnicity, and citizenship; in neurodiversity and the many ways our minds work; and in every kind of relationship and family. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm that all people are beloved by God and worthy of dignity, belonging, care, and full participation. Mindful of the harm of exclusion, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of racial equity, justice, and service, growing in our practice of welcome as we journey together toward God's beloved community.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel,* from the entry table.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation And Parking

Parking - Parking is available in the parking lot behind church. There is street parking as well as in the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

Bus - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit metrotransit.org.

Mission of the month:
Indigenous Protector Movement (IPM)

Indigenous Protector Movement (IPM) is a grassroots non-profit organization located in our neighborhood that is dedicated to protecting Indigenous land and communities through direct action, advocacy, and community building. They have many initiatives that address community safety, healing and cultural wellness, and justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. We just transferred a property to IPM as an act of reparation.

Online giving - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:

First Sunday in Advent

This Advent season, our theme is "Here Comes The Dawn." This theme brings together both ancient and new. Ancient: Zechariah's vision of the future dawning of God's day of justice and mercy for all that will "guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1). New: the vision of our Minneapolis neighbors, some of us among them, who sang the song "Hold On" in the streets during Operation Metro Surge. May we journey together in fervent hope and daring trust this Advent season as we wait with longing for God's dawn.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

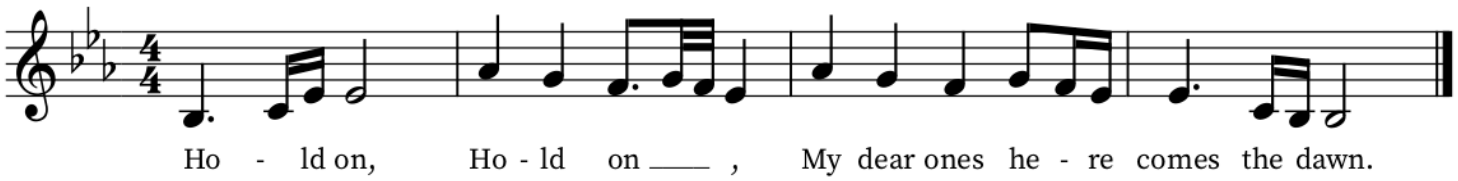
Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The community is invited to remain seated as we begin worship in reflection and prayer.

Holy One,
We struggle to hold on to hope
that justice, healing and joy are possible
for us and for others.
So many neighbors cry out in pain.
Creation groans.
Yet your prophets cry out across the centuries,
announcing the dawn of your promised day,
sharing visions of beloved community, right relationship, and shalom.

Help us to glimpse your dawn today.
Open our minds to dream
Our hearts to hope
And our hands to share.
Ready us for your coming.
Amen.



Families share their hope in the promise of God's dawn.

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*Gathering Hymn *Awake! Awake And Greet The New Morn* **ELW 242**

*Greeting

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

*Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

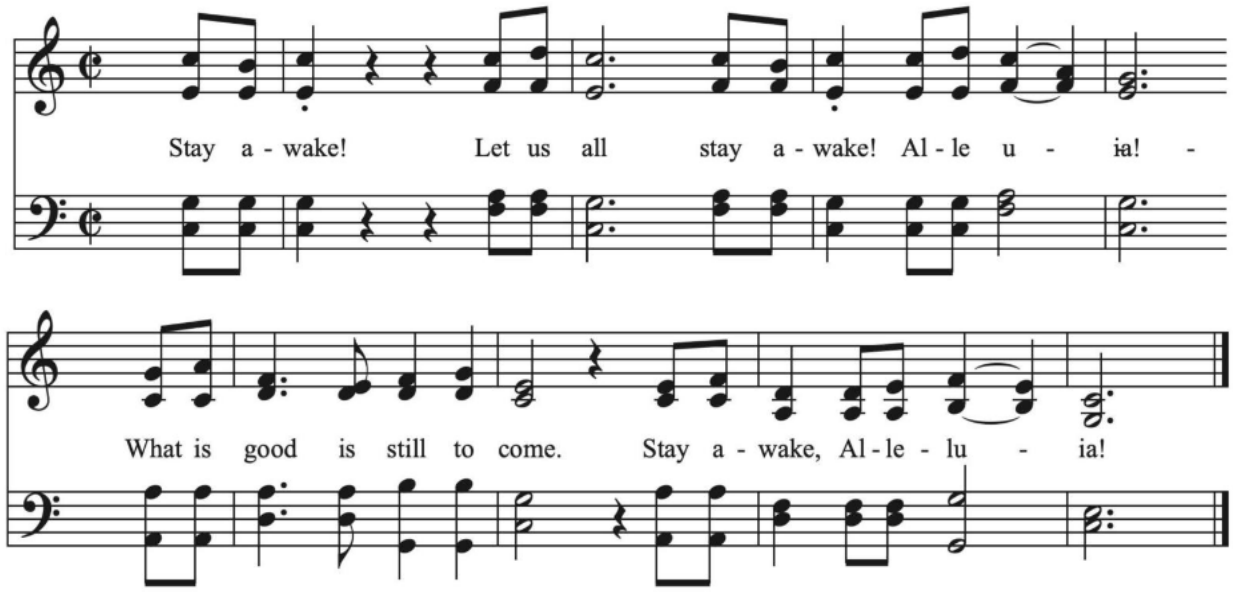
First Reading **Isaiah 64:1-9**

[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 you.

[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 God, you are as a parent to us;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O God,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel **Mark 13:24-37** (Spark Bible p. 346)

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

[Jesus said:] 24 "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 Promised One coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then the Promised One will send out the angels, and gather their 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 the Promised One 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 Only Begotten, but only God. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like someone going on a journey, who leaving home and putting the servants in charge of their own work, commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the owner of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else, coming suddenly, the owner may find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

After the children's sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister for children's church and be welcomed back during the sharing of the peace. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Sermon

There is space for sermon notes either on the insert page or on the table by the font.

*Hymn of the Day ***Lost In The Night*** ***ELW 243***

*Prayers of the People

During Advent, we will pray together through an embodied practice and silence. At the direction of the prayer leader, each person will be invited to tie a strip of fabric symbolizing their prayer to a common thread in the middle of the sanctuary. Those with mobility issues may either give their fabric to a pew neighbor to bring forward, or hold their fabric up - and we will bring the thread to you towards the end of the prayer time so you may add your fabric yourself.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Gathering our Gifts ***Bret Hesla***

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's use this QR Code.

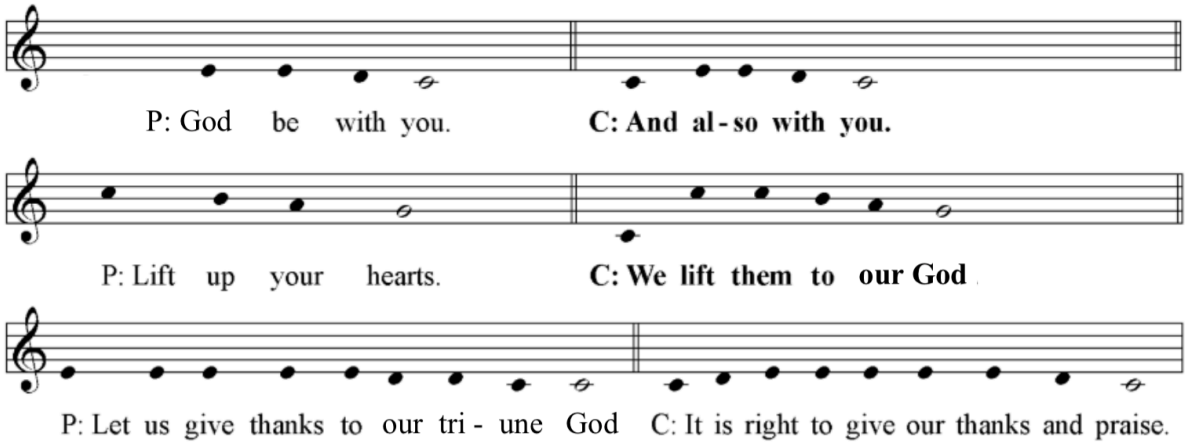
*Offertory Response

These gifts that we have, the world didn't give them to us (3x)
The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

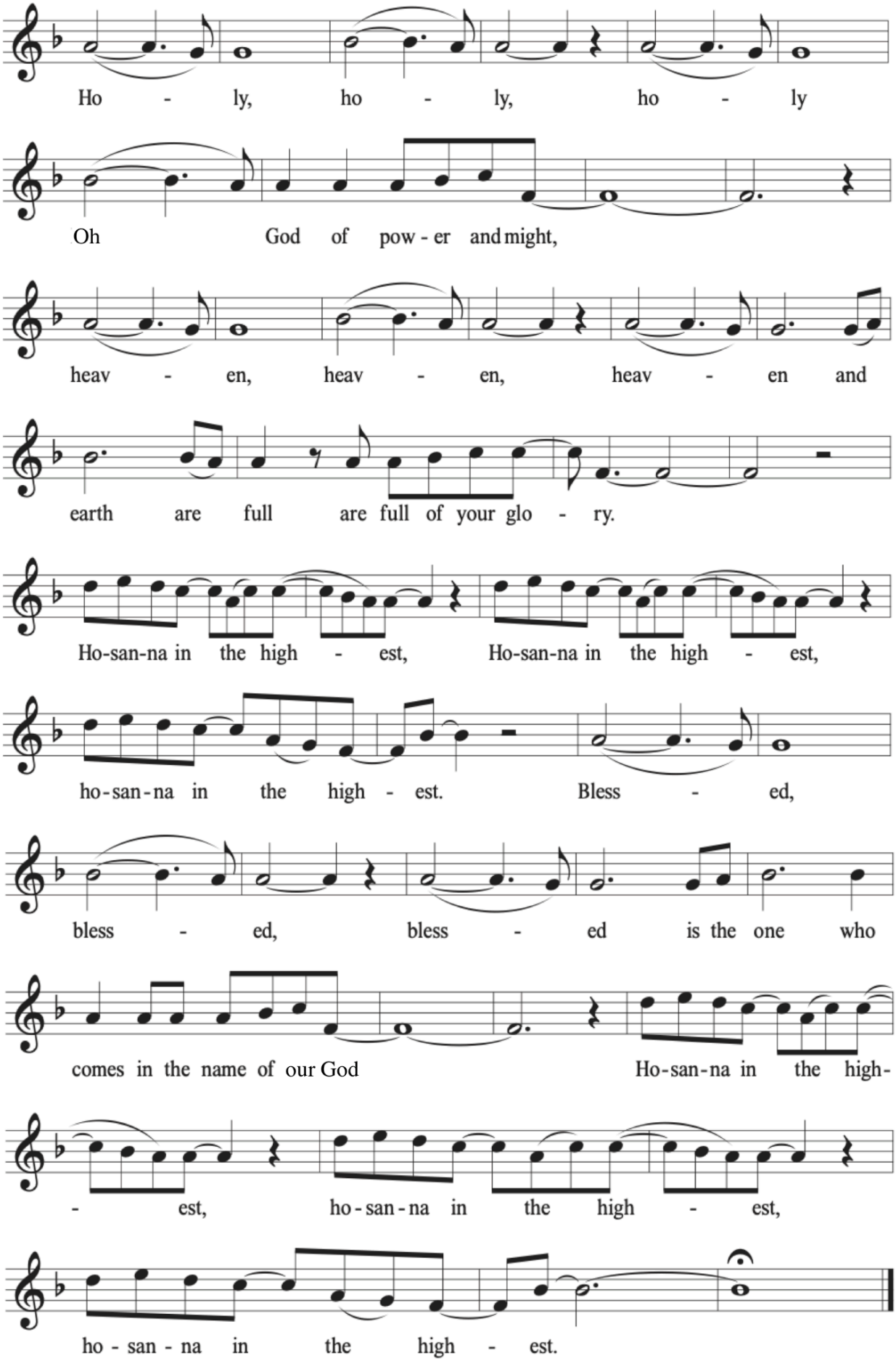
This **hope** that we have…

*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving



*Sanctus


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
Oh God of pow - er and might,
heav - en, heav - en, heav - en and
earth are full are full of your glo - ry.
Ho-san-na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high - est,
ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed,
bless - ed, bless - ed is the one who
comes in the name of our God Ho-san-na in the high-
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ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer

As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,
Jesus Christ will come again.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
Jesus Christ will come again.

*The Prayer of Jesus

Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

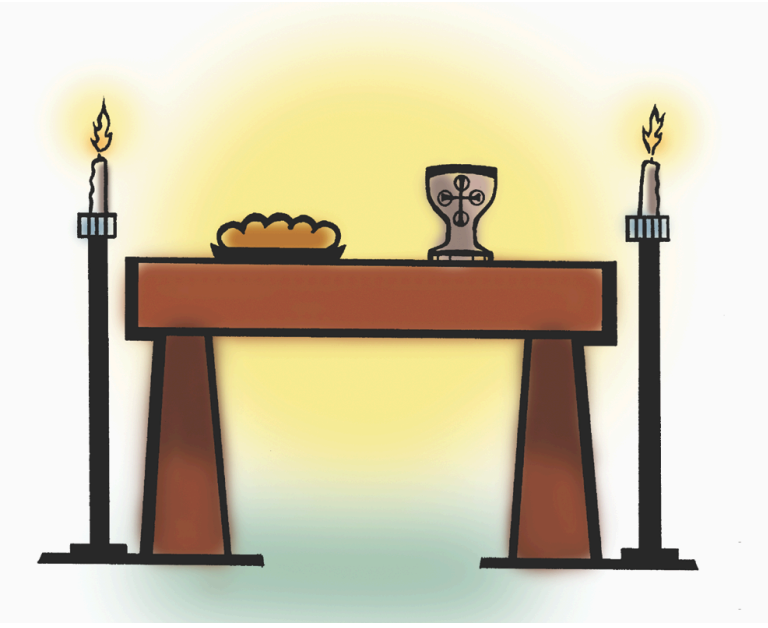
**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

Healing Prayer at the Font

During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.

Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for grape juice. Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing by crossing their arms.



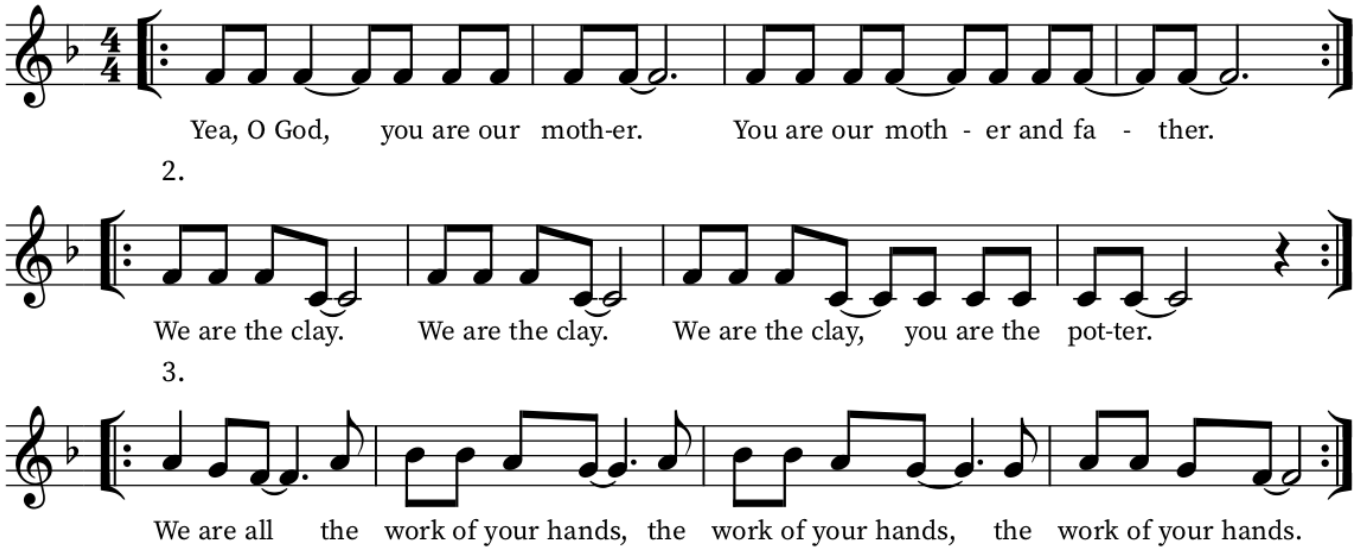
Songs During Communion

United at the Table ***ELW 498***

Each Winter As the Year Grows Older ***ELW 252***

Yea O God ***Larry Dittberner***

Sung as a round



*Blessing

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

*Benediction

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace.

Go in peace to love and serve.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.

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Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Craig Johnson
Prayers:	Craig Johnson
Offertory:	Bret Hesla
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Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson
Advent Candle Lighters:	Scholtz Lau Family
Advent Artwork:	Irene Fernando

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, December 2
8:30AM: DABS
10:15AM: Bible Study (CR/Zoom)
5:30PM: Advent Gathering (K/HC)
6:15PM: Choir (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 5
7:00AM: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, December 6
11:00AM: Adult Forum *Intergenerational Manna & Mercy*

Are you interested in becoming a member or just learning more about OSLC?

Please reach out to one of the pastors:
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