



Introduction

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

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All are welcome here
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

All are welcome here
Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray
Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks
Welcome to serve God and neighbors

All are welcome here
All are redeemed by a gracious God



The Gathering

Prelude Music

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (setting by Robert A. Hobby; tune by William Croft; 2008 Augsburg Fortress)
Soon and Very Soon (setting by Joel Raney; tune by Andrae Crouch: 2008 Crouch Music/Bud John Songs, Inc.; 2008 Hope Publishing Co.)

Please stand.

Call to Worship

PR Come, friends—step into the warmth of God’s love, where healing light rises to meet us like the morning sun.

C **We come to celebrate God’s goodness and to sing a new song of hope and joy.**

PR Even when the world feels uncertain— when there’s conflict, change, or challenge— Christ calls us to stay faithful and keep doing what’s right.

C **We won’t give up or grow weary, because God’s Spirit gives us strength to endure.**

PR So, let’s worship with open hearts and steady trust—

C **for God’s love burns brighter than fear and makes us whole again.**

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

PR Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

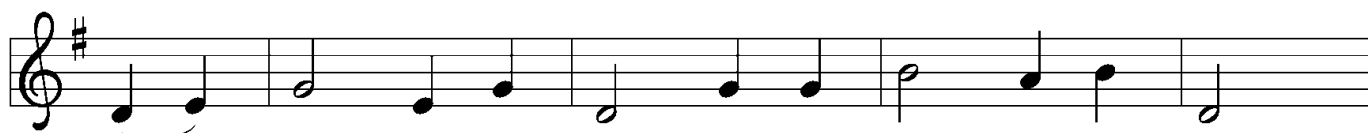
PR Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PR Faithful God,
 C you have shown us the ways of your heart,
 yet we stray from your paths.
 We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
 and do not embrace the freedom
 of your faithful promises.
 We ignore our neighbors.
 We exploit the earth.
 We reject your abundance,
 trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
 Repair our relationships,
 restore what we have broken,
 renew our hearts,
 and bring us to new life.
 Amen.

PR Hear the good news:
 God the Faithful One loves you,
 ✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
 C Amen.

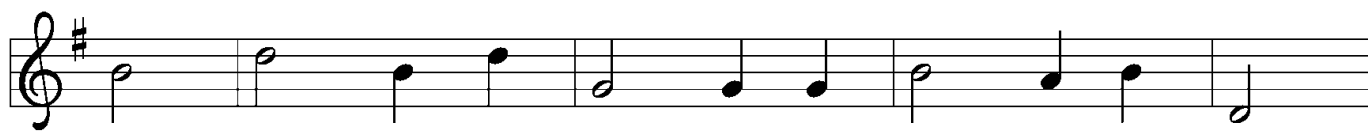
Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 796: *How Firm a Foundation*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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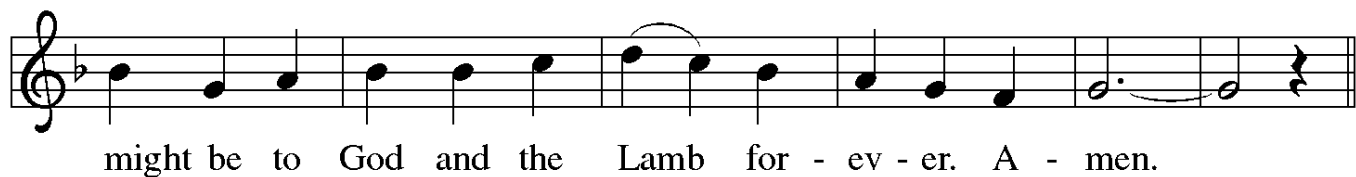
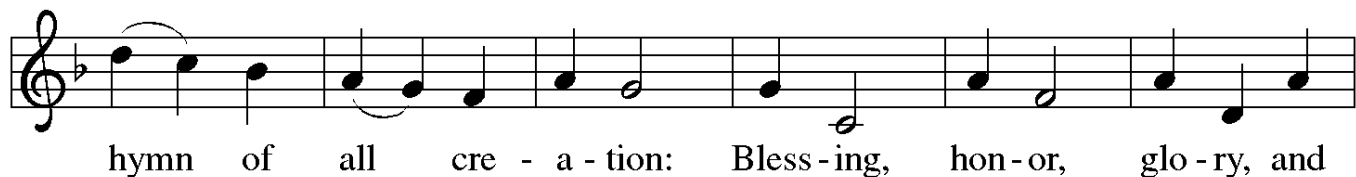
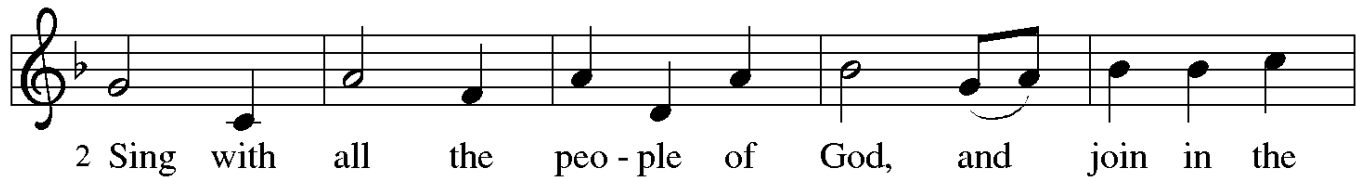
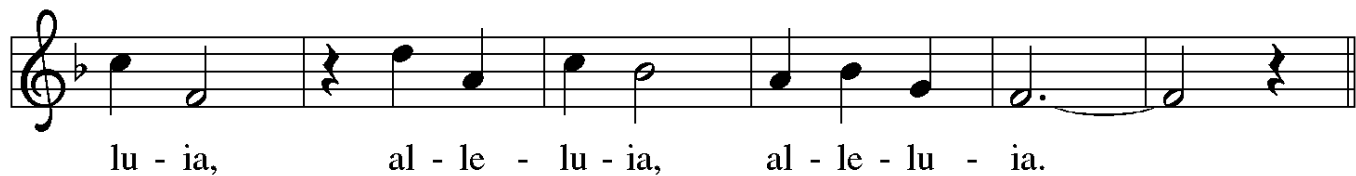
Greeting

PR 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.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



Prayer of the Day

PR O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Malachi.

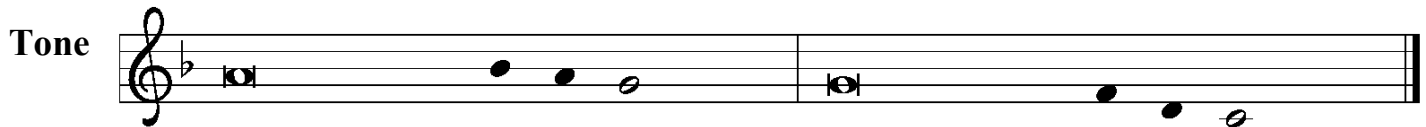
Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 (chanted in unison)



- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ² O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁸ Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.
- ⁹ The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

L A reading from the book of 2 Thessalonians.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Stand up and [|] raise your heads,* because your redemption is [|] drawing near.

PR The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.


Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 597: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*



1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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PR Apostles' Creed

- C 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

- A Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence.*) God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters especially for all in the path of Typhoon Fung-wong, for UN climate talks and for safety amidst protests. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. We pray for the beauty of God's creation, especially sightings of the Northern Lights this week. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. We pray for an end to war and conflict, and for places of political unrest or contention, especially Gaza, South Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind especially Megan O., Jennifer, Mike, Fred G., John, Brittney, Mary G., Tim, Lorie, Lisa, Brent, Dru, Sally, Jean, Sheila, Nathan and Haley. We pray for national tragedies around the world including a Turkish military plane crash, a bridge collapse in south-west China, a bus crash in Peru, and a car explosion attack in India. We pray for feeding ministries and all hunger relief organization and for all federal employees. For care and safety for immigrants. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A We thank you for your presence through the Holy Spirit as we have discerned our way forward. Help us now to move ahead with our findings. You have called us to provide for our community and explore the development of our property. God, give us the courage for this adventure, knowing that you are doing a new thing and you will provide a way. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**

PR We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Peace

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

Please be seated.

The Meal

As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, please read the following:

For today's distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, usher) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshiping online and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played.

Offering

Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity.



Please stand.

Offering Prayer

A God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
C **Amen.**

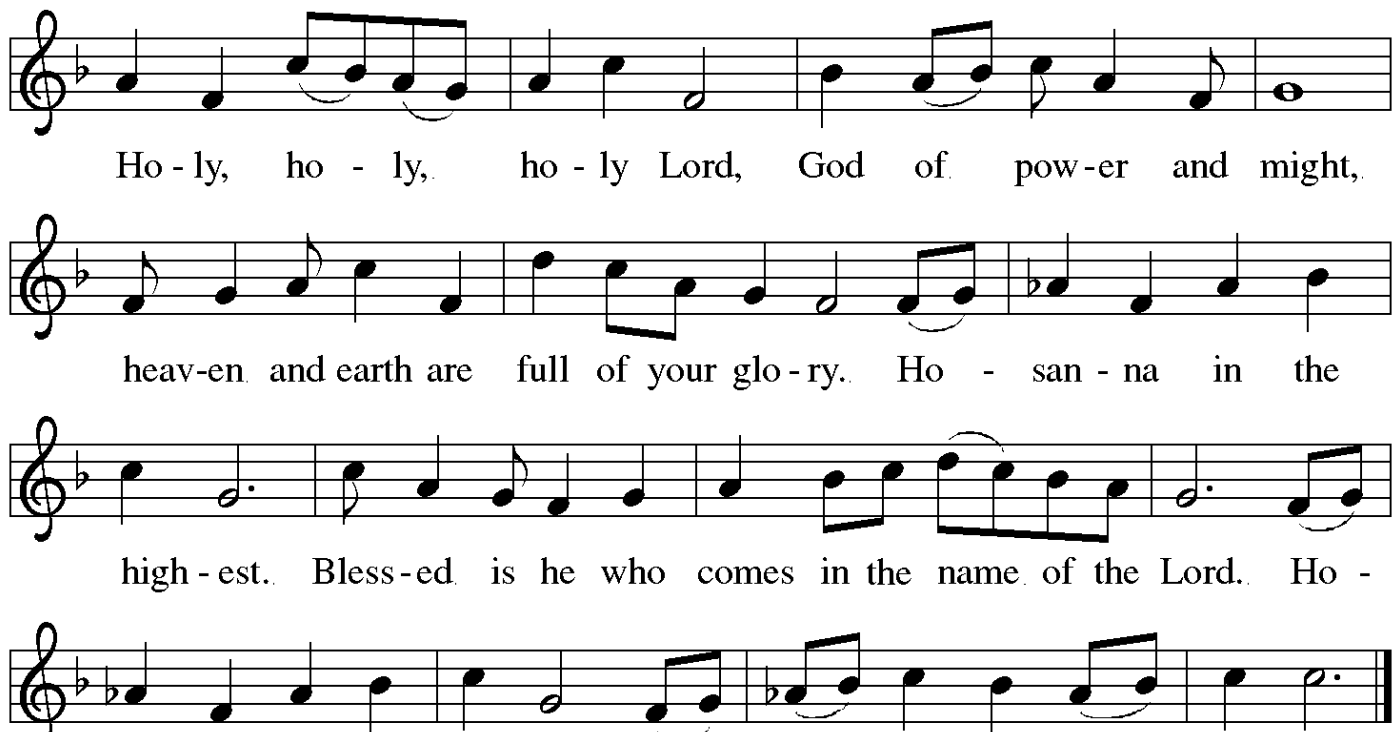
The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

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

PR It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PR Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

PR The Lord's Prayer

**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 power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

PR The table set by Jesus is open to all, and in resurrection Christ is present in this simple food and festive drink. Jesus welcomes friends and strangers to this feast, where the grace of God's love and goodness meet us wherever we are. Here we are welcomed, affirmed, and celebrated with the gifts of God, for us, the people of God.

Please be seated.

Distribution

There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.

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.

Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 616: *Jesus, Remember Me*

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of the hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.'

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody in the treble staff continues with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note F#5. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.'

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Please stand.

PR The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 439: *Soon and Very Soon*



- 1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
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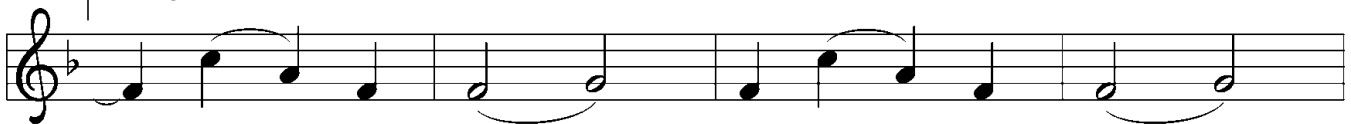


soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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Blessing

PR The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
 God the Son save you,
 and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
 The holy Trinity bless you ✚
 and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
 now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

Our sanctuary is served by a hearing loop. Wearers of hearing aids should turn their aids to the setting marked T, or T-coil, or Telephone.

Kid's Worship Bags and Family Room: The kids' worship bags have been updated with new items that help children follow along with the worship service, storybook Bibles and fun activities to do. For little ones there are quiet toys, books, and activities in the family in the back of the church for the children to play with during the service. Please feel free to let your children explore.

Dates OSLC is Closed in 2025:

November 27 & 28: Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25: Christmas

December 31, 2025 & January 1, 2026: New Years

PRAYERS

Along with the Indiana Kentucky Synod staff, we lift these faith communities and rostered leaders in our prayers:

Faith – Goshen, IN – Rev. Jessica King

Faith – Jeffersonville, IN – Rev. Claire Ackleow

Faith – Lexington, KY – Rev. Dana Lockhart

Faith – Logansport, IN – SAM Teresa Cooksey

Faith – Owensboro, KY – Rev. Phillip “Mike” Brown, Pastor of Record

United Campus Ministries – Terre Haute, IN

Rev. Walter Stitt – Retired – Springfield, OH

Rev. Theodore Stoneberg – Retired – McCordsville, IN

Rev. Dan Forehand – IN-KY Synod Staff – Indianapolis, IN

Rev. Mark Strietelmeier – Retired – Indianapolis, IN

Bishop Emeritus Jim Stuck – Retired – Zionsville, IN

Bishop Lee Miller III and the Upstate New York Synod

About Our Nave

Against the north wall is the Tree of Life, designed by the late liturgical designer Charles Pohlmann and constructed in 1996 by then-OSLC member Ted Marshall. The processional cross was given to OSLC in memory of Jennie Dana. Many of our paraments were designed and hand-woven by OSLC member Bea Stromberg. The west wall is lined with seven wood carvings depicting the life of Christ commissioned from the late Nigerian carver Lamidi Fakeye. At the center of the nave stands a marble baptismal font, a gift from members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The prints of paintings on the east wall are by nationally known liturgical artist He Qi. The center piece is given by the Church Council in honor of Sam Rasmy for his long-time service as Financial Secretary of OSLC. The Last Supper, by Guatemalan artist Angelina Quic Ixtamer, was purchased by the 2014 Guatemala Mission Team. The OSLC logo was redesigned in 2022 with elements reflecting the unique architecture of the sanctuary, the 2019 addition of the south stained-glass window, our affiliation with the ELCA, and the eternal presence of our Lord and Saviour.

References to the Tree of Life are found in both the Old and New Testaments. It has both literal and symbolic meaning for Christians: it is the literal tree of life in Genesis, and in Revelation it represents everlasting life granted to those who display fruits of the spirit and of righteousness aligned with God's principles.

Our Saviour's Mission, Vision, and Values (February 10, 2025)

Mission Statement:

Embraced by God's Love to:

- Honor all people
- Share Christ's compassion
- Serve the world

Vision:

Make Christ's love known to all:

- Meet people where they are
- Accompany and encourage one another along the way
- Nurture our roots and foster new growth

Values:

Empathy: Understanding and addressing the needs of others

Growth: Encouraging the development of faith, love, and compassion

Generosity: Giving of time, talents, and assets to care for the community and the world

Belonging: Nurturing a community where all are honored and celebrated

Tradition: Rooted in the Christian faith as members of the ELCA

Caring: managing resources with purpose and integrity.