

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12th, 2021

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.*

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 12, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God for whom we wait,

C in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthen you anew to follow the way of peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

#25 green hymnal

* GREETING

P Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (spoken)

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us. **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

“IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR” (VS. 1)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all gracious king.”
The world in solemn still-ness lay to hear the angels sing.

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us. **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

FIRST READING.....Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY.....Isaiah 12:2-6 (**responsively**)

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, who has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

SECOND READING.....Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PLACING THE CRECHE FIGURES

* THE VERSE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 3)

O come, strong branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's
tyranny; from depths of hell your people save and give them
Vic – t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

* GOSPEL.....Luke 3:7-18

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has

two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Karen Ward

SERMON

Pastor Karen Ward

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#559 green hymnal

* APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

* OFFERING PRESENTATION

* SUNG OFFERTORY

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

(revised wording)

Let all together praise our God before his glorious throne;

For he will open heav'n above to give us his own Son, to give us his own Son.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C **Amen.**

MEAL

* ADVENT DIALOG

P We have come with great expectation to meet the coming Messiah.

C All creation waits with longing for the Son of God.

P As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord."

C We prepare a place in our hearts and in the world for his coming.

P O come to us, Emmanuel!

C God, be with us and save us from our sins.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate. Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

C 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.

P The Body of Christ given for you. (Wafer)

P The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Juice)

* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

#171 green hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Grace Miller & Harrison Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Brea Beward & Julia Martin

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith (11/29 – 12/26)

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Thomas Watson, English Theologian (1515 – 1584): He called them that they might be holy, and holiness is the beauty produced by his workmanship in them.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Diane Hower by family.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

THE NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2022 is now available in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you wish to place flowers on a specific date, please sign-up on the chart.

THE 2022 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available to pick up in the Library. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2021 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

ALL LOOSE OFFERING AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will go to the Matthew 25 Fund to help those in need throughout the year. You can also donate to the fund by writing Matthew 25 Fund on your regular offering envelope and the amount you wish to contribute.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES ARE NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2022 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

SUNDAY SOLDIERS will be meeting today after church to assemble gifts for Messiah’s shut-ins. We will be assembling toiletry kits.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 17, 2021 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

DECEMBER’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will continue to be for the Juniata County Food Pantry and Meals-On-Wheels. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to these local organizations. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building.

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

JAM HOUSE NEED: We need a volunteer to perform the treasurer duties at JAM HOUSE. The position requires about one hour per week to pay bills and make other financial reports. The treasurer would also need to attend our quarterly board meeting. Please contact Larry Wise at 717-436-6629 if you have an interest or know someone who does. Thank you.

ATTENTION SINGERS!!! MESSIAH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!!! No matter when we rehearse, people of all ages are invited to sing, even if it means just walking up to join the choir during the anthem or sitting up front for the full worship service. Robes will not be required to be worn to sing – just your voice! So, join us with the following schedule in mind:

- Wednesday, December 15th – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 19th – after worship
- Wednesday, December 22nd – 7:00 PM (prepare for Christmas Eve Service)
- Sunday, January 2nd – after worship
- Wednesday, January 12th – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, January 16th – after worship
- Wednesday, January 26th – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, January 30th – after worship

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US!!!

UPCOMING ADVENT SEASON & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th – Fourth Sunday of Advent. The morning worship service will include the annual **Children’s Christmas Program**.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th – 6:30 PM, Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service, featuring our in-house musicians, Bob St. Clair and Slone Smith, as well as Shibhan Cameron on harp.

-7:00 PM, Candlelight & Communion Christmas Eve Service. Will include the singing of Carols and special anthems by both the junior and senior choirs featuring our senior choir director, Andrea Cameron, who will be performing “Ave Maria” during the lighting of the candles (due to the lingering effects of Covid still persisting, everyone is asked to use either the (flash) light on their cell phones or bring a small flashlight to use in place of the candles this year).

REMINDER: The ELCA Youth Gathering, “Boundless: God Beyond Measure,” is coming up on July 24-28, 2022. It will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering starts on September 22. There are registration worksheets on the gathering website on the resources page. The forms are helpful to have when sitting down at the computer to input all information for church groups, the youth, and the leaders. New this cycle is that the ELCA is taking payment online for the gathering. The getting ready material is also on the gathering website. It is helpful to use these materials with youth groups to enhance their whole gathering experience. The material is very flexible on how it can be used with groups. For more information, go to the website at www.elca.org/youthgathering

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

December 5, 2021 Worship Attendance – (in person 62) (online 23)
Sunday School Attendance - 13

Other Funds

Total Offering \$4,417.00
Other Funds 915.00
General Fund \$3,502.00

Benevolence \$ 366.00
Building Fund 296.00
Lutheran Disaster 20.00
Sunday School 53.00
Flowers 105.00
DeLauter Youth Ctr. 75.00
Total \$ 915.00

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY BASIC NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

CANNED BEETS, CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES, CANNED PINEAPPLES, SAUNDRY DETERGENT, AND OTHER CLEANING SUPPLIES.

HOLIDAY MEAL NEEDS FOR DECEMBER:

TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

Please make checks payable to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Address: P.O. Box 44, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today: -Third Sunday of Advent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

Monday: -7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.

Wednesday: -7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Thursday: -5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday: -Fourth Sunday of Advent/Children’s Christmas Program.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary after worship service.

PRAYER LIST

Tim Arentz
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Donna Barton
Donna Bell
Andy Berrier
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Michele Boniewicz
Don Bratton
Dan Brown
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Vincent Cramer
Leann Crimmel
Will DeLancy
Fred & Dot Dowling
Renee Dzikowski
Tom Ernest
Neil & Pat Fisher
Jane Fogleman
Derek Fry
Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Eddi Kay Gill
Sam & Diane Goshorn
Family of Peggy Guss
Amy Hart

Joyce Hart
Beth Harris
Harry & Jennifer Heikes
Sue Henderson
Nox Hepburn
Jay Hockenbroch
Allison Holderman
Brenda Imes
Annie Ingle
Doc Johnston
Pam Kennedy
Guy Kerstetter
Denny King
Pam Lawson
Michael Lozano
Carol Lyter
Zaden Mabey
Mike Maclay
Ryan Marker
Anthony Martin
Mike Maugans
Carlen McClure
Alice McClure
Messiah Mutual Ministry
Cecilia Miller
Ellwood Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick
Claire Mummah
Ken Mummah

Darve Nace
Paul Ogden
Austin Parker
Noel Peachey
Rick & Audrey Peters
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Dave Phelan
Butch & Sandy Pines
Mia Raish
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck
Mike Rhoades
Claudette Satzler
Mackenzie Shearer
Ron & Arlene Shearer
Angie Sieber
Mike Sparks
Andy Spigelmyer
Vicki Suoja
Alice Swartz
Dorothy Towsey
George Trego
George & Kay Varner
Austin Willi
Erma Williamson
Harry Williamson
Zach Wise
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Jane Marhefka – Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Gail Henderson & Carol Simonton – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Ruth Cisney & Ray Bramm – Honneman House, 58 Honneman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA 17094

Minnie Minick – 187 JAM House Rd., Mifflin, PA 17058

Edith Nipple – 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Sieber & Ona Stoner – 23591 Rt. 35 North, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Ken Stuck – 66 Eighth St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Messiah Lutheran Church Poinsettia and/or Lutheran Disaster Response Order Form



In keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, poinsettias may now be purchased for our services this holiday season in honor or memory of loved ones. They will be used to beautify our altar area to help us celebrate the holiday season. We are again including this year another way to honor or to remember loved ones by making a donation in their name to the Lutheran Disaster Response effort. In the wake of this year's many weather and wild fire disasters and because of those still suffering, we are again adding this worthwhile opportunity for those who may not usually consider purchasing a poinsettia.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check for either type (payment or donation)**, made payable to **"Messiah Lutheran Church"** and print **Poinsettias or Lutheran Disaster Response** in the memo line. Attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. **PAYMENT OR DONATION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!**

Thank you for helping to beautify our space, and/or supporting Lutheran Disaster Response!

Please note, that if you are making a donation for the disaster response effort, our Treasurer will keep track of all money received for that cause and write one check at the end of the Christmas season from our church to the Lutheran Disaster Response and also enclose a listing of those who were honored or remembered. As in the past, a full listing of either a Poinsettia or a Donation (will not include the amount of the donation) with those persons honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin December 19, Christmas Eve and December 26.

Flowers may be picked up anytime following our Christmas Eve Service.

Poinsettia/Lutheran Disaster Response Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of () or In Memory Of ()

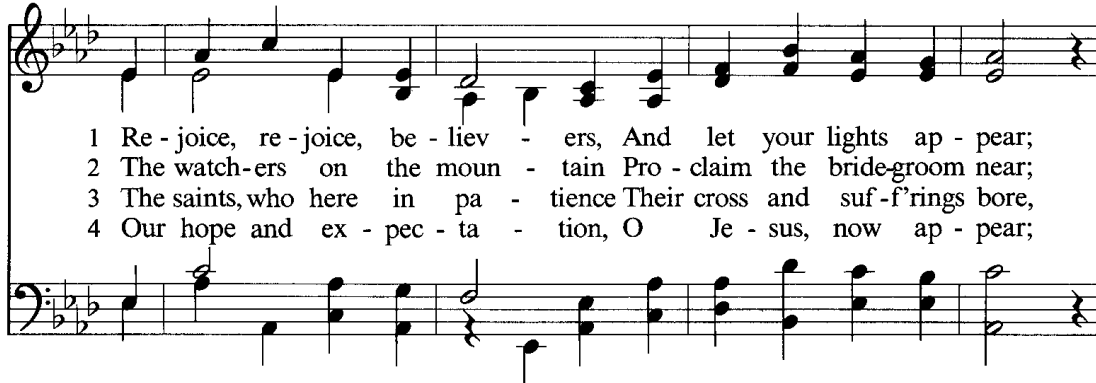
I would like to order and/or donate as follows:

6" Poinsettia (4 to 5 blooms) \$9.00 each: # of plants _____ x \$9.00 = \$ _____

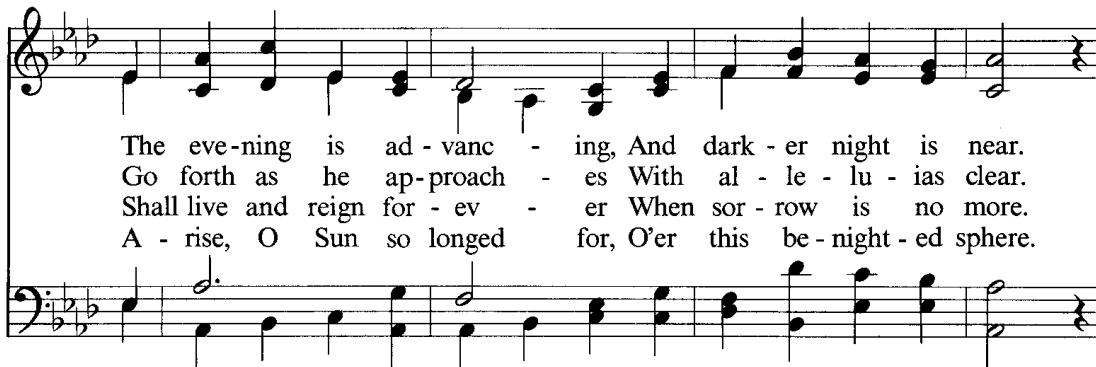
Donation to Lutheran Disaster Response in the amount of _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

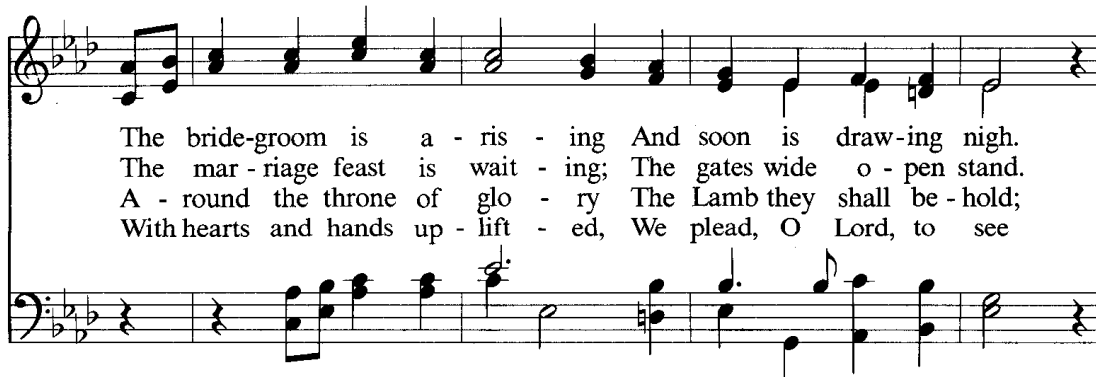
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



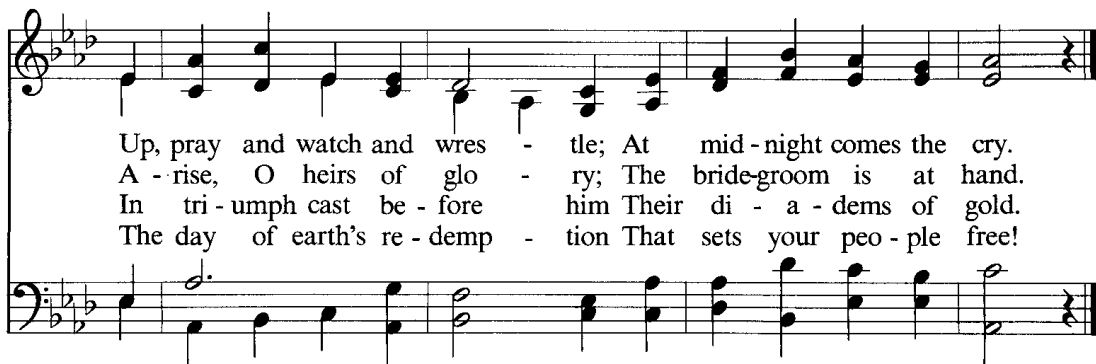
1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f' rings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Go forth as he ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The bride - groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free!

*Text: Laurentius Laurentii, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907, alt.
 Tune: Swedish folk tune*

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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G D G Em D

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 ♦ 3 He speaks, and lis - tening to his voice, new
 4 Hear him, you deaf; you voice - less ones, your
 5 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -

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great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 ♦ life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken
 tongues a - gain em - ploy; you blind, be - hold your
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the

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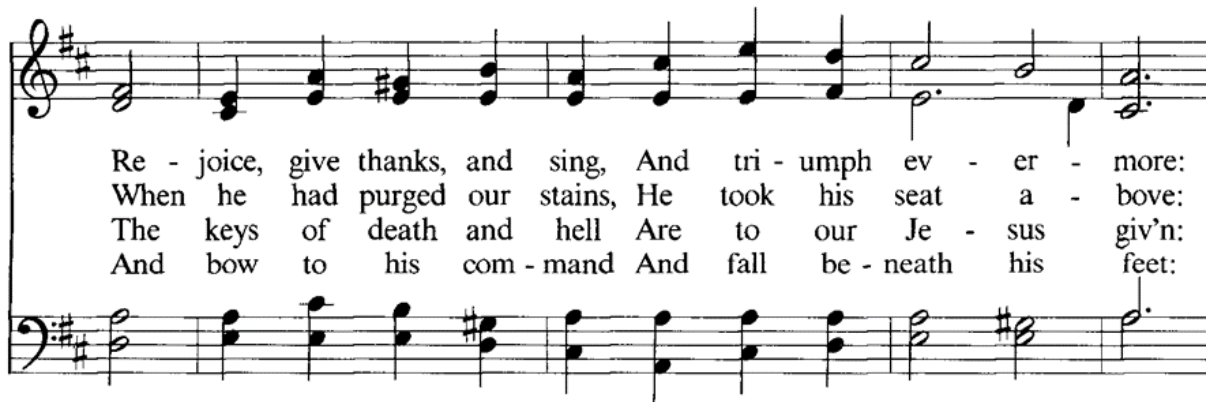
God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 ♦ hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 Sav - iour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!
 earth a - broad the hon - ours of your name.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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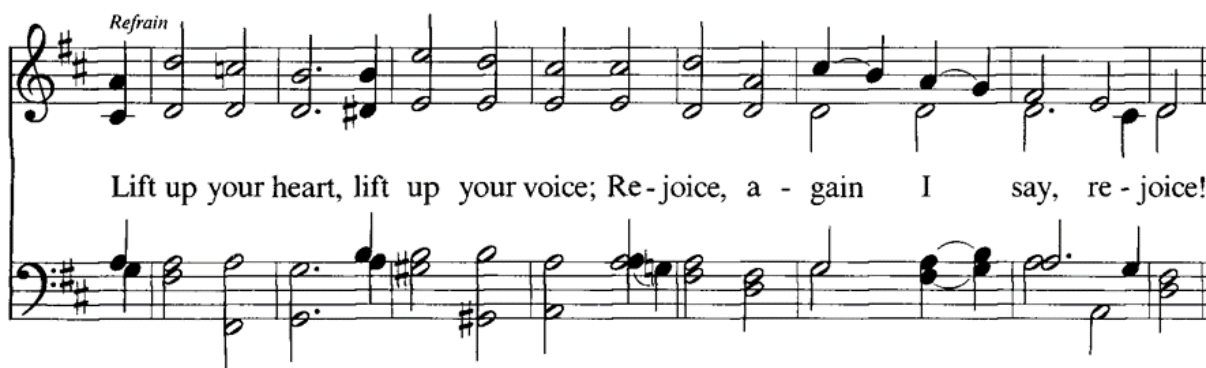


1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and King a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, The God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes sub - mit



Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:
When he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove:
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n:
And bow to his com - mand And fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Re-joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Tune: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936*

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