

Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 20/21, 2021

Prelude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Blersch

Pastoral Greeting

Invocation and Confession

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit (spoken responsively)

P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

C **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!**

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

C **And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.**

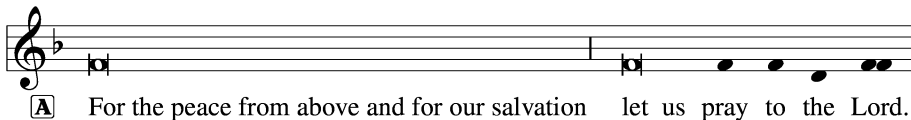
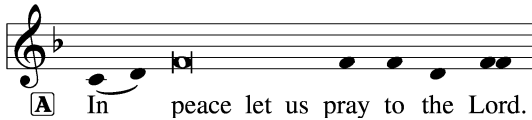
P Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

C **Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Kyrie





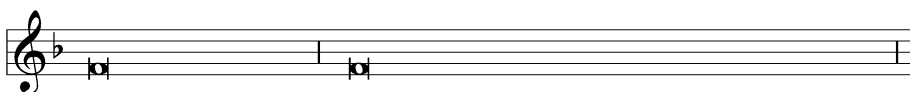
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



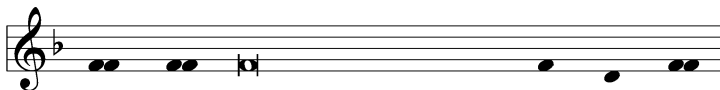
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

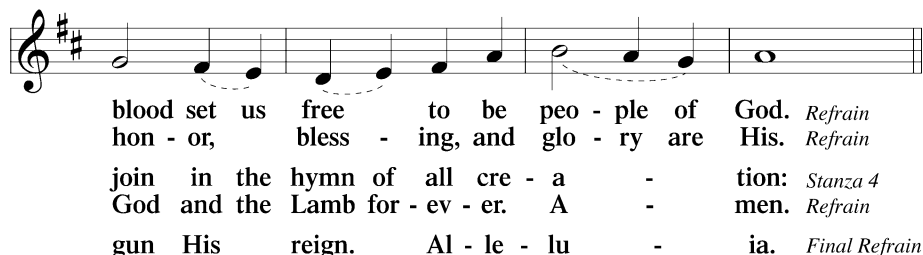
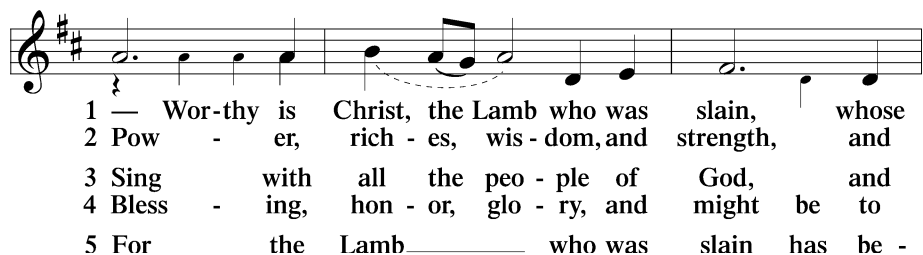


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4–6

"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;

but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (spoken together)

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Epistle: Jude 20–25

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

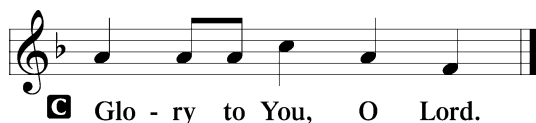
Alleluia and Verse



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.

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at

midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave, mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at <https://mtolc.org>.

Offertory



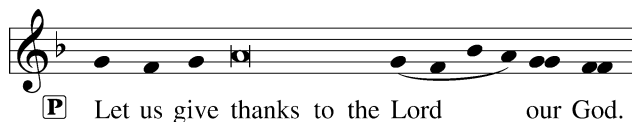
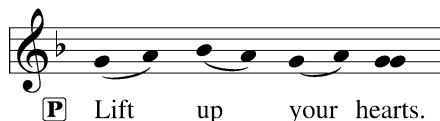
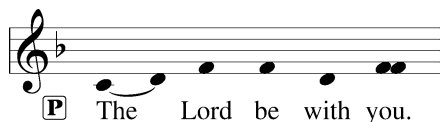
What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Welcome Christian friends! Please respect what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper.

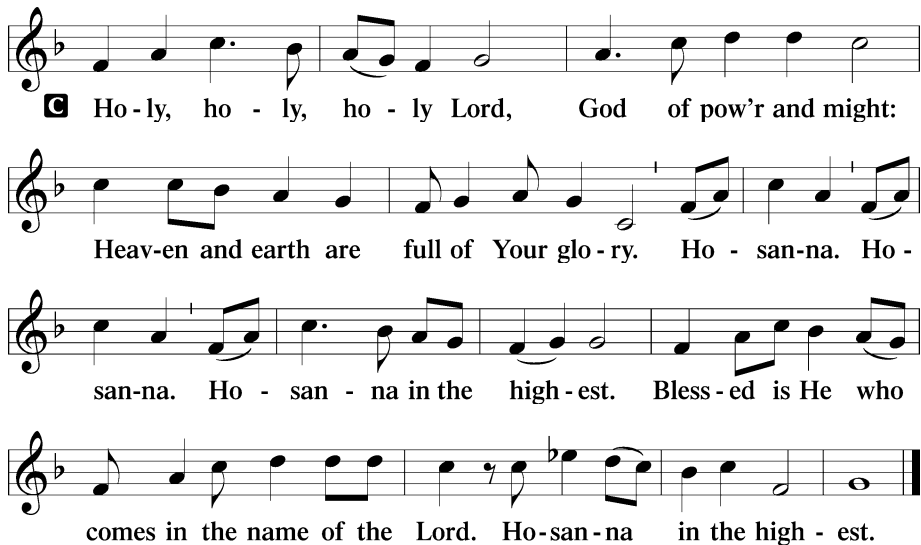
- Holy Communion is a confession of faith. If you are not currently a confessing member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation please make an appointment to speak with the pastor before communing.
- We celebrate Holy Communion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins.
- If you are not communing, but would like to come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Preface



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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;

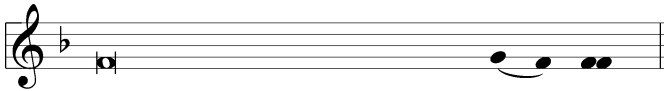
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

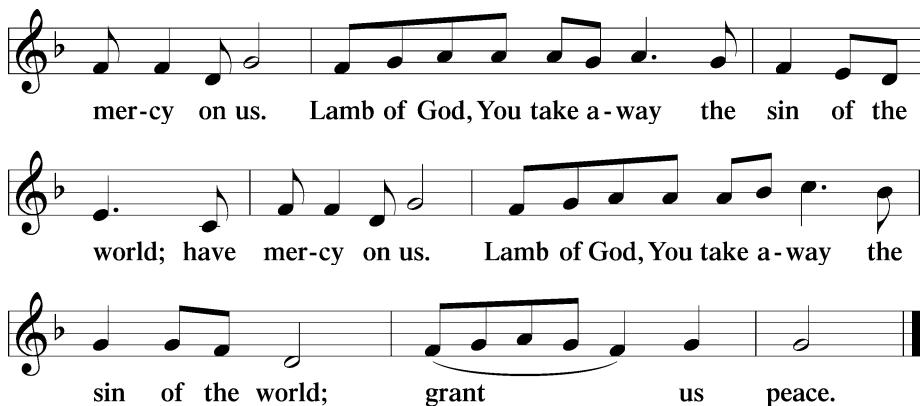


C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C 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.

Sit

Distribution

(8 AM) Distribution Hymns

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence LSB 621

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise LSB 680

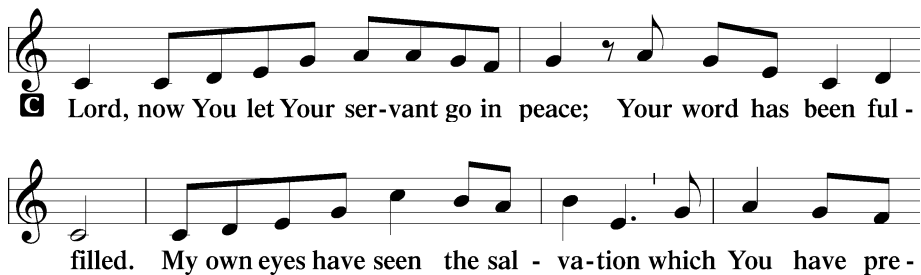
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Post Communion Blessing

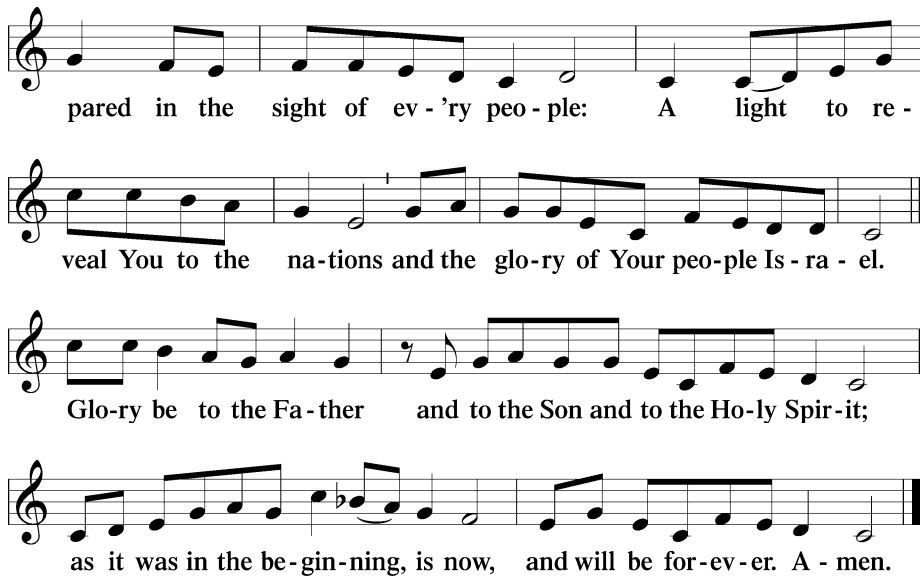
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

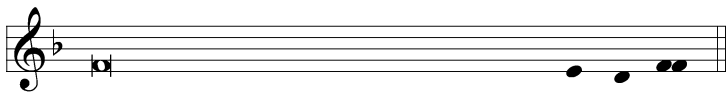
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Everyone is welcome to the Fellowship Hall from 9-9:30 AM where coffee and donuts are available. Enjoy some fellowship time with our Christian friends.

Pastor – Rev. Robert Harmon

Organist – Mark Elmshauser (5,8)

Praise Team and Instrumentalists (10:45)

Elder – Harvey Rehwalt (5), Keith Einspahr (8), Keith Bowers(10:45)

Ushers – Mike Dunkel, Peggy Carstens, Steve Luedders, Jerry Kelsey

Greeters – Bud and Lucille McGee (8), Devonne Domineck and
Phyllis Eifler (10:45)

Altar Guild – Wendy Bleeke, Jane Dunn



The altar flowers are given by Terry and Jane Dunn with praise and thanksgiving on their 50th wedding anniversary

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This Week
Wednesday – Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 PM
Saturday –Traditional Worship 5 PM

See The Loop for a complete list of activities
and details mtoliveluth.org

Hymn of the Month

November's hymn of the month is Lutheran Service Book (LSB) #355 – *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*. This hymn was written by Friedrich Von Spee (1591-1635), a Roman Catholic Jesuit priest. He was the author of approximately sixty hymns. Although originally a Catholic hymn, it was found in German Lutheran sources shortly after the author's death. It did not become available in English until its translation by Martin L. Seltz for the Missouri Synod's *Worship Supplement* (1969). The hymn reflects the historic Introit for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, "Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness" (Isaiah 45:8). Stanza 2 reflects how God sends the promised Messiah as refreshing rain from heaven. Stanza 3 continues the images of rain and springtime growth that recall the Christmas carol "Low, how a rose e'er blooming" (LSB 359). The fourth stanza includes the repeated question "how long, how long?", recalling both the Old Testament longing (Psalm 13:1) and the longing of those who await the Lord's final judgment (Revelation 6:10). The repeated "O" phrases at the start of stanzas 1 through 5 recall the Great O Antiphons of Advent Vespers, which are versified in the famous hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357).

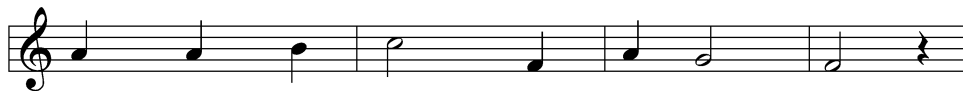
The tune use for this hymn is O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF, the first line of the text in German. It first appeared with this text in a German Roman Catholic hymnal printed in Augsburg, Germany in 1666.

Source: Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns, Volumes 1 and 2, Concordia Publishing House 2019

355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
 When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
 O Sun, arise; without Your light
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

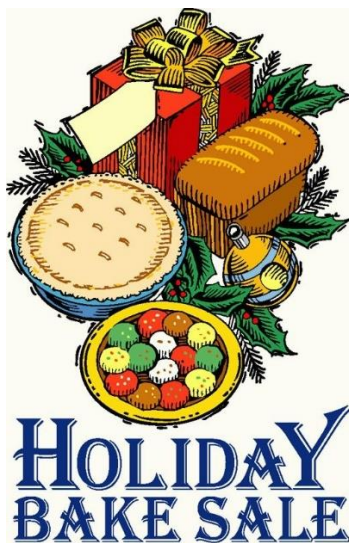
6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
 O come, lead us with mighty hand
 From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring
 And sing to You, our Savior King;
 There shall we laud You and adore
 Forever and evermore.

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Sunday December 5 at 12 PM
Rendezvous at Heather Gardens



LWML Bake Sale
December 11-12



Advent Services

December 1, 8, 15 at 10:30 AM and 7 PM

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 18 at 5 PM

December 19 at 8 and 10:45 AM

Christmas Eve Services

4 PM and 6 PM

Christmas Day 10 AM