

1st Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song – “Emmanuel” Vs. 1, 2, 4

EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

F F/A B \flat F B \flat F Csus4 C

Come, come Em - man - u - el! Child of God, ap - pear.

Dm Dm/C B \flat F Gm7 Csus4 C

Heav - en and earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing

Dm C B \flat F/A Gm7 Csus4 C F F/A B \flat C *last time Fine - F*

near. Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.

F F/A B \flat C F F/A B \flat C

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 O come, O Wis - dom strong and right
 O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
 O come, De - sire of na - tions bind
 Re - joice! Em - man - - - - u - el

Dm Dm/C B \flat C F F/A B \flat C

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 and or - der all things with your might.
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
 shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

F F/A B \flat C Dm Dm/C B \flat F/A

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
 Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
 Re - joice! Em - man - - - - u - el

Gm7 B \flat /C C F F/A B \flat C

Un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
 and teach us in your way to go.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And bring to us your Reign of Peace.
 shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes *

Welcome Litany

As we continue our worship, please join me in our welcoming litany. Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith.

Welcome to all who have never had a church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status, ability and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. We come from different traditions and backgrounds, this is a place where we embrace all ways of worship.

This is a place where we are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

L: Let everyone who has ever felt cast aside, hurt, or lonely say,
C: "I am welcome here"

L: Let everyone who has experienced joy and beauty say,
C: "I am welcome here"

L: Let everyone who desires to find the goodness of God say,
C: "I am welcome here"

L: Come just as you are.
C: Jesus promises to meet us here

L: The amazing grace of Jesus, the extravagant love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with God the Creator and the Holy Spirit, the breath of all creation. Amen”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“We Light the Advent Candles” Vs. 1-2

We Light the Advent Candles



1 We light the Ad-vent can - dles a - gainst the win - ter night
2 The first one will re - mind us that Christ will soon re - turn.
3 We light the sec - ond can - dle, and hear God's ho - ly word.
4 Three can - dles now are gleam - ing and show us the true way.
5 Four can - dles burn - ing bright - ly an - nounce that Christ has come.



to wel - come our Lord Je - sus, who is the world's true light;
We light it in the dark - ness and watch it gleam and burn.
It tells us, cling to Je - sus, pre - pare to meet your Lord.
Re - joice, the Bap - tist cries out: your Lord has come to - day!
Pre - pare, my heart, be - lieve it, and give the Christ child room!



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Text: Gracia Grindal

Music: WIR HATTEN GEBAUET, German folk tune, 1823

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Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: "Emmanuel" Chorus

Children's Time

Psalm 122/Children's participation on chimes/message

SING Psalm 122:1 (with chimes).

Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said un - to
me I was glad when they
said un - to me I was
glad when they said un - to me
Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122:1

C F C

I was glad when they said un - to me I was

F G

glad when they said un - to me I was

C F

glad when they said un - to me Let us

C C/G G C

go to the house of the Lord.

(Reader): I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**(Side 1): Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

SING Psalm 122:1

(Reader): Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

**(Side 2): to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

SING Psalm 122:1

(Reader): For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

**(Side 1): Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**

SING Psalm 122:1

(Reader): Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

**(Side 2): For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

**(ALL): Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”**

SING Psalm 122:1

The Word

(Reader): *Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading from the prophet Isaiah chapter 2 verses 1-5.*

(Reader): *During the eighth century before Christ, a time of considerable social disruption for the peoples of Israel and Judah, Isaiah's oracle described a vision of Mount Zion—a mythic name for Jerusalem—becoming a locus or center of God's justice and peace for the whole world.*

(Reader): *The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,*

**(Side 1): “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that Yahweh may teach us
and that we may walk in God's paths.”**

(Reader): *For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. God shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples;*

**(Side 2): they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;**

**nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.**

(Reader): *O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! Here ends the reading from Isaiah. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit for our final reading from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 24, verses 36 and 44.*



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

D Bm G² A⁷sus A⁷

Optional introduction

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O

D Bm⁷

Lord. Let your stead - fast love

G² A⁷sus D

come to us, O Lord.

Bm F#m⁷ D⁷sus

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your

G Em Bm A

word. Let your stead-fast love

E/G# G A⁷/G A/B D/E

come to us, O Lord.

A⁷sus A⁷ D

(Reader): Jesus said to the disciples, "But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the heavenly angels and not the Son. Only the Father knows..."

(ALL): Therefore, you also should be prepared, because the Human One will come at a time you don't know.

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day "Let Peace Fill the Earth"

Let Peace Fill the Earth



1 Let peace fill the earth as the wa - ters fill the sea.
2 Let peace fill the earth as the moun - tains fill the sky.
3 Let peace fill the earth as the light that fill the fire.
4 Let peace fill the earth as the hope that fills our song.



Let love and jus - tice flow like a might - y rush - ing stream.
Let love and jus - tice flow like the wing - ed birds that fly.
Let love and jus - tice flow like the friend - ship we de - sire.
Let love and jus - tice flow like the voic - es sing - ing a - long.



And may we see the day when war and blood - shed cease,
And may we see the day when war and blood - shed cease,
And may we see the day when war and blood - shed cease,
And may we see the day when war and blood - shed cease,



and through - out all the world there will be peace.
and through - out all the world there will be peace.
and through - out all the world there will be peace.
and through - out all the world there will be peace.

Text: Ray Makeever

Music: LET PEACE FILL THE EARTH, Ray Makeever

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Let Peace Fill the Earth

(♩ = 60)

The score is in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 60. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass clef. The vocal line is in the treble clef. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, with the first system starting with a first ending bracket and the second system starting with a second ending bracket. The lyrics are:

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 fly. And may we see the day when war and blood-shed
 sire. And may we see the day when war and blood-shed
 long. And may we see the day when war and blood-shed

Gm Cm Gm Eb F

cease, and through - out all the world there will be
 cease, and through - out all the world there will be
 cease, and through - out all the world there will be
 cease, and through - out all the world there will be

Gm Cm/G Gm Cm/G Gm F

1-3 4

peace. 2 Let
 peace. 3 Let
 peace. 4 Let
 peace.

Gm Cm/G Gm F Gm Cm/G Gm

Installation of Leaders in the Congregation

Pastor: The following people have been elected [by the congregation] to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these siblings in Christ will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Jim Schaefer (or representative from current council read)s:

These are the names of the three incoming River Table members:

Sara Pollmann

Ron Johnson

Sue Peters

Pastor: A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

Pastor: On behalf of this community in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected? If so, respond...

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor: I invite you to rise in body or in spirit. People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders,
and will you share in the mutual ministry

that Christ has given to all who are baptized? If so, respond

Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

Pastor: I now declare you installed as River Table members of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,

that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

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Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: God, who is mercy:

Congregational response: Sing...

Let My Prayer Rise Up

All

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

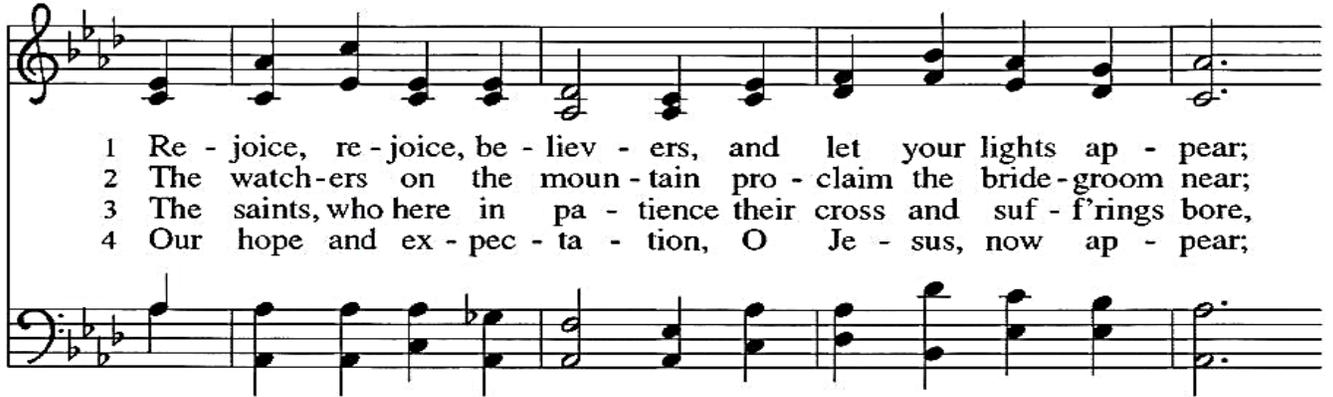
The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: 'Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the'. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The lyrics are: 'lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.'

Offering

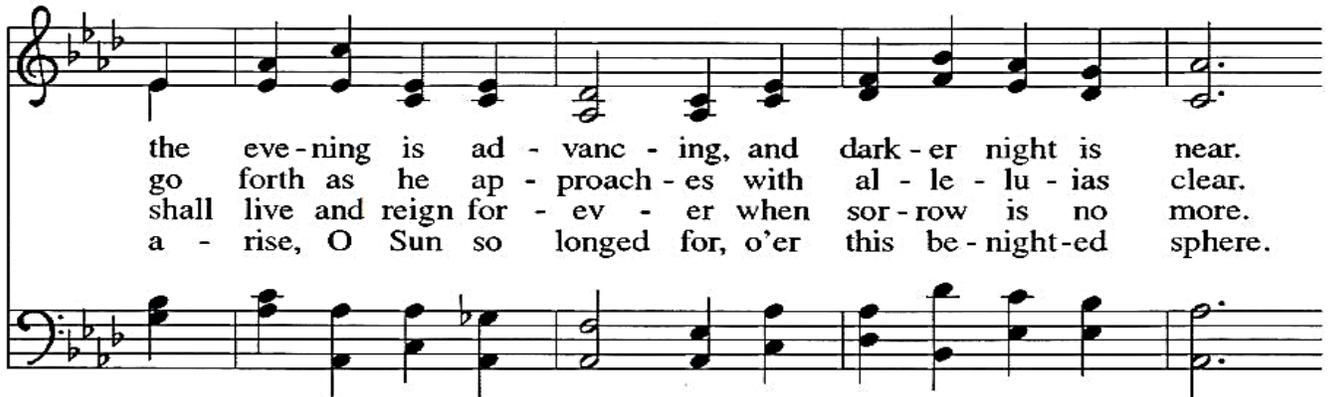
Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office. The watering can during November will be used to support the Somali family that we sponsor. Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Pastor Hans in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

OFFERING SONG – “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

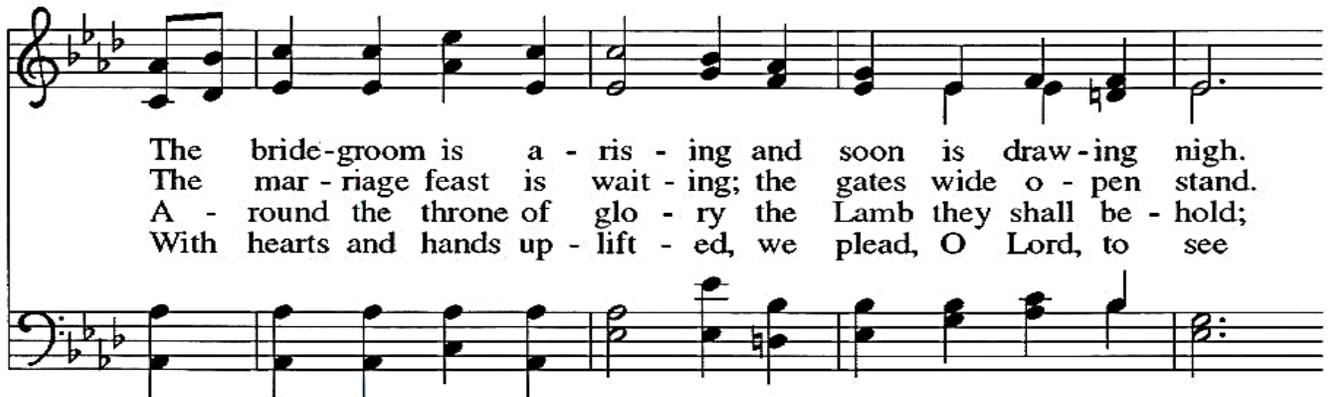
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



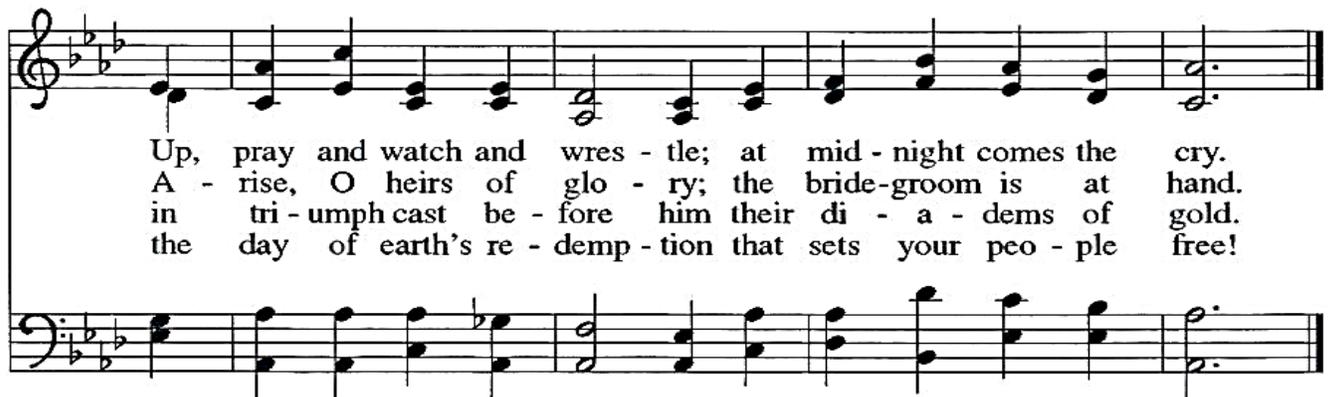
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



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!

The Feast

(Pastor Hans): Setting the Table

the children lead us as we sing together:

**O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest
and let these gifts to us be blest.
All praise to God who is our bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer (Leader): *Our Creator, our Mother,*

(ALL): 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...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.

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing.

The gifts of God are... **(ALL): Free**

Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs "Here's a Promise we can Count on"
and "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.
Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

Here's a Promise We Can Count On

W ZLOBIE LEZY 4.4.7.4.4.7.4.4.4.4.7 ("Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")

Here's a promise we can count on!
It's the word Isaiah saw:
One day coming, God's own mountain
Will be highest of them all.
All the nations will be yearning
For God's teaching, and returning,
They'll find guidance in God's law.

On that day of celebration,
All will listen to the Lord.
God will judge between the nations
Till all justice is restored.
Out of weapons made for harming
They will fashion tools for farming
And they'll put aside the sword.

One great day, the prophet told us,
God will triumph! It is true.
Lord, we trust this word of promise
As we hear your word anew.
When we're lost among the mountains
Of the world's ways that confound us,
Show the path that leads to you.

Biblical Reference: Isaiah 2:1-5

Tune: Polish melody ("Infant Holy, Infant Lowly") ([MIDI](#))

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Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! Sing "Light of the World" vs. 1
It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

E^b A^b E^b A^b E^b

You are the light _____ of the world. _____
 You are a cit - y on a hill. _____
 You are a can - dle in the dark. _____

You are the light
 You are a cit -
 You are a can -

6 A^b B^b sus4 B^b E^b A^b

_____ of the world _____ so shine, shine,
 - - y on a hill _____ so shine, shine,
 - dle in the dark _____ so shine, shine,

11 E^b B^b/D C^m E^b A^b E^b A^b

shine where you are. _____ You are the light _____ of the world. _____
 shine where you are. _____ You are a cit - y on a hill. _____
 shine where you are. _____ You are a can - dle in the dark. _____

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Final Blessing

Leader: *All:*

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider:

May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

all of our days. _____

All:

A - - - - - men.

SENDING SONG: "Bethlehem Highway"

BETHLEHEM HIGHWAY

David Lee Brown
James Hersch

♩ = 110

G C G C D G

There is hope on Bethlehem high-way for the ones who will journey there. And the

Last time to ⊕

G C G C D G C

hope is the child in a man-ger bringing us love be-yond compare. It's a lifeline for the need-
Let the angels go be-fore

G C G C

y. It's— sight— to those who can't see. It's a free-dom for the faith-
us. Let the dark-ness be-come— light. Now the Sav-ior lives a-mong

G Am7 D ⊕ D G

ful in a Child of proph-e-cy. There is com-pare.
us. Now— truth has come to life.

Dismissal
Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Music to Send You Out

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