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SERVING TODAY: *Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman; Choir Director: Christian Yoder; Choir Accompanist: Donnalee Yoder; Pianist: Patricia Cambridge; Asst/Lector: Glenda Tingle; Live Stream: Doug Debrick; Time with Children: Pastor Chad; Ushers: Linda Batey, Marilyn Shealy; Greeter: Nick Claussen; Acolyte: Elizabeth; Tray Server: Greg Newton*

WELCOME

Here in Athens, in SE Ohio, we are occupying the traditional homeland of the Shawnee people. Before the Shawnee, this land was occupied by the Osage people, and by the Adena, Hopewell and Fort Ancient cultures.

PRELUDE

"Prayer" by Ludwig Beethoven

Donnalee Yoder

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

God of grace:

Return us to one another. To the broken, give wholeness.

To the mourning, give strength for dancing. To the grieving, give solace.

Fill us with your hope and be near us now.

May your eternal love spring forth from the pain and uncertainty of the world.

Fill us with your peace and release our grip of control and fear.

Lighten our hearts, clear our minds, burn away

all that does not bring life to your people and your whole creation.

Fill us with your joy and nourish us to bear good fruit in the world.

Renew our hearts in you, and help us look again to the day of restoration.

Fill us with your love and prepare us to welcome you.

O Christ who was and is and ever shall be:

Light the fire of hope in our hearts, open us to your call to peace, ground us in your love.

Amen.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257)

*1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:

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

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! (ELW 246)

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapp-ed in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son

"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

The image shows a musical score for a gathering song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains two lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

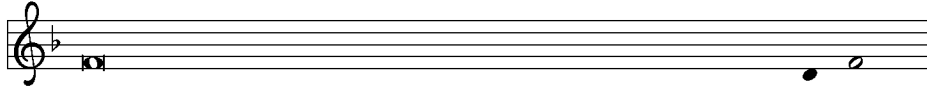
GREETING

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

KYRIE (ELW p. 138)



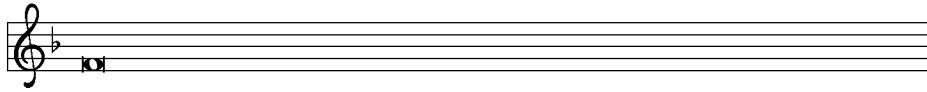
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



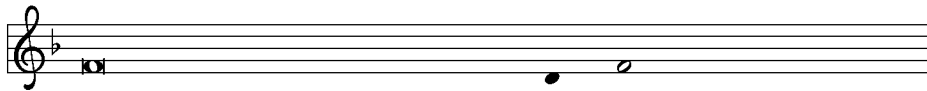
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



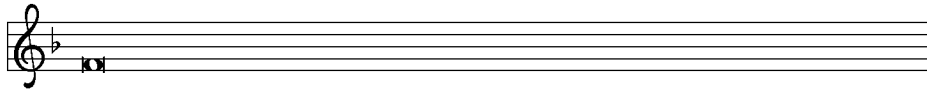
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



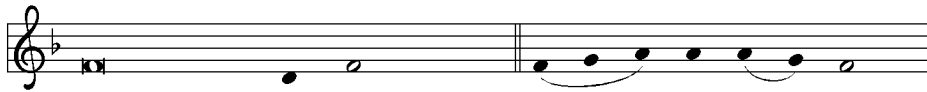
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (ELW 436)



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite
 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
 Text © 1999 Augsburg Fortress

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.....

O Holy Jesus, in this advent season, give us ears to hear and eyes to watch, that we may recognize your presence in our midst as we anticipate your coming as the baby who will lead a human life, as the Messiah who will save the world, and as the Holy Spirit who will guide us each day. Renew our faith so we will make you the first priority in our lives. We pray for the courage to be voices crying in the wilderness, forgiving others, sharing the Good News, and serving others, especially the most vulnerable. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Prince of Peace, we pray for your sacred healing in our broken world. Relieve the trauma of all who live surrounded by violence from wars, from prejudices against them, or from domestic violence. Calm their fears, soothe their grief, and give them hope when they endure tragedy. We pray all the world's leaders will strive for peace and compromise, bringing an end to warfare and revenge. Protect those who serve in the military. Bless all veterans and support the families of military personnel. We also pray that all refugees will find safety, shelter, health, and dignity. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Creator, we praise you for our many blessings and gifts, indeed our very lives. Inspire us to share our abundance with those in need, to bear fruits reflecting your love and grace, and to use our talents for your kingdom's work. Lead us to be careful stewards of your amazing world, teaching us to care for the whole Earth and to use its resources wisely. Bless all pastors, bishops, and lay church leaders. We also rejoice with those who are celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, and other happy occasions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Cleansing Lord, refine and purify us. Make our bodies temples of your Holy Spirit so that our lives become points of light, truth, and goodness. We pray for wholeness for everyone who is ill in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen all those with long-term diagnoses: such as addiction, depression, and dementia. Bestow wisdom and compassion on all doctors, nurses, caregivers, and researchers, so they may be effective instruments of your healing. Bring joy and comfort to our elderly loved ones and shut-ins. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God of mercy, listen now as we offer other prayers aloud or in our hearts..... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Comforter, we pray for those to whom death draws near and those who have lost loved ones. Rest your peace, strength, and hope on the family and friends who mourn. Remind us all of the promise of eternal life with you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands O Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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OFFERTORY

"Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Frank

Donnalee Yoder

OFFERING

Come Now, O Prince of Peace: Ososö, ososö (ELW 247)



O - so - sö o - so - sö, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sö.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
Music: OSOSÖ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
Text and music © Geonyong Lee

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of hope, you fill the hungry with good things. Give us hopeful hearts and open hands to receive your love and share our abundance, that all may be fed. In the name of the one who sustains all life, Jesus Christ, our love. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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'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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the one who was and is and is to come,
we praise you, we bless you, we thank you
for your presence among us
in your Son Jesus, the bringer of peace.

Hear us when we cry.

Make all things new.

Heal the nations.

Widen and deepen the imagination of our hearts.

Give us rest in you.

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.

Place in our hearts the thrill of hope, O God,
you who are Alpha and Omega, beginning and end,
that we may all know your restoration and love
in this world and the next, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

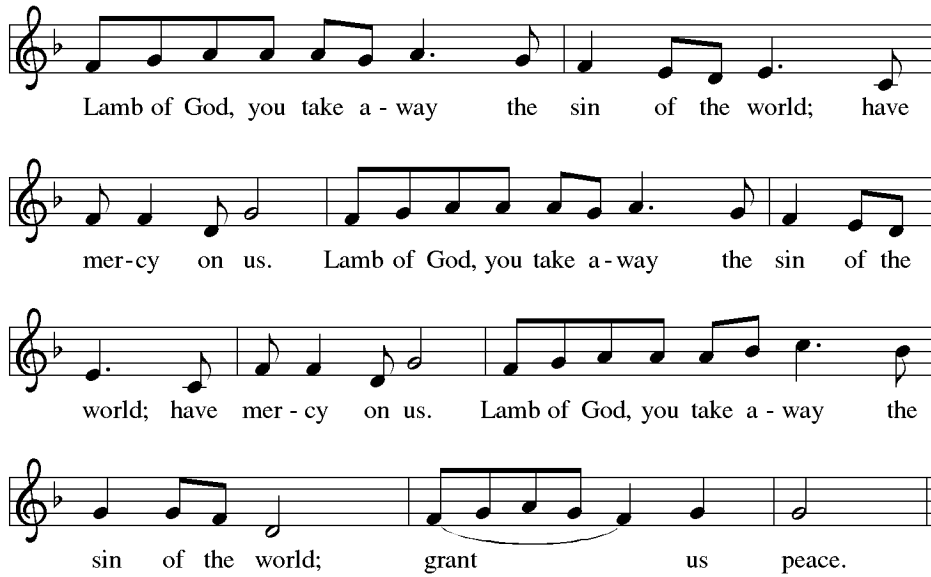
God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to the table.

Thanks be to God.

(All are invited to the Lord's table. To receive communion come forward at the direction of the ushers and take a place at the altar rail. You may stand or kneel as you wish. You will first receive the bread and then may choose to receive either red wine or white grape juice by small glass, or by sipping wine from the chalice. If you choose a small glass you will place it in the empty tray carried by the acolyte. After receiving the bread and wine you will return to your seat. Tell the communion server if you need gluten free bread.)

COMMUNION



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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

The King Shall Come (ELW 260)



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.