Apostles' Creed **Page 217**

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.

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offering Response **"Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

Prayers

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn No. 826 **"Thine the Amen"**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

4th Week of Advent Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Thursday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary.
4:30 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service w/ Praise Band in the Celebration Center
7:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
11:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary

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Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 p.m.
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Welcome to Worship



1st Sunday in Advent, November 28 & 29, 2026

United, We Live God's Will

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Peace

L: 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.

Advent Candle Lighting

L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor.

C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

L: We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.

C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

L: We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.

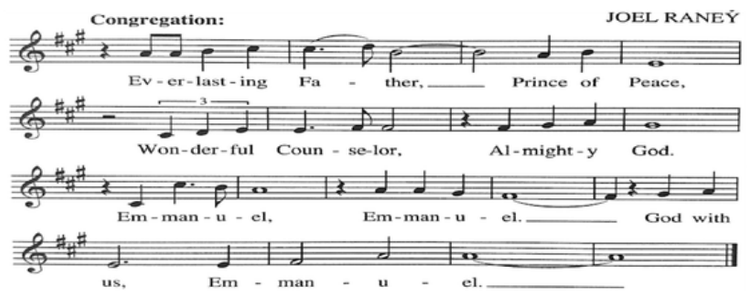
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L: We anticipate the One who renews our faith.

C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

L: We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.

C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.



Prayer

L: Gracious Lord, remind us of your power throughout this Advent season. In times of weakness, remind us that you are the One who gives strength. In times of confusion, remind us that you are the One who reveals truth. In times of doubt, remind us that you are One who gives hope. We thank you for being our Mighty God. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Confession

L: Merciful God, always with us, always coming:

C: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

L: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.

C: Thanks be to God.

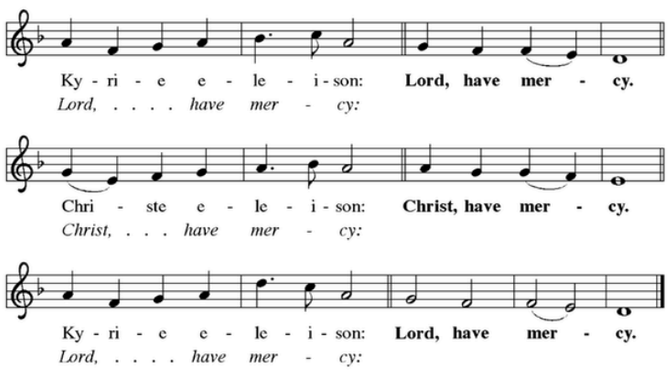
Opening Hymn No. 532 "Gather Us In"

Greeting

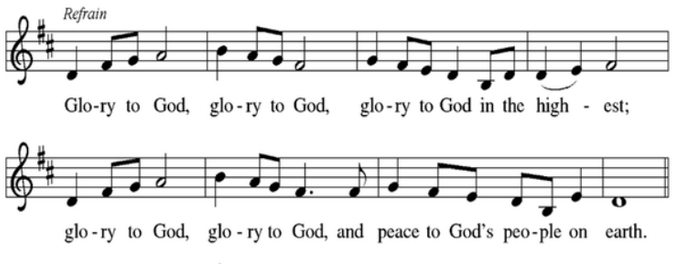
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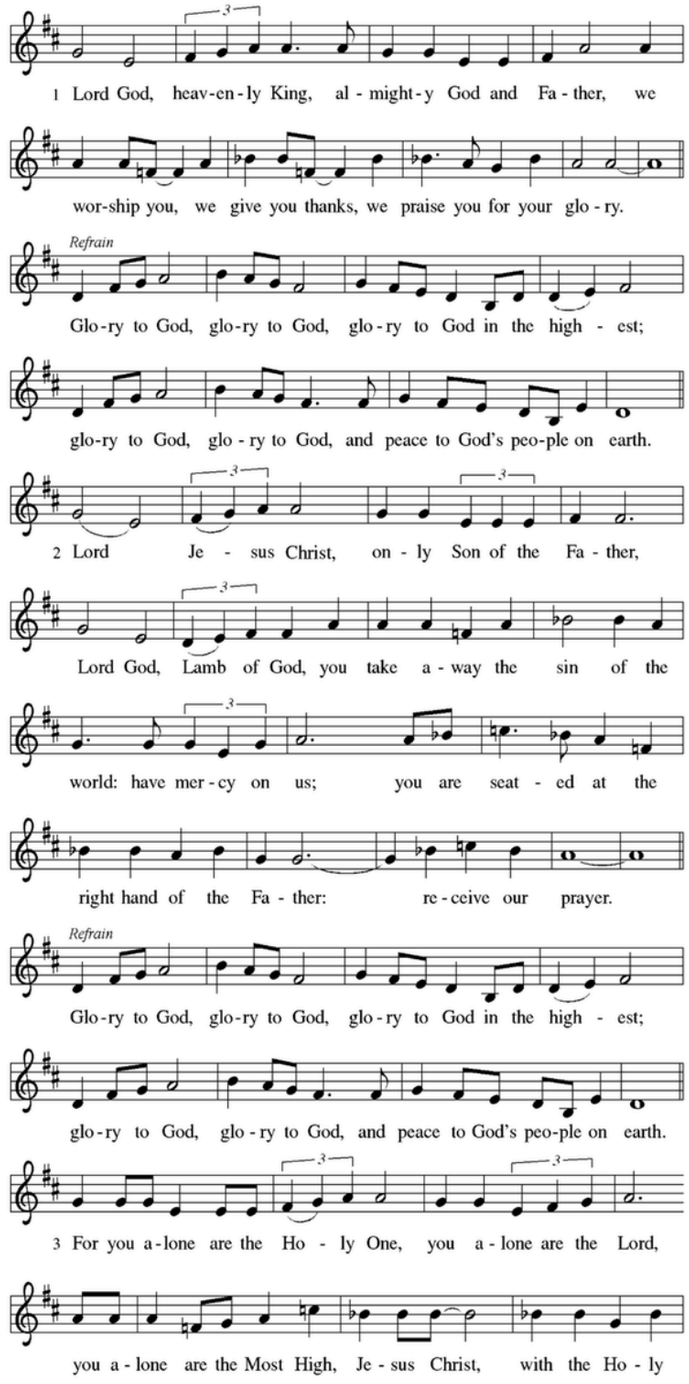
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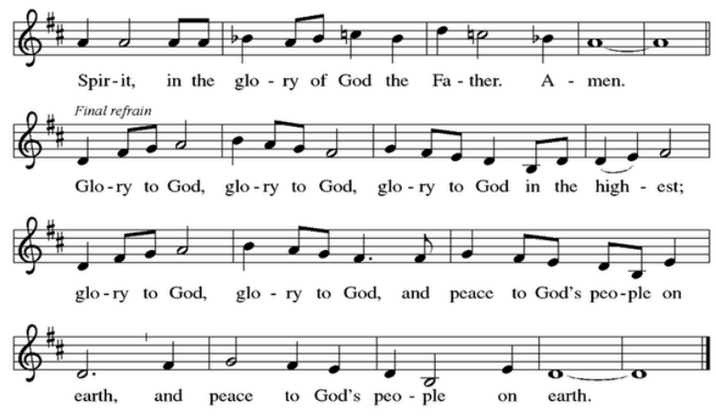
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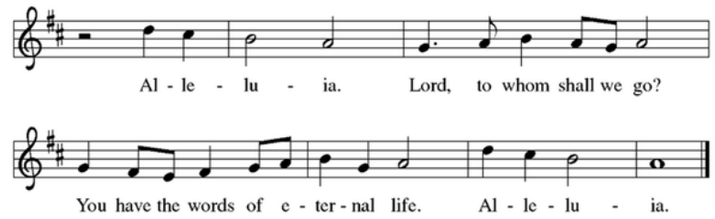
Prayer of the Day

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 – Page 606

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 – Page 926

The Alleluia Page 216



Gospel Reading

L: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 13:24-37 — Pages 826

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 796 "How Firm a Foundation"

Children's Sermon

Sermon Pastor Chad Power

Hymn No. 439 "Soon and Very Soon"