

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024  
9:00 a.m.**

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**Holy Communion Everlasting Light Liturgy Setting**

Welcome to worship here at Zion on this Second Sunday of Advent – we are glad you're here! Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

**WORSHIP NOTES:**

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you.

We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use.

Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just two doors down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

**+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able**

**BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES**

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks.

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

**PRELUDE** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Camil Van Hulse; Rodolf Moser,  
Theodore Beck

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* David N. Johnson **Charles Potter**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP**

‡ **GATHERING** ‡

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

**INTROIT** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Sandra Eithun **Zion Bell Choir**

## + INVOCATION

We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; † Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

**Amen.**

## + CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In this season of light, let us go before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the shadows instead of adding to the light. [Silence for reflection]

God of Love and Light,

**We confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be. We shine a spotlight on the sins of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in shadows. We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated and judgmental. We inflame others by lashing out in anger. We go through our days enveloped in the gloom of fear and doubt. We let our witness become a smoldering ember until it dies out completely.**

**Forgive us Jesus, the Everlasting Light. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Teach us to walk as children of light, surrounded by your love, forgiveness and healing. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

God dwells with us in the Word made flesh, the Babe of Bethlehem, and shows infinite love and forgiveness for all. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of † Christ who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

## + KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy — on your peo -  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son..



Shine your light in — to our dark - n  
Heal all — con - flicts be - tween na - ti

## + HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry be to God on high. Peace, good-will to all the earth. Let us sing a  
Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev-'ry-one. Hope has lift-ed



joy-ful song to the Christ, the Liv-ing Word. Glo - - -  
up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.



- - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o; Glor -



- - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

## + GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

**By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Prepare the Way*

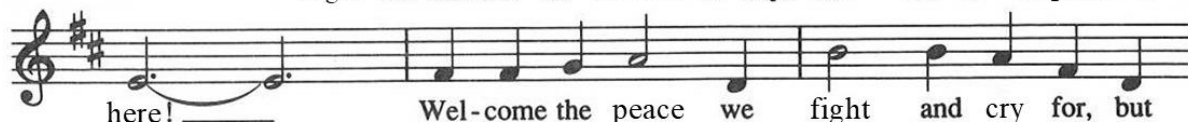
**Zion Choir**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

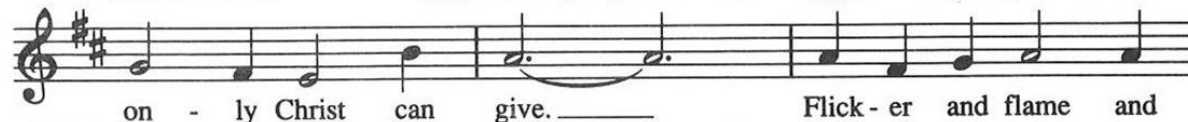
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - *Light the Candle verse 2*



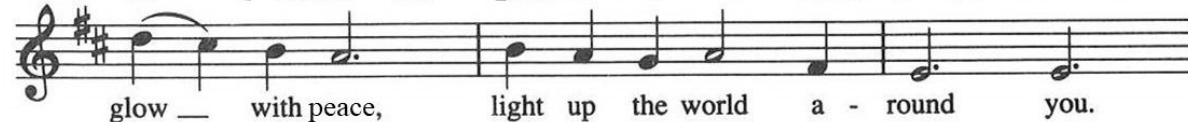
Light the can-dle of PEACE to-day, the Giv-er of peace is



here! Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but



on - ly Christ can give. Flick-er and flame and



glow with peace, light up the world a - round you.



Flick-er and flame and glow with peace, light up the world a -



round you.

‡ WORD ‡

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM Luke 1:68-79**

<sup>68</sup> Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

<sup>69</sup> **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

<sup>70</sup> Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, <sup>71</sup> from the hands of all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup> **to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup> This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup> to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear, <sup>75</sup> holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

<sup>77</sup> **to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

<sup>78</sup> In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

<sup>79</sup> **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

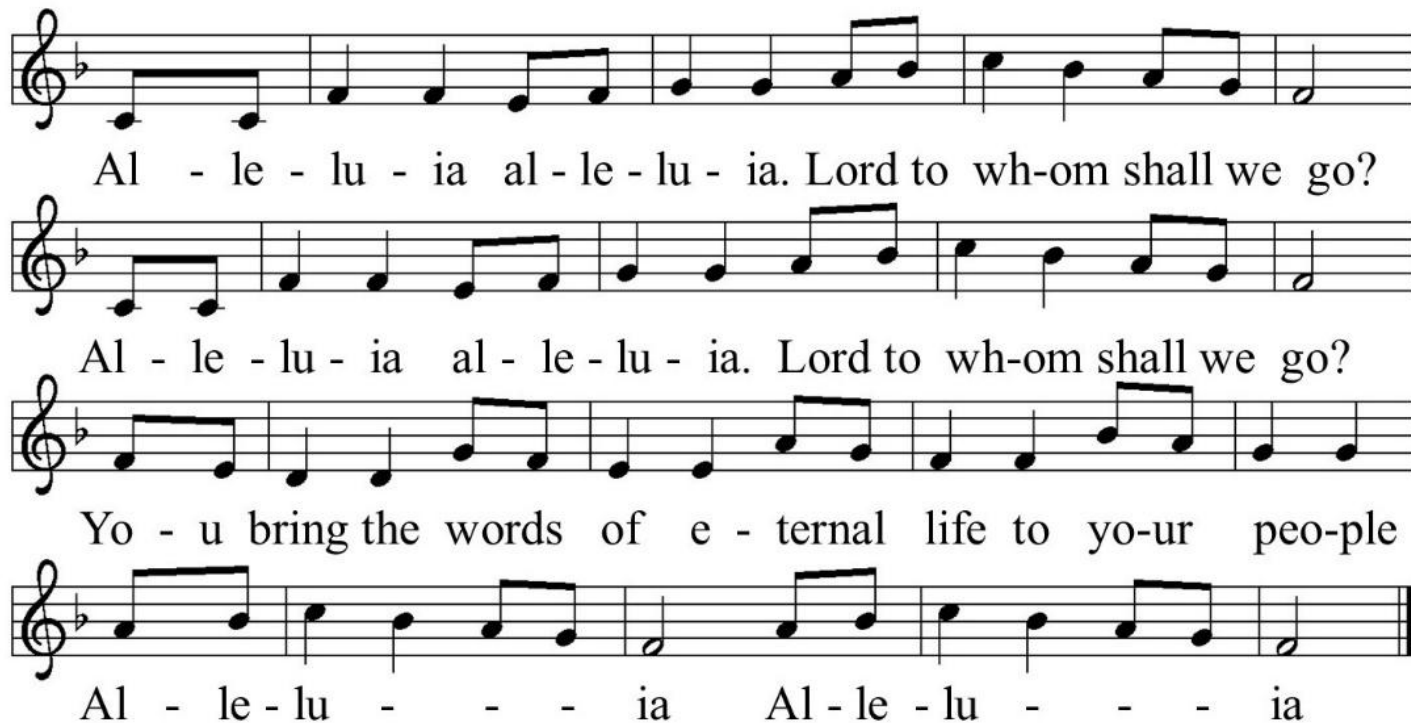
**SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia. Lord to wh-om shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia. Lord to wh-om shall we go?  
Yo - u bring the words of e - ternal life to yo-ur peo-ple  
Al - le - lu - - - ia Al - le - lu - - - ia

**+ GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 3:1-6**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

This is the gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**



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:



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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## + NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen, and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence., responding to each petition with "**hear our prayer**".

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## + SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always  
**And also with you.**

‡ **MEAL** ‡

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

*Thank you for supporting God's ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.*

*We have online giving options available through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *Blest Be the God of Israel* Charles Callahan **Charles Potter**

## + OFFERING PRAYER

God of Light, our world is filled with shadows.

**Therefore, we offer the gifts of ourselves, our time, and our resources, trusting you will use them to set the world aglow with your loving presence. May our offerings continue to shine brightly before others so they may see our good works and give glory to you. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen**

## + GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

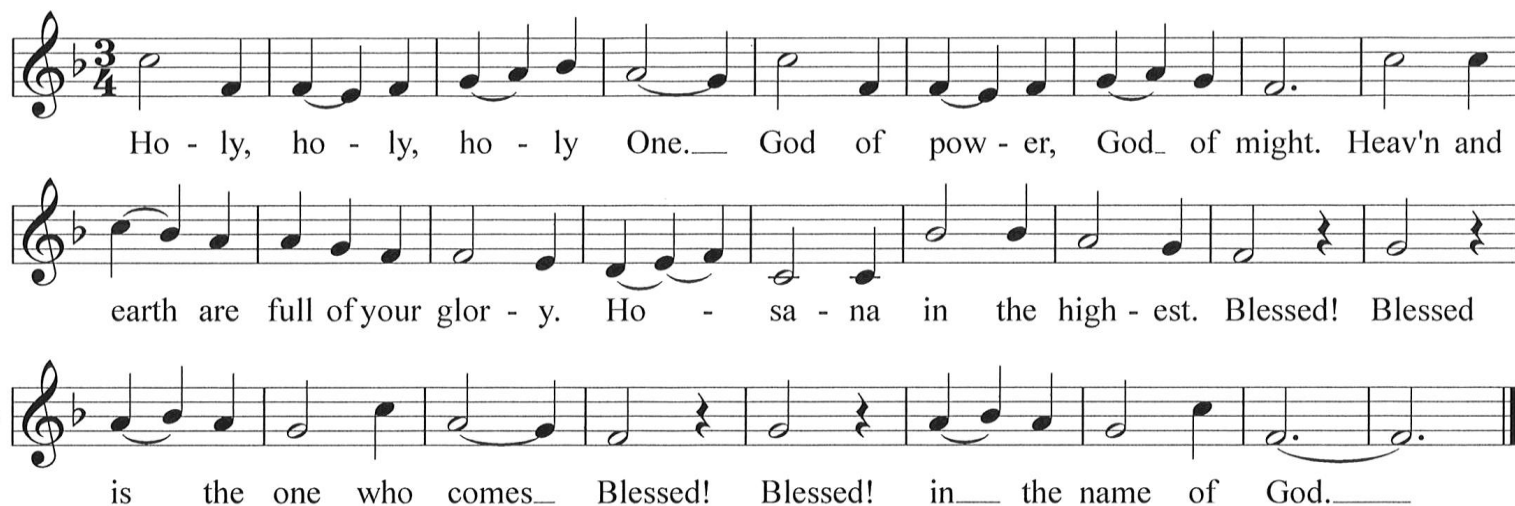
**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

At the beginning of creation God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good...we now join the saints and angels in a hymn of praise to God, the Everlasting Light.

**Amen.**



## + HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One. God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and  
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed  
is the one who comes Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

## + WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*On the Night*

### + THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language of your heart:

**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

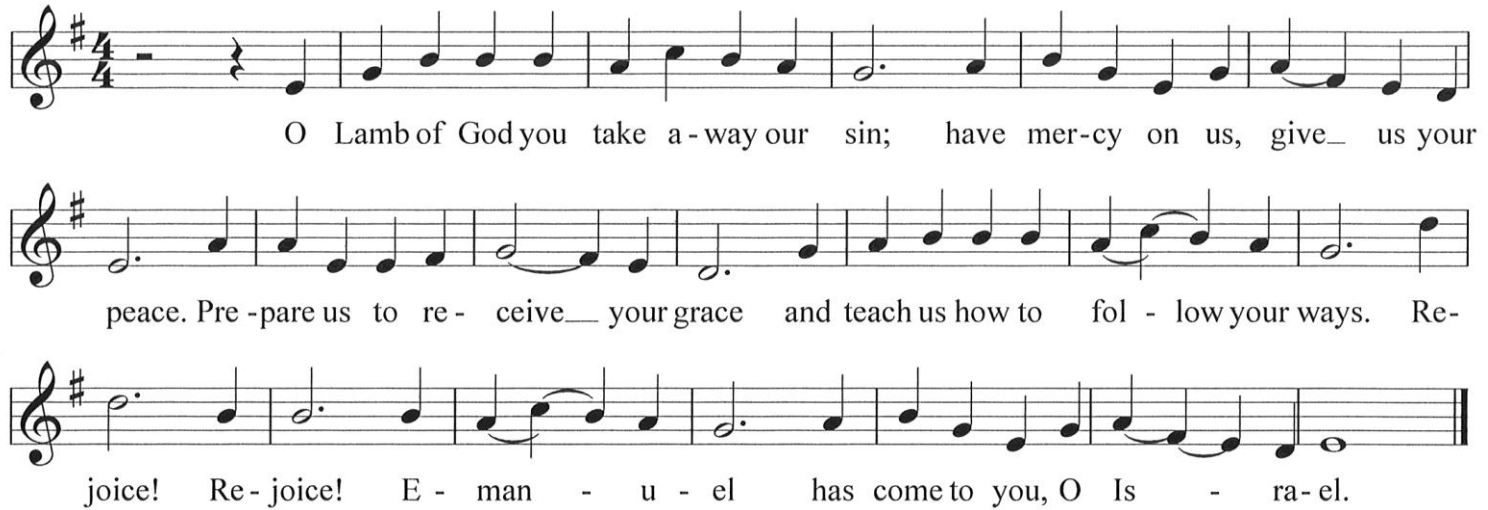
God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion by continuous distribution with one station for bread in the center and a station for wine on each side.*

*Please receive wine from the side on which you are sitting and return to your seat by walking down the side aisle. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish on the bread tray. Please let Pastor Willie know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, please indicate this preference by approaching the communion server with your hand out and palm down. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.*

## LAMB OF GOD



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give\_ us your  
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive\_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-  
joice! Re-joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

**ELW 239**

*He Came Down*

**ELW 253**

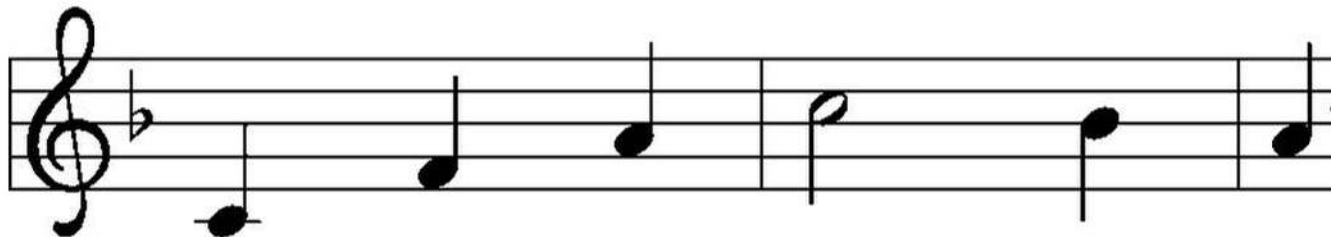
*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

**ELW 246**

*Wait for the Lord*

**ELW 262 (repeat until finished)**

## ELW 239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sa  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to  
3 He comes the bro - ken he  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Pr



ELW 253



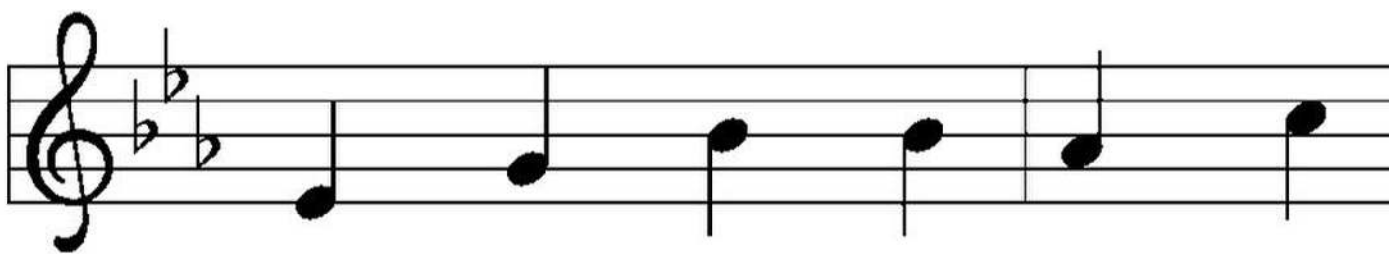
1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



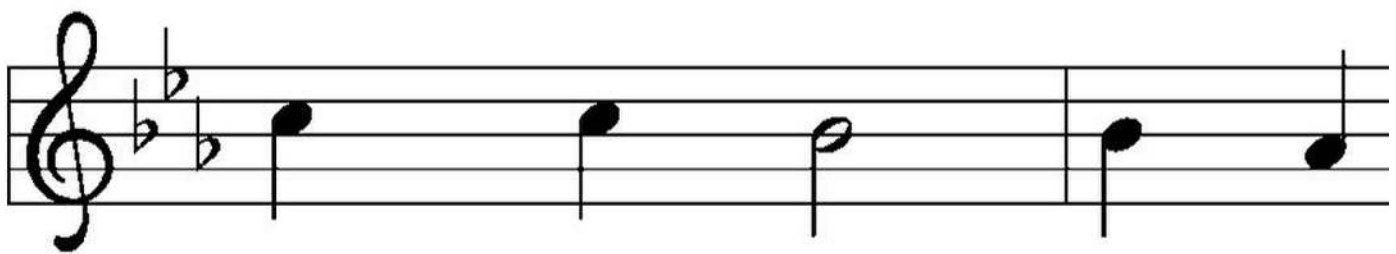
he came down that we may have love;  
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
 he came down that we may have peace;  
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional  
 Music: HE CAME DOWN. Cameroon traditional

ELW 246



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is  
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn  
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex  
 4 So, when next he comes in  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and



hear it say "Cast a

**ELW 262**

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

**+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, † now and forever. **Amen.**

**+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, our bright Morning Star, we give you thanks that you have fed us well through the bread and wine of your Supper. May it enable us to shine brightly in all the dark places of our world with your love, justice and peace. We ask this in your holy name.

**Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*Keep Your Lamps!*

**Zion Choir**

‡ **SENDING** ‡

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**+ BLESSING**

God who spoke light and creation into being,  
who dwells with us in Jesus,  
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
† bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## + DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Gerhard Krapf

**Charles Potter**

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