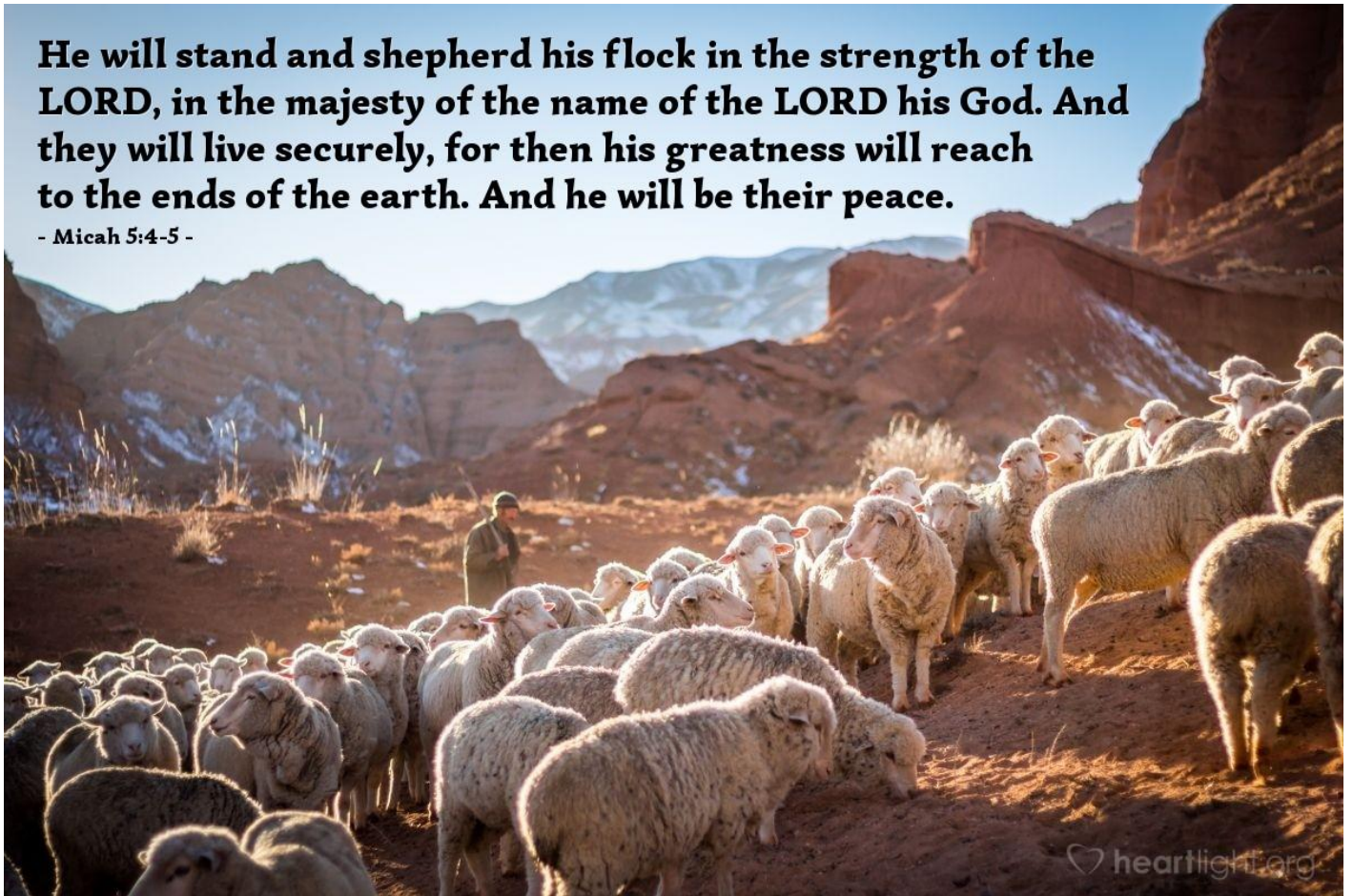




**He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.**

- Micah 5:4-5 -



**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 22, 2024  
9:00 a.m.**

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**Holy Communion Everlasting Light Liturgy Setting**

Welcome to worship here at Zion on this Fourth Sunday of Advent – we are glad you're here! Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

**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**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP**

‡ **GATHERING** ‡

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

**INTROIT**    *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*    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 - ple. Christ have mer - cy\_\_ on\_\_ us.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.\_\_ Chri - ste e - le - i - son.



Shine your light in\_\_ to our dark - ness. Fill\_\_ us\_\_ with your ho - ly love.  
Heal all\_\_ con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us\_\_ how to\_\_ live as one.



Be our strength in times of\_\_ trou - ble. Set us free from chains that\_\_ bind.  
Show us how to love our\_\_ neigh - bor. Run to those who\_\_ cry for\_\_ help.



Breathe new life in - to our\_\_ spir - its. Pu - ri - fy our\_\_ hearts and minds.  
Word made flesh who lives a - mong us; Christ our\_\_ Lord, Em - man - u - el.

## + 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 your power, Lord Christ, and come.

**With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Pastor Willie & Jennifer Rosin

CHILDREN'S SERMON

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - *Light the Candle verse 4*

*Gently p*

Light the can-dle of HOPE to-day, the Giv-er of hope is  
come! Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but  
on - ly Christ can give. Flick-er and flame and  
glow with hope, light up the world a - round you.  
Flick-er and flame and glow with hope, light up the world a -  
round you.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking 'Gently p'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

‡ **WORD** ‡

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

### **FIRST READING**      **Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**      **Luke 1:46b-55**

<sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, <sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

<sup>50</sup> **You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.**

<sup>51</sup> You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
<sup>52</sup> **casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**  
<sup>53</sup> You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,**  
<sup>55</sup> the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

**SECOND READING            Hebrews 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
 “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
     but a body you have prepared for me;  
<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
     you have taken no pleasure.  
<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
     (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”  
<sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings  
 and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added,  
 “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And  
 it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ  
 once for all.  
 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 1:39-45**

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**  
<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where  
 she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary’s



greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." This is the gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**+ HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel st. 1-4, 7 ELW 257**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th 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://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

**Jennifer Rosin**

## + 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**

- Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ELW 272
- Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW 244
- O Little Town of Bethlehem* ELW 279



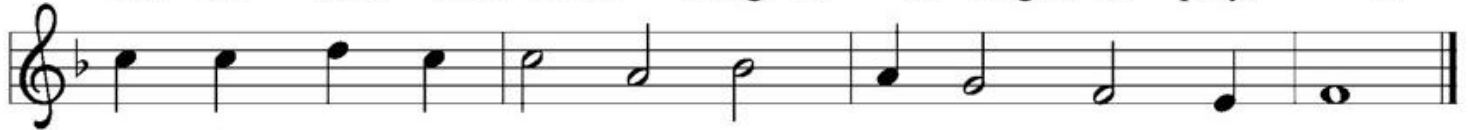
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.



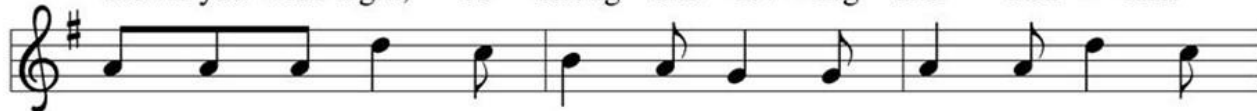
1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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**ELW 279**

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

### + 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.**

‡ **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.**

**+ SENDING HYMN**

*Joy to the World*

**ELW 267**



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

**+Dismissal**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Jennifer Rosin**

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