ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.
†
NOVEMBER 28/29, 2026
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
When Are You Coming Home?



Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag. For more information contact us at www.zionanoka.org.

PREACHING:
Pastor Connie Tiede

ORGANISTS:
5 PM KT Thompson 8 & 9 AM Shari Albrecht

ASSISTING:
8 AM Pr Mike Pancoast
9 AM Pr Sue Wallager

READER:
5 PM Kathy Johnson
8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell
9 AM Caroline Baker

Building God's House

What makes a house a home? A house becomes a home because of what happens there. It is a place where people gather, where stories are shared, where we find welcome, and where we know we belong. This Advent and Christmas, Zion is exploring what it means to build God's house. We long for God to show up. We prepare the way. We discover what makes a house a home. And we learn that, in the end, God is the builder. What kind of house is God building?

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who comes to us in love, who meets us in our longing, and who makes a home among us.

Amen.

As we begin this Advent journey, we come before God honestly. We bring the places in our lives that are hurting, the prayers that seem unanswered, and the longings we carry in our hearts.

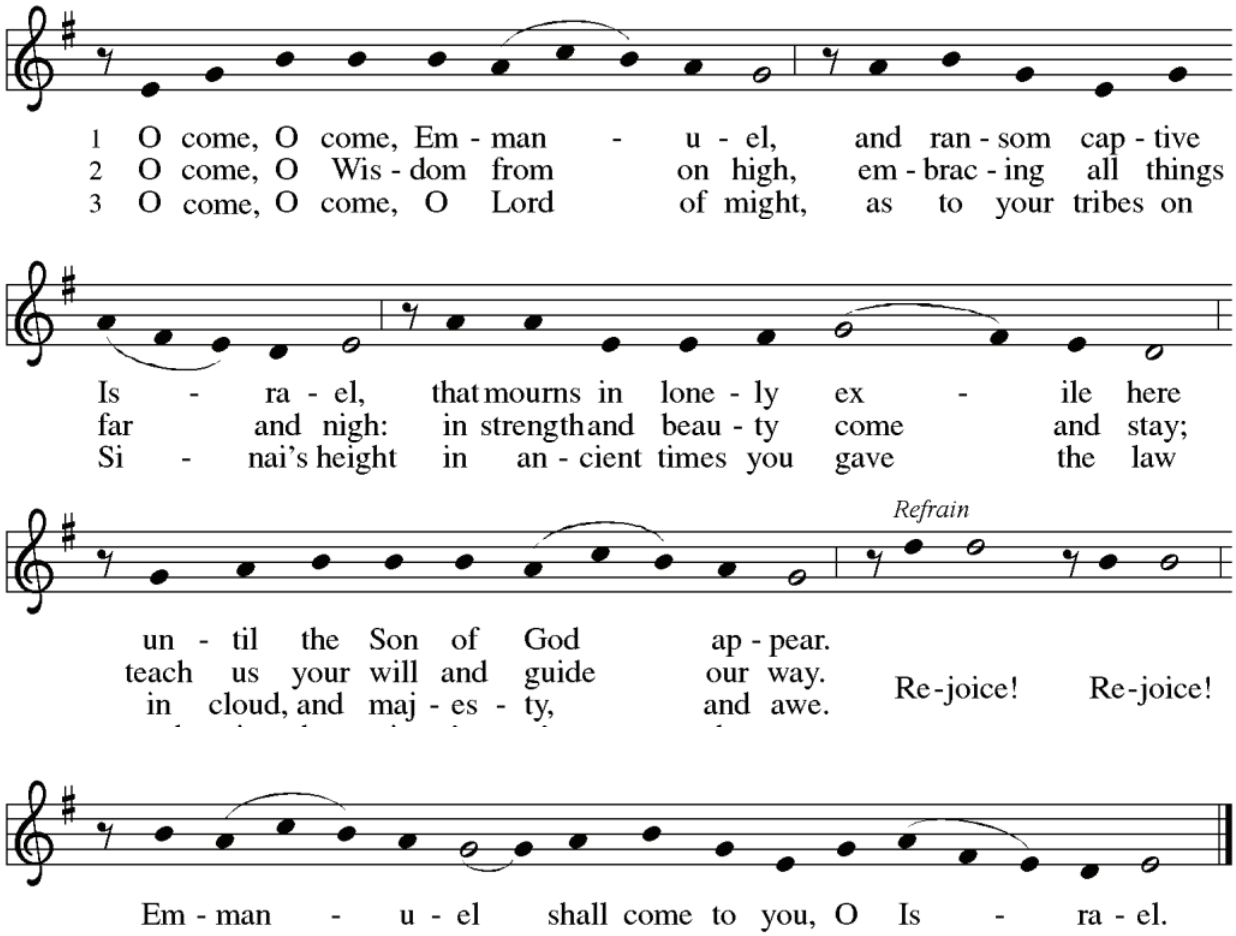
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we are waiting for you, but sometimes we lose hope. We become discouraged when the world does not change as quickly as we want. We grow tired of waiting for healing, peace, justice, and reconciliation. We sometimes turn away from you when we cannot see what you are doing. Forgive us when fear is louder than faith, when disappointment closes our hearts, and when we forget that you are present even in the waiting. Meet us in our longing, O God, and teach us to wait with hope.

Hear the good news: God does not abandon us in our waiting. The God who created us knows our deepest longings and comes to meet us with mercy. In Jesus Christ, God comes near—not because we have earned it, but because God loves us. You are forgiven. You are held. You are not alone.

OPENING HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs 1-3 257



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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH - THE CANDLE OF HOPE

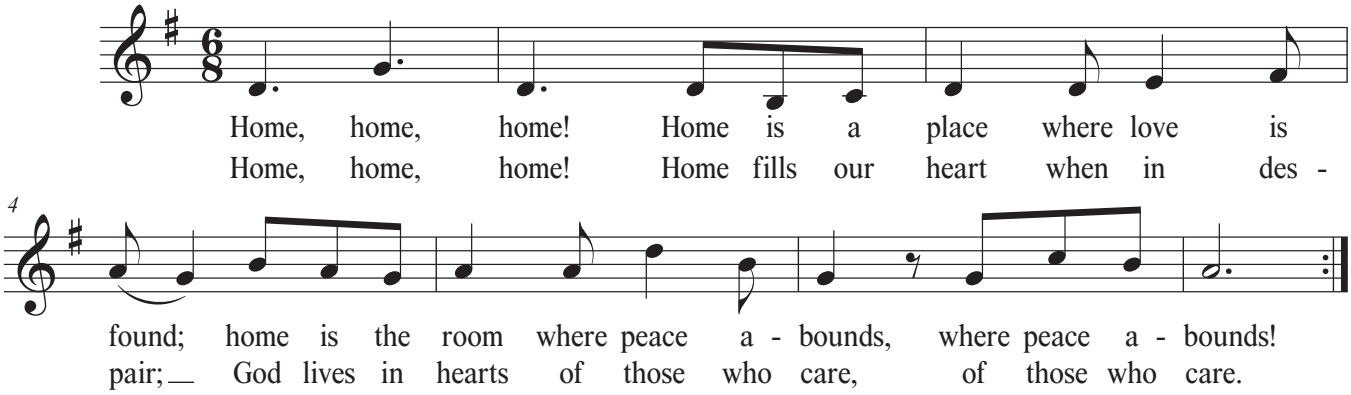
From the beginning, God has promised to make a home among us—a place of beauty, love, and life. And yet, sometimes our world doesn't feel like the home God intends. Isaiah gives voice to that longing: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!" Today we light the first Advent candle.

We light it for all who are waiting—for healing, peace, hope, and reconciliation. We light it for those who wonder when God will come and make things right.

Let us pray:

God of hope, meet us in our waiting. Open our eyes to your presence and our hearts to your promise. As we begin this Advent journey, help us wait with hope, trusting that you are coming to us. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN: Home - An Advent Song



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GREETING:

As we prepare for the coming of Christ, we remember that we are building God's house with faith, love, and lives shaped by God's promises. We hold onto the good news that God is coming to dwell among us. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

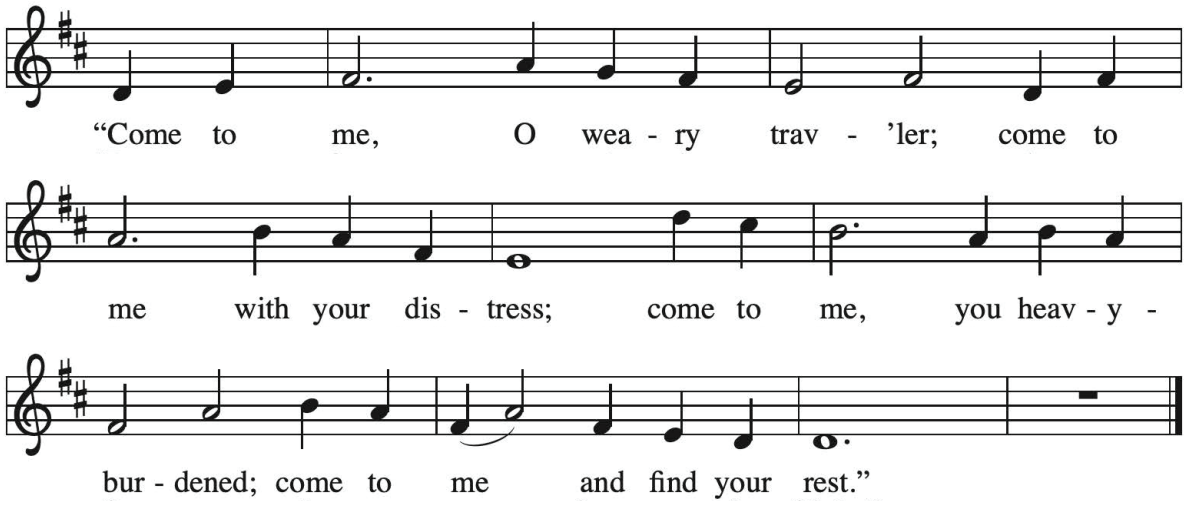
WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Come to Me, O Weary Traveler, vs 1 ACS1017



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GOSPEL

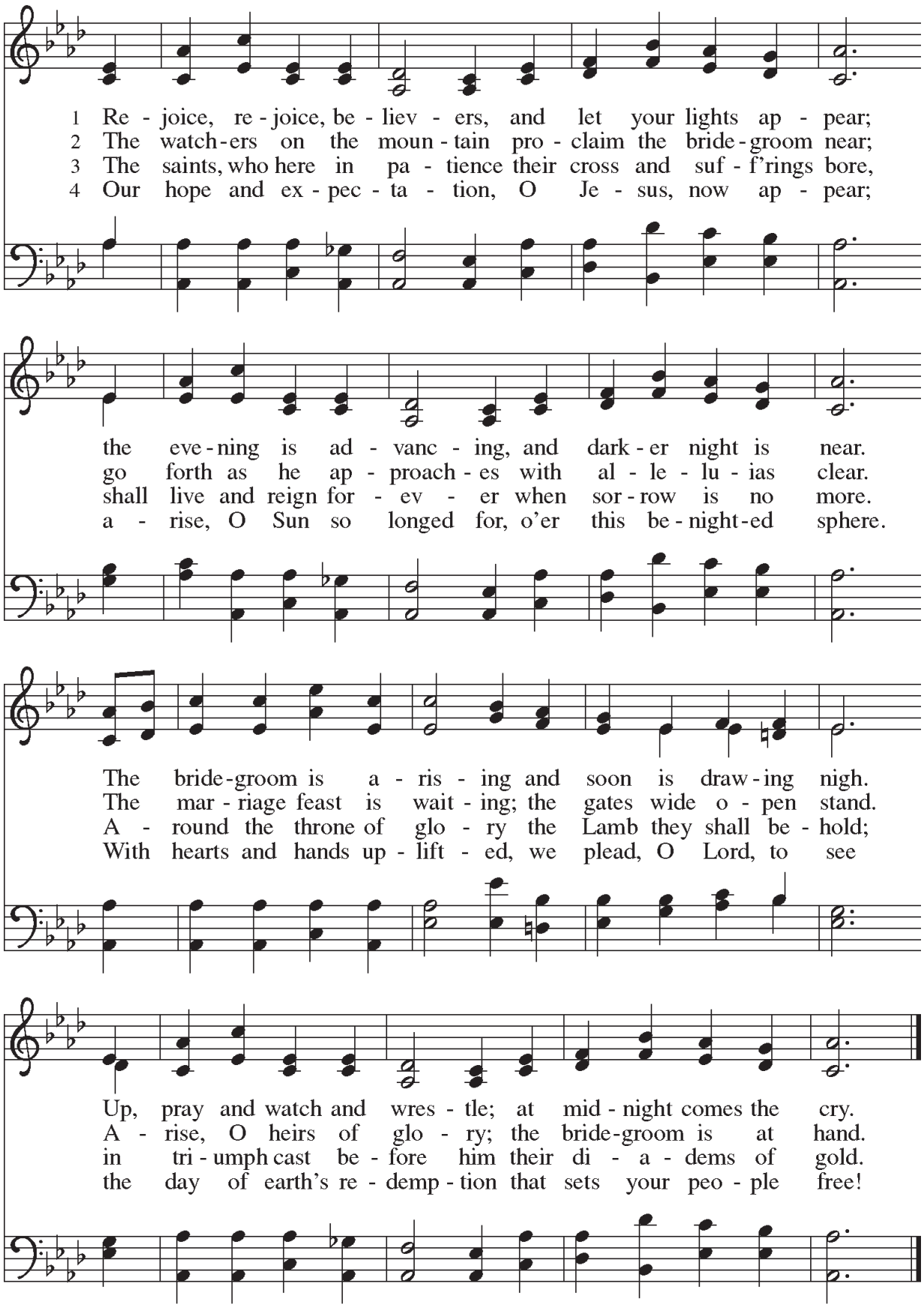
The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-37

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "When Are You Coming Home?" by Pastor Connie Tiede


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'rings 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 APOSTLES' CREED:

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come…

Amen, come Lord Jesus.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

ONLINE www.zionanoka.org
click on "GIVE TODAY"

ELECTRONIC GIVING
https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday
or

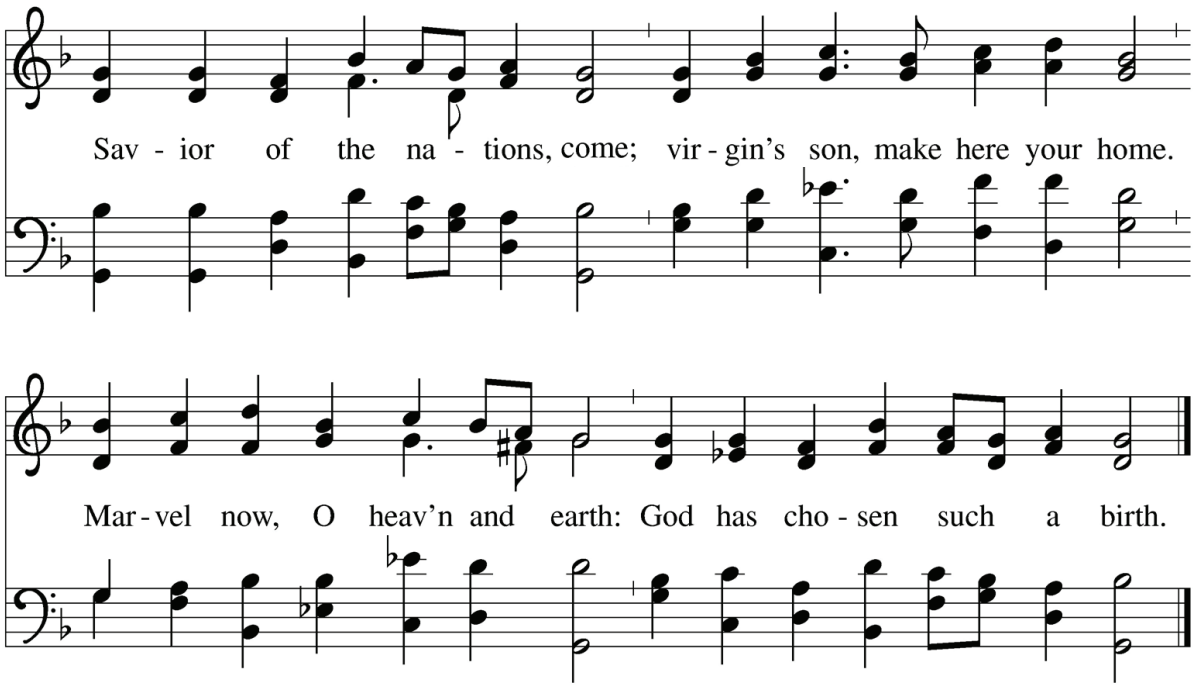
MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (8 & 9 AM):

"This Is Christ the King" ..... by Krug
Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir;

OFFERTORY: Savior of the Nation, Come, vs 1 263



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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of hope, you have come to make your home among us. Bless these gifts and use them to build your house of love, where all are welcomed, cared for, and given hope. Use our gifts and our lives to make your love visible in the world. In Jesus' name,

Amen.

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

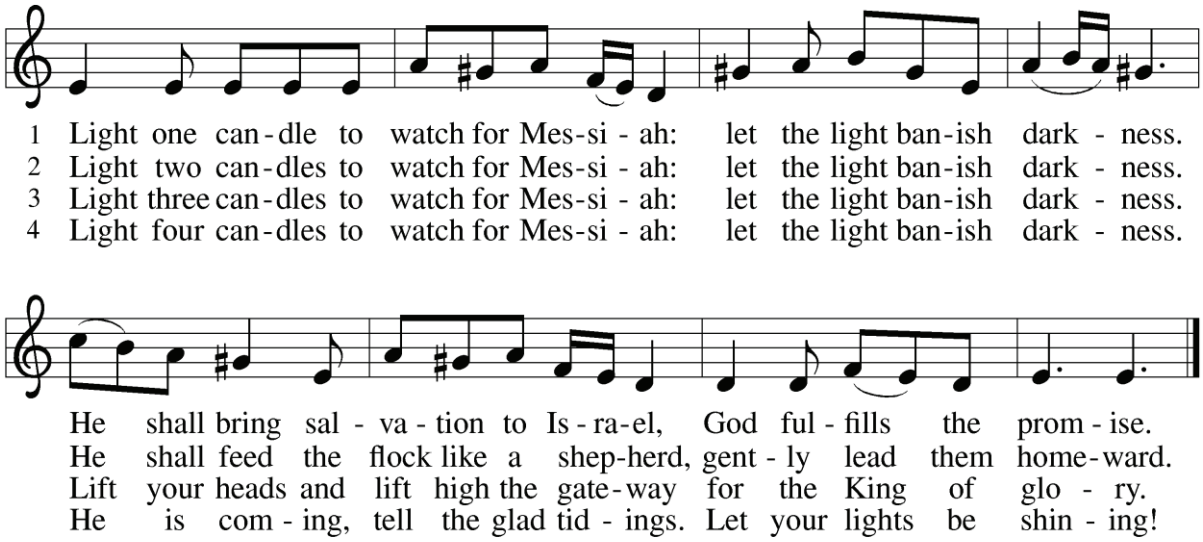
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour wine into your cup. If you prefer white grape juice, go to the third server.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah 240



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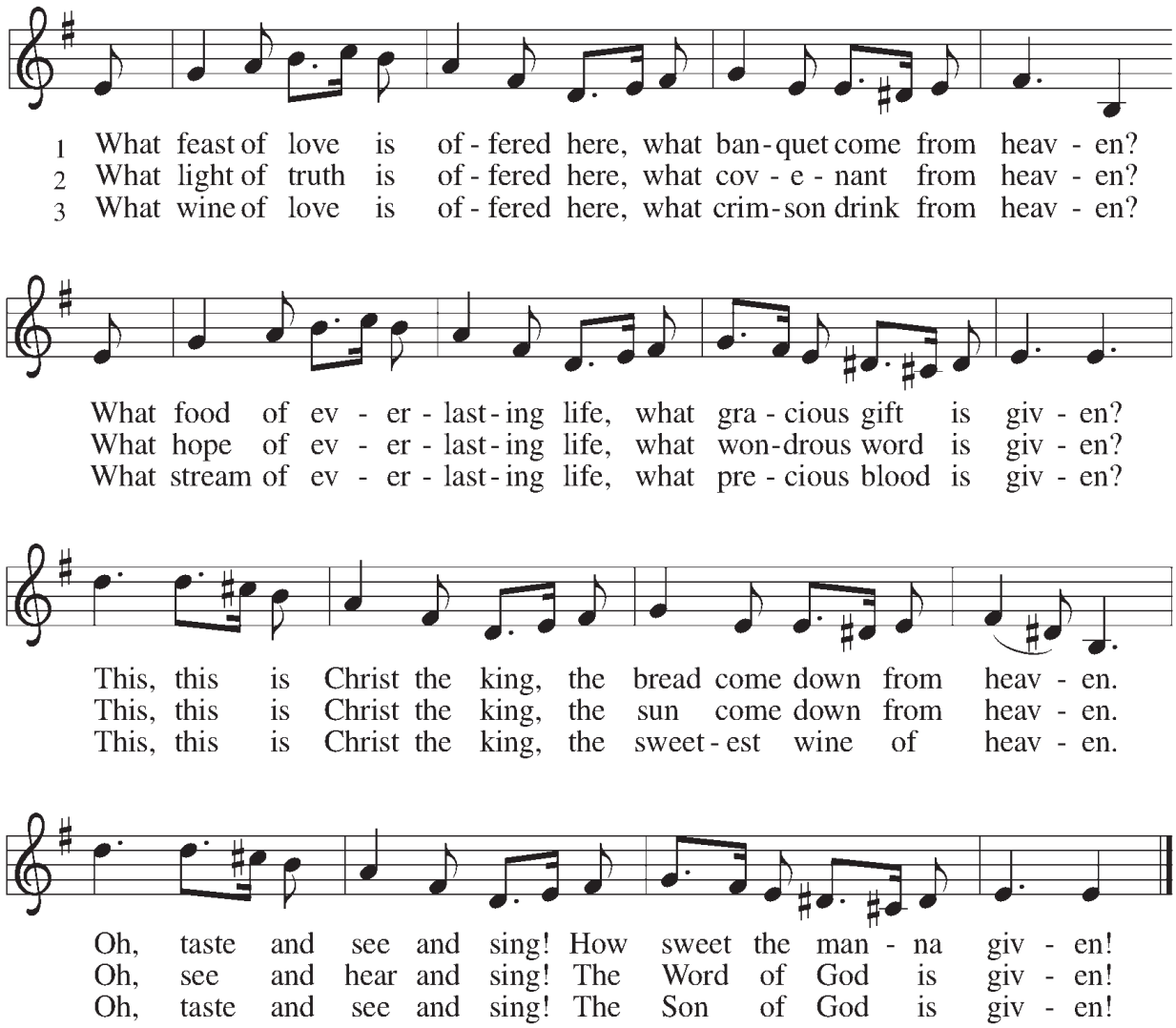
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: What Feast of Love 487



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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Gracious God, you have come to us in this meal and made your home among us. Strengthen us with your love and send us into the world to share your hope, peace, joy, and grace. Build us into a people who make your love visible wherever we go. In the name of Jesus, our Emmanuel, we pray.

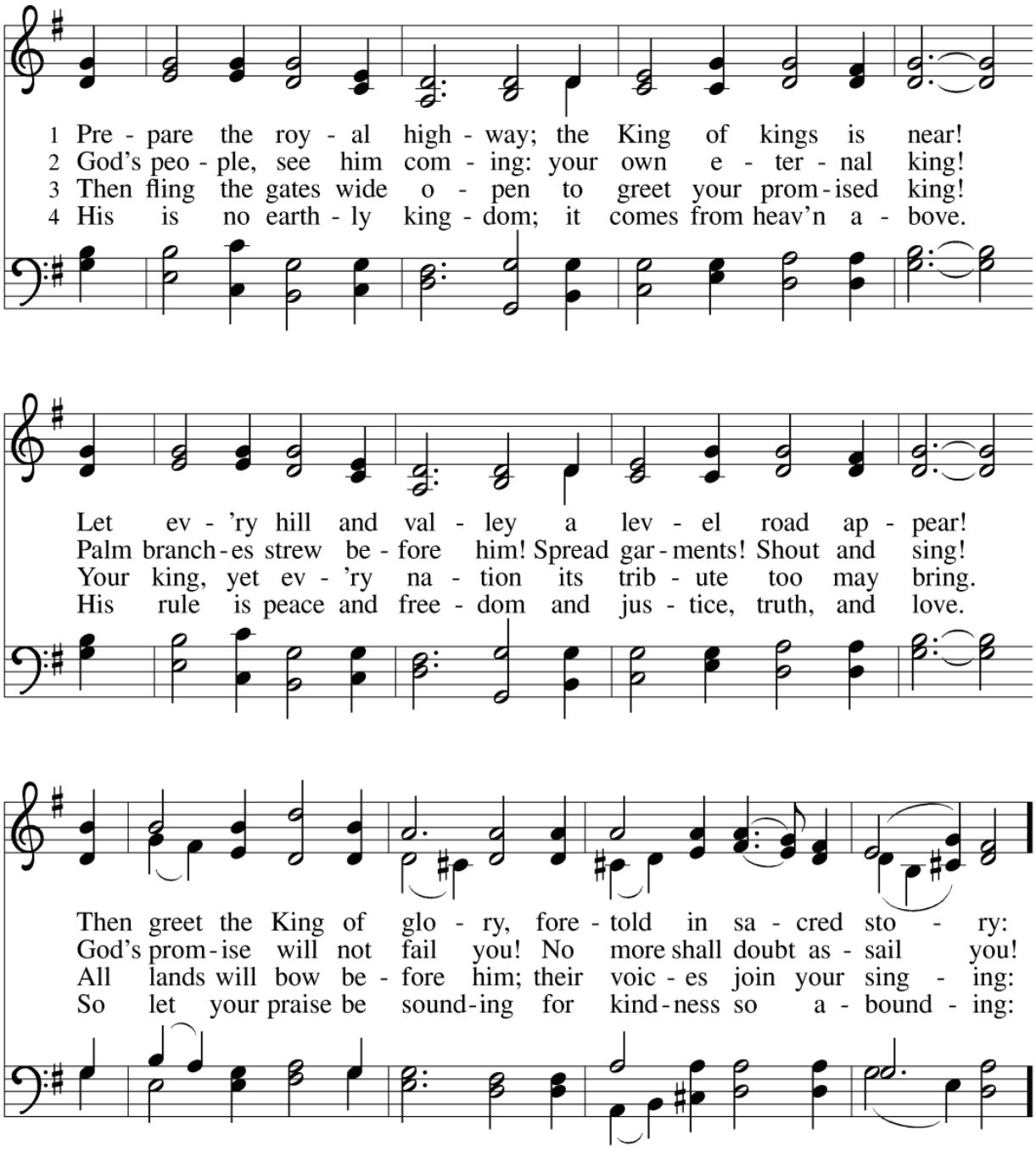
Amen.

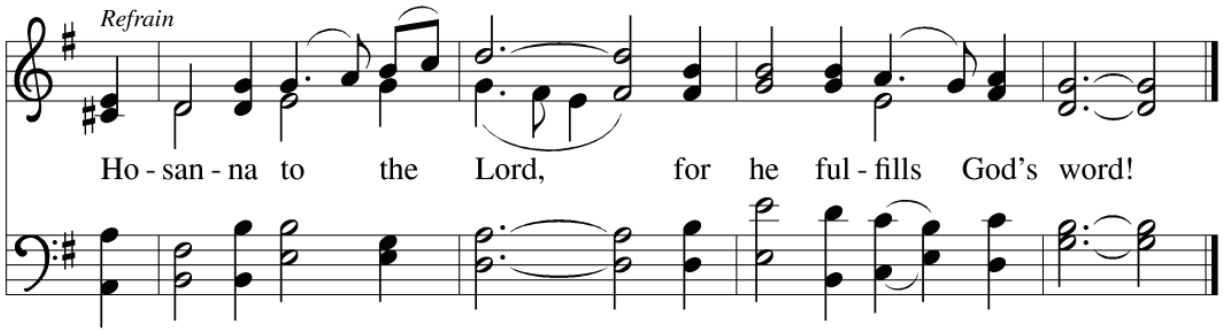
SENDING

BENEDICTION:

May the God who comes to make a home among us fill your hearts with hope, your homes with peace, and your lives with love. Go now trusting that you are never alone, for Christ is with you, and God is still building something beautiful among us. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, go in peace and make room for God's love.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Prepare the Royal Highway 264





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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, make room for God's love

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

HOSPITAL VISITS AND PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or Pr. Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org if you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team.*

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the Sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the Sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the Sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the Sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

LIVESTREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 am
www.zionanoka.org
(click "Worship Online")
- or-
www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn
Available Anytime

CABLE TV

Metro Cable Network
Channel 6
Sunday | 10 am & 5 pm

RADIO BROADCAST

106.1 BOB FM
Sundays | 9:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

M - Th: 9 am - 5 pm
Fri: 9 am - 12 noon

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Worship Services

Advent Theme: Building God's House

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Dec 5/6 Advent 2 - What Are You Building On?
Dec 12/13 Advent 3 - Setting Up House.
Dec 19/20 Advent 4 - Make Us A House For God.
Choral Worship w/Choir, Brass & Handbells 5 pm & 9 am
Traditional Worship 8 am
"Jingle" w/Worship Team 11 am

Blue Christmas

A worship service of recovery, healing, and hope
Monday Dec. 21 | 6:30 pm | Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24 with communion
12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm
All will be candlelight services & livestreamed
Family Lounge available at all services
Cable TV (Channel 6): 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm
Radio Broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1): 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25 with communion | 10:00 am