

**SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SANKT JOHANNES GEMEINDE
ÉGLISE LUTHÉRIENNE ST-JEAN**

**ERSTER SONNTAG IM
ADVENT
3. DEZEMBER 2023**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN
ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2023**



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We acknowledge that St. John's Lutheran Church is situated on unceded Indigenous land that was never surrendered by treaty or agreement. We recognize that the Kanien'keha:ka (commonly known as the Mohawk), a nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (commonly known as Iroquois), are the custodians of Tiohtia:ke (the Island of Montreal), which is a traditional meeting place between peoples including the Anishinaabe (commonly known as Algonquin), Abenaki and the Huron-Wendat. As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and in agreement with its official policies, our church is committed to participating in an ongoing process of finding truth and reconciliation.

ORGELVORSPIEL

ORGAN PRELUDE

Esther-Ruth Teel

EINGANG

GATHERING

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

Der Heilige Geist ruft uns als Volk Gottes zusammen.

WILKOMMEN

WELCOME

ANZÜNDEN DES ADVENTSKRANZES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Light One Candle to Watch for the Messiah ELW 240,
verse 1 only*



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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Let us pray.

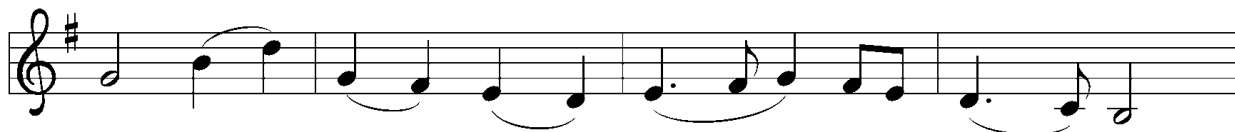
Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather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

Amen.

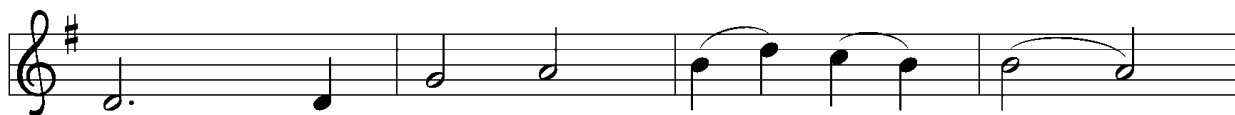
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OPENING HYMN

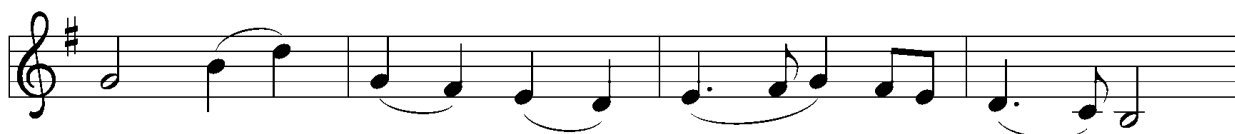
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending ELW 435



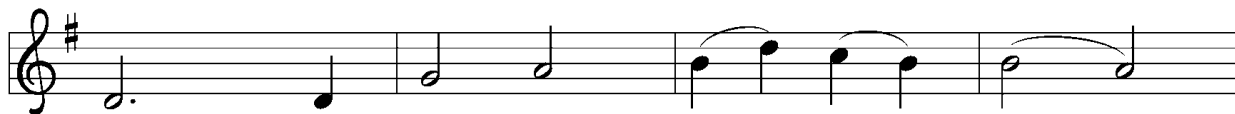
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

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Our service continues on ELW p. 156

Die Gnade unseres Herrn Jesus Christus und die Liebe Gottes und die Gemeinschaft des Heiligen Geistes, sei mit euch allen.

Und mit Deinem Geist.

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.

KOLLEKTENGEBET

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Laßt uns beten.

God, Creator of life, with burning hearts we await you. We want to greet you as once again you enter into this world. Prepare our hearts, open our eyes and ears and guide us on the path that leads to life. We pray through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gott, Schöpfer des Lebens, mit brennenden Herzen warten wir auf dich. Wir wollen dir entgegengehen dich begrüßen, wenn du Einzug hältst in dieser Welt. Mache unser Herz bereit, öffne uns Augen and Ohren und leite uns auf den Weg der Umkehr der zum Leben führt. Durch Christus unsern Herrn. **Amen.**

Please sit.

DAS WORT

WORD

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

Gott spricht zu uns durch Schriftlesung, Predigt und Gesang

ERSTE LESUNG

FIRST LESSON

Jesaja 64, 1-9 / Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
 no ear has perceived,
 no eye has seen any God besides you,
 who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
 those who remember you in your ways.
 But you were angry, and we sinned;
 because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
 We all fade like a leaf,
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
 or attempts to take hold of you;
 for you have hidden your face from us,
 and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
 and do not remember iniquity forever.
 Now consider, we are all your people.
 The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 80, 1-7 17-19 / Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

PSALM

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph ¹ like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned up- ¹ on the cherubim.
²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, ¹ and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and ¹ come to help us.
³Restore ¹ us, O God;
 let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.
⁴**O LORD ¹ God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your ¹ people pray?
⁵You have fed them with the ¹ bread of tears;
 you have given them bowls of ¹ tears to drink.
⁶**You have made us the derision ¹ of our neighbors,**

and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;

give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;**

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

ZWEITE LESUNG

SECOND LESSON

1 Korinther 1, 3-9 / 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians *auf Deutsch*.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

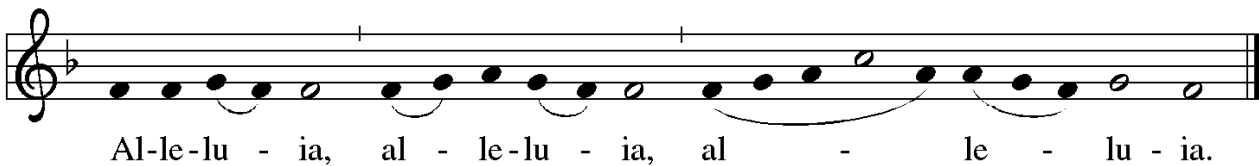
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

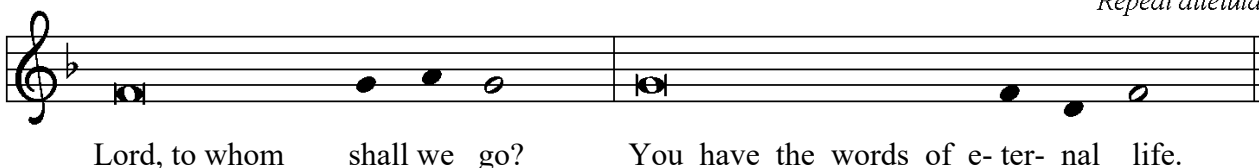
Thanks be to God.

HALLELUJAH

ALLELUIA



Repeat alleluia



HEILIGES EVANGELIUM

HOLY GOSPEL

Markus 13, 24-37/ Mark 13:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.

²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

PREDIGT

SERMON

Pastor Katherine

Please stand.

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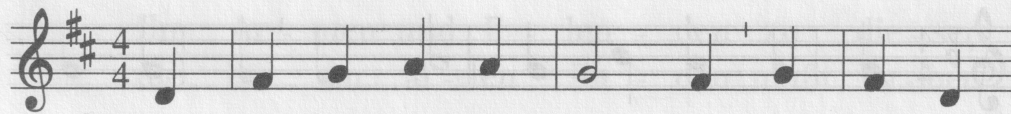
HYMN OF THE DAY

Wie Soll Ich Dich Empfangen EG 11, verses 1, 3, 4

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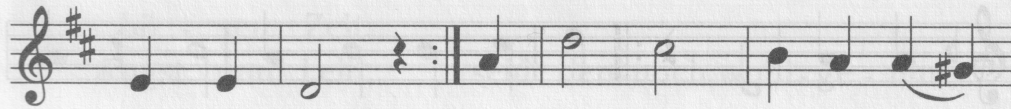
Wie soll ich dich empfangen

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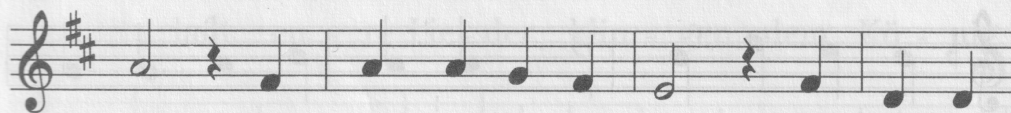


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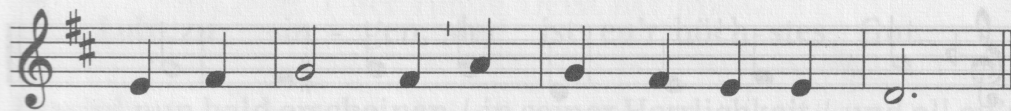
Wie soll ich dich emp - fan - gen und wie be -
o al - ler Welt Ver - lan - gen, o mei - ner



geg - n ich dir,
See - len Zier? O Je - su, Je - su, set -



ze mir selbst die Fak - kel bei, da - mit, was



dich er - göt - ze, mir kund und wis - send sei.

- 2 Dein Zion streut dir Palmen / und grüne Zweige hin,* / und ich will dir in Psalmen / ermuntern meinen Sinn. / Mein Herze soll dir grünen / in stetem Lob und Preis / und deinem Namen dienen, / so gut es kann und weiß. *Matthäus 21,8
- 3 Was hast du unterlassen / zu meinem Trost und Freud, / als Leib und Seele saßen / in ihrem größten Leid? / Als mir das Reich genommen, / da Fried und Freude lacht, / da bist du, mein Heil, kommen / und hast mich froh gemacht.
- 4 Ich lag in schweren Banden, / du kommst und machst mich los; / ich stand in Spott und Schanden, / du kommst und machst mich groß / und hebst mich hoch zu Ehren / und schenkst mir großes Gut, / das sich nicht läßt verzehren, / wie irdisch Reichthum tut.

Please remain standing.

FÜRBITTENGEBET

PRAYERS

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth, especially those who are meeting at COP 28, the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, especially Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, and Myanmar. Teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief especially those we name silently or out loud.... Deliver all in any need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence, remembering especially Konrad. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. **Amen.**

FRIEDENSGRUB

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. Der Friede des Herrn sei mit euch allen.
And also with you. Und mit deinem Geist.

Share a gesture of peace with one another as you are comfortable.

ABENDMAHL

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Gott nährt uns mit der Gegenwart von Jesus Christus

DANKOPFER

OFFERING

Ways to give an offering are at the end of this worship guide.

DANKOPFERGEBET

OFFERING PRAYER

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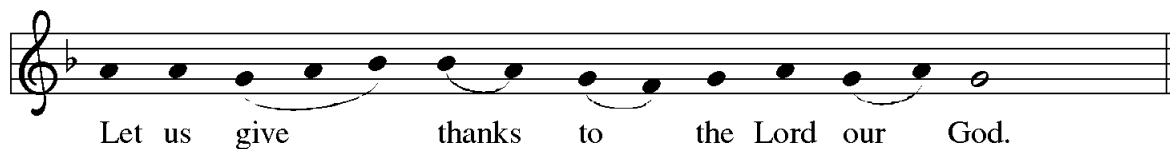
Let us pray.

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Please turn to page 161 in the ELW.

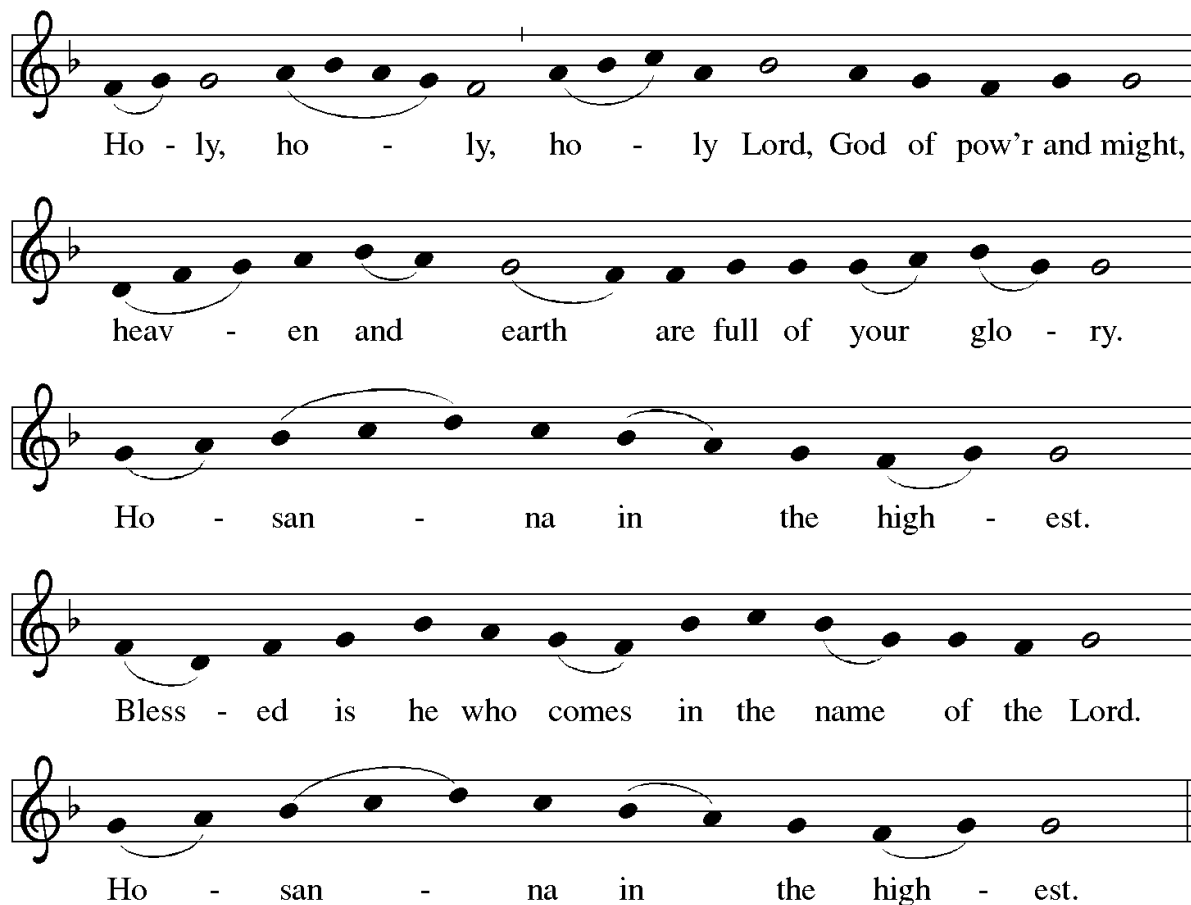
GROßES DANKGEBET

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

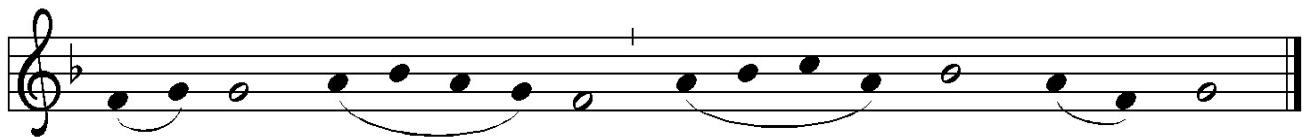


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

Please stand.

DAS VATERUNSER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Vater unser im Himmel,
Geheiligt werde dein Name.
Dein Reich komme.
Dein Wille geschehe,
wie im Himmel,
so auf Erden.
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,
Wie auch wir vergeben unsern
Schuldigern.
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,
sondern erlöse uns von dem
Bösen.
Denn dein ist das Reich und die
Kraft
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.
Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

COMMUNION

To receive the elements, please come up the left-hand aisle to the altar and return to your seat on the right. Grape juice is available in individual cups.

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

Please sit during the time of Communion.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

MUSIK WÄHREND DER AUSTEILUNG

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God, p. 164

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. A - men.

Please stand.

DANKGEBET NACH DEM
ABENDMAHL

PRAYER OF THANKS AFTER
COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

AUSGANG

SENDING

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

Gott segnet uns und sendet uns im Auftrag in die Welt

Please stand.

SEGEN

BLESSING

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever. Amen.

SCHLÜBLIED

CLOSING SONG

Fling Wide the Door ELW 259

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
wor - ship him with song, for sav - ing us from wrong.
a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

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Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version
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ENTLASSUNG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDIUM

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us!

TODAY: December 2

- **Weihnachtsmarkt** 11am-4pm. Excellent German fare, glühwein, artisan crafts for sale.

- **Chamber music concert, 7pm** *Abe Ross' colleague Kyran Assing will lead a performance of Les Goûts Réunis by Couperin and Air for the Seasons (Winter) by J. Oswald. Admission by donation*

Food Bank: Help Please!

Our partner, the Milton Park Food Bank is running low on funds. Would you prayerfully consider a one-time donation? The good news is they have a grant coming but the funds have not yet arrived. Please help bridge the gap!

Poinsettias

Would you like to donate to help make our sanctuary beautiful and honour a loved one all at the same time? We have poinsettias available for sale!

3 sizes to choose from:

4.5"	6.5"	8"
\$9	\$18	\$37

Get to know Pastor Katherine!

Pastor Katherine would LOVE to get to know you! Please be in touch via a phone call to the church or email: pastor@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org Or, why not join her for an Advent book study? See details below.

Pastor Katherine **would be honoured to pray for you and with you.** Please be in touch for all pastoral care via the pastor's email address or by calling the church office.

Regular office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-2pm.

Upcoming Events

- **December 6, 7pm:** *ADVENT BOOK STUDY "Touch the Wounds: On Suffering, Trust and Transformation" by Tomas Halik. Led by Pastor Katherine, in person. The book can be ordered through Amazon or Indigo.*
- **December 10:** Second Sunday in Advent, English 11am
- **December 17:** Third Sunday in Advent, German/English 11am
- **December 24:** *No morning worship*
 - **4pm German Christmas Eve service**
 - **6pm English Family Oriented Christmas Eve service**
- **December 25: English Christmas Day, 11am**

We are thankful for your donations! Donations in person are welcome as well as:

- Cheque, payable to St John's Lutheran
- [CanadaHelps](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119180826RR0001-st-johns-lutheran-church/) www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119180826RR0001-st-johns-lutheran-church/
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