

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

10:00 AM Worship Service • December 7, 2025

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

*At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

**The nursery is available**, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.



## **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

arr. Aaron Shows

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Yule -Young Family

## RESPONSE

*Hope Is a Star (v. 2)*

Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,

giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be

first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

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## GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose home is heaven and earth,  
whose salvation is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Long-expected God,  
we confess that we look to ourselves  
for the peace and security only you can provide.  
We reach for swords and spears,  
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.  
We become impatient while waiting  
and weary of keeping awake.  
Free us from self-reliance,  
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.  
Increase our trust in God's timing,  
and awaken us to your advent among us,  
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.  
**Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve,  
but according to God's own righteousness.  
✠ You are freed and forgiven,  
saved by grace,  
and ready to welcome the Savior.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Now My People  
FREU DICH SEHR

ELW 256

*The congregation turns to face the processing cross.*

GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assembly is seated.*

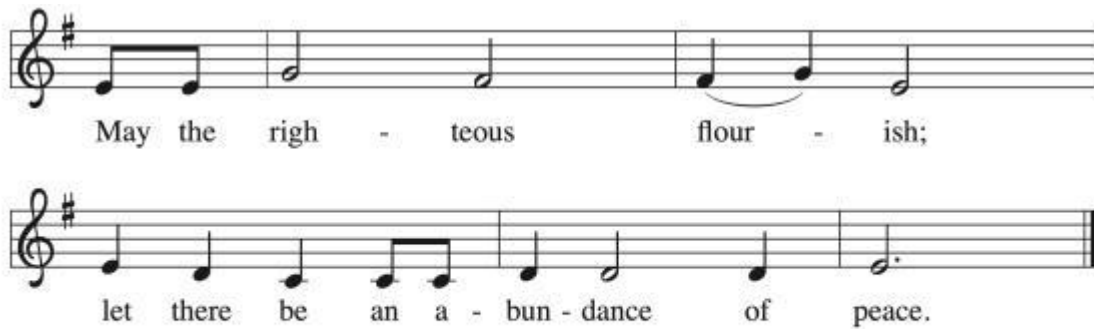
## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

*Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.  
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations  
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 72: 1-7, 18-19** (all sing the response before the reading and when directed.)



Psalm 72:7

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Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**  
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor. R**  
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**  
In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**  
And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen. **R**

**SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of

God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that Christ might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for God's mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles  
and sing praises to your name";

and again God says,

"Rejoice, O gentiles, with God's people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise the Lord";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;  
in him the gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

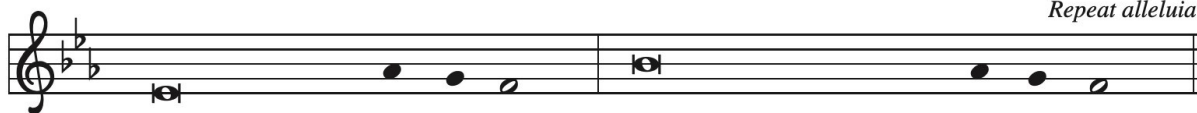
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



*Repeat alleluia*

**Prepare the way | of the Lord.**

**All flesh shall see the salva- | tion of God.**

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**  
**SERMON**

Rev. Bryan Pearson  
Rev. Bryan Pearson

*The assembly stands*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      There’s a Voice in the Wilderness  
ASCENSIN

ELW 255

**APOSTLE’S 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Creation Will Be at Peace

Williams/Page

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,  
their young will play together; a little child will lead.  
In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.  
They will war no more; a child will lead them all.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

We Are Waiting for Jesus  
JESUS BRINGS US PEACE

ACS 905

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Nourishing God,  
**you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,  
that we may rejoice and be for the world  
signs of your kingdom come.  
Amen.**

**MEAL**

## 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.**

### PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.  
**Amen.**

#### 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

#### AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.

#### COMMUNION

*Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a **clear** cup with wine or a **purple** cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets*

*for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary. Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.*

<b>MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION</b>	<i>Now the Heavens Start to Whisper</i>	ACS 901
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**SENDING**

**TABLE BLESSING**

<b>POST COMMUNION CANTICLE</b>	<i>Now, Lord</i>	ELW 200
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**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

May God who comes among us,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.  
**Amen.**

<b>SENDING HYMN</b>	<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	ELW 264
	BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN	

*The assembly stands.*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Keep awake.

**Thanks be to God.**

<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Prepare the Royal Highway	arr. Robert Hobby
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**SERVING THE ASSEMBLY**

**CRUCIFER** – Patrick Spisak

**ACOLYTES** – Reid Jay and Ellie Wessler

**LECTOR** – Misty Prussia

USHERS/GREETERS – Cliff Obara & Kevin Prussia  
CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Kelly Rummel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH MEETINGS

Please join us after worship on December 14<sup>th</sup> for a congregational meeting.

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH:** Join us for Greening of the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 14, 2024, after worship. We are in need of folks who are willing and able to safely climb ladders to help hang greenery and wreaths in and around the windows and remove the chandelier globes for cleaning. Youth will set up and decorate the Chrismon trees. This is a great time for fellowship, and we hope to see you there as we prepare our church sanctuary for Advent and the Christmas season. Thank you!

### POINTSETTIAS

We are now taking donations for poinsettias up until December 14. Each 6.5" pot is \$15. A poinsettia form was sent out via Constant Contact email this past week. More forms are available in the narthex. Please note – **we ask that you pick up your poinsettia immediately following worship on 1/4.** We will not be donating them to Simple Sunflower.

### RED FOOD BOX

We are looking for food donations, especially items with protein. Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the Red Food Box!

**2025-2026 MMCS (Mildred McDaniel Concert Series)** -Reformation Lutheran Church  
13100 Warwick Blvd. Newport News, VA. Please visit: <https://mmcsonline.org/2025-2026-mmcs/>

4pm Norfolk State University Choir. January 25, 2026

4pm Trio Niche Sunday, February 15, 2026.

4pm I. Sherman Greene Chorale Sunday March 15, 2026.

4pm Jae Sinnett Trio Sunday, April 26, 2026.

4pm Peninsula Concert Band with Ice Cream Social, Saturday, May 16, 2026.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

We are looking for a third Sunday school teacher to ensure our teachers have backup if they need to be out. We are also always looking for folks willing to substitute. If you're interested, please see Kathy Stevens.

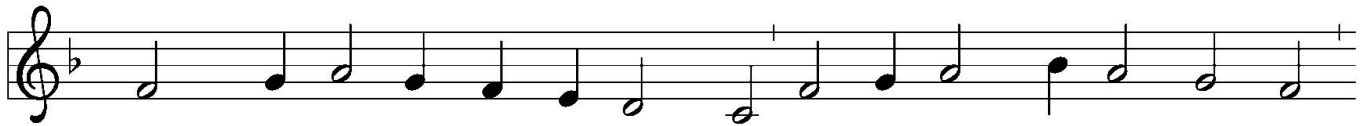
## PRAYER LIST

### **ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS – Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:**

Millie Christensen, Barbara Olson; At Home: Tony Flores, Shirley Anderson, and Bonnie Carlson; Jerry Cobb, Williamsburg Landing Rehab; Virginia Hamby, Harmony on Peninsula, Room 121. Bob Sumpter, Tricia Wessler's Stepfather, requested by Tricia Wessler; Jarvis Edwards, recovering from surgery at home.

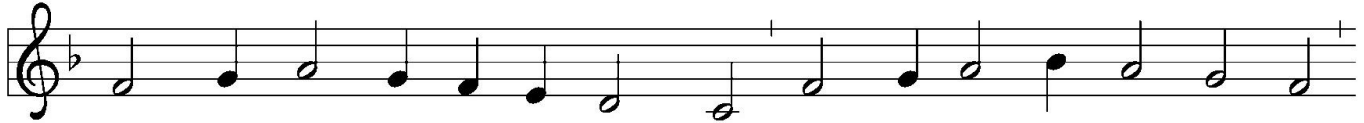
**PRAYER REQUESTS** – Family of Ethel Smith, sister of Bill Solomon; *requested by Bill Solomon*; Family and friends of Guy Self (brother of Bob Self), *requested by Dottie Self*; Mike Cobb; *requested by Sandy Cobb his mother*, Karina Stevens's psychology teacher Jacob Lelesch; *requested by Karina Stevens*, Mary Cherry Hewett, friend of Tricia Wessler; *requested by Tricia Wessler*; Lee Owens, Grant's brother, *requested by Grant Owens*; Tom Lenahan; friend of Sandy's cousin, *requested by Don and Sandy Sniady*, Easton Young, newborn in NICU; *requested by Don and Sandy Sniady*, Lauren, Kelly's sister-in-law, *requested by Kelly Rummel*; Family & Friends of Chelsea Simonsen, *requested by Kathy Stevens*; Butch Klapperich, *requested by Dee Klapperich*; Michele and Tom Leonard, *requested by Dottie Self*; The family and friends of Phyllis Harrison Philpot, *requested by Bill Solomon*; Warren, Maddie Walker's family; *requested by Nancy Lindfors*; Eddie Bateman & Karen Vodenichar, *requested by the Sniady Family*; Bonnie Carlson, *requested by Pastor Tina*; Blaine Pearsall, *requested by Lina Valdez*; Family and friends of Scott Campbell, *requested by Todd Recupero*; Stephanie Beauvais, *requested by Jarvis Edwards*; Larry and Linda Jones, *requested by Judy Hunt*; Sarah Miller, *requested by John and Sandy Lunsford*; Wayne Skinner, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, *requested by the Dail family*; The family of Carole Knopp, *requested by Wendy Mynonymany*; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, *requested by Tricia Wessler*; Ahlen family, *requested by Kathy Stevens*. Izzy Perez, *requested by Pastor Tina*.

**THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY** – Garrett Mynonymany, Naval Station Great Lakes, LTJG Courtney Duff, USCG, stationed in sector New Orleans; James Fielding, Tokyo, Japan; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB.



1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

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Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.

Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

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Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -  
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the

high - way, a high - way for our God!  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.  
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.

The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like  
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the

loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of  
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now

plac - es where God, our God, may go!  
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.  
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

Text: James Lewis Milligan, 1876-1961, alt.  
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1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.  
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.  
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in



with-in:  
- ing day.  
, and need.



peace: your word has been ful - filled. My



own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

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pared in the sight of all peo - ple: a light to re -



come him.  
come him.  
come you.



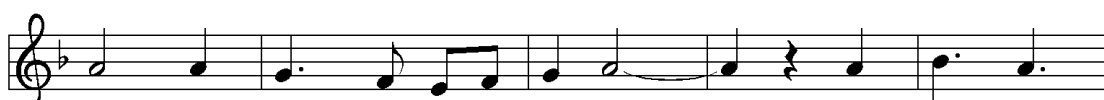
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peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther,



and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and



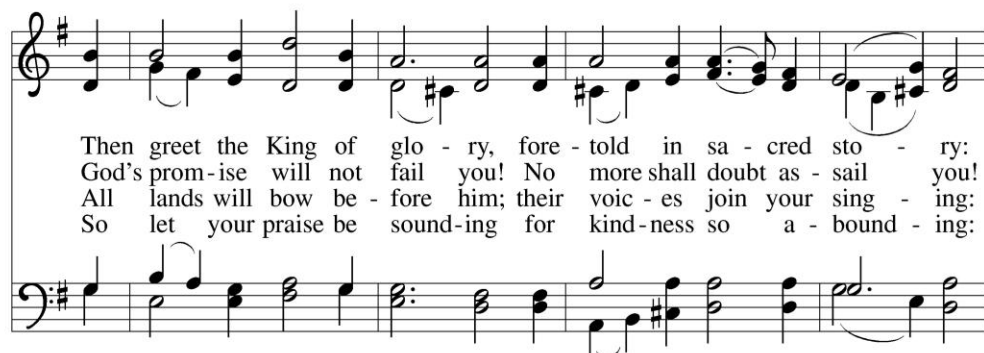
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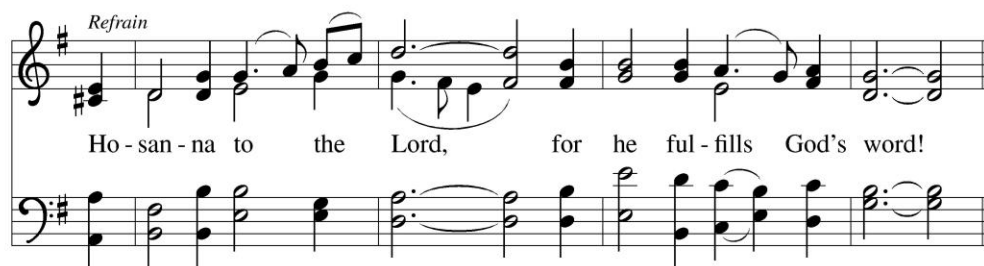
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



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:



*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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