

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIRST WEEKEND IN ADVENT
Saturday, November 26, 2022 5:00 PM
Sunday, November 27, 2022 9:30 AM



The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

ELW is the cranberry red Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship

PRELUDE: (5:00) “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” -arr. P. Manz
(9:30) “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” -Wilbur Held

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

L: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of **HOPE**. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God’s Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God’s light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.” Isaiah 9:2

L: Let us pray:

C: **Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen**

(First Advent Candle is Lit)

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #Blessed Be the God of Israel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: **Blessed be God’s name forever. Amen.**

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

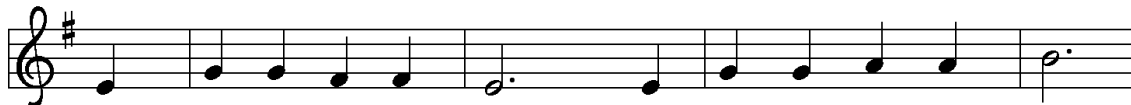
C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE “Wake Up!”

Rev. Brian Hooper

HYMN OF THE DAY #254 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

BAPTISM OF TONI ELIZABETH REVERS (9:30)

APOSTLE'S CREED (5:00)

**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

L: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

L: God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. Care for those who suffer from the effects of climate change and from natural disasters, especially our partners in the Diocese of Meru who suffer from extreme drought. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth and in Ukraine. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care especially those we name now out loud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause*). God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

- L:** God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C:** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C:** **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for sharing your gifts. Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website ssmelca.org.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P:** Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.
- C:** **Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prepare your elements by opening the two separate parts, wafer and juice (if you need assistance, please wave to an usher). The Pastor will recite the words of institution and consecrate the elements. Partaking of the elements will occur after the Lord's Prayer. The Pastor will lead the assembly with the words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. If you are unable to come forward alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your seat.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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:

C: **Amen**

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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, ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: “In the night...”

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.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN #523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please be sure to read the printed announcements at the end of the bulletin)

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN: ELW #246 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reminder: Sunday Morning Service streaming and recording continues through the postlude with the room microphone on. Conversations do get picked up by that microphone. If you would prefer that your conversation not be recorded and posted on YouTube, please refrain from speaking in the sanctuary until after the postlude.

POSTLUDE: (5:00) “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” -arr. J. Walther
(9:30) “Savior of the Nations, Come” -J. S. Bach

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Thank you to our guest Sunday musician, Kipp W. Zimmermann

Flowers on the Altar are given by Karen & Bob Rasmussen

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE WORSHIP

Reader: (5:00) Heidi Hennessy **(9:30)** Faith O’Connell

Ushers: (5:00) Larry & Sue Stasiewski

(9:30) Diane Moraza, Adam Woerpel & Julie Starks

Streaming Technician: (9:30) J P Maschke

Coffee Hour Hosts: (9:30) Jeff & Laura Dose & Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bay View Community Center Christmas Outreach Program is here. We will provide gifts for 20 children and 10 seniors. Simply select a card or cards, purchase the requested gift and bring it back to church by the 11th of December. If you are unable to find the exact item requested, substitute a similar item. **Please do not wrap gifts, placing them in a gift bag is fine.** Bring them back to church with the card attached.

The Bay View Coat Drive has started. New or gently used coats and sweat jackets are needed for the upcoming winter. Please, coats only, they are not asking for other items. Please place items in the coat room for pick up.

Don't forget about the **Christmas Cookie/Candy Sale** sponsored by the SSM WELCA group. If you have not already done so, please sign up to bring a batch of your favorite cookies to church on the 9th or 10th of December. Cookies will be repackaged into variety boxes of a dozen that will be available for sale for \$6 per box or 3 boxes for \$15 on the 10th & 11th of December. All proceeds will go to local and international charities. Please see the information on the bulletin board outside of the office. to sign up to bring cookies and for more information.

Help the SSM Youth and Family folks along with Human Concerns build a **tower of food and personal hygiene items** throughout the month of November. The items will be donated to the Bay View Food Pantry at the end of the month, there are only a few days left.

Please utilize your **Thanksgiving envelope**. Human Concerns has designated its share of the proceeds to the Hunger Task Force, feeding people in the Milwaukee area. Thank you.

Please see the table in the Narthex for **Advent Devotions** from ELCA World Hunger and Living Compass and **Advent Calendars** from ELCA World Hunger. **2023 Calendars** are also available thanks to Max A. Sass and Sons Funeral Homes.

This Week at SSM				
Wednesday	11/30	5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday	12/3	5:00pm	Worship	Reader: Patti Nelson
				Ushers: Patti Nelson & Herb Leppien
Sunday	12/4	9:30am	Worship	Reader: Mary Luedtke
				Ushers: Cheryl & Dan Stefanski and Dennis Lucchesi
				Communion Set Up: Denise Sanders
				Communion Servers: Bonnie Daleness and Kipp Zimmermann
			Sunday School	

KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Suzi Angeletti, Bob Brownell, Penny Dowling, Mary Freiburger, Angela Grobбен, Sue Herman, Ruth Hoppe, Sue Jarchow, Lynda Johnson, Joy Kiliman, Mary Kling, Tasha Kopplin, Carol Kucharski, Carol Mueller, Sandy Peterson, Teri Peterson, Patrick Rafalski, Shirley Rau, Joan Retzlaff, Dick Rutzen, El Schneider, Bob & JoAnn Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt, Kate Stockland, Mike Wholean, Tracy Wholean, John Winter and the family of Jean Switala who has completed her baptismal journey

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Roberta Henrichs, sister-in-law of Joan Retzlaff
Laurence Freemont, friend of SSM

Katie Stull, granddaughter of Phil & LaVerne Morgan

Jane Janicki, sister of the Winter Family

Jerelie Caston, daughter of Joan Retzlaff

Nancy & Mike Andritsch, sister/brother-in-law of Barbara & Dan Davies

Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters & Stepdad of Lori Salas

Sharon West, friend of Lynda Johnson

Ted P., brother-in-law of Gail Jakus

Jay Lessing, friend of LaVerne Morgan

Jeanne Jimenez, daughter of Shirley Rau

Cindy Molter, mother of Fred Ankebrant

Terry Betchner, friend of Dianne Niese

Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt

James Haas, friend of Mark & Patti Winter

Peter Salza, friend of Doug Winter family

Dawn Salopek, sister of Karen Miller

Tom Riedasch brother of Patti Winter

Mark Weber, son-in-law of Marian Walton

Hartmut Barsnick, friend of SSM

Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally Kowalewski

Judy Ventimiglia, friend of Shelly Rosenstock

Cecilia Schoessow, Aunt of Kevin Ernst

Tommy Schwietzer, friend of Deb Perl

Mark Langhoff, friend of Shelly Rosenstock

Greg Sachse, husband of Kelly Sachse

Thomas Clark, Brother of Erin Ankebrant

Cathy & Mark Kossow, friends of Lynda Johnson
Tippecanoe's "Larry under the bridge," friend of the Homeless

Katie Manzeck, friend of Carol Manning
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski

Jon Kowalewski, husband of Susan Kowalewski

Lauryn Ramintho, great-granddaughter of Karen Miller

Lucy Copeland, granddaughter of Dianne Niese

Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese

Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt

Maria Hill, friend of Lynda Johnson

Ann Scorzynski, friend of LaVerne Morgan

Kristin White, daughter of Sue Herman

Laura Sussman, mother of Kim Sussman

Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel

Barbara Goelz, friend of Kelly Sachse

Peter Misko, friend of Doug Winter family

Kathy Manders, friend of Doug Winter family

Tom Freiburger, son of Mary Freiburger

Janet Heino, great aunt of Stephanie Falksen

Paulie Long, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse

Tim Drover, son of John Drover

Bob Guiliani, brother of Char Guiliani

Vern Koenig, father of Bonnie Daleness

Ethelyn Boardman, mother of Carol Manning

Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff

Bonnie Smyczek, cousin of Ruth Hoppe

Andy Stein and his family, son of Barb Stein

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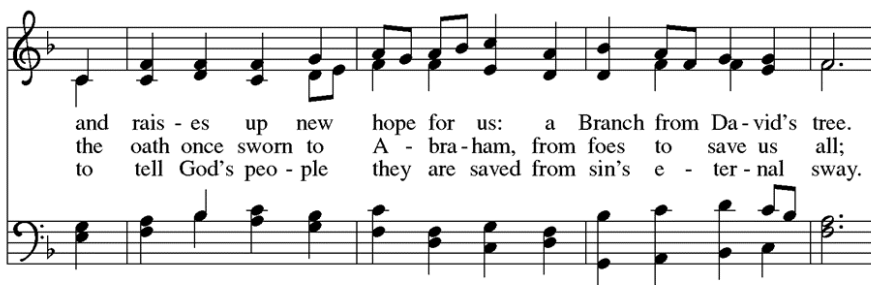
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Hymn #250 Blessed be the God of Israel



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us; a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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Hymn #254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na - tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Hymn #523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



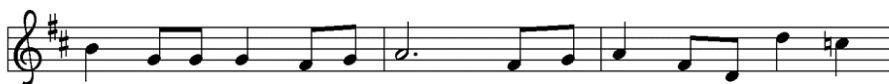
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



Refrain / Estribillo

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

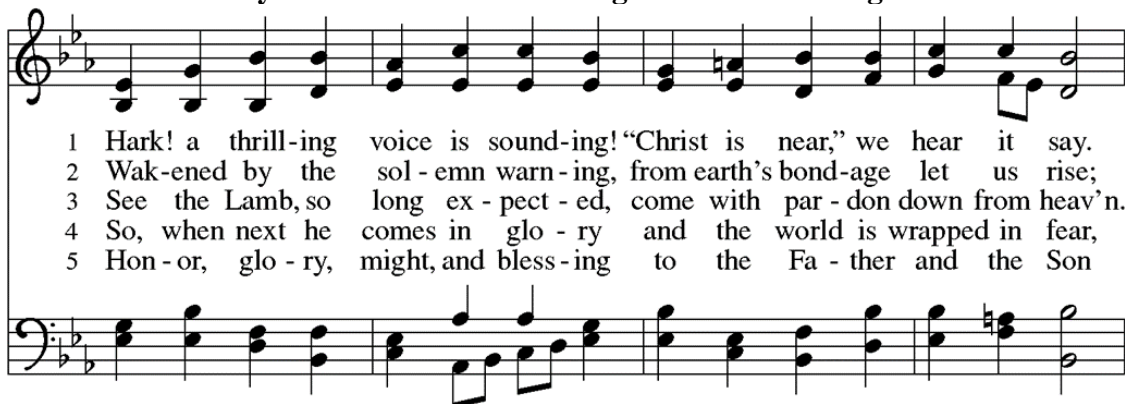
2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

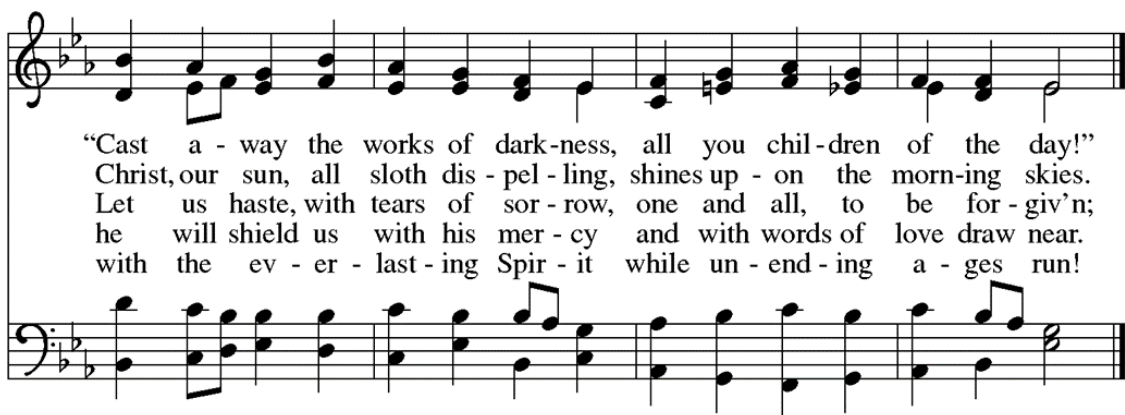
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Hymn 246 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889