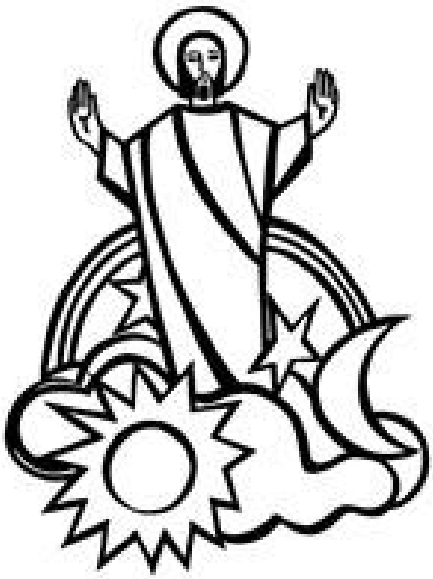
Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church

Sun City, Arizona



Service of Holy Communion

First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

Mission Statement

To be a congregation that puts the love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world.

Order of Worship

+ denotes please stand in body or spirit.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

+ Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
creator of the stars of night,
companion at the welcome table,
breath over the deep waters.
Amen.

P Holy and gracious God,
C **we confess that we have sinned against you this day.**
Some of our sin we know—
the thoughts and words and deeds
of which we are ashamed—
but some is known only to you.
In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.
Amen.

P By the mercy of God
we are united with Jesus Christ,
in whom we are forgiven.
We rest now in the peace of Christ
and rise each morning to serve.
C **Amen.**

+ <u>Gathering Hymn</u> *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* #244

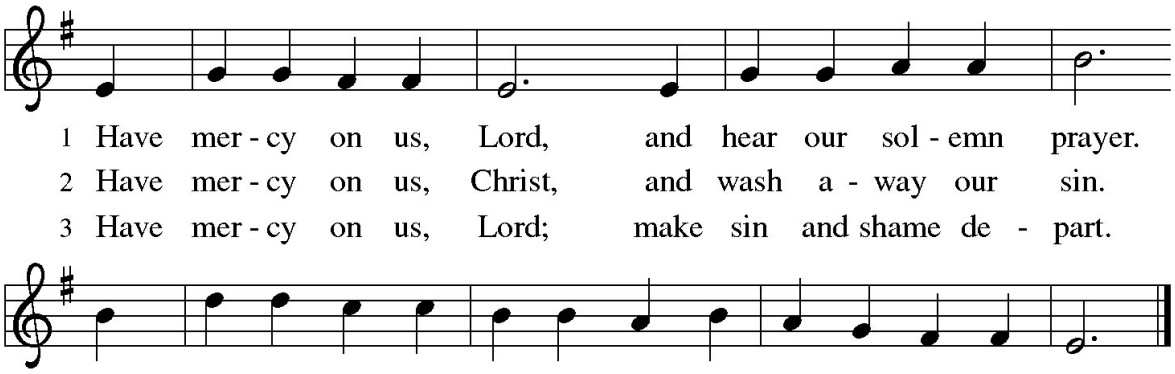


+ <u>Greeting</u>

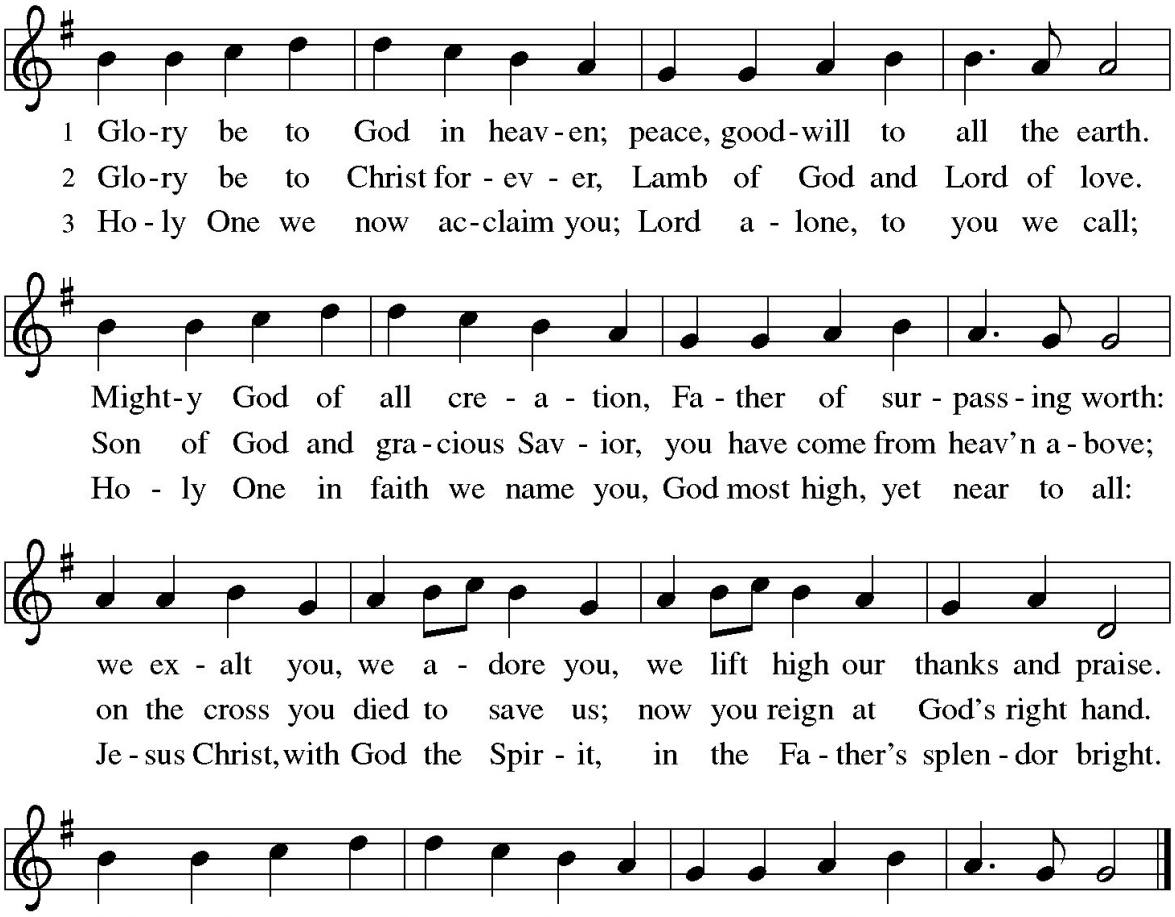
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ Kyrie Page 203



+ Hymn of Praise Page 204



+ Prayer of the Day

A The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
A Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

First Reading **Isaiah 40:1-11**

L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

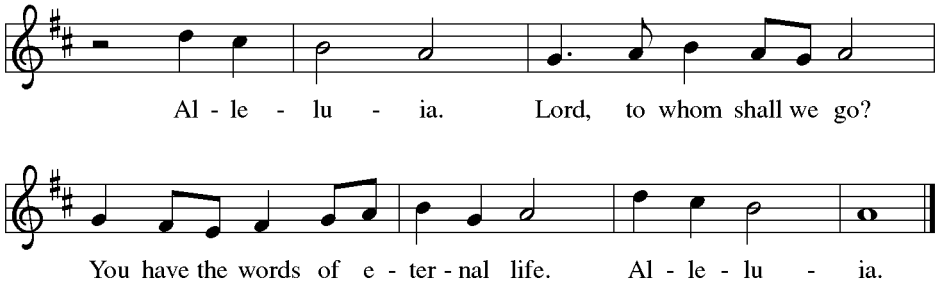
Psalm of the Day **Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

[1] You have been gracious to your | land, O Lord;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.
[2] **You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people**
and blotted out | all their sins.
[8] I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
[9] **Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,**
that your glory may dwell | in our land.
[10] Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
[11] **Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,**
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
[12] The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
[13] **Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord**
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

Second Reading **2 Peter 3:8-15a**

L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Acclamation



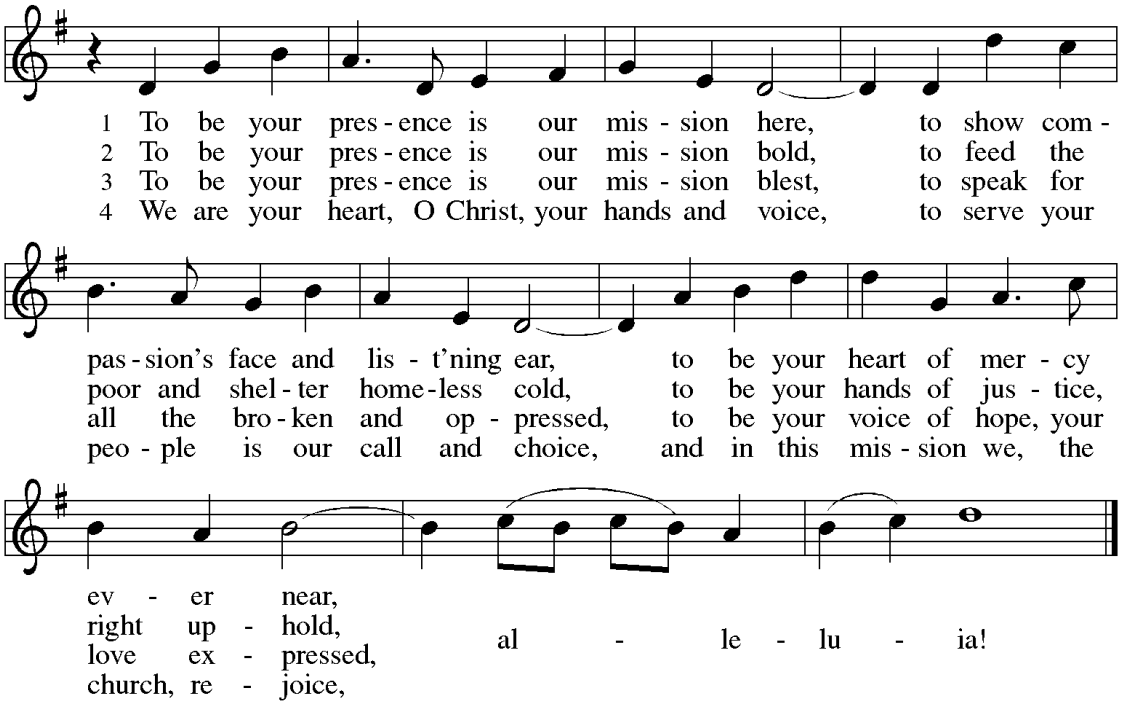
+ Gospel Reading **Mark 1:1-8**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Message

+ Hymn of the Day *To Be Your Presence* #546



+ <u>Apostles' Creed</u>

A With the whole Church let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy *Spirit*,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried:
He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy *Spirit*; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

<u>Prayers of the Gathered Community</u>

Each petition ends: A God, in your mercy,
C receive our prayer.

A Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C Amen.

+ <u>Share the Peace</u>

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

+ <u>Offertory</u>



+ <u>Prayer at the Table</u>

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

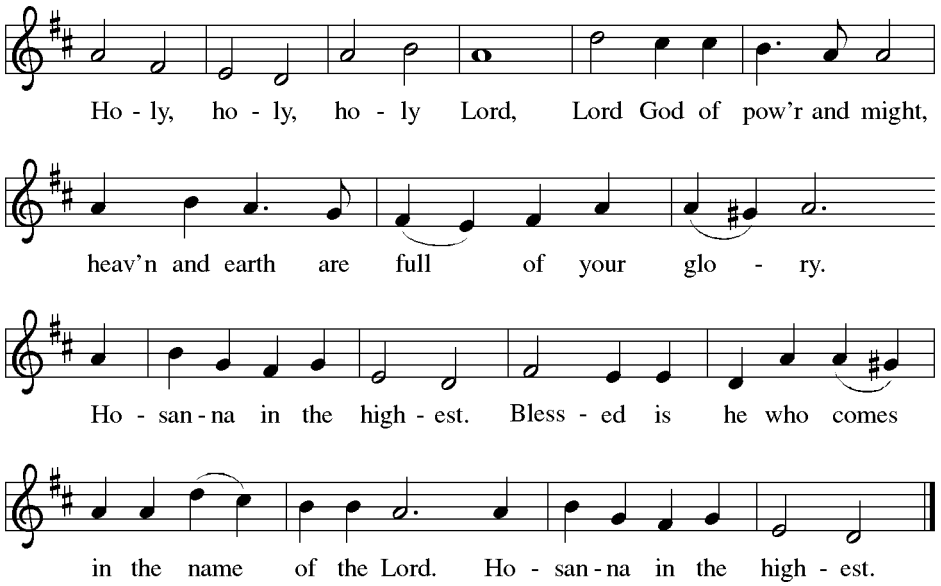
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

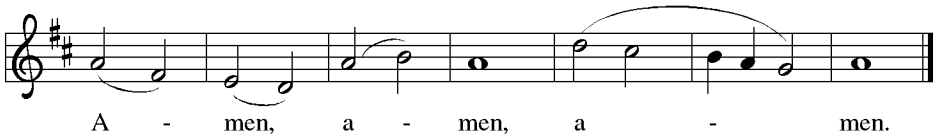
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C



P At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

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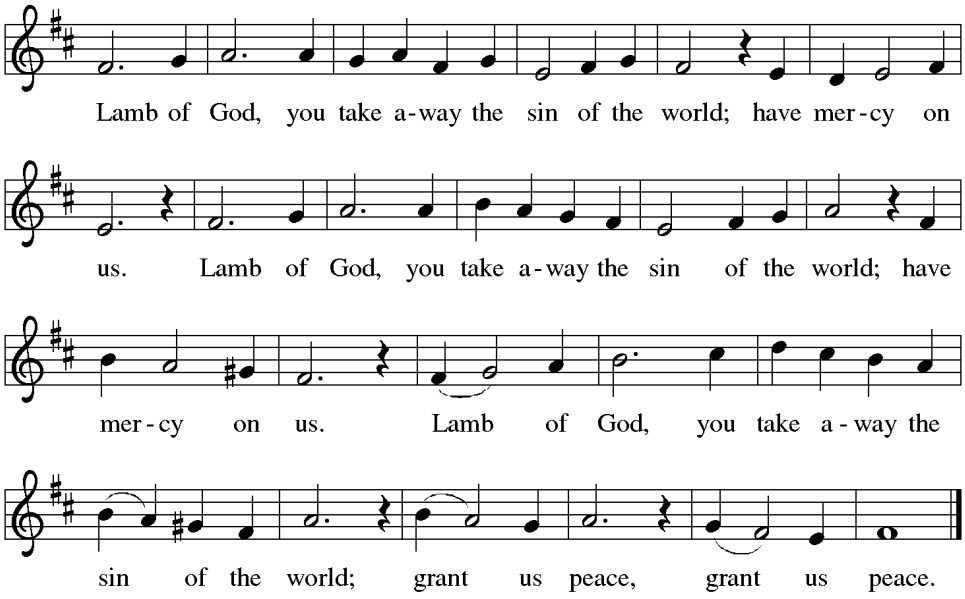
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.

<u>Invitation to Communion</u>

P There is a place for everyone at the Lord's table. All of you are welcome.

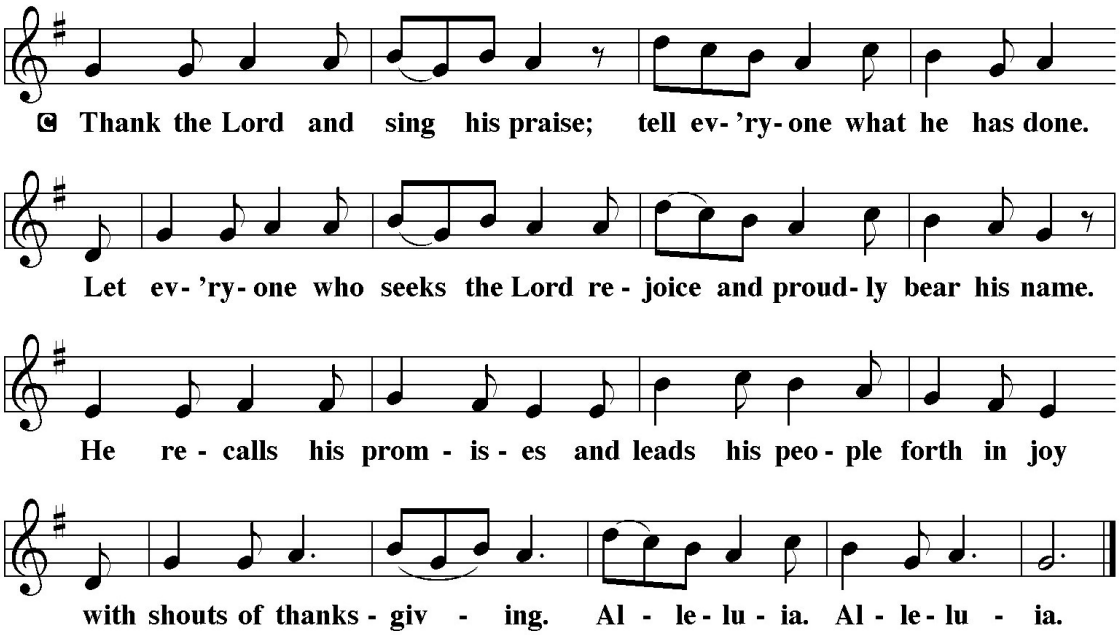
All wafers are gluten free. Wine is red. Juice is gold.



+ <u>Post Communion Blessing and Canticle</u>

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.



+ <u>Post Communion Prayer and Sending of Communion</u>

A Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms.

We pray especially for our Eucharistic ministers who go forth to share the gifts of this meal with our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound, or isolated. May those who carry these holy gifts, and all who receive them, know the comfort of your presence and the strength of our shared faith.

As we leave your table, carry us near your heart; and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

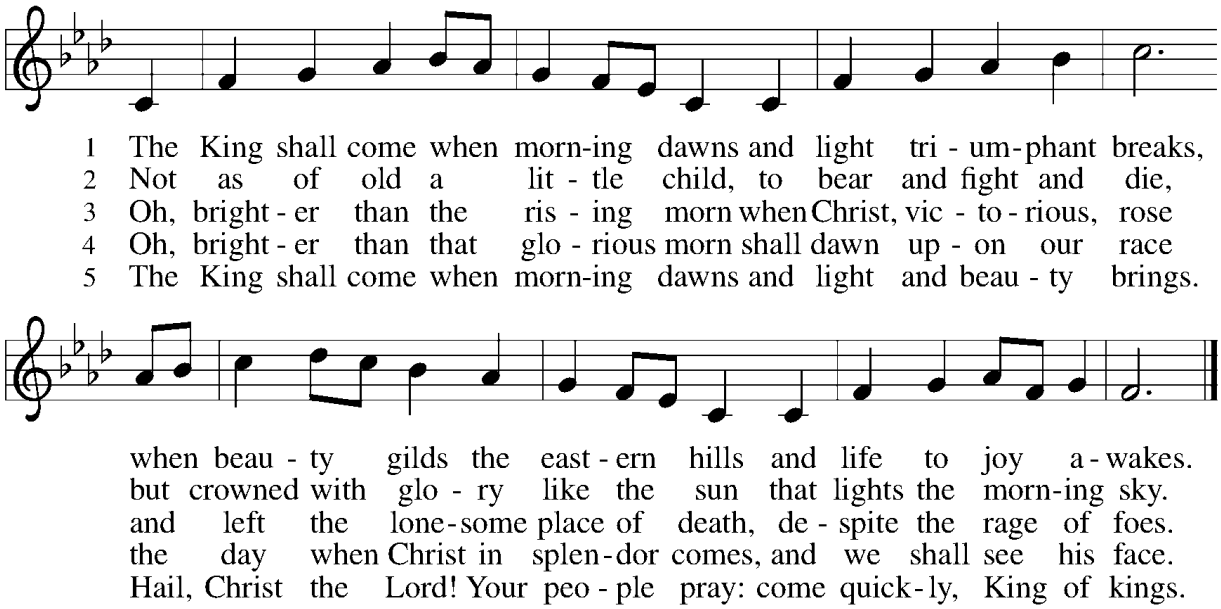
C Amen.

+ <u>Blessing</u>

P The Lord bless you and keep.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

+ <u>Sending Hymn</u> *The King Shall Come* #260



+ <u>Dismissal</u>

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

<u>Postlude</u>