

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**

*2nd Sunday of
Advent*



**Faith Formation Christmas Program
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024**

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

Please respect this time before worship for those who want to pray quietly in the sanctuary. Once the prelude begins, please use that time to listen to the music and prepare for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#266

"All Earth Is Hopeful"

BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Moseng Family

ADVENT WREATH HYMN#240

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

verse 2 only

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

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

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.
Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from Malachi.

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

PSALM LUKE 1:68-79**Read Responsively**

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, ⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷² **to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear, ⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸ In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹ **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

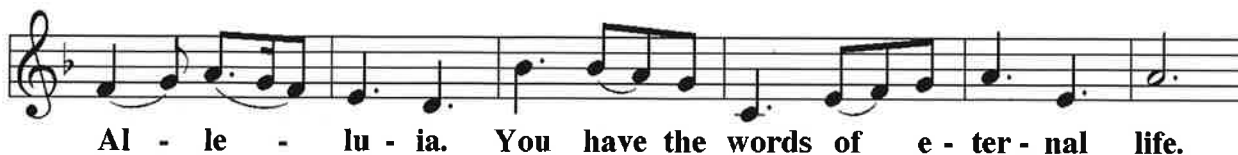
A reading from Philippians.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5



GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: THE ULTIMATE FAITH

Harper Baeten

Freya Budde

Elsie Delfosse

Isaac Gruselle

Lily Gruselle

Patrick Moseng

Vera Moseng

Beau Rosatti

Christopher Weiland

Congregation participants: Charlee Weiland, Val Moseng , Jon Meyer, Grace Van Eyck and Dan Weiland. Music: Cheryl Meyer

CONGREGATION HYMN#803

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Children Songs

“Get Ready!”

”That Boy-Child of Mary”

”Oh, What A Special Night”

published by Worship House Kids

CONGREGATION HYMN

“We Three Kings”

children sing verse 1, congregation sings verses 2-4

see insert

Children Song

“He Came Down”

HYMN OF THE DAY#276

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

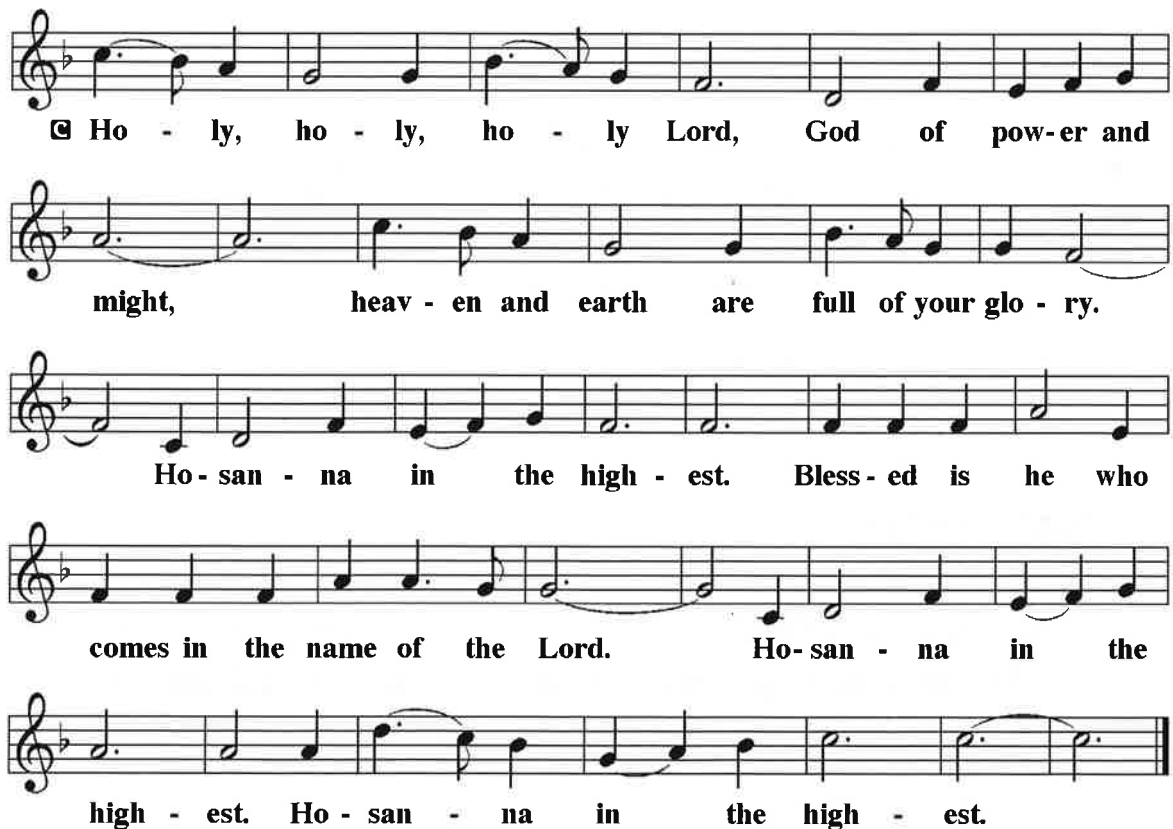
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

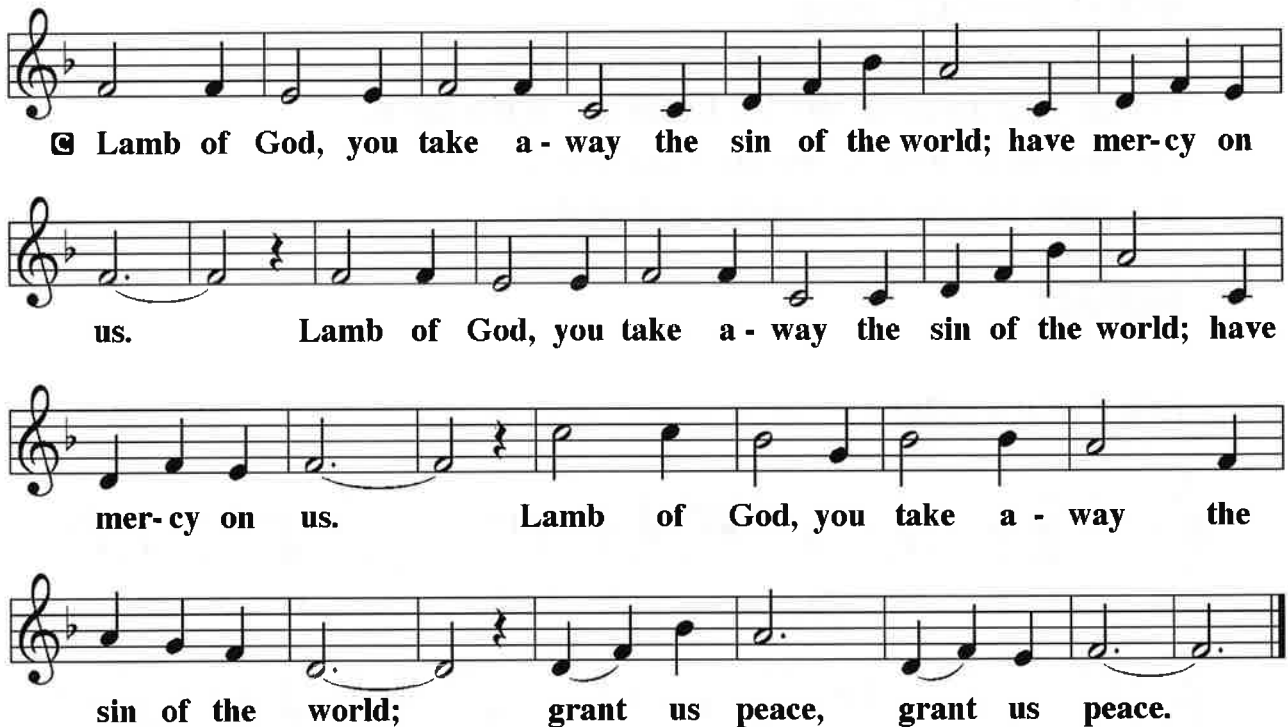
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5



☪ 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

“We Are Waiting for Jesus”

song leader will sing verse 1 then congregation will sing verses 1 & 2.

We Are Waiting for Jesus



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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TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN#264

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

DISSMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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9:30 am - 2:00 pm. **Our office hours will be changing beginning**

December 13. The new hours will be Monday-Thursday

9:30am-2pm. Closed Friday. zion@zionappleton.org •

www.zionappleton.org. For Pastoral emergencies contact the
office.

Attendance:

Last Week: 87

Last Year: 95

Next week Justin Thomas Webster will be baptized. Please come
& welcome him into our congregation.

Announcements!

Thank you to all of the families for bringing their children to Sunday School, actively participating in their Christian education, and helping them through learning their parts for the Christmas program. Thank you to our Sunday School shepherds: Charlee Weiland and Miley Bee who provide their mentorship each and every week. A special thanks to Cheryl Meyer who brings the gift of music each and every Sunday and especially throughout the Christmas program and a big thank you to the other members of the congregation who have assisted in many different ways throughout the year. Thank you! Pennie

Advent services will be Dec. 11 & Dec. 18. A Soup Supper will be from 5:00-6:15pm and the service is at 6:30pm. The Advent theme is Advent Stories in the Gospel of Luke.

Healing Service

There will be a special Anointing/Blessing for Healing during the Advent Service on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm. Please join us for Soup Supper before the service (5:00-6:15 pm).

There are Advent Study Guides and Calendars in the back of the sanctuary for you to have during the Advent Season. Please feel free to take one home with you.

Here is the advent wreath lighting schedule:

Second Sunday of Advent (December 8): The Moseng Family

Third Sunday of Advent (December 15): The Van Bommel Family

Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 22): The Draheim-Budde Family

Golden Years Resource Alliance presents how to Keep the Happy in the Holidays on Thursday, Dec. 12th from 10:30-11:30 at Touchmark, 2601 Touchmark Dr. Appleton.

Each week a Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the tables at the back of sanctuary for you to take with you. It will also be on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

All 2024 donations need to be received by December 31, 2024.

Services will be held on Christmas Eve with a String Quartet at 4 pm and our Organ at 6 pm. There will not be a service on Christmas Day.

“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” - John 6:35. Even as Jesus satisfies our spiritual hunger, many of our neighbors are still experiencing physical hunger. Take a candy cane ornament from our Giving Tree at the back of church, buy the food item listed and return it under the Giving Tree next week during service. The food collected will be used to fill Zion's Blessing Box and given to St. Joe's Food Pantry. There are also envelopes for monetary donations to St. Joe's Food Pantry & the Blessing Box. The Giving Tree will remain active through Epiphany (Sun, Jan 5).

We will be serving a catered brunch on Epiphany, Sunday, January 5, 2025. The brunch will be catered by Chef Joe Worden, formally chef at Grand Meridian. The cost will be \$5.00 for all adults, children not yet confirmed will be free of charge. Please put your money in an envelope with the names of people coming, adults or children & put it in the offering basket. RSVPs are needed by Dec. 22nd. We will also need help with set up and clean up. Please see Deb Reis if you are willing to help.

Lynn has Fleet Farm, Target & Walgreens gift cards for purchase today.

Sunday, December 8

Sunday School Pageant

Mal 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79

Phil 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

No Choir Rehearsal

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Second Sunday of Advent

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck

Reader: JoAnn Salm

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: Jim Schley

Opens and Closes: Greg Pettigrew

Lights Advent Candles: The Moseng Family

Wednesday, December 11

Advent Meal 5:00 pm

Worship Service 6:30 pm

Second Week of Advent

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15 pm

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Cantor: Cheryl Meyer

Musician: Heather Watney

Sunday, December 15

Zeph 3:14-20, Isa 12:2-6

Phil 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Third Sunday of Advent

Baptism of Justin Thomas Webster

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Deb Reis

Reader: Wesley Staedt

Acolyte: Charlee Weiland

Musician: Jim Schley

Opens and Closes: Jim Schley

Lights Advent Candles: The Van Bommel Family

All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



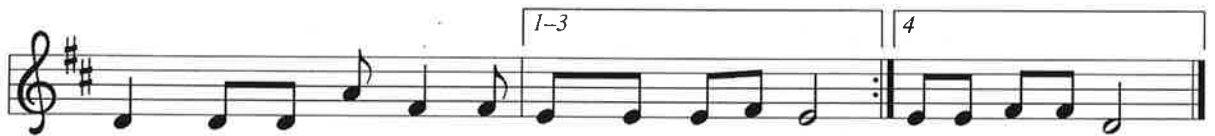
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

- 2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:*
"De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
- 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

- 4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his na - ture mine, feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

WE THREE KINGS



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night. star with roy - al beau - ty bright:



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.
Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

Prepare the Royal Highway



- 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!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÅG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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