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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Order of Worship – 9:00 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – *Preparing for Christmas, we buy presents, attend social gatherings, decorate, make plans to gather with family, and some will brace for the pain of grief that can be so difficult this time of year. In the middle of all our preparing, today the voice of John the Baptist rings out, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Undergirding all the preparing we are doing is preparing for the Lord. John calls us to "bear fruits in keeping with repentance." In worship, we do just that. We repent. We turn again to God, seeking His mercy, receiving His forgiveness, partaking of His grace. This leads to bearing the fruit of the Spirit. John highlights the fruit of generosity and contentment. What fruit is God calling you to bear as you prepare for Christmas?*

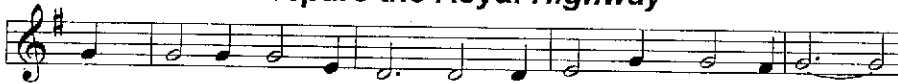
PRESERVICE MUSIC "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" by Raymond H. Haan WELCOME

[♩ Means please stand; ♪ Means please be seated]

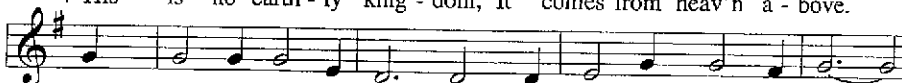
♩ OPENING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

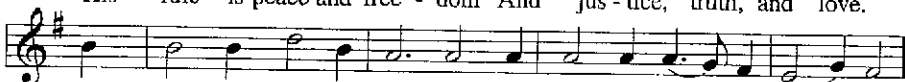
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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from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

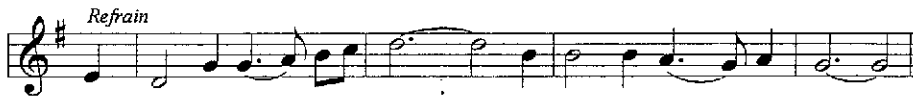


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



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, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

(continued)



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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Malachi 3:1, 6; Luke 3:4; Philipians 1:6

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *The LORD says, "Prepare the way of the Lord."*
- C** **We thank You, O Lord!**
- P** *The LORD says, "The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming."*
- C** **We adore You, O Lord!**
- P** *The LORD says, "I the LORD do not change; therefore, you are not consumed."*
- C** **We praise You, O Lord!**
- P** *The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*
- C** **We worship You, O Lord!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

- P** *O Almighty God, merciful Father,*
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

- P** *The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*
- C** **"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."**
- P** *Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!*
- C** **O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**
- P** *I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.*
- C** **Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**
- P** *But my people did not listen to my voice;*
- C** **Israel would not submit to me.**

P Oh, that my people would listen to me,

C that Israel would walk in my ways!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

C "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

GLORIA PATRI

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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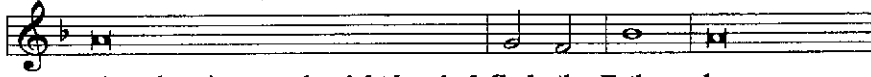
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: **P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



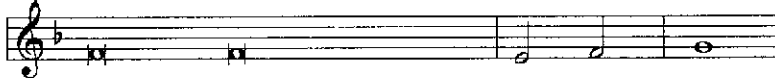
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



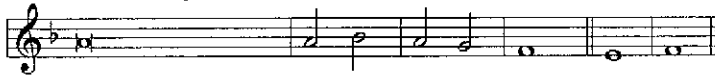
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And with thy spir-it.

P *Let us pray.*

All: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1-7b

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:2-11

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

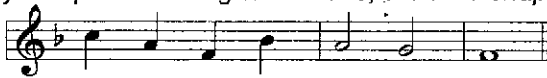


C Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-14

P · The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

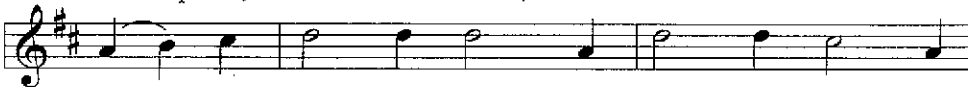
HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more. Amen.

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SERMON

“STIR UP OUR HEARTS, O LORD”

Luke 3:1-14

- I. God prepared the hearts of the people for Jesus' first coming through John's message of repentance.
- II. God prepares our hearts this Advent through hearing His message of repentance and grace.

NICENE CREED

- G** I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us

- P** Heavenly Father, You gather Your people together in Christ and make them partakers of Your grace. Strengthen the faith of those You have gathered into this congregation, that their love may abound more and more with all knowledge and discernment. Lead us to approve what is excellent and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Gracious Lord, as You call and gather us into Your family, so bless the households of this congregation. Bless husbands and wives, fathers and mothers as they go about their work of strengthening marriage and raising children. Let their love abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, and fill their homes with the righteousness that comes through Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord of hosts, St. John the Baptist counseled penitent soldiers to go about their military duties according to Your Word. Remember those who serve in the armed forces [especially _____]. Protect them from harm, give them wisdom and courage, and grant that they fulfill their duties honorably. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Almighty God, Your forerunner prepared the way for the One who is mightier than all: Your Son, Jesus. For Christ's sake, we entrust to You those in need of healing, comfort and rescue [especially _____]. Have mercy upon them, deliver them according to Your will and strengthen them in faith, that they might be assured of Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Holy God, by the word of Your servant You prepared all flesh to see the salvation of God. Prepare also the hearts of all who kneel at Your altar today to receive worthily Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

- P** Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

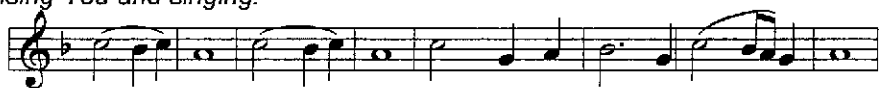
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who

takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - - - - - men.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God



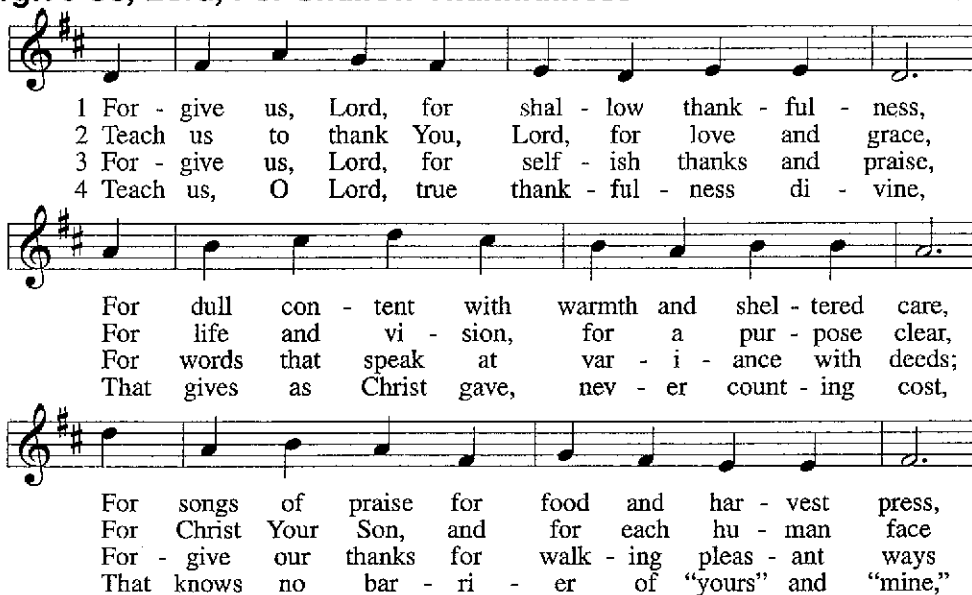
□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Forgive Us, Lord, For Shallow Thankfulness

LSB 788



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,
For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;
That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,
For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face
For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways
That knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"

(continued)



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:
 That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
 Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:
 As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

5. **Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
 For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
 For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
 And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:**
6. **Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,
 To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
 May thankfulness be days in service spent,
 Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.**

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Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -

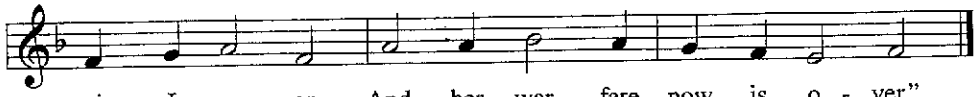


'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall

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sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

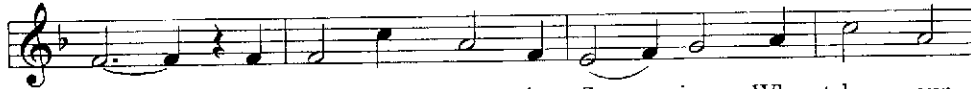
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Arise, O Christian People

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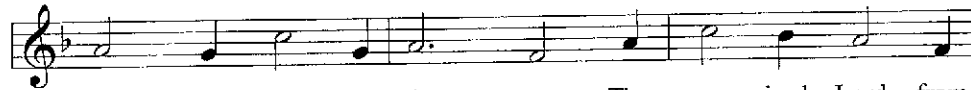
1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
 ra - tion - It is the Lord's de - light.
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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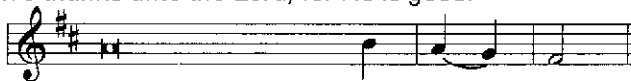
Song of Simeon



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

¶ *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



¶ *and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.*

¶ *Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Prepare our hearts by this great gift to love You and to serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*



¶ A - men.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

¶ *The Lord be with you.*



¶ *And with thy spir - it.*

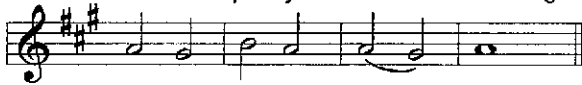
¶ *Bless we the Lord.*



¶ *Thanks be to God.*

BENEDICTION

P ' The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace. Numbers 6:24-26



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

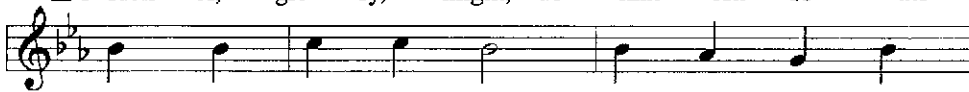
CLOSING HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
 Δ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 with His mer - cy, And with words of love draw near.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

by Jeffrey Blersch

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Acolyte..... Steve Rolen
Altar Guild..... Elsie Leiker & Sharon Milliken
Coffee Hosts..... Tomack & Vanderhyde Families
Communion Assistant..... Bill Milliken
Counters..... Mike Gilbert & Brian Albee
Greeter..... Sharon Milliken
Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet
Ushers **Phil Vandre, *Naomi Kettner, Tim Cueva, Cameron Hatton, Devin Monasmith

Prepare
the way
for the
Lord,
make
straight
paths
for
him.

Luke 3:4

