



*November 26, 2023*

*Christ the King*



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;  
however please know a nursery space is available for  
parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

## Introduction

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

# Welcome to Worship

## Prayer of Confession

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**All Amen**

*P* Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection*

Holy One,

**All we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming.**

**Open our eyes to see you in our neighbor.**

**Open our hands to serve your creation.**

**Amen.**

*P* Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.

**All Amen.**

# Opening Song

## LEADERS:

Do You feel the world is broken?  
Do You feel the shadows deepen?  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop  
the light from getting through?

**CONGREGATION:**  
*(After each question)*



## LEADERS:

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

**CONGREGATION:**



## LEADERS:

Is all creation groaning?  
Is a new creation dawning?  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

**CONGREGATION:**  
*(After each question)*



## LEADERS:

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

**CONGREGATION:**



## CONGREGATION:




Is an - y - one wor - thy? Is an - y - one whole? Is  
an - y - one a - ble to break the seal and o - pen the scroll? The Li - on of Ju - dah who  
con - quered the grave, He is Da - vid's Root and the Lamb who died to  
ran - som the slave.

## LEADERS:

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this?

## CONGREGATION:



He is.

## Greeting

*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

*P* O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.

**All Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## A Reading from Ezekiel, the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter

*Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

*L* The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## A Reading from Ephesians, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

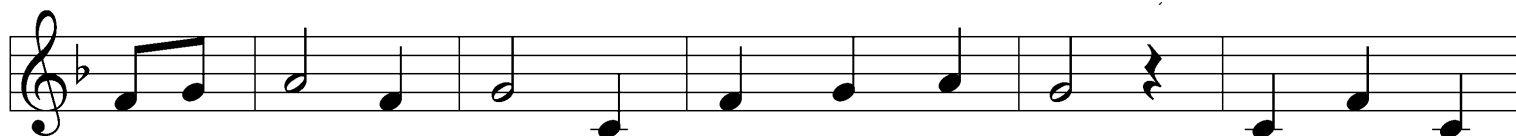
*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*L* The word of the Lord

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## Gospel Acclamation

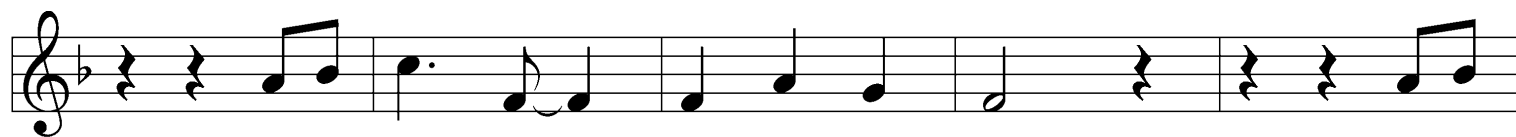
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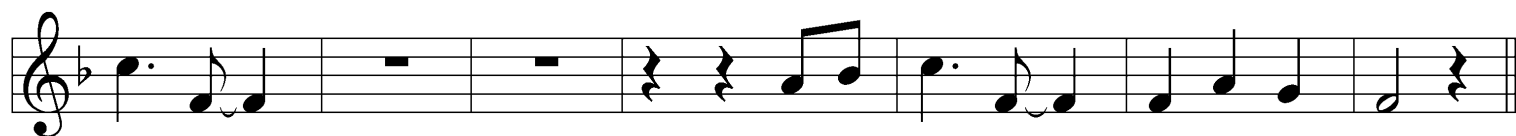
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

## Gospel Reading

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to



drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*Matthew 25:31-46*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

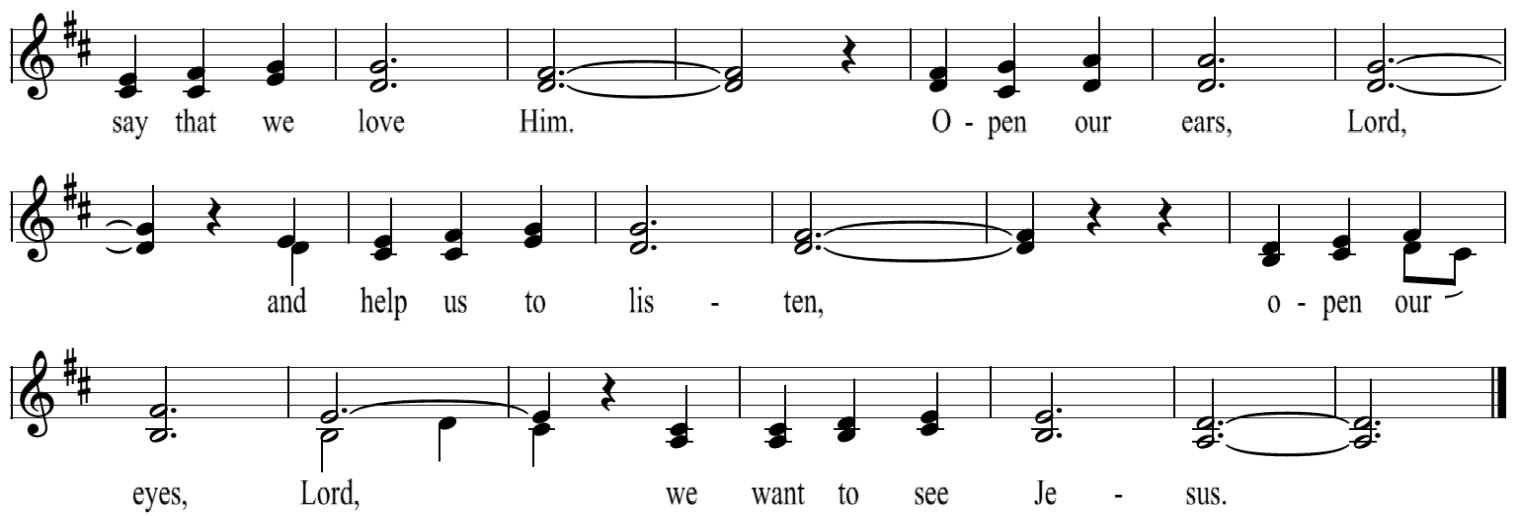
**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

*You may be Seated*

*P* Please pray with me...

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of half notes and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je -  
 -sus, to reach out and touch Him, and



say that we love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord,  
and help us to lis - ten, o - pen our  
eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

## Hymn of the Day

There is an Everlasting Kindness  
(The Compassion Hymn)

with & Kristyn Getty  
& Stuart Townend



1. There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness You lav - ished on us, when the ra - diance of hea - ven came to pass - ion for the hurt - ing. You reached out Your hand as the lame ran to meet You and the neath the cross of Cal - v'ry and gazed on Your face at the thorns of op - press - ion and the ful the feet that car - ry - this Gos - pel of peace to the fields of in - just - ice and the



res - cue the lost. You called the sheep with - out a shep - herd to leave their dis - tress for Your dead breathed a - gain. You saw be - hind the eyes of sor - row. and shared in our tears; heard the wounds of dis - grace; for sure - ly You have borne our suff - 'ring. and car - ried our grief, as You val - leys of need. To be a voice of hope and heal - ing. to ans - wer the cries of the



streams of for - give - ness and the shade of your rest.  
sigh of the wear - y, let the child - ren draw  
par - doned the scoff - er and showed grace to the  
hun - gry and help - less with the mer - cy of

2.3. Refrain

2. And with com- near.  
thief. } What bound - less love, what fath-om-less grace You have shown us, O  
Christ.

God of com - pass - ion. Each day we live an off-ering of praise, as we

show to the world Your com - pass - ion.

1.2. D.S. 3.

## The Apostles' Creed

3. We stood be -  
4. How beau-ti -

*P* Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the 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 The People

*You may be Seated*

*L* Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

I cast all my cares up - on You. \_\_\_\_\_ I  
lay all of my bur - dens down at Your feet. And  
an - y - time \_\_\_\_\_ that I don't know what \_\_\_\_\_ to do, I will  
cast all my cares up - on You. \_\_\_\_\_

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* You hear us, O God.

*All:* Your mercy is great.

## Passing of the Peace

*P* Christ become peace with you.

*All* And also with you.

# Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

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# Offertory Prayer

*P* Let us pray:

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

**All** We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Please stand in body or spirit.

*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

*P* Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**All** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*P* And with our hearts and voices raised we remember...



**(All)** On the night You were be - trayed You took the bread;\_\_ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks,\_\_ You broke it and said, "This is My \_\_



bod - y, bro - ken for\_\_ you, and as you



eat\_\_ it, re - mem - ber Me; This is My\_\_



bod - y bro - ken for\_\_ you, and as you



eat\_\_ it, re - mem - ber Me." On the

night You were be - trayed You held the cup; Af - ter  
 giv - ing thanks, You lift - ed it up. "This is My  
 blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, re - mem - ber  
 Me; This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you  
 drink it, re - mem - ber Me." So, we  
 thank You for the wine and for the bread; For we  
 see the life You gave and the blood You shed. And we re -  
 mem - ber Your won - drous love, You gave Your  
 bod - y, You shed Your blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous  
 love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your blood.

## The Lord's Prayer

*P* Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

*All*           **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 Invitation

*P* There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

*Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant*

shed for you and  
**for all people**  
for the forgiveness of sin

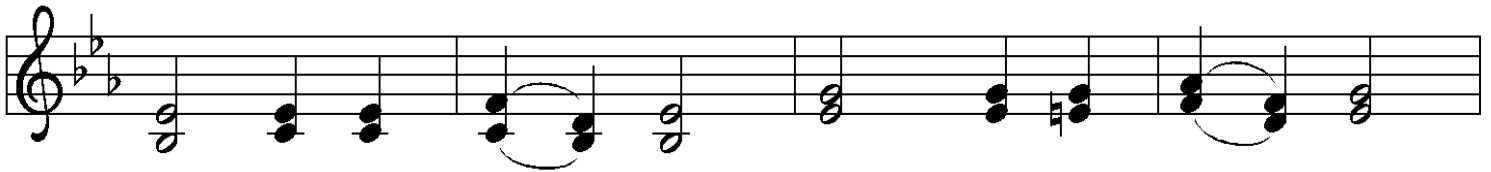


**All are Welcome!**



# Communion Songs

## Beautiful Savior



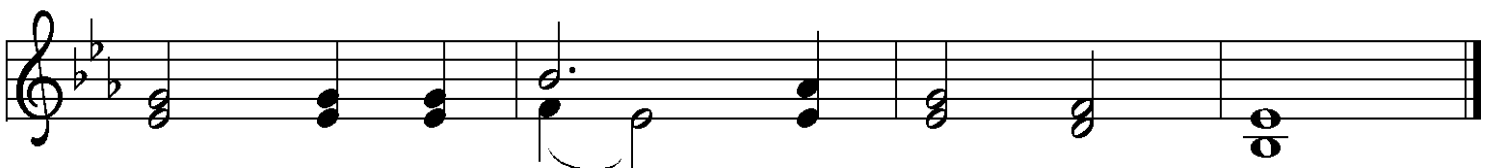
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

# He Is Exalted

Words and Music by  
Twila Paris



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on\_\_ high,\_\_ I will praise\_\_ Him.



He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name!\_\_



He is the Lord,\_\_ for - ev - er His truth shall reign.



Heav - en and earth\_\_ re - joice in His ho - ly name.\_\_



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high!\_\_

## Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

**All** Amen

**P** Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

**All** Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way. Amen.

# Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

## Benediction

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**All Amen.**

## Closing Song

**ONE VOICE:**



Does the Fa - ther tru - ly love us?

**MEN:**



Does the Spir - it move a - mong us?

**WOMEN:**



And does Je - sus, our Mes - si - ah, hold for - ev - er those He loves?

**CONGREGATION:**  
(After each question)



He does.

## CONGREGATION:



Does our God in - tend to dwell a - gain with us? He does.

## CONGREGATION:



Is an - y - one wor - thy? Is an - y - one whole? Is



an - y - one a - ble to break the seal and o - pen the scroll? The Li - on of Ju - dah who



con - quered the grave, He is Da - vid's Root and the Lamb who died to



ran - som the slave. From ev - 'ry peo - ple and tribe, ev - 'ry



na - tion and tongue, He has made us a king - dom and priests to God to reign



with the Son. Is He wor - thy, is He wor - thy of all bless - ing and hon - or and



glo - ry?

**LEADERS:**

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?

**CONGREGATION:**

He is. Is He wor - thy, Is He

wor - thy? He is. He is.

**Dismissal**

*P* <sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;

*1 John 3:1*

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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Readings for next Sunday,  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1 Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:**

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

**Psalm:**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

**Second Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Gospel:**

**Mark 13:24-37**

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