

# Welcome to online worship! english lutheran

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## Pastoral Staff

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**Ministers: All Baptized Members**

## Today's Worship Leaders

Production Leader: Jarod Griswold

Musicians: Trevor DuPey, Vocal Choir

Worship Assistants: Nolan Davey, Brecken Jackson,

Joan Allen, Mike Schnitzius, Maddie Sweeney, Kayla

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Pam Strittmater, Carol Robertson

## GATHERING

Prelude & Welcome to Worship

Celebration of English Lutheran Quilters & Blessing

Gathering Song | Love, the Thread of Quilted Kindness (end of bulletin)

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

**O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music | All Things Bright and Beautiful | Vocal Choir

## WORD

Young People's Message | Pastor Becky Goche

Lesson | Jeremiah 31:31-34

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**4Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**6Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**8Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**10Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

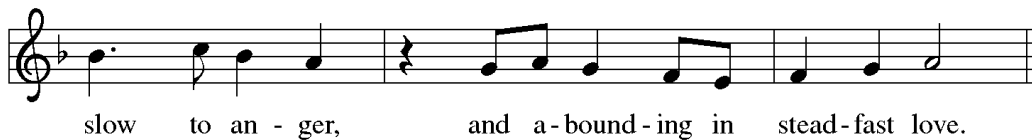
**12Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Lesson | Hebrews 5:5-10

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## Gospel Acclamation?



## Gospel | John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to John... **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon | Pastor Becky Goche

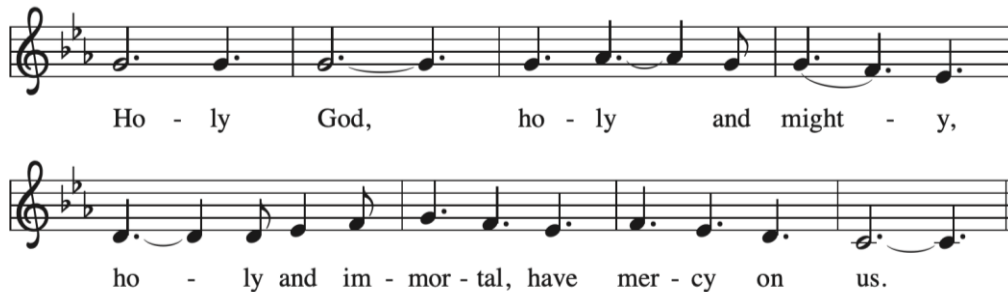
Hymn of the Day ACS #924 As the Winter Days Grow Longer (end of bulletin)

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith: **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 ACS #1011 Holy God

Hear us, O God ...



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,  
ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

Offering

Offering Prayer

**Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

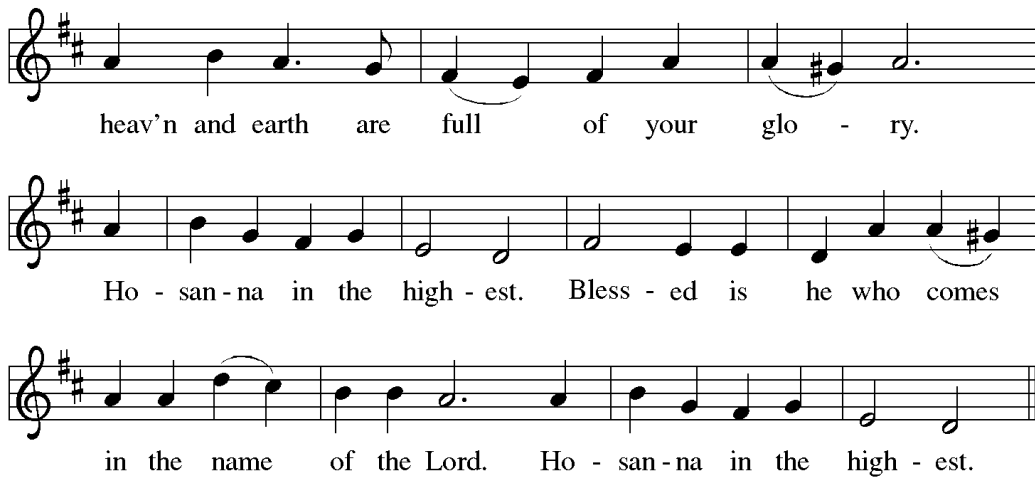
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

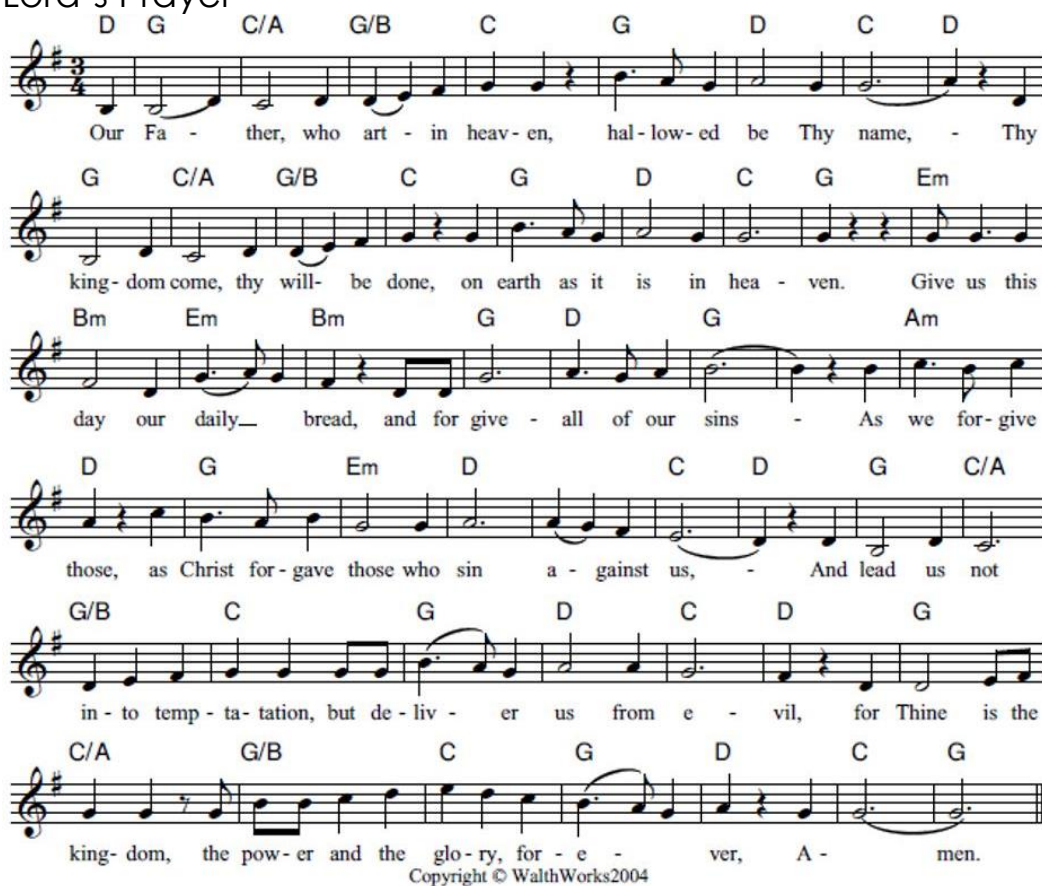


heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

*During the Words of Institution, we invite you to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together. 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.*

## Lord's Prayer



D G C/A G/B C G D C D  
 Our Fa - ther, who art - in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name, - Thy  
 G C/A G/B C G D C G Em  
 king - dom come, thy will - be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this  
 Bm Em Bm G D G Am  
 day our daily - bread, and for give - all of our sins - As we for - give  
 D G Em D C D G C/A  
 those, as Christ for - gave those who sin a - gainst us, - And lead us not  
 G/B C G D C D G  
 in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for Thine is the  
 C/A G/B C G D C G  
 king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver, A - men.  
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## Invitation & Distribution of Communion

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.**

## Lamb of God



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.

## Communion Hymns (last pages of bulletin)

ACS #1043 Spirit, Open My Heart | ACS #958 To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold

## Blessing

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

**Amen.**

## Prayer After Communion

**Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

## SENDING

### Announcements

### Benediction/Blessing (John O'Donohue)

May you awaken to the mystery of being here

and enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.

May you have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.

May you receive great encouragement when new frontiers beckon.

May you respond to the call of your gift

and find the courage to follow its path.

May the flame of anger free you from falsity.

May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame and anxiety never linger about you.

May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of soul.

May you take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.

May you be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul.

May you experience each day as a sacred gift,

woven around the heart of wonder.

Sending Song ELW #545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (last pages of bulletin)

Dismissal & Postlude

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

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**WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION.** Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal of the baptized children of God our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

**WORSHIP SERVICES** | Saturdays at 5:00pm, and Sundays at 8:30 & 10:45am.

**STAFFED NURSERY** | Available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

**EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES** | School year at 9:45am on Sundays, throughout the week for all ages.



**GIVE ONLINE** | Visit [englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving](http://englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving), use the QR code, download the Vanco Mobile Faith app, or text an amount (no decimal point or dollar sign) to 855.929.1663.

**HUNGRY Jar offerings in March** are designated by our 3rd/4th Gr. Sunday School class for The Penguin Project of the La Crosse Community Theatre, which provides children with special needs an opportunity to develop creative skills, build relationships, and star in a fully realized junior Broadway musical production with support from peer mentors.

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** In Christ, we welcome, worship and work in the world.

**OUR WELCOME STATEMENT:** The faith community of English Lutheran Church is rooted in Christ and committed to living life generously.

We celebrate diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, economic status, marital status, physical or mental ability.

We are united in the Holy Spirit as we embrace our differences. We welcome all as we strive to be a community equipped for God's mission in the world.

We invite you to join us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment.

*Wherever you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here.*

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### **Love, the Thread of Quilted Kindness**

Love, the thread of quilted kindness, Binding family and friends.

Love, the all surpassing power, God's gift, Christ-like, never ends.

Year on year, by decades measured, Miracles and love are shown so we

Come in rich thanksgiving Now for all the love we've known.

God ordained that people, loving, Shall become a family.

Sharing blessings, sorrows, dancing, Love surrounds for all to see.

When we live through pain and sadness we are strengthened ev'ry day,

By the love that heaven sent to Guide and lead us all the way.

# As the Winter Days Grow Longer



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—  
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—  
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



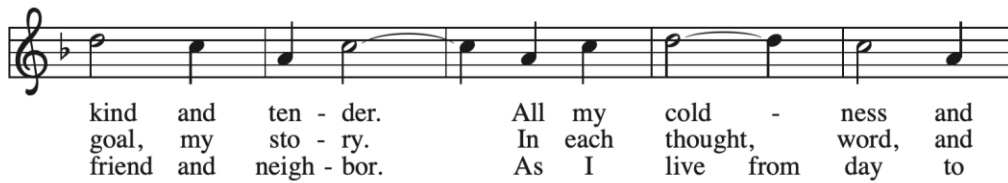
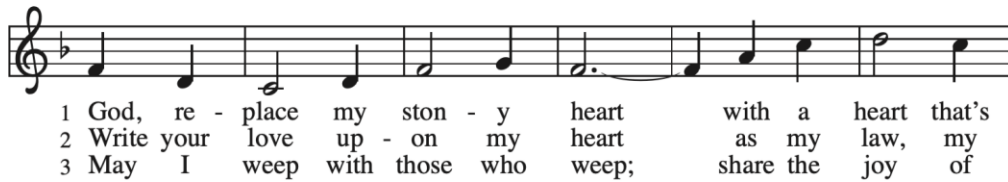
yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:  
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.  
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!  
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!  
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

# Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain*



*Refrain*



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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# To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold



1 To Christ be - long, in Christ be - hold God's  
 2 The brood - ing Spir - it moves un - seen as  
 3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our



won - ders still un - fold: the bur - ied  
 liv - ing wa - ters stream to quench all  
 trea - sure and our song, in faith we



grain springs forth a - gain with fruit one hun - dred - fold.  
 thirst and bring to birth a new com - mu - ni - ty.  
 cling, and glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, with  
 The bind - ing shroud is here re - leased, the  
 In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the



Christ from death we rise, drawn through the  
 veil of sin and grief, and in their  
 world be - loved and whole. In love re -



night by dawn - ing light in - to a - bun - dant  
 place a wreath of grace and robes of joy and  
 main, by love pro - claim God's won - ders still un -



life, in - to a - bun - dant life.  
 peace, and robes of joy and peace.  
 told, God's won - ders still un - told.

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 Music: WONDERS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950  
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## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.