

Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021



Voices Calling, Praise, Communion, Breaking Bread

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Teresa Heindel, guest organist
All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org,
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch
and on YouTube.**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Prelude *An Advent Prelude* Charles Callahan

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Welcome

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Amen.

Gathering Song *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!*
ELW #246

Children's Message Hayley Quigley

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

Let us pray.

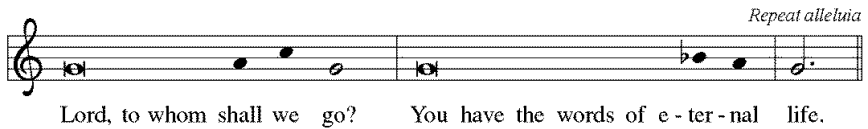
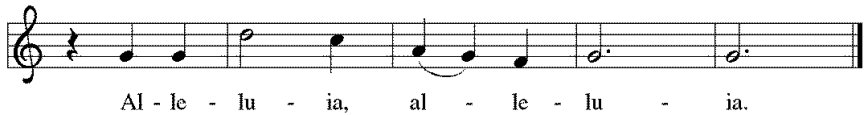
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting *All Earth Is Hopeful* ELW #266
vs. 2

Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In 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, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as 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.

⁵Every 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;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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

Message

Hymn of the Day *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

ELW #256

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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

After Communion Prayer

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Hymn *Prepare the Royal Highway* ELW #264

Blessing

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*
Jerry Westenkuehler

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Announcements

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Today

We welcome Brian Jenkins, executive director of The Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc., who will provide a Temple Talk this morning. NHELCC's Loaves & Fishes Meal Ministry is planning to help supply meals locally one night a month to help The Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. Check out their story at <http://www.chosen300.org/ourmission.html>.

We welcome organist Teresa Heindel to our worship this morning. Thank you for enriching our worship experience with your ministry today.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Steve Weidner and Faye Weidner; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley

Next week Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Brian Flack; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing

Altar Guild members serving this month: Carol Estes, Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart and Marsha Staub

Congratulations to Abby Sauers who will receive her first communion this morning.

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Tim and Vicki Mutter.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in commemorating the December 5, 1942 wedding of Jane's parents, Joseph and Kathryn Weikel, by Bryce and Jane Manthorne.

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Herbert D. Burkhart, by Janet Burkhart.

FLUTTER Youth Group Christmas Party is today from 11:15 – 1:15 in fellowship hall. Pizza will be served for lunch followed by some fun Christmas games, including youth favorite, Saran wrap ball passing game.

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, Sunday School Wing door

Sunday School – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)

FLUTTER Christmas Party – Today, 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM, room 1

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33

Peer Support – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 32

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 21-31, 33, 37

Christian Education – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 34

Property – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 4

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, offsite

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, Sunday School Wing door

12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 AM, room 33

Deck the Halls Seniors Gathering – Thursday, 12:00 noon – 2:00 PM, room 1

Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 15

Worship and Music – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 34

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, offsite

Advent Craft Party – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, room 1

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

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Catechism – Next Sunday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, room 33

Upcoming Events

Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 12th, 10 AM This meeting will be held immediately following the morning

worship service. Agenda items include the 2022 proposed budget and the sale of approximately ½ acre of land to a neighbor. Copies of the 2022 proposed budget are available on the church's website (www.newhanoverlutheran.org), in the welcome center and in the box outside the Sunday School door.

The Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown.

Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at (215) 679-9021 or email slwesner@comcast.net by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too. See you on December 8th.

“Deck the Halls” - A Seniors Ministry Christmas gathering, will be held on Thursday, December 9th, noon – 2:00 PM. Reminder: bring along a bag lunch and a plate of Christmas cookies/goodies to share. Homemade soup and beverages will be provided. We will talk about our own personal Christmas traditions growing up and hear a little about PA Dutch holiday traditions. Join us for some early holiday fellowship! There is a sign-up sheet on the Seniors Table in the Welcome Center or you can email your RSVP to Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message with the church office. If you haven't signed up but would like to come, let Deacon Carol know **by today, December 5th**. Contact Deacon Carol for more information.

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at (484) 415-0386.

Advent Craft Party on Saturday, December 11th, 10:00 – 1:00
This event is for all ages and will include making crafts, playing games and scavenger hunt for kids. Lunch will be at noon. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. To be sure enough craft supplies and food will be available, let us know you'll be coming. To sign up, go to shorturl.at/lrMO5 or sign up in the welcome center on Sunday mornings! Also, we will be doing a service project for senior bags. Bring some items to include in the bags for our senior members. Things to bring include: Hand lotions, Chapstick, tissues, individually wrapped snacks, crackers, pretzels,

chips, hot chocolate, word search books, individual cups of Jell-O, pudding, applesauce, fruit cups etc. If you have any questions or you would be interested in hosting a craft table, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335.

Can You Help

Actors are needed for the Christmas Pageant on December 19th. Lines can be read and don't need to be memorized. We will work out some evening practice times in early December. Contact Nikki Young ASAP if you are interested. (This would be mostly kids and youth, but if any adults would really like to participate, we will welcome you!)

Sign up to sponsor the bulletin and altar Flower for 2022.

Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

The 2022 offering envelopes are available for pickup in the welcome center.

Part-time, temporary nursing help needed The Medicine Shoppe is looking for a nurse with a current nursing license to work part-time, temporary to help give booster shots once the FDA/CDC opens the Covid vaccine booster to the general population. This is a paid position. If interested or have questions, contact Ed at the Medicine Shoppe, at 1348@medicineshoppe.com.

Spiritual Renewal

Copies of the *Word in Season* daily devotion books October - December are available in the welcome center. Be sure to pick up a copy of this daily scripture and brief message. By designating just a few minutes a day to read and ponder this devotional, you can enrich and inspire your life. *Word in Season* is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by Steve and Faye Weidner.

Faith Formation

How are you getting ready for Christmas? Consider a time of devotion using the Advent study resource, *Promise & Praise*. *Promise & Praise* offers a “spiritual twist to the common Advent calendar. Daily reflections draw people to read and respond to a single word each day, words which will open our hearts and minds to the coming of the Christ child. The books are available in the Welcome Center on a first-come-first-serve basis. **Please note:** copies of the book were distributed to those who receive the senior bags and to participants in the “Thursdays at Ten” class. If you aren’t currently part of the “Thursdays at Ten” group, you are welcome to pick up a copy of this book and join the group for the month of December! Contact Deacon Carol for more information if needed.

“**Thursdays at Ten**” is an informal discussion/fellowship gathering (with snacks!) which meets Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 AM in room 33. In December, we are exploring a special Advent study “*Promise & Praise*” which will be a “word-a-day” Advent reflection - all of which will reflect the season and understanding of this sacred time of the church year. We’ll even learn these words in two different languages! Questions about the class? Contact Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message with the church office. Join us as we celebrate Advent!

Trauma: Travelling Through and Surviving by Pastor Scott

An Adult class discussion each Sunday at 10:15 AM in room 33 centering on the identification and effects of trauma, traveling through trauma and healing practices. We will study what one may learn through trauma, and how trauma may actually make us stronger if we allow ourselves to accept it and work through trauma.

Forward of the book study “Oneing: Trauma” by Richard Rohr: “The theme of the edition is timely, considering the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives due to a complex global pandemic, political upheaval, armed conflicts, and squalid migrant camps cropping up in many parts of the world, not to mention the suffering of countless kinds of animal and plant life due to global warming. Although it seems that we are living through end times, we can hope that transformation will be the result of this eye-

opening, heartbreaking suffering.”

If you haven't ordered your book, handouts are available.

Didn't get a chance to fill out a Seniors Ministry Survey Form?

There are extra copies in the welcome center. They can be returned to the marked black tray in the welcome center. Or, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office and we'll send you one!

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office (610-326-1335), leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be “delivered”!

Food Ministry

More than 70,000 meals have been delivered! NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donation in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Gates family, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Alyssa Dierolf, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads, Andy Van Dyke, Lilly Marie Kuzminski, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Carly, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

Family and friends of Polly Ehling, Stella Eidle, Donald Gabel, Wade Miller, Fran E. Weaver, Myrtle Vogt, Arline Friz (Natalie Eshbach's mother) and Janet Deloplaine

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard,
Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss,
Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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Getting ready for Christmas

Some ways we can get ready for Jesus are hidden in the puzzle. Look for the underlined words. Circle the words you find.

Come to church.

Light Advent candles.

Pray together.

Make gifts.

Send Christmas cards.

Bake cookies.

Read the Bible.



This week

Say prayers with your family around your Advent wreath.

Kids Celebrate

Second Sunday of Advent

gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday in Advent. How many candles are burning on the Advent wreath today?

Color and light two candles.



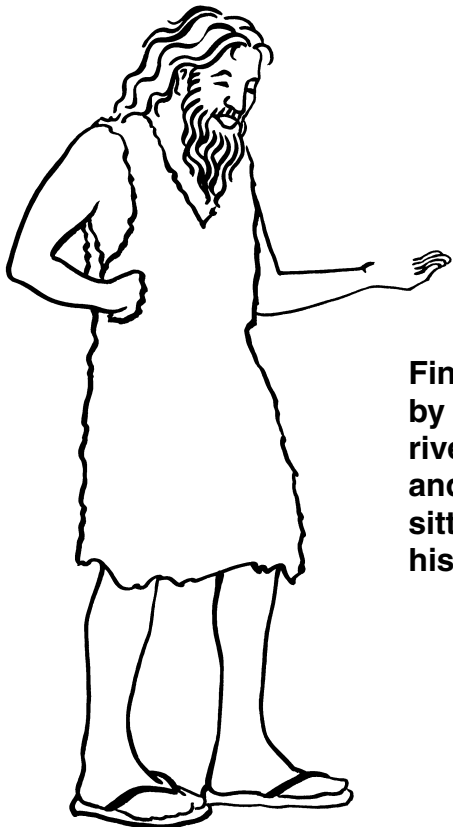
Listen to the words of the songs you sing in worship. What do you hear again and again?

Meet John the Baptizer

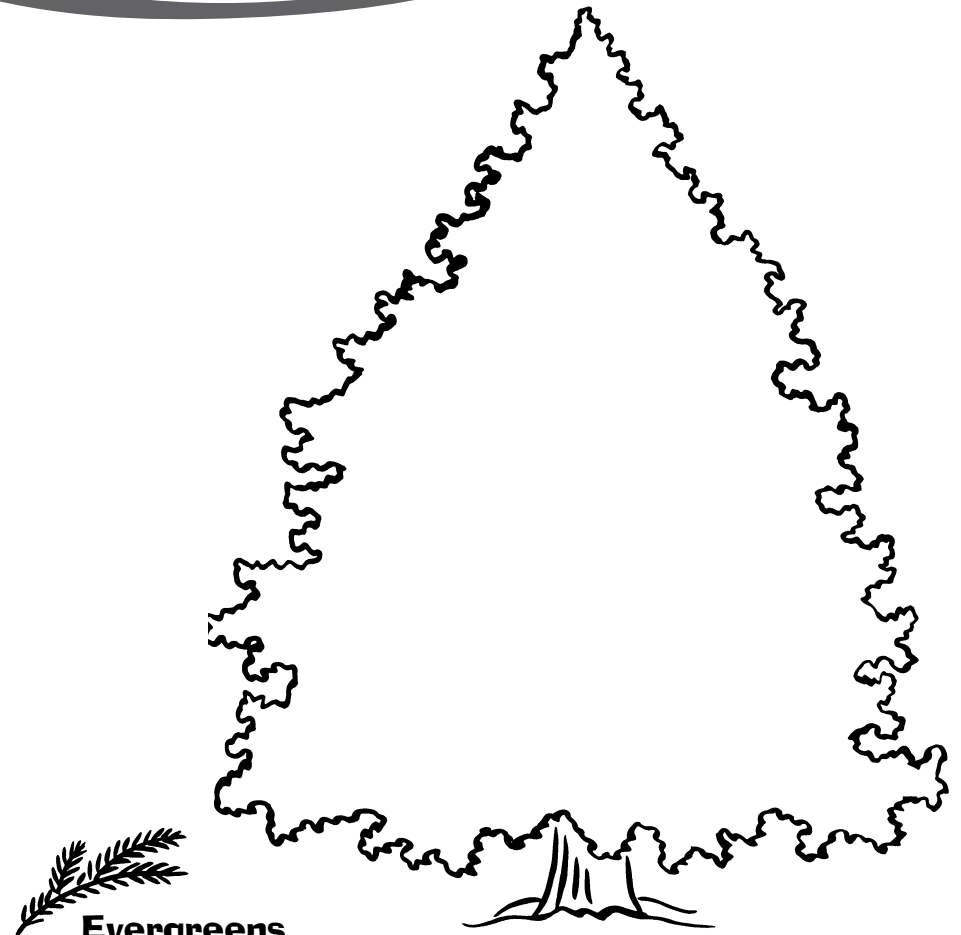
Luke 3:1-6

God promised to send someone to help people get ready for Jesus. This person was John the Baptizer. John said, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" John helped people get ready by baptizing them in the Jordan River.

John wore clothes made of camel's hair. He wore a leather belt. He ate honey and locusts. Locusts are big grasshoppers. Would you like to eat a grasshopper?



Finish this picture by drawing the river, John's belt, and a locust sitting on his hand. ✂



Evergreens

Evergreen needles stay green all year long. The green of the Advent wreath reminds us that God loves us in winter, spring, summer, and fall—always. Many of us decorate our homes and churches with evergreens to get ready for Christmas. Draw ornaments on this evergreen tree to remind you to "prepare the way of the Lord."



Dear Jesus, help me get ready for your birthday by filling my home with reminders of your love. Amen

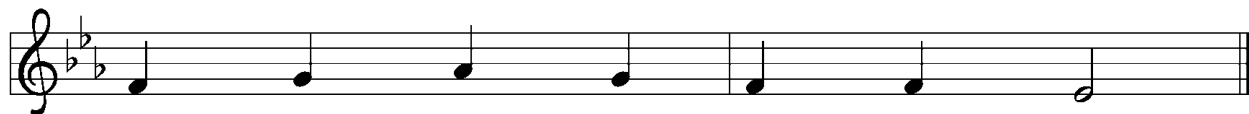
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
one and all, to be for - giv'n;
and with words of love draw near.
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

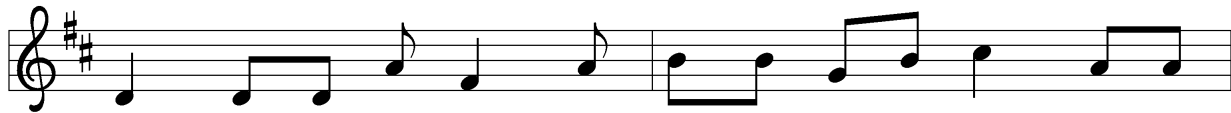
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All Earth Is Hopeful

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 -
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 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



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 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.

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Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

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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:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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