



# Welcome to Good Shepherd!

We're glad you've decided to worship with us today! Please fill out a virtual visitor card by scanning this code and following the link. We hope that worship is a blessing for your walk of faith today and look forward to greeting you in person.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 3, 2023**

## HYMNS

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## WORD

### FIRST READING

### Isaiah 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

## SECOND READING

## 2 Peter 3:8-15a

<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire?

<sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15a</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

**ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY:** June & Ash Waller

**THANK YOU TO OUR SERVERS TODAY:**

**READER:** Bob Coverdill

**COMMUNION:** Jim & Carol Manley,  
Rebecca Nef-Heffernan

**ACOLYTE:** Pasha Jacobs

**CHANCEL CARE:** Doris Snyder

**USHER:** Nancy McCowen

**LIVE-STREAMING:** Darrell Hoemann

**NURSERY:** Lisa Young

**COFFEE/DONUTS:** Jim Manley, Nancy Holm

**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Deb Swanson

**FOOD DELIVERY:** Deb Swanson

*Thank you to the Hartman family for lighting  
the Advent candle today!*

### CROSS+GEN

TODAY - 10:15AM

Topic: *Advent Peace*

### POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS

Today is the last day to order!

### WELCA CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Saturday, December 9, 10AM

Plan to register and pay after worship TODAY

Laurie Johnson will be in the Narthex taking  
reservations - today is the last day to register!

### DRIVE-THRU LIVE NATIVITY

TODAY! 3-5PM

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 4, 6:30PM, Choir Room

### HIGHCHAIRS NEEDED

If you have one from 2019 or later that you no  
longer need, consider donating it to the  
church!

### MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Wednesdays @9:30AM, Choir Room

### BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesdays @6PM

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesdays @7PM

### PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 8, 5-8PM @GSLC

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 10, 3PM

@St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Urbana

### COOKIES NEEDED FOR 80+

We need LOTS of cookies! All women are  
invited to help pack & deliver them on  
December 11 @ 1:30PM in the Fellowship Hall  
Sign-up sheet in the Narthex or at this link (See  
Scroll for details):

<https://gslc.breezechms.com/form/719bfas>

### WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday, December 14, 9:30AM

GSLC Choir Room

### COMMUNITY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Friday, December 15, 5-9PM

GSLC Fellowship Hall

### CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

Sunday, December 17, 2PM

@ Autumn Fields in Savoy

All are welcome!

### CRISTO REY RECENT VANDALISM

See this link for the news story:

<https://gslc-cu.blogspot.com/>

Christmas Eve Worship Services

@ GSLC 4:00PM & 8:00PM

# 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!

# All Earth Is Hopeful

## *Toda la tierra*



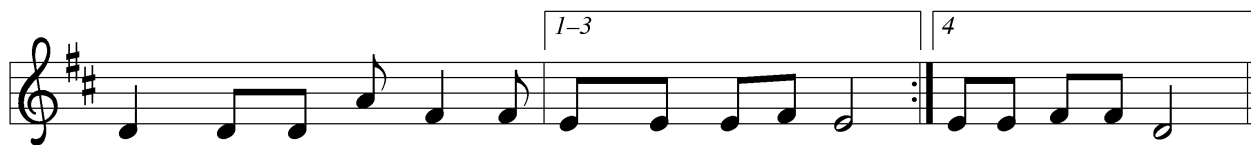
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



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:* 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*  
*"De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"* *nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.*  
*será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,* *Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,*  
*con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.* *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.*

# Cold December Flies Away



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.  
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.  
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders  
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.  
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the  
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en  
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



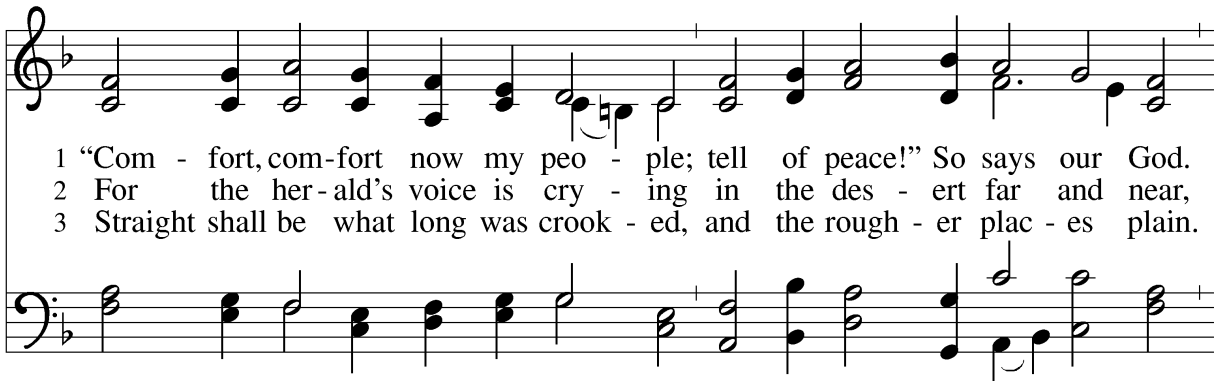
flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the  
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est  
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



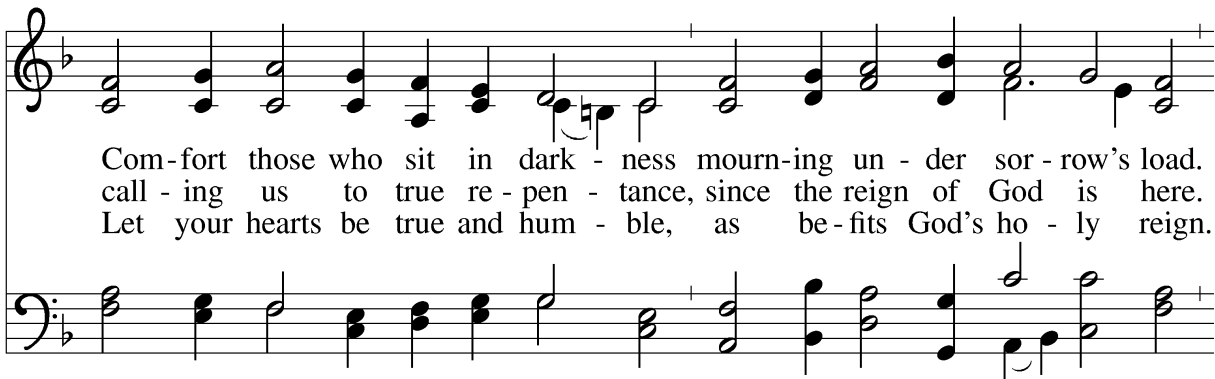
rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.  
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.  
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

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Music: EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT, Catalonian carol  
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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.



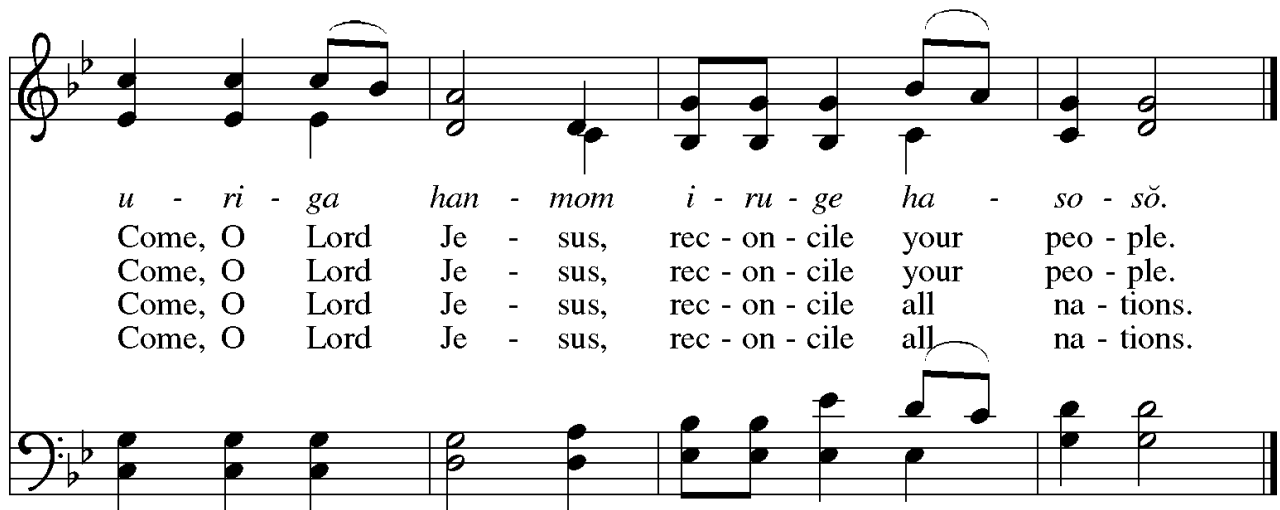
# Come Now, O Prince of Peace

*Ososǒ, ososǒ*



*O - so - sǒ      o - so - sǒ,      pyong - hwa - ǔi      - im - gǔm*

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



*u - ri - ga      han - mom      i - ru - ge      ha - so - sǒ.*

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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