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Prelu	DE			
WELCO	DME			
GATHERING SONG		COMFORT, COMFORT, NOW MY PEOPLE	ELW 256	
Confe	SSION AND FORGIVENESS			
	Congregation follows the preceive God's forgiveness.	prompts given by Pastor Aleese as we offer our confession to	God and as we	
GREET	ING			
	The grace of our Lord Jesu be with you all. And also with you.	s Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spi	rit,	
Kyrie			ELW pg. 98	
OPENI	ng Prayer			
	Let us pray - Eternal God, we wait with hope for the coming of your Son into our hearts and into our world. Prepare our hearts for the brightness of your glory and for the fullness of your truth, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.			
———— Word ———				

STORYTELLING AND ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READING: ISAIAH 40:1-11

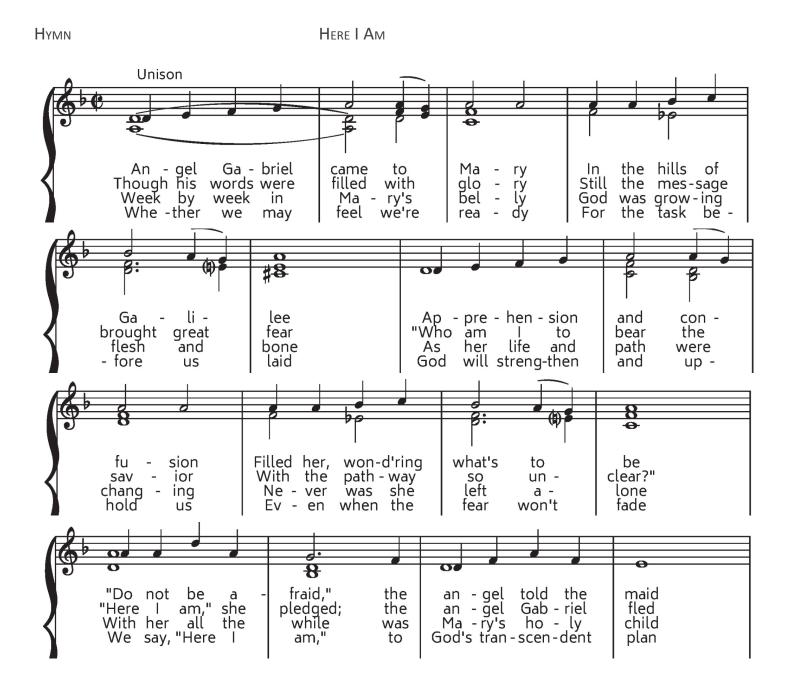
GOSPEL: LUKE 1:24-45

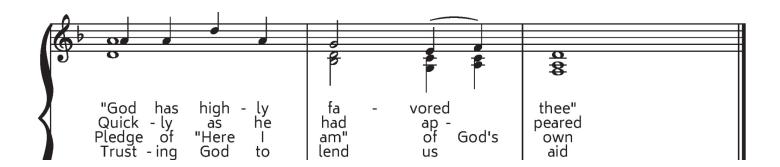
In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.



ELW pg. 108

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

OFFERING

PREFACE

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

At Pastor Aleese's direction, the congregation responds "Come, Lord Jesus" and "Come Holy Spirit" in the midst of the prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD		ELW pg. 112
Prayer after Communion		
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Blessing		
Sending Song	All Earth is Hopeful	ELW 266
Announcements		
DISMISSAL		
Go in peace. Christ is comir Thanks be to God!	ng.	

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