Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace.

—Luke 2:14
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

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“Awake! Awake, and greet the New Morn,” for angels herald Christ, and come. By your fires of your justice burn. Stir up our power, Lord God, and teach me your ways, 0 Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, its dawning. Sing out your joy, merciful protection alert us for soon he is born, behold! Tales of your justice burn. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all people of the world the hope of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

“Sing praises to the Lord, Protector God, comfort, Prayerfully consider making a gift to ELCA World Hunger today. Give online at ELCA.org/hunger/ordinate or mail a check, payable to “ELCA World Hunger,” to: ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

“Sing praises to the Lord, for [the Lord] has done gloriously, let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 12:5-6).

“Protect, God, comfort, protect and inspire us with hope for the future you have promised. Equip us to care for one another and all our neighbors, that all may know the joy of life abundant. Amen.

“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!” —“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” (ELW249)

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Loving-God, inflame us with a holy yearning for a just world where all are fed, that we may be part of the promise you are fulfilling in our midst. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; (the Lord) has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners” (Isaiah 61:1).

Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“En una cueva Jesús apareció, pero en el mundo está presente hoy. Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está; y vea de nuevo a nuestros hermanos.” —“Toda la Tierra” (“All Earth Is Hopeful”) (ELW266)

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