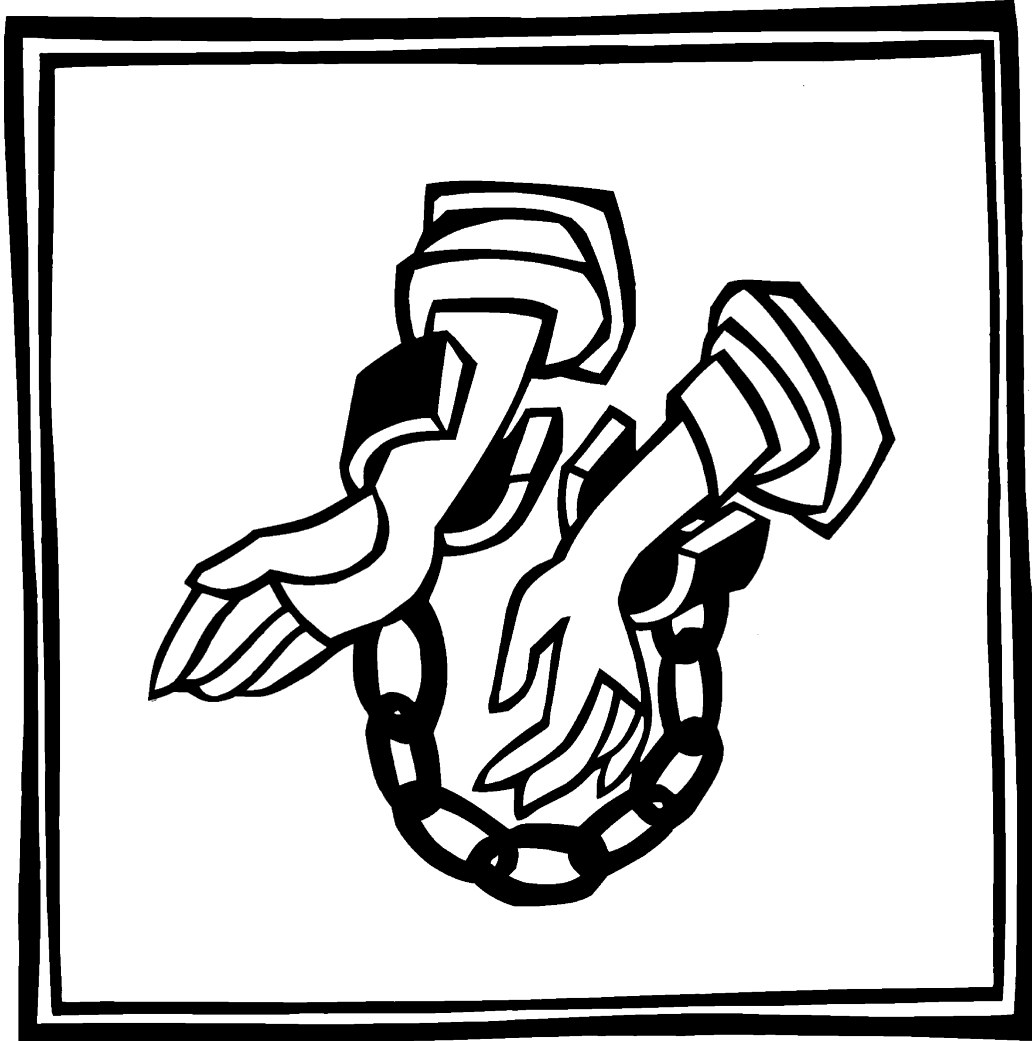


SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 26, 2025



*God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up.
Glimpse the glory of God.*

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Children of God Welcome to the House of the Lord

Guests we are pleased to welcome you to worship this morning. We invite you to sign our guest register and to fill out a visitor card located in the pew rack. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate.

*Please **turn all cell phones off** before the worship service begins.*

**Stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

*The responses of the people are printed in **bold**.*

PRELUDE

Based on AZMON

*CONFESSION

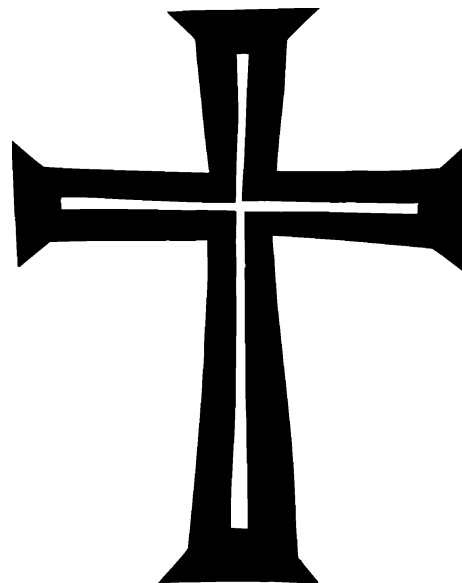
Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Please kneel or sit for the confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." You are forgiven and made free in the name of the Father, † the Son and the Holy Spirit. Refreshed by God's mercy live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen**



GATHERING

*GATHERING HYMN *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
- 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



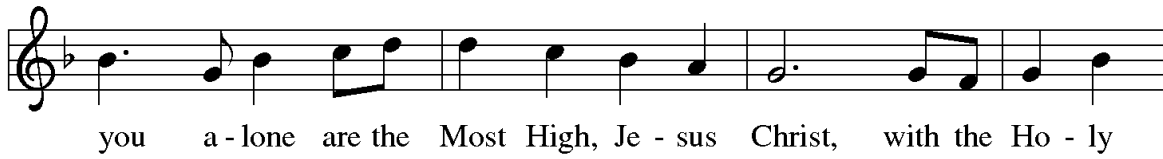
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the Lord is your strength."

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions

of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

19

The refrain is sung by all at the beginning of the Psalm and then at each R.

REFRAIN



TONE



- ¹ The heavens declare the glo-¹ ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its¹ maker's handiwork.
- ² **One day tells its tale¹ to another,
and one night imparts knowledge¹ to another.**
- ³ Although they have no¹ words or language,
and their voices¹ are not heard,
- ⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends¹ of the world,
where God has pitched a tent¹ for the sun.**
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out¹ of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to¹ run its course.
- ⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of¹ it
again;
nothing is hidden from its¹ burning heat. R**
- ⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re-¹ vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom¹ to the simple.
- ⁸ **The statutes of the Lord are just and re-¹ joice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.**
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and en-¹ dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous¹ altogether.
- ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than¹ much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey¹ in the comb. R**
- ¹¹ By them also is your ser-¹ vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is¹ great reward.
- ¹² **Who can detect one's¹ own offenses?
Cleanse me from my¹ secret faults.**

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion [|] over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a [|] great offense.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable [|] in your sight,**

O Lord, my strength and [|] my redeemer. R

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing Alleluias, Choir sings verse, all repeat Alleluias

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

SERMON

"OUR OWN TODAY"

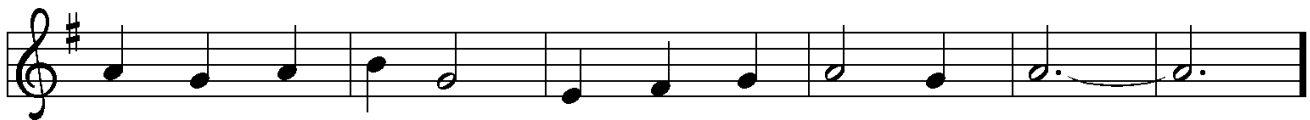
Rev. John Marschhausen



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

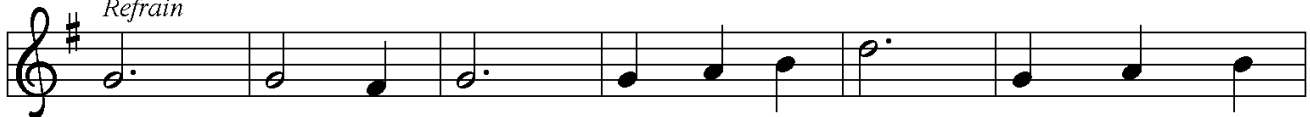


truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

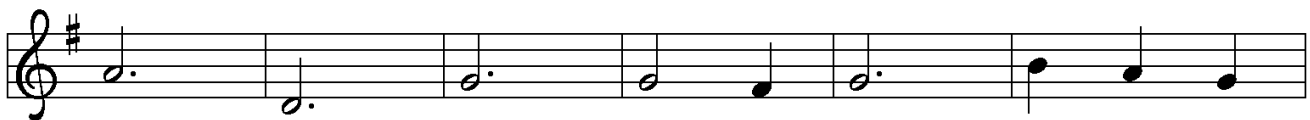


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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*APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope we confess what we believe.

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 THE PEOPLE

*The assisting minister prays the petition., The congregation responds to the petitions that end "Lord in your mercy with: "**hear our prayer.**" and those that end "O, God we give you thanks" with: "**Thanks be to God.**" The prayers conclude with the pastoral petition followed by a congregational "Amen."*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O, God we give you thanks. **Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands... Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEAL

*THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Rise, Crowned with Light* Healey Willan
Text: Alexander Pope, 1712 Old 124th (Genevan Psalter)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen**

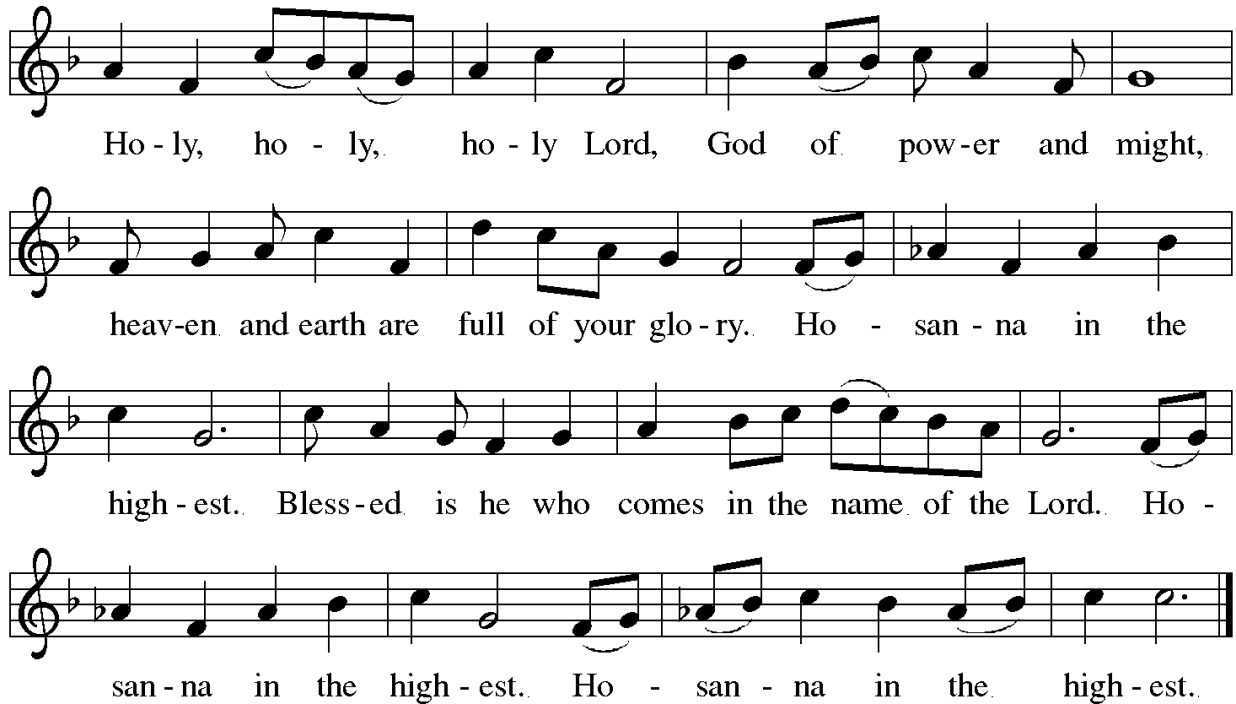
*PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.

*PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed ... unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy . . . the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Blessed are you, . . . now and for evermore.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

With boldness and confidence, we pray as Christ taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

*COMMUNION INVITATION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, for all is ready. **Thanks be to God.**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Inform the pastor if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is available in the center rings of the wine tray. Children or adults who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament today may come forward and receive a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest in the form of an x.

COMMUNION HYMNS

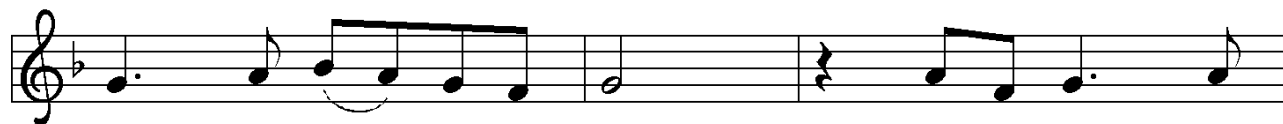
Lamb of God



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.



Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
 bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
 through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

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 Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sr
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PRAYER IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMUNION

For those on zoom or not receiving the sacrament.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation. I believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I am baptized into your death and resurrection. I seek you daily and worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you continue to come into my heart and soul, as you always have, through Confession and Forgiveness, through the proclamation of your holy Word, and through the prayers of your people; that I may remain united to you by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you and be nourished by your abundant grace. Be for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you are my life, my peace, and my everlasting joy. Amen

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

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

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of hope and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen**

HYMN

Hark! The Glad Sound!

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1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

Thank you to Pastor Marschhausen for preaching and leading worship today.

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Martin Smith
in memory of my mom (Bertha Smith's) 100th birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Saint Mark Members:** Please join us after worship today for our **Congregation Budget Meeting.**
- This evening, at 6:00pm, join us for our **bible study based upon the television series *The Chosen*.** This series is based both upon stories in the Bible about Jesus' life and also historical information about the culture and lifestyles at that time. The plan is to watch an episode each week from Season 1 as a group in the church lounge and then have some discussion following each episode. We are looking into the potential of making this available via zoom, but that's TBD. Please contact Jan Frick for more information.
- Please check out the windows in the lounge area for "**OPERATION SNOWFLAKE.**" Help us lower the expense of snow removal. Attach a snowflake to your contribution. Write your name on the snowflake and place it in the box available. Thank you!

- **Health Kit Assembly on Sunday, February 2:** We will assemble 30 health kits after worship. Please see the tear-off list of items and help by purchasing 30 of one of the items, dropping them off in the office in a paper bag, or bringing them with you.
- **St. Mark will be hosting a benefit concert on Sunday, February 2 at 4:00pm for Interval House of Hartford and Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC). A lite reception will follow afterwards.** Christa (Conway) Berezowskyj, Linda Hilliard's daughter and former Youth Minister at St. Mark, and her string quartet will be playing a wonderful selection of pieces to brighten this winter's cold and darkness. It's very exciting to have them come and play for such worthwhile organizations that continue to provide food and support to those in our communities who struggle every day for just basic necessities. Another fun part of the event will be some gift baskets to raise funds for Interval House and MACC. Also, a **suggested donation of \$20 per person is requested** to attend the concert. All proceeds will be split between the two organizations. Please plan to come for an incredible performance and worthy cause. For more information, please contact Jan Frick.
- **The deadline for the February/March 2025 issue of the Messenger is Tomorrow, Monday, January 27.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 26	9:00am	Service of Word and Sacrament followed by Coffee Hour sponsored by Dottie's Team & Congregation Budget Meeting
	6:00pm	Bible Study
Monday, January 27	Messenger article deadline	
Tuesday, January 28	9:00am	Matins via Zoom
Wednesday, January 29	7:00pm	Vespers via Zoom
Thursday, January 30	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, February 2	9:00am	Service of Word and Sacrament Followed by Coffee Hour Sponsored by Godfellas & creation of Health Kits
	4:00pm	Benefit Concert



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