

**Sunday After Epiphany  
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**Our Mission**  
*To strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship  
and fellowship; to be the face of Christ for all.*

Pastor: Rev. John "Ben" Mandrick  
Secretary: Terry Smith

**WELCOME!** We are happy to have you with us for worship today. We are in the season of Epiphany.

***Prince of Peace Lutheran Church***  
***Faith, Worship, Fellowship***

**Everything you need to participate in worship is printed in this worship booklet.**

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**Holy Communion** is a gift of God's grace. This is the table of the Lord. All are welcome.

**Introduction to the day**

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

## GATHERING

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

### A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

*A Time for Meditation & Prayer*

### WELCOME AND MISSION NOTES

### PRELUDE

*(We stand as we are able)*

### P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*A brief time of silence for self reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\pm$  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## GREETING

P: 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,



we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;



you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN** (*All children are welcome to come to the front steps of the Altar to hear and interact with the kids sermon. They may receive a treat for coming forward.*)

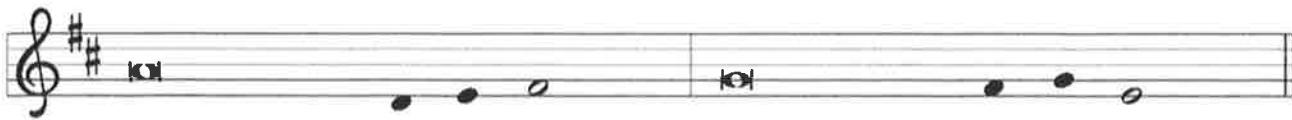
### FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

R: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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## PSALM: 27:1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> One thing I ask of the LORD; one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the  
beauty of the LORD and to seek God <sup>1</sup> in the temple.

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- <sup>1</sup> on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies <sup>1</sup> who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and  
make music <sup>1</sup> to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> when I call;  
have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> answer me.

<sup>8</sup> My heart speaks your message— <sup>1</sup> “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> I will seek.

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- <sup>1</sup> vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of <sup>1</sup> my salvation.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

R: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(We stand as we are able)*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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### GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

### SERMON: Pastor John “Ben” Mandrick

(We stand as we are able)

## Will You Come and Follow Me

*The Summons*

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for you cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



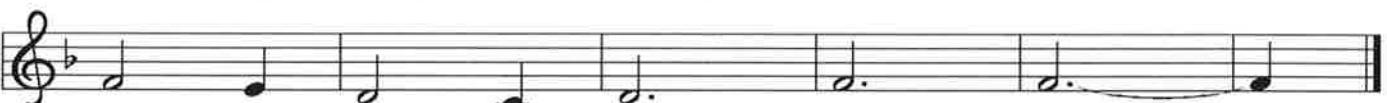
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let my an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit me to what  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me."

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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Gathered together by the Holy Spirit. Let us confess our joint faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

## **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**

*(We are seated or we kneel)*

## **A: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority, grant them wisdom.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, you care for vulnerable, young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters, warfare, unrest, and upheaval. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lord God, be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. Empower all people who wait for change especially pray for those from our prayer list and these we say silently or aloud. (PAUSE)

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you are our sure foundation and rock of salvation. Draw near to all those who put themselves in harms way for the sake of others, especially our military personnel, first responders, and those in the medical field.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

(We stand as we greet one another with Christ's blessing of peace)

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING** (*Responding to God's grace, we offer our gifts and our tithes*)

## SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING

(We stand as sing as the gifts are brought forward)

## OFFERTORY

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You share your gifts with all people. Receive our gifts and offerings of thanks in response to your gracious love. Help us to see the needs in our neighbors as ways for us to share the blessings we first received from you, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

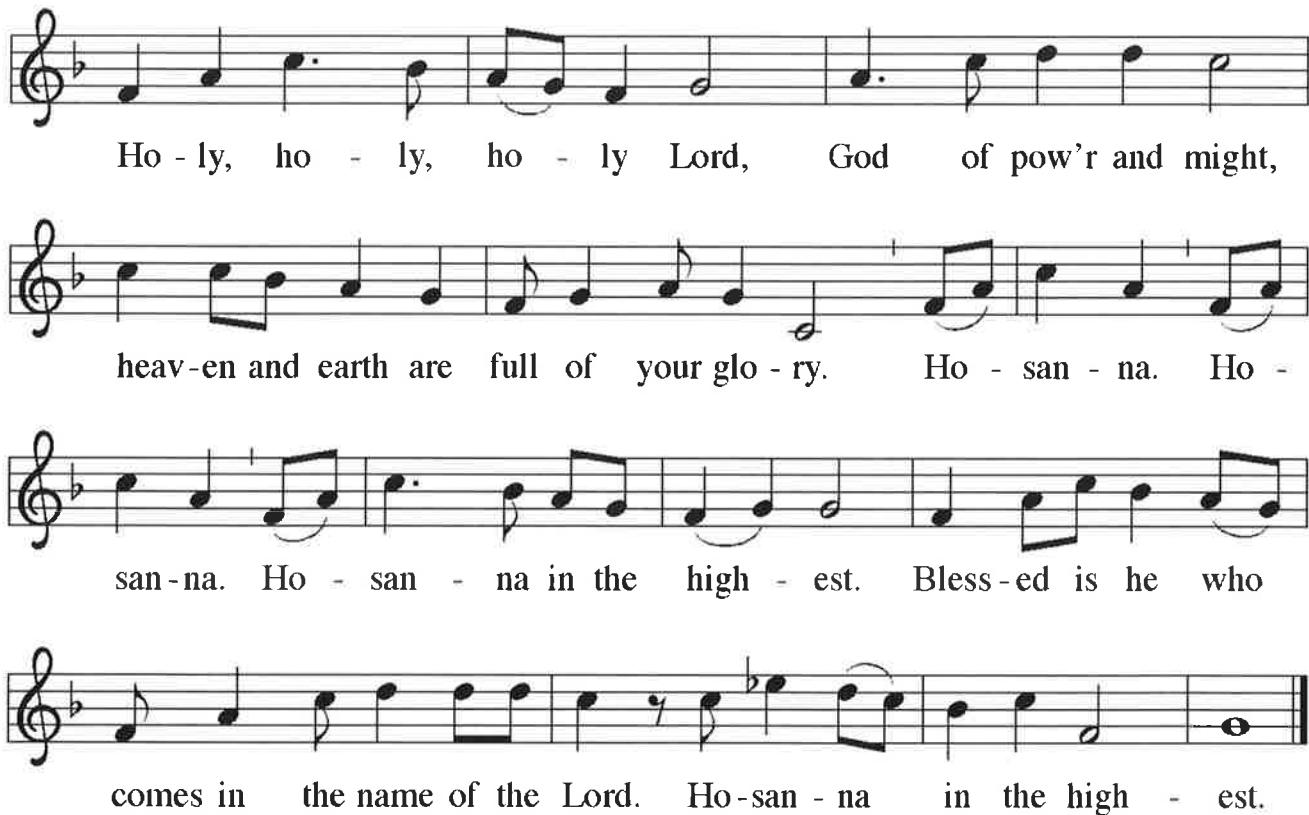
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. 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.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we claim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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.**

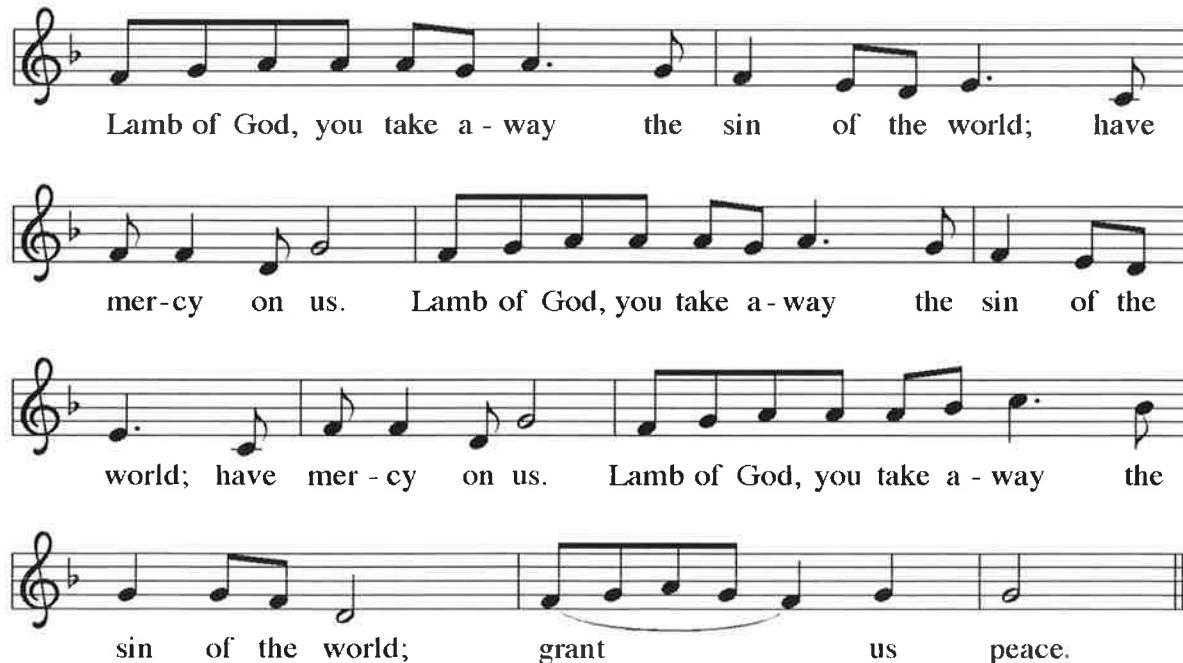
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table is set and All of God's Children are Welcome.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** (*Holy communion is a gift of God's grace and is open to all. Please come down the center aisle as directed by the ushers to receive the host from the pastor. Gluten free hosts are available. Receive the wine from the Assisting Minister. Grape juice is available in the center ring. Return to your seats by the side aisle placing empty cups in receptacle.*)

## COMMUNION CANTICLE

### 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.

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Refrain*

Shine, Je-sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo-ry;

blaze, Spir-it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv-er, flow, flood the na-tions with grace and mer-cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin-ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king-ly bright-ness, so our fac-es dis-

dark-ness, shin-ing; Je-sus, light of the world, shine up-on us,  
play your like-ness, ev-er chang-ing from glo-ry to glo-ry.

set mir-rored free here, by may the truth lives you tell now bring sto-us.

Shine on me, Shine on me, shine on me, Shine on me: me: me: me: me:

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Music: Graham Kendrick

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
9 9 10 10 3 3 and refrain

## Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin  
I have wept for love of them.  
I will set a feast for them.  
my hand will save.  
They turn a - way.  
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Fin-est bread I will pro - vide  
I will make their dark-ness bright.  
give them hearts for love a - lone.  
till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them?  
I will speak my word to them.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?"  
Whom shall I send?"  
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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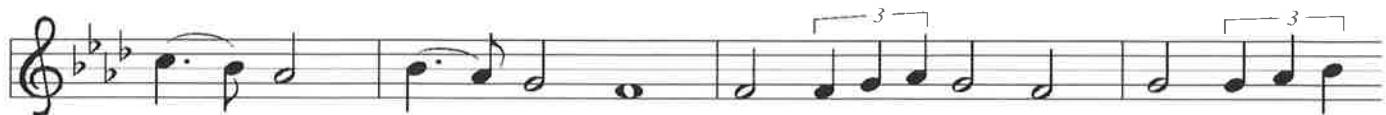
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## Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be-speaks us righ-teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis-dom shin-ing break-eth



speak-ing it was done. For cre-at-ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal-  
 thine own ho-li-ness, glo-rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con-qu'ring might; from the cross for-ev-er



thank thee, while thine or-dered sea-sons run.  
 va-tion, breathed thine own life breath-ing breath.  
 glo-ry, and our lives our hopes con-fess.  
 beam-eth all thy bright re-deem-ing light.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia with-out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

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*(When all who desire have received the sacrament, we stand as we are able)*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in the faith in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray,  
Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: Please receive this blessing.  
May God be with you all,  
above you to watch over you,  
beneath you to carry you,  
in front of you to lead you,  
behind you to encourage you,  
beside you to befriend you,  
within you to bring you to eternal life.  
May God watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.  
**Amen.**

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

**SENDING SONG**

**ELW 661**

**I Love to Tell the Story**



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in the Love of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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- 1) Upcoming medical interventions in which you desire pastoral prayers and/or visitation,*
- 2) Changes to the prayer list,*
- 3) Announcements for the bulletin.*

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