



**Sunday After Christmas  
January 4, 2026**

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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 Christmas.

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

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

**Bold print = Congregational Responses**

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

**Introduction to the day**

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

## 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:** *by the POP band*

*(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.*

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\div$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*A brief time of silence for self reflection.*

Lord of Life,

**Before the beginning of time, you were. After time is done, you will be. Show compassion and grace to your people when we fail to love you, love our neighbors, and love life. Generously pour out your forgiveness so we might turn back to you, and to all the ways of love.**

**Amen.**

God's love cannot be stopped by anything. No distance, height, depth, or brokenness will impede God's love. God knows you intimately, and will never stop loving you. In the name of Christ our Lord, you are forgiven all your sin. Live in the love of God.

**Amen.**

**When Long before Time**  
*The Singer and the Song*



1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,  
 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,  
 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,  
 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,  
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;  
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,  
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,  
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream -  
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.  
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.  
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,  
 the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,  
 so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
 the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
 to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
 to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
 be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

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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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.*)

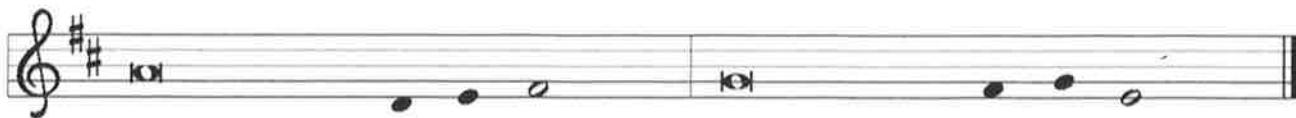
## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

R: A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock." <sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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## PSALM: 147:12-20

<sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, <sup>1</sup>O Jerusalem;  
    praise your <sup>1</sup> God, O Zion,  
<sup>13</sup>**who has strengthened the bars <sup>1</sup> of your gates**  
    **and has blessed your chil- <sup>1</sup>dren within you.**  
<sup>14</sup>God has established peace <sup>1</sup> on your borders  
    and satisfies you with the <sup>1</sup> finest wheat.  
<sup>15</sup>**God sends out a command <sup>1</sup> to the earth,**  
    **a word that runs <sup>1</sup> very swiftly.**  
<sup>16</sup>God gives <sup>1</sup> snow like wool,  
    scattering <sup>1</sup> frost like ashes.  
<sup>17</sup>**God scatters <sup>1</sup> hail like bread crumbs.**  
    **Who can stand a- <sup>1</sup> gainst God's cold?**  
<sup>18</sup>The LORD sends forth the <sup>1</sup> word and melts them;  
    the wind blows, and the <sup>1</sup> waters flow.  
<sup>19</sup>**God declares the <sup>1</sup> word to Jacob,**  
    **statutes and judg- <sup>1</sup> ments to Israel.**  
<sup>20</sup>The LORD has not done so to any <sup>1</sup> other nation;  
    they do not know God's judgments. <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

R: A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,<sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.<sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace<sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight<sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,<sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.<sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,<sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;<sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(We stand as we are able)*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Thy Word

Words by Amy Grant  
Music by Michael W. Smith

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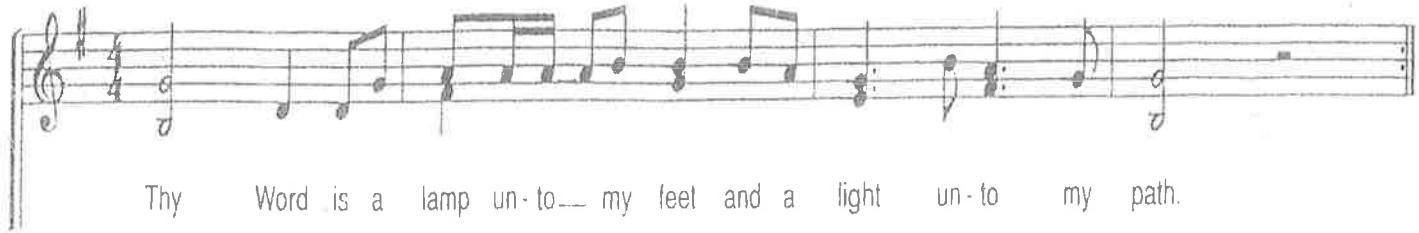
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Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

### GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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

[<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.] <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

### SERMON: Pastor John "Ben" Mandrick

(We stand as we are able)

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

Shine on me, Shine on me, shine on me, bring sto-me:  
Shine on me, Shine on me, shine on me, bring sto-me:

*(We are seated or we kneel)*

## **A: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism. Grant us wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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)

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and look to being united with them in your glory.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ 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:** *by the POP band*

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

**OFFERTORY:** *(Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")*

Accept, O Lord, the gifts that we bring,  
to place on your table as praises we sing.

Our time and our talents, our lives and our love,  
we offer with thanks for your gifts to us.

**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:** (*Sung in the tune of “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord!  <sup>1</sup> God of hosts, by all adored!

Heav’n and earth cannot contain  <sup>1</sup> all the glory of your name!

Hail hosanna, God most high!  <sup>1</sup> Blest is he who now draws nigh

In the name of God the King!  <sup>1</sup> Hallelujahs glad we sing:

Hail hosanna! Praises due  <sup>1</sup> be forever, Lord, to you!

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

**Our Father, Lord on heaven's high throne,**

**Most holy be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth—in heaven the same.**

**Give us this day the food we need;**

**Forgiven may we be;**

**Into temptation do not lead;**

**From evil set us free.**

**Yours is the kingdom, unto you**

**In grateful love we bow;**

**And yours the power, Lord, let us view**

**Your mighty presence now.**

**The glory yours; your praise be sung**

**By angel host and men**

**In every land, by every tongue**

**Forevermore!**

**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: (*Sung to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem"*)

O Lamb of God, the son of God, you take away our sin.

Cast out the darkness from our lives that you may dwell within.

Fill us with your compassion. Grant us your peace and grace.

Draw near to us, come Lord Jesus, within this holy place.

**COMMUNION SONG**

**All Who Are Thirsty**

"For He has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:9

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All who are thirst - y, and all who are weak,... Come to the foun-

- tain. Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sor-

- row be washed a way In the waves of His mer - cy

Chorus

as deep cries out to deep. We sing "Come, Lord Je - sus.  
Ho - ly Spir - it."

come. Come. Lord Je - sus. Je - sus. come.  
come. Ho - ly Spir - it. Spir - it. come.

Come. Lord Je - sus. Je - sus. come.  
Ho - ly Spir - it. Spir - it. come.

come." come."

# COMMUNION SONG

## JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

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Smoothly

Handwritten musical score for "Jesus, Name Above All Names" in 6/8 time. The score consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The chords are indicated above the staves. The lyrics are as follows:

Je sus, name above all names,  
beau ti ful Sav ior, glo ri ous  
Lord, Em man u el,  
God is with us, bless ed Re  
deem er, liv ing Word,  
Em man u el,

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## Emmanuel

Handwritten musical score for "Emmanuel" in 4/4 time. The score consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The chords are indicated above the staves. The lyrics are as follows:

D Em man u el,  
2) If an y man Em man u el,  
Em man u el,  
his name is called  
Then he will have A brand new Life  
Em man u el;  
C/E F G G7 C C/Bb  
A A/C# Dm G7 G/B C  
God with us, re vealed in us;  
Behold the old will pass a way  
Em man u el,  
his name is called  
So let new Life. Begin to day.  
A A/C# Dm G7 F/C C

Testimony Music Bob McGee  
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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.

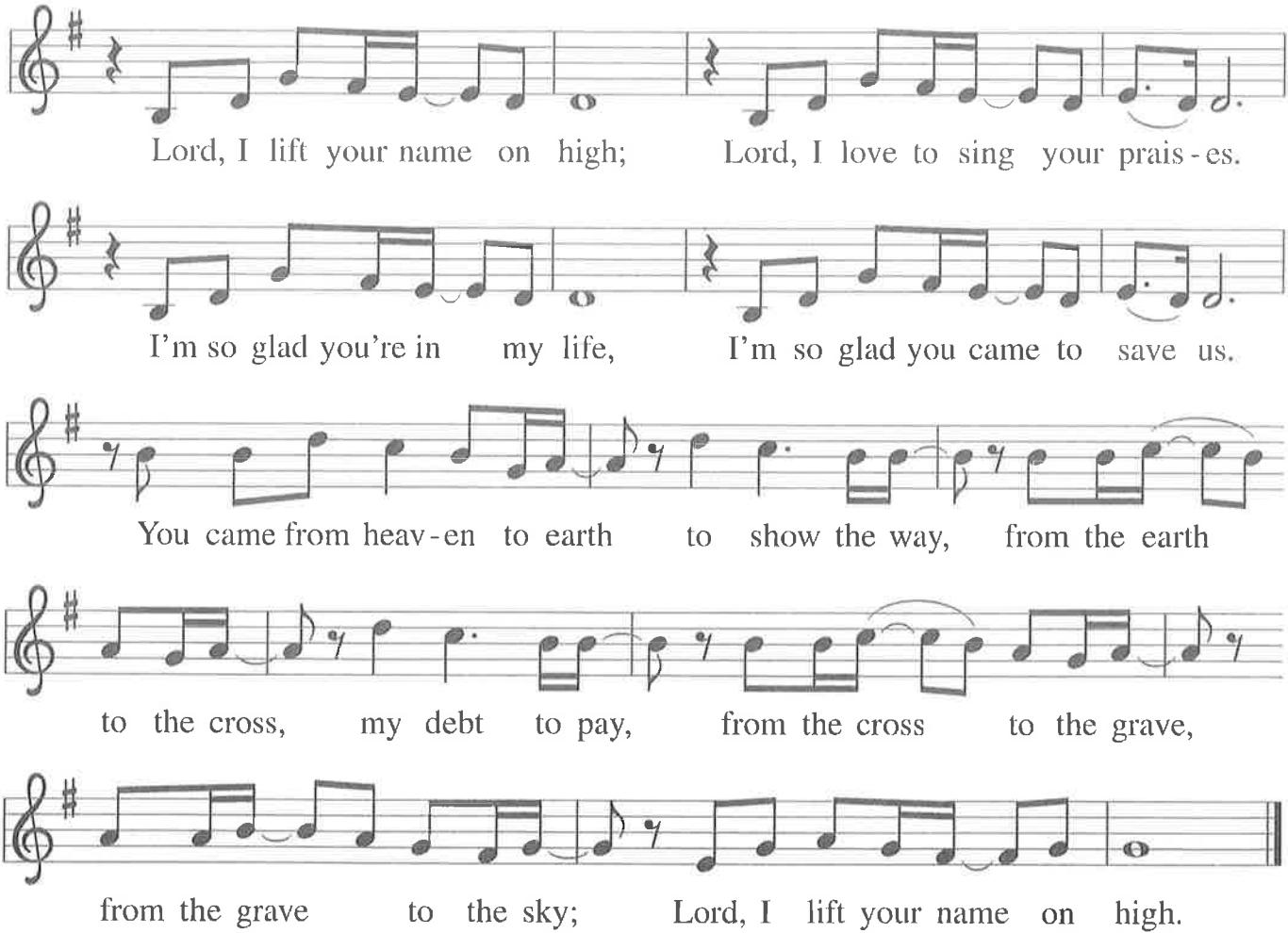
**Amen.**

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

**SENDING SONG**

**ELW 857**

## Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high;      Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life,      I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth      to show the way,      from the earth

to the cross,      my debt to pay,      from the cross      to the grave,

from the grave      to the sky;      Lord, I lift your name on high.

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Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Please inform Pastor Ben in writing or by phone of any*

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

**Pastor Ben can be reached by cell at 904-556-6687**

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