

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 1/11 8:15AM WORSHIP  
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:45AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, 1/12

TUESDAY, 1/13 7:00PM MEN'S GROUP

WEDNESDAY, 1/14 7:00PM COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 1/15 NOON BIBLE STUDY  
6:00PM WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING  
7:00PM CHOIR

FRIDAY, 1/16

SATURDAY, 1/17

SUNDAY, 1/18 8:15AM WORSHIP  
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30AM YOUNG AT HEART MEETS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
10:45AM WORSHIP WITH ASL INTERPRETER

### CONGREGATIONAL OFFERING JANUARY 4, 2026

#### \*CORRECTION

<u>2025 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS</u>	<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u>
<u>WEEKLY</u>		
\$392,407.00	\$7,547.00	<b><u>*\$7,166.46</u></b>

### Annual Congregational Meeting...

Join us on **January 25<sup>th</sup>** for **ONE** service at **10:00am** and  
the annual meeting to follow.

There will be a taco bar luncheon following the meeting in  
the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex if you  
will attend the luncheon.

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

### Bible Studies.....

Monday night Bible Study will not meet in January.

Thursday Noon Bible Study will be looking at the readings  
for the coming Sunday. How do we study them for  
sermons? What are the great passages of scripture that  
weren't central in the sermon? All are welcome.

Please pick up your [Offering Envelopes for 2026](#).

### [YOUNG AT HEART](#) Sunday, January 18 -

9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a light break-  
fast, conversation, learning, and community building.  
Questions, please contact Pastor John at 724-863-7350.

### [January Community](#) Meal... Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.  
See Pastor John if you can help!

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**The Endowment committee is now accepting requests** for the distribution of funds for the year ending 2025.

The Congregation Bylaws provide that the funds are to be distributed **as follows:**

**-Capital Improvements 30 to 50%**

(capital improvements, debt reduction of building projects)

**-Scholarships up to 33%**

(members of Holy Trinity for the purpose of attending college, seminary, nursing or medical school, church related camps and conferences)

**-Community Outreach up to 33%**

(grants to ELCA colleges, camps, social services and agencies for those persons in our parish area)

**-ELCA Missions up to 33%**

(ELCA missions at home and overseas, new mission development in the USA, professional leadership, educational ministries, world mission and TV evangelism)

All requests for funds must be **in writing** and mailed/ emailed to the church office no later than **January 11, 2026**. Please call the office with any questions.

**Women's Faith and Fellowship** meets January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Have you ever wanted to make pasta? Andrea Smith will be teaching us how AND we will be eating it! All women of the church are welcome to join us.

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Assisting Minister	8:15 Jerry Kuhn	10:45 Joe Thomas
Communion Assistants	Dave Smith Victoria McCune	Eric Walt Mike Stark
Lector	Jodi Smith	Bob Cessna
Acolyte	Jaden Brittingham	Ty Cessna
Greeters		Bob and Carol Schlotter
Livestream		Zack Tinsley

Altar Guild	Set-up Saturday, Jan 10		Cindy McCune and Mauritta Moyer
	Sunday, Jan. 11	8:15	Cindy McCune and Mauritta Moyer
		10:45	Diane Kowalski, Sandy Tomko, Cookie Nee
	Set-up Saturday, Jan. 17		Julie Kuhn and Glenda Wendling
	Sunday, Jan. 18	8:15	Julie Kuhn and Glenda Wendling
		10:45	Debbie Kunkle and Mimi Wielobob

**Food Pantry** 2026 Dates: February 21 (Easter), April 18, June 13, August 15, October 17 (Thanksgiving), December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:

Instant coffee/teabags	Hot chocolate mix	Olive oil/vegetable oil
Valentine candy	Paper towels	Deodorant
Shampoo and conditioner		

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta	Applesauce	Baked beans	Canned fruit
Canned tuna	Cereal	Granola bars	Pasta Sauce
Oatmeal	Paper Towels	Peanut butter & Jelly	
Potato/rice mix	Pudding Cups	Toilet Paper	
Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers		Cake/muffin/brownie mix	
Chef Boyardee	Canned Vegetables		

Thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" on an envelope. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or [waugawoman86@comcast.net](mailto:waugawoman86@comcast.net)

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, January 12, 2025**

Baptism of Our Lord

Baptism of Our Lord / Lectionary 1

### **Introduction to the day**

*Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

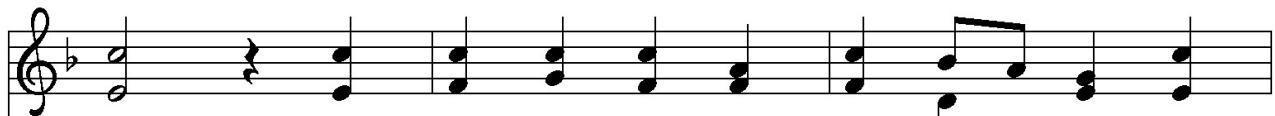
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* #304**

## Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight- way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - obeyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.



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## \***GREETING** *Pastor*

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**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
    ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;**  
    **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;**  
    **the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
    the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**  
    **and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**  
    **the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;**  
    **the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength to your people;  
    give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Repeat alleluia

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

## \*GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDRENS' SERMON

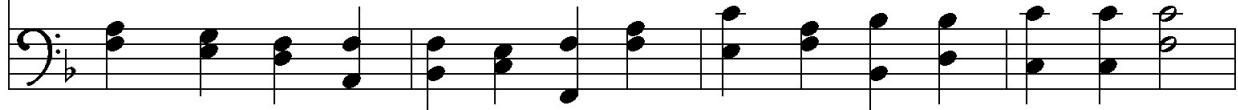
## Sermon

### \*Hymn of the Day *Crashing Waters at Creation* (ELW 455)

#### Crashing Waters at Creation



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,  
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright-ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond-age—chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.



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**\*Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 INTERCESSION *assisting minister***

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.*

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill (*especially*).

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**Pastor**

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

Choir Anthem: Come to the Water

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff is soprano, the second is alto, the third is tenor, and the bottom is bass. The lyrics are as follows:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

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.**

**\*DIALOGUE** *Pastor*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

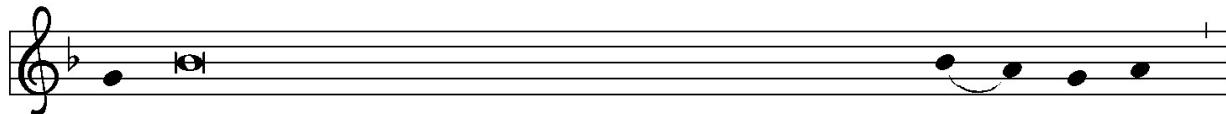
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE**



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



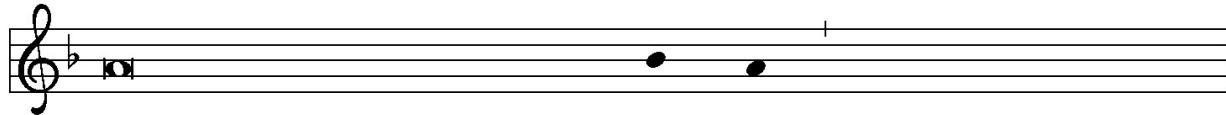
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;



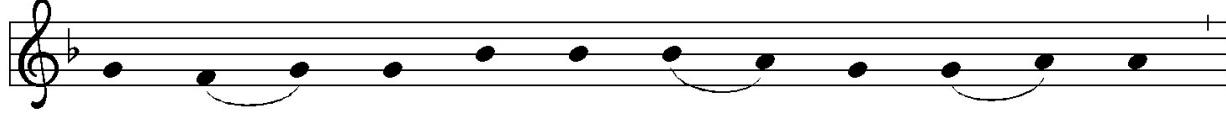
who on this day overcame death and the grave,



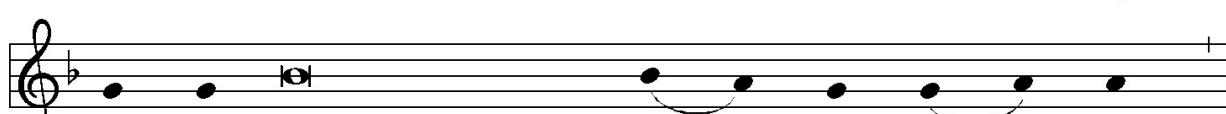
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion



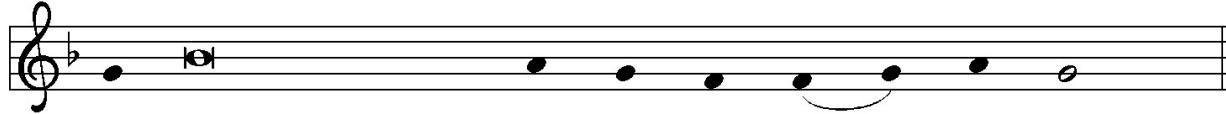
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

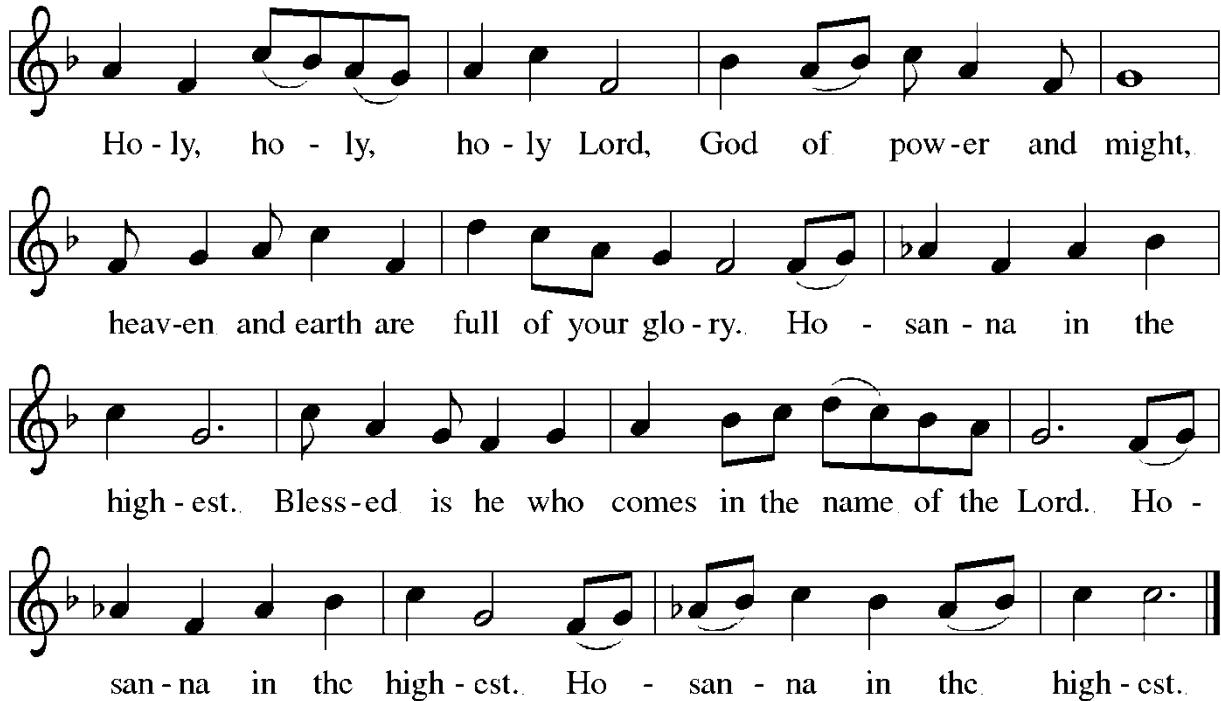


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

## \*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.

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 proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER **Pastor**

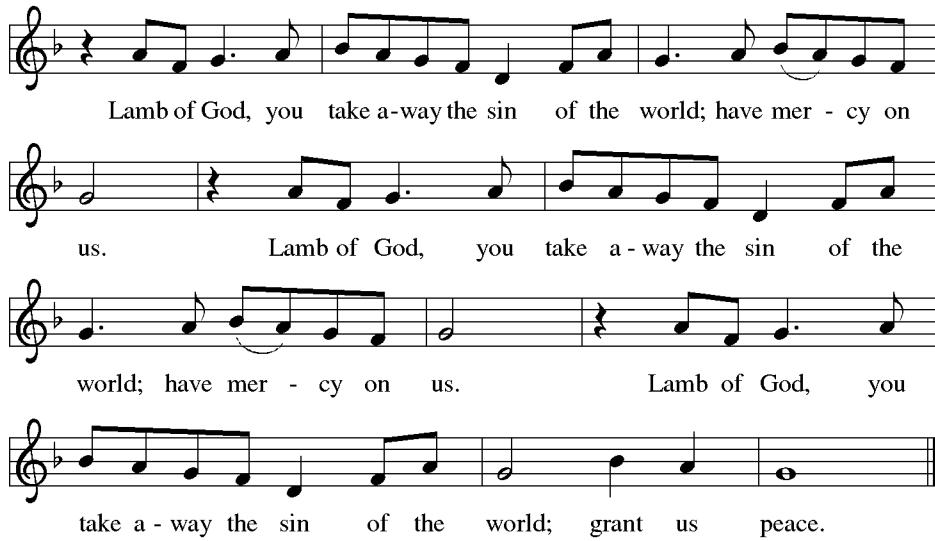
**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.**

**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 **Pastor**

Here is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table; taste and see.

### COMMUNION SONG



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.

### Communion

Hymn During Communion: **Baptized and Set Free #453**

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING **Pastor**

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

## \*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev'-ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

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 liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

## \*BENEDICTION: **Pastor**

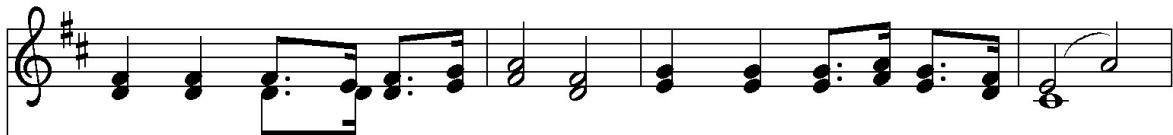
The Spirit of the triune God

☩ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**

## \*Recessional Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)*

## Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



**\*DISMISSAL** *assisting minister*

Go in peace. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**