



Come  
and see

JOHN 1:46

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.



### Grace Lutheran Church

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## Welcome to Grace!

At Grace Lutheran Church, we strive to be a community of acceptance, reconciliation and hope. Following in the way of Jesus, we welcome all people regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, or age. God's acceptance of all compels us to stand against racism, sexism and all forms of hate and prejudice. We welcome your questions, your gifts, and your being.

We believe that God is at work in this worship service, through Word and Sacrament, to create and sustain faith in God's promises of love, forgiveness, and reconciliation in Jesus Christ. We use a rich, traditional pattern of worship that dates to the early days of Christianity. We recognize that it comes with a bit of a learning curve, but we're convinced that it's worth the effort. Don't feel like you have to get everything the first time. This way of worshipping may also include postures like standing and kneeling that may not be possible or comfortable for everyone. Please know that you are welcome to do what works for you.

### KEY TO THE ORDER OF SERVICE:

Regular type: spoken by a leader

**Bold type: spoken by the people**

*Regular Italics: sung/chanted by a leader*

***Bold Italics: sung/chanted by the people***

*Small Italics: liturgical directions and info.*

✠ the sign of the cross may be made

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
(Red Hymnal)

ACS: All Creation Sings  
(Purple Hymnal)

♪ Favorite Hymn request

### HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR VISITORS:

- Restrooms are in the hall to the left of the main entrance, opposite the elevator.
- Hand sanitizer is available on the sanctuary windowsills.
- Please sign our guest book at the entrance.

### As We Gather:

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and...the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

# Gathering

## Prelude

## Welcome

*The assembly stands.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for 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 ✙ 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.

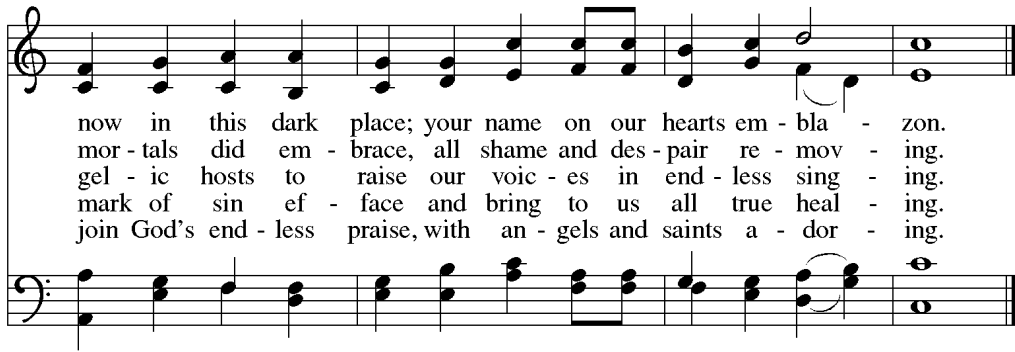
**Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn

## *O Day Full of Grace*

ELW 627

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a grand staff with two staves per part. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, each corresponding to a measure of the music. The lyrics are: 1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub - cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an - lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



## Greeting

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

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings  
 and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow  
 you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
 now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*



## Word

## Children's Sermon

Bishop Greg Busboom

# First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

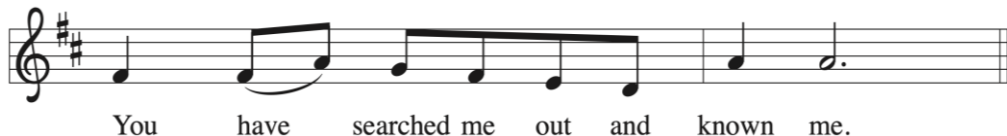
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

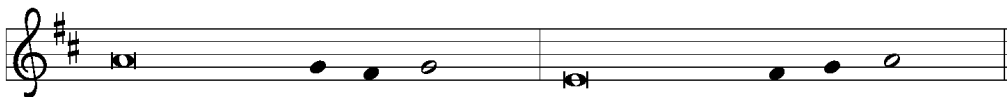
## Psalmody

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Refrain (R):



Tone:



<sup>1</sup>*Lord, you have / searched me out;*

*O Lord, you / have known me.*

<sup>2</sup>*You know my sitting down and my / rising up;*

*you discern my thoughts / from afar.*

<sup>3</sup>*You trace my journeys and my / resting-places*

*and are acquainted with / all my ways.*

<sup>4</sup>*Indeed, there is not a word / on my lips,*

*but you, O Lord, know it / altogether. Refrain*

<sup>5</sup>*You encompass me, behind / and before,*

*and lay your / hand upon me.*

<sup>6</sup>*Such knowledge is too wonder- / ful for me;*

*it is so high that I cannot at- / tain to it.*

<sup>13</sup>*For you yourself created my / inmost parts;*

*you knit me together in my / mother's womb.*

<sup>14</sup>*I will thank you because I am mar- / velously made;*

*your works are wonderful, and I / know it well. Refrain*

<sup>15</sup>*My body was not hid- / den from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths / of the earth.*  
<sup>16</sup>*Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written / in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they / came to be.*  
<sup>17</sup>*How deep I find your / thoughts, O God!  
How great is the / sum of them!*  
<sup>18</sup>*If I were to count them, they would be more in number / than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to / be like yours.* Refrain

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

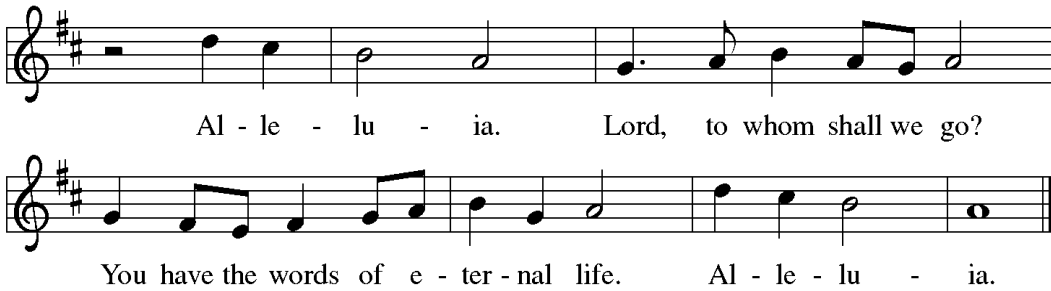
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*



## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel

John 1:43-51

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

The Holy Gospel, according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Sermon

Bishop Greg Busboom

*The assembly stands.*

## Hymn of the Day

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

ELW 737



- 1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
- 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
- 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
- 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
- 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

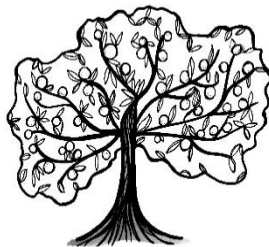
# Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each petition concludes:*

God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

# Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. After the Peace, the assembly is seated.*

# Meal

## Offering

*Please place your offering in the box on the table in the aisle as you leave.*

*You may also give online at <http://glccu.org/donate>.*

## Offertory

Grace Chancel Choir

*Praise His Holy Name*

- Keith Hampton

*REFRAIN: Sing till the power of the Lord come down.*

*Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!*

*REFRAIN*

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!*

*REFRAIN*

*Holy Jesus, Praise His Name, Oh! Hallelujah! Let us Praise His Holy name!*

*The assembly stands.*

## Offering Verse



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 dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, Holy One,**

**for all good things come from you.**

**In bread and cup you open heaven to us.**

**Meet us at this table,**

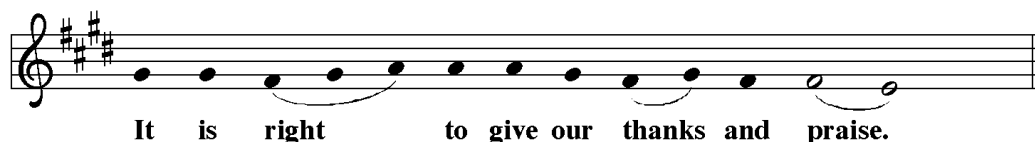
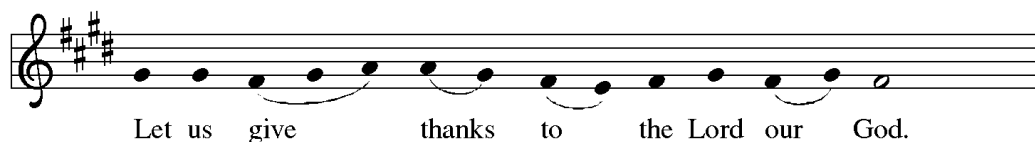
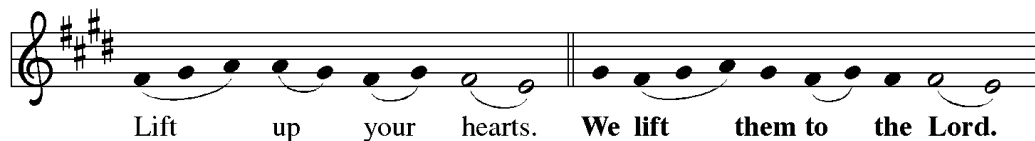
**that we receive what we seek**

**and follow your Son, Jesus,**

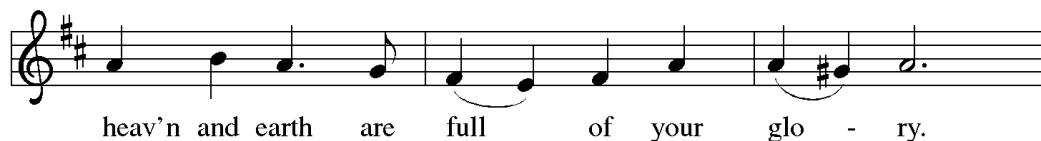
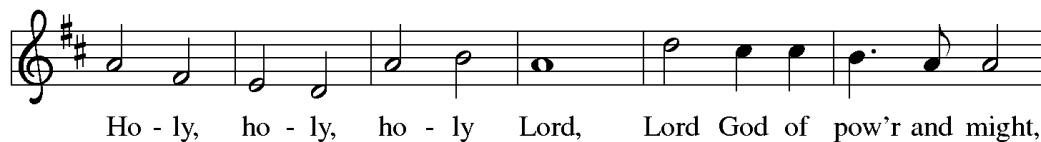
**in whose name we pray.**

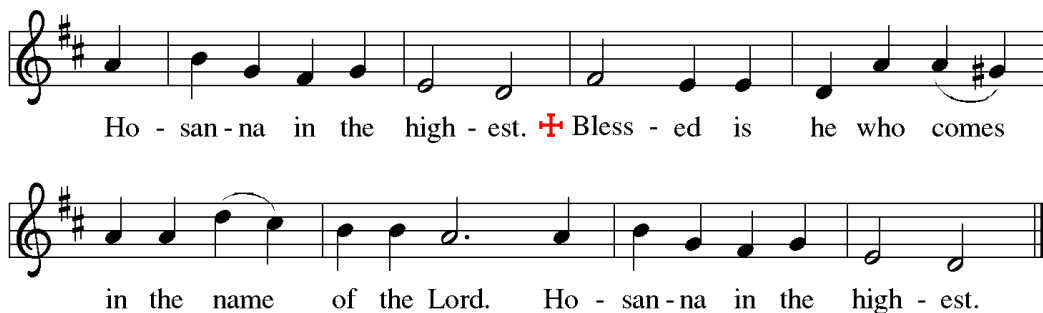
**Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving



*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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:*



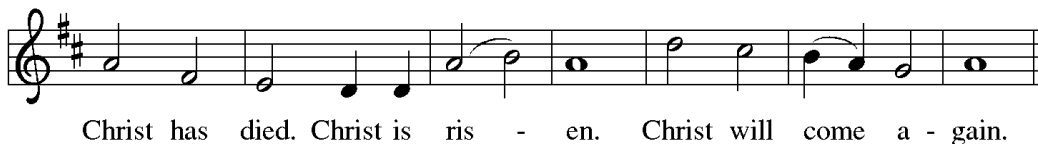


## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Communion

To receive communion, please join the line in the center aisle and proceed to the pastor. (Note: gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) After receiving the bread, proceed to your left or right to receive the wine, taking a pre-filled glass from the tray. (Grape juice is also available.) Place your used glass in the basket provided near the stairs on the side you leave.



# 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, grant us peace.



# Communion Hymns

## *Here I Am, Lord*

ELW 574



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



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



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



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

*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

ELW 676

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

*The assembly stands.*

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

## Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

# Sending

(Sending Of Communion)

*A prayer may be said for the sending of communion to those who are absent.*

# Blessing

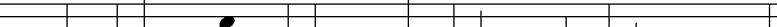
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

# Sending Hymn

## *Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798



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 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 me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



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.

## Announcements

## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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## Worship Support

*The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.*

Presiding Minister:	<b>Pastor Chris Repp</b>	Music Director:	<b>Nicholas Pierle</b>
Preacher:	<b>Bishop Greg Busboom</b>	Organist:	<b>Mike Keeley</b>
Assisting Minister:	<b>Claire Vail</b>	Greeters:	<b>Jeff and Tina Fehrenbacher</b>
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*In memory of our mothers Ruth Grace Cool and Florence Louise Evans, who were both  
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