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Sunday, February 2nd, 2025 Presentation of Our Lord

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession

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, ✝ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

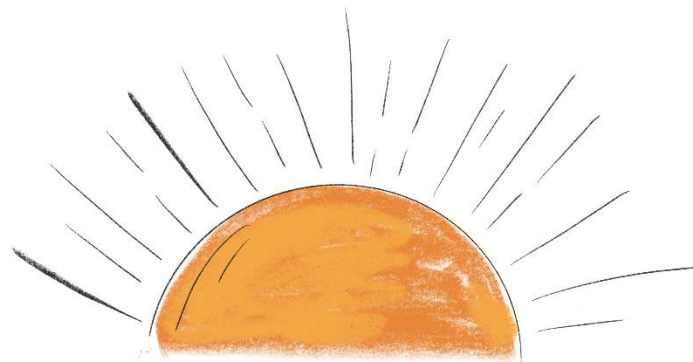
In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: We Are Marching in the Light of God

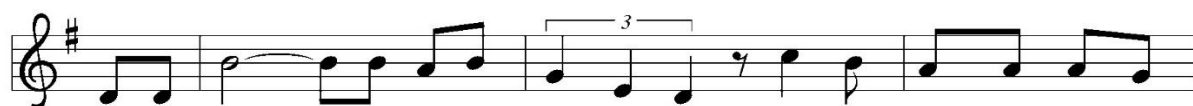
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"AS SURELY AS THE
SUN RISES, HE WILL APPEAR..."

HOSEA 6:3, NIV

We Are Marching in the Light of God



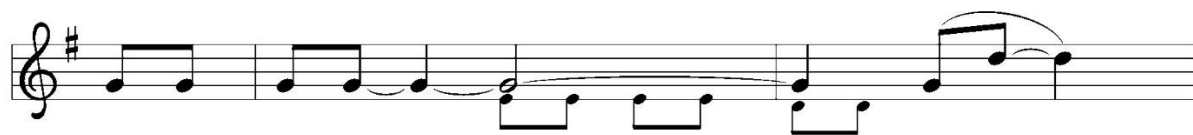
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 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



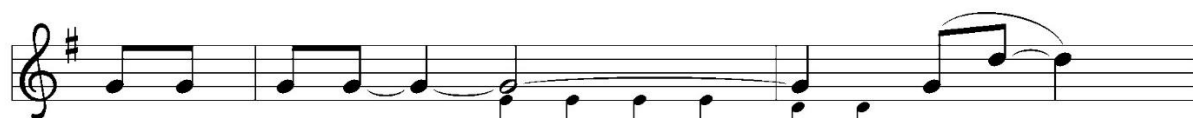
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 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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Greeting

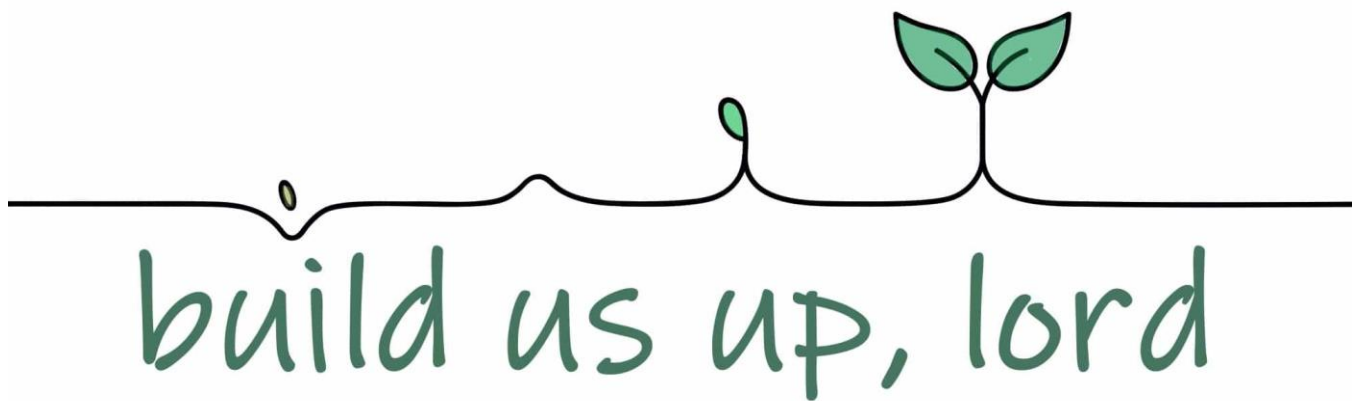
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn of the Month: Build Us Up Lord

No. 670



Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in
 faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your
 word to spread the news of your Son!

Text: Mark Glaeser, b. 1956; and Donna Hanna, b. 1952
 Music: BUILD US UP, Mark Glaeser and Donna Hanna
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First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling,

O LORD of hosts!

² **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴ **Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.**

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶ **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷ They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ **LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.**

⁹ Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ **For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of the wicked.**

¹¹ For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

¹² **O LORD of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The holy gospel according to Luke,
Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

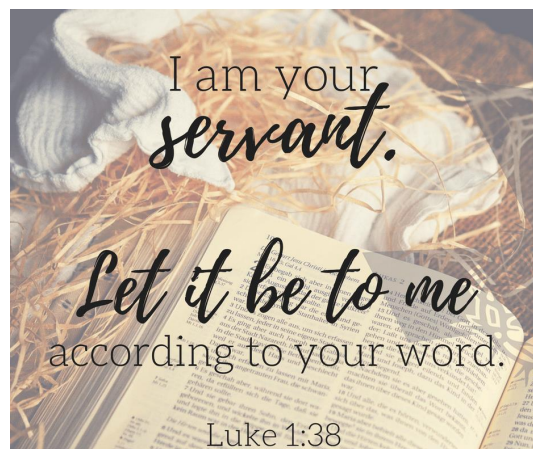
Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

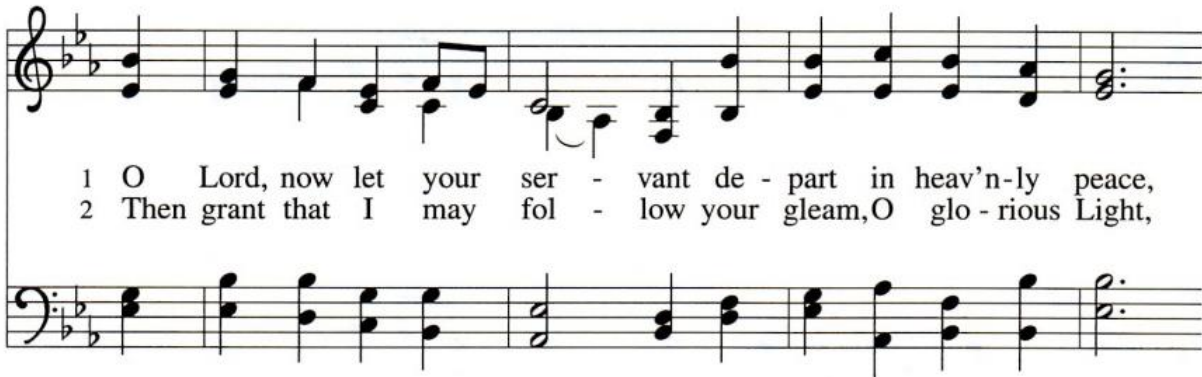
Hymn of the Day: O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

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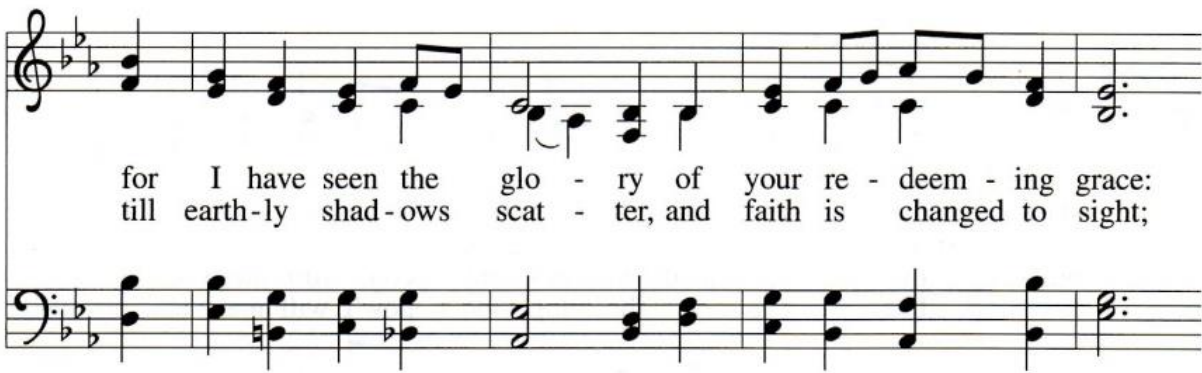


O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

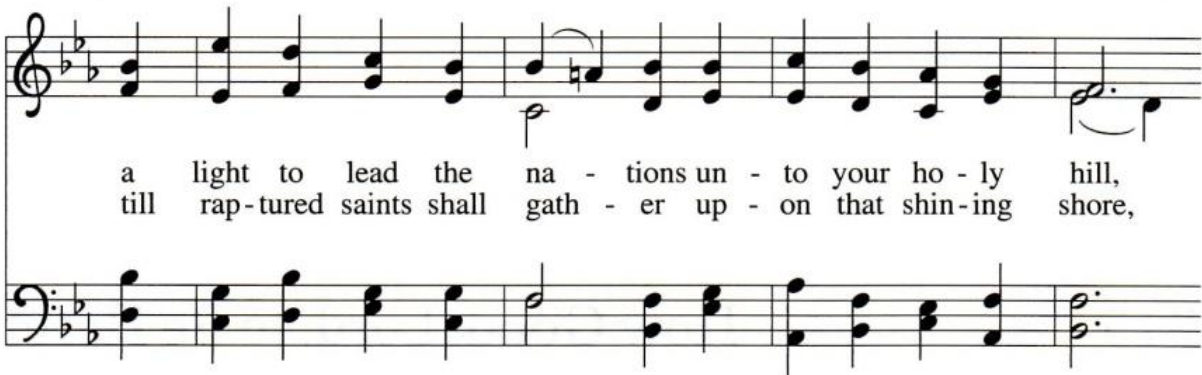
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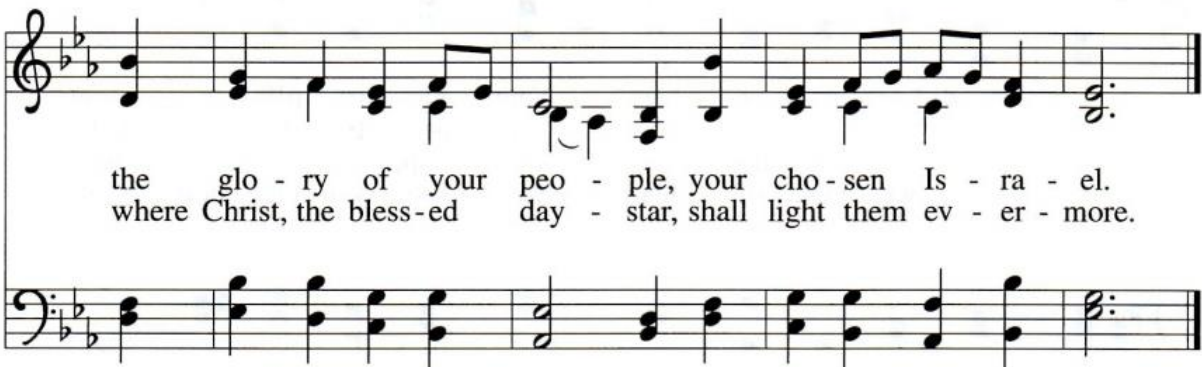
1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism (*especially as we honor Black History Month*) and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed (*especially*), as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

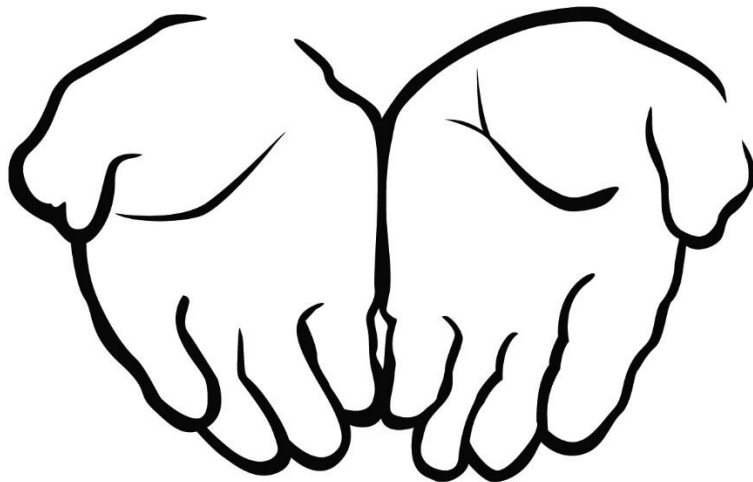
We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: We Are An Offering

No. 692



We Are an Offering

692

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 7/8 time. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines of music.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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Music: Dwight Liles
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Offertory Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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.

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending Jesus to be our Redeemer.
We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick,
fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.
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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen.

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

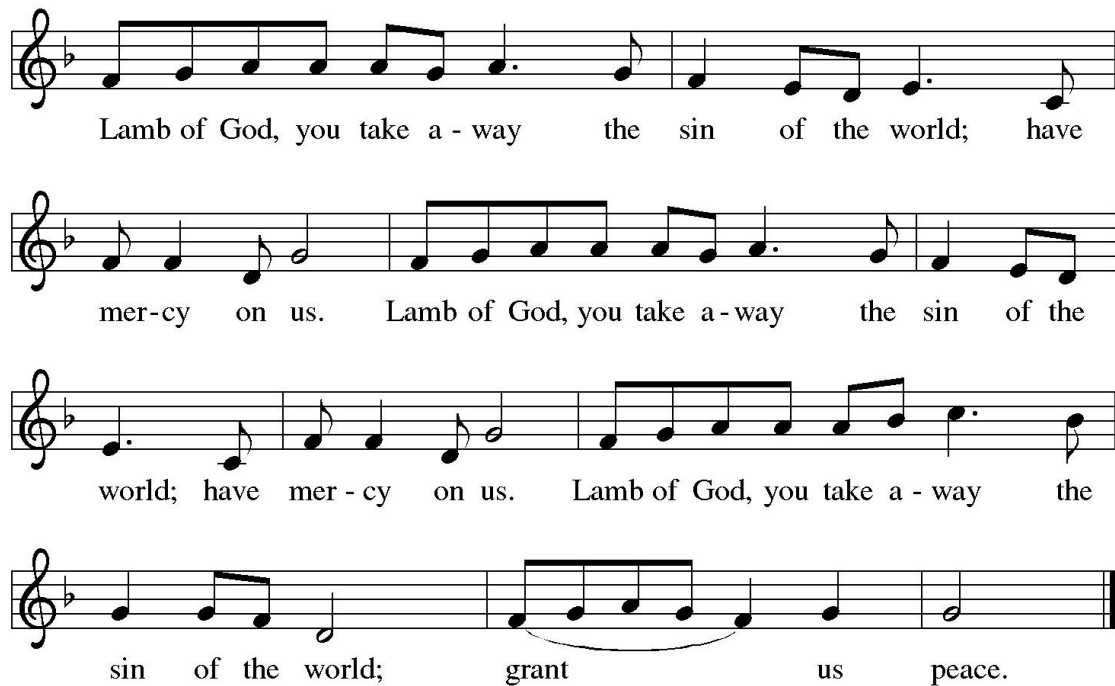
The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

(Just a reminder that there is grape juice available on the communion trays if you would prefer not to have wine during communion.)

Lamb of God



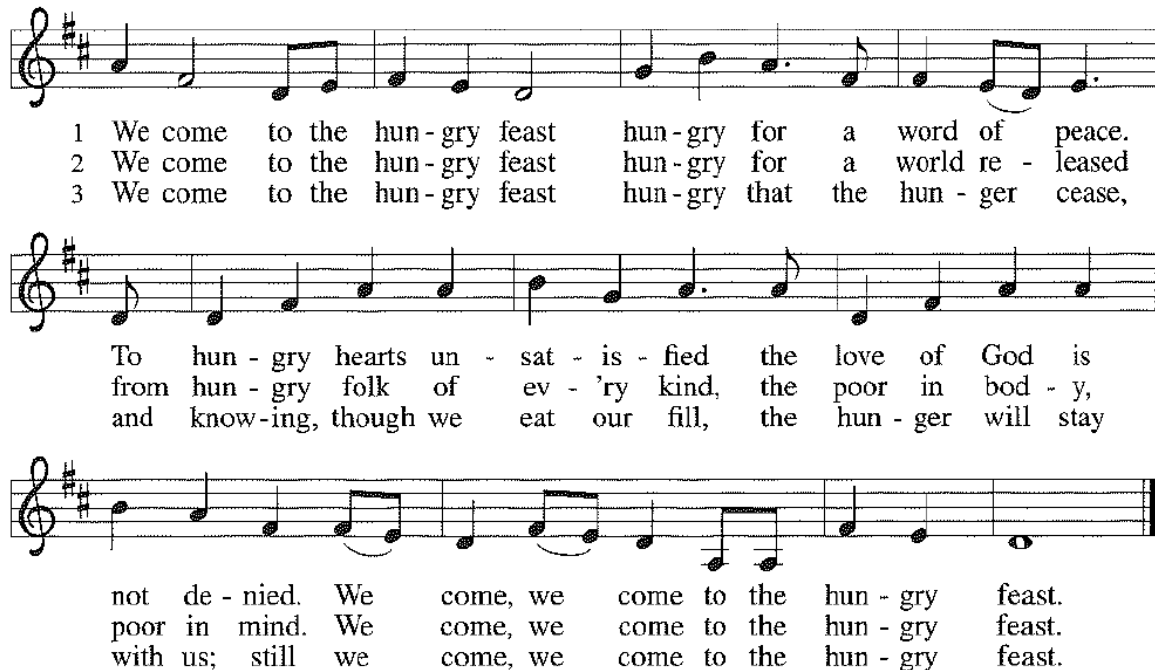
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: We Come to the Hungry Feast

No. 479

We Come to the Hungry Feast

479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Music: Ray Makeever

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Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

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.

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God
✝ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

No. 815



815 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.

Dismissal

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

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Guy Miller
Communion Assistant:	Sally Warner
Usher:	Greg Norman & Brad Stierhoff
Acolyte:	Emma Killingsworth

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Natalie Thompson
Communion Assistant:	Gayle Thompson
Usher:	Denny Sessler & Bonnie Lieb
Acolyte:	Malachi Herrmann

February Altar Care:	Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman
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PRAYER CONCERNS: To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by natural disasters, including North Carolina and California, mass shootings happening nationwide;
FAITH members, including, Mary Ann Neidler; the people of Zion, Sandusky, and Pastor Mike Conklin;
The ministry of Habitat for Humanity in providing housing for low-income working families in our area.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by David & Cathy Wobser in honor of Martha Wobser’s birthday.

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Betty Roeser in memory of Debbie Roeser’s birthday.

DONATIONS TO OUR “PENNY JUG” support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

THIS MORNING’S LOOSE CASH OFFERING (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Lutheran Disaster Response. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

ATTENDANCE

January 26th: 50 + 20 = 70

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S GOODNESS

January 26th

General Fund – \$2,730

Building Improvements – \$610

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
MONDAY	Dartball Castalia @ V1	Norwalk @ V2
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only	9:00 am
	Worship & Music Committee	1:00 pm
	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm

SATURDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer	8:00 am & 10:30 am

GO TEAM! Next Sunday, Super Bowl Sunday, we are asking to show your pride in your favorite sports team. Wear anything (shirt, hat, jewelry, shoes, etc.) to show your support. Football, basketball, baseball, high school, college, or professional – anything goes. Just wear your garb for **Sunday, February 9th!**



THE PUZZLE LIBRARY is almost open! We're in the process of preparing the room, with an estimated date of **February 16th.**

COOKIE TIME: Thank you to Carrie Wiedenheft for hosting after today's service. Come and enjoy a sweet treat in the upstairs gathering room!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... GIVING STATEMENTS are now available. They're located in the hallway to retrieve at your earliest convenience. Thank you for supporting Trinity in 2024!

Trinity will be participating in the **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** for the California wildfire disaster. Please refer to the attached page for donation instructions; if you're so inclined, please take it home.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are currently being accepted for crafting. Please cut the front of your unwanted cards and turn in the design.

YOUNG AT HEART is planning to decorate and distribute cookies to various individuals, groups and organizations for Valentine's Day. Last year 487 cookies were decorated and distributed. **February 12th, 1:00 PM** we will be decorating cookies. **A light lunch will be offered while the cookies are drying.** If you would like to bake cookies to donate (we will decorate,) please contact Nancy Vollmer, Pat Wiedenheft, or Cathy Wobser. They don't need to be heart shaped this year.

IT'S SUB SANDWICH TIME! TODAY you may order your subs for Souper Bowl Sunday on **February 9th!** For \$6.00, choose between a Ham or Turkey sub, including bag of chips, pickle, and some chocolate pieces. The youth group will be baking delicious 3" cookies that you can add to your order for \$1.00. The flavors include M&M, Peanut Butter, or Double Chocolate-Chocolate Chip. Please see the bulletin board across from the church office and sign up today! All orders will need to be picked up and paid for after each worship service on the 9th.

A **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** will be provided by Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia on Wednesday, February 12th from 5-6pm. A courtesy drive-thru is available. The menu is hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread & dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins; please call 419-357-3672 for service.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 9th, from 1-3pm the Congregational Care team invites you to a presentation from Courtney Orshoski about her recent mission trip to Burundi Africa. Courtney was baptized and confirmed at Trinity.

She currently is an active member of the Chapel where she is involved with leading youth groups. She is excited to share her story! This will be for everyone, young or older!

Following the presentation, we'll continue with a PB&J afternoon of fun! **Popcorn, Bingo, and Jesus!** We'll furnish the popcorn and hope you will join us for an afternoon of old-fashioned BINGO! To enhance the fun, please bring a white elephant gift or a new gift, around \$1.00. A bingo receives a prize! As the time gets closer, we'll give out more information on this event.





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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

YOUR LOVE IS NEEDED

The needs of our neighbors in California are growing every hour as wildfires completely destroy homes and communities. Houses, schools, churches, grocery stores, businesses ... all reduced to ashes.

Our partners at Lutheran World Relief are already preparing a response, including sending LWR Quilts and Kits to affected families. The destruction and need are overwhelming.

Right now, the number one need is financial gifts so that the team at Lutheran World Relief can reach our neighbors as quickly as possible.

HOW TO GIVE

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/fires, by scanning the QR code below or by mailing a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write **FIRES** in the memo line.

Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Designate **"LWR FIRES"** when making your gift and we will rush a gift from the church to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you for sharing God's love with our neighbors when and where they need it most.

**Until your love reaches
every neighbor.**



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