

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

January 29, 2023 9:30 AM – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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# WELCOME

# to Holy Trinity

## Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

## **January Celebrations!**

#### **Happy Birthday!**

Linda Swiatocha, Jill Schock, Brian Clement, Donna Elliott, Byrl Short, Mike Gilmore, Mike Cresta, Henry Moore, Mark Beliveau, Beth Frede, Kristen Crawford, Paul Goransson, Alice Vosburg, Heidi Scammon, Tina Maiorino, David Kuck, Yvonne Topping.

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

John & Julie Moore, Bill Clapp and Nany Hansen, Helen and Paul Goransson, Joddy Tirtady & Hannah Mei,

#### A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Emergency Pastoral Contact: If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

#### **Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can

place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian, Sarah Meier, Bob & Judy Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Linda Swiatocha, Jean Klein, Joe Lugalla, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus. Homebound: Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom. Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

*Friends:* Katy and Sherry (Shirley Jackson's daughter and sister), Linda Smith and Bill Hutchins (Jill Larson's friends), Geri Sieg (former member of Holy Trinity), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Monica Amundson (Julie Moore's friend), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter) Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sister), Lynn Geraci (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Robert Gjellstad (Jerry Schock's cousin)

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

#### **NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE**

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness.

#### **LECTIONARY**

This Week: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Next Week: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12];

Psalm 112:1-9 [10];

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16];

Matthew 5:13-20

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Musician(s): Jon Bock, Jon Koelker, and Dick Topping

Choir Director: Jon Koelker

**Sound System:** Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue **Counters:** Barry & Phyllis Philbrick, and Dan Scammon

Altar Guild: Yvonne Topping & Bobbie Febbo

Lector: Bill Kath

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, February 1

9:30 AM: Bible Study THURSDAY, February 2 8:30 AM: Property Team SUNDAY, February 5

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship 10:30 AM: Confirmation class

#### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**Sunday, January 15:** 83 (*In-Person*) + 23 (*Online*) = 106 **Offering:** \$7,264.85 **Sunday, January 22:** 91 (*In-Person*) + 41 (*Online*) = 132 **Offering:** \$3,146.92

#### **Announcements**

#### After worship today, please join us in the Sanctuary for the Annual Meeting.

**Annual Meeting:** All members and attenders are invited to attend our Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary after worship and fellowship. Items on this year's meeting includes the budget discussion, a Call Committee update, new by-laws, a recognition of volunteers serving us and our community, and a vote to send two members to represent us at the synod Assembly in June.

**Ash Wednesday:** Plan now for the start of Lent. Worship services will be offered at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The worship will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

**Thank you for the Christmas Gift:** On behalf of the staff, we want to say thank you for your generosity shown to us last week through the cards and gift we received. It is great to know and feel we are appreciated in our jobs. It is an honor and our pleasure to work with you here at Holy Trinity. Thank You – *Pastor Luther, Mark D, Jon K, Jon B, & Ken G.* 

**Table of Plenty:** Thank you to Holy Trinity for the \$250 donation that was made in support of the Table of Plenty in Berwick, Maine. We take 6th students from Marshwood Middle School there to help prepare meals and in December we did a collection of personal care products to support their ministry. HTELC's donation will provide additional support as they are seeing an increased need for their services during the cold winter months and these challenging economic times. Scott Carson

Indonesian Cooking Night in May: We are planning some opportunities for fellowship between the Holy Trinity 9:30 community and the Imanuel Indonesian 2:00 congregation during 2023. Our first event... do you like cooking? If so, please come to cooking class after 9:30 Worship on May 7 (tentative date)! Open to all ages and cooking skills. We will learn to cook Indonesian nasi goreng (fried rice) and lumpia (springrolls) from our fellow parishoners. We will all help with the chopping, rolling, frying and then sit down to enjoy the lunch we have cooked. Details are under discussion, more information coming soon.

Operation Blessing: Since Covid I have not requested specific food or household items for you to bring to Church to donate to OB. Of course, the need is still great and if you can bring anything in that you think a family might need. Often condiments are needed and in the winter canned fruit and soups and beans. So I will request those items for the remainder of the month and then in February I will request different items that the OB pantry needs. I know we are all experiencing added costs so if you cannot donate, that is fine. But, if you can, that is great. Please put the items in the green buckets under the mail boxes. We are requesting condiments, canned fruits, soups and beans for January. Thank you. ((Of course, any item is appreciated.) Lois Laurence

**Calumet Women's Retreat:** Mark your calendars for the return of the Women's Retreat. The dates this year are March 10-12 and the cost is \$172 for the conference center and five meals.

There will be a planning meeting on Sunday February 5 after the worship service that all are welcome to. We'll have information on how to sign up in February as we will continue to monitor the respiratory illness level as we go forward. Questions? Contact Leslie Carson at carsonsl@maine.rr.com

# **Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - Sunday, January 29, 2023 — 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

#### Welcome

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Please stand as able

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

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, 

  → one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.
- —A brief silence—
- P: Holy One, source of our renewal,
- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.

#### Amen.

- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.

#### Shout to the Lord



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Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech
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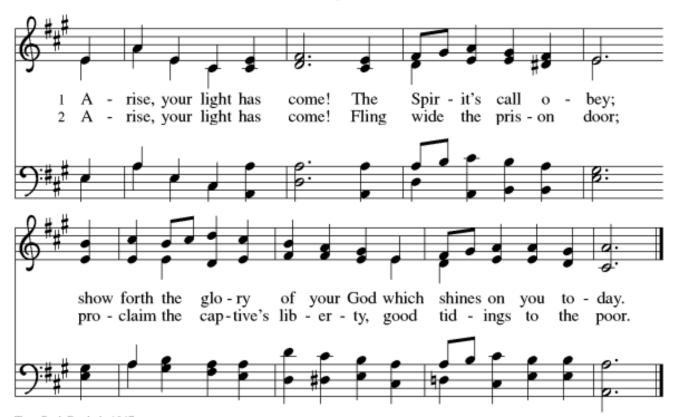
# Greeting

- May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the P: fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

#### **Canticle of Praise**

#### **ELW 314, Verses 1 & 2**

# Arise, Your Light Has Come!



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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## **Prayer of the Day**

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

# **First Reading**

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

## **Second Reading**

- L: A reading from Psalm 15
- L: <sup>1</sup>Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- C: <sup>2</sup>Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;
- L: <sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- C: <sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

L: <sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

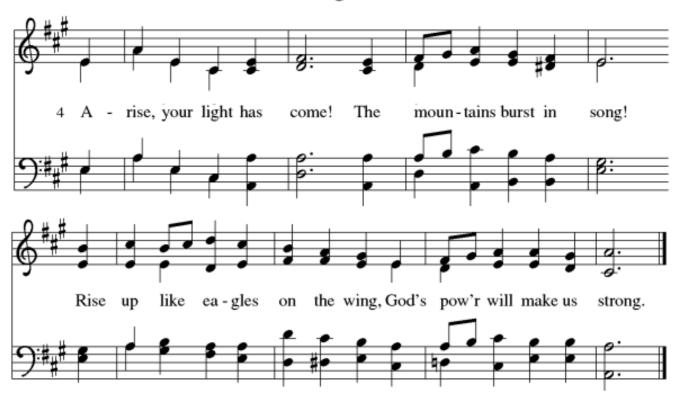
- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

# Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

## Gospel Acclamation ELW 314, Verse 4 — Please stand as able—

# Arise, Your Light Has Come!



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## Gospel

Please stand as able

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew 5:1-12

## C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

—Please be seated—

#### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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#### Nicene Creed

- P: Let us confess our faith using the Nicene Creed.
- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the People**

LD: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

#### —A brief silence—

LD: Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for the members of our call committee as they seek to discern, on our behalf, a new leader to guide us in our mission so that we may move forward together in peace, unity, love and service. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —A brief silence— Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

#### C: Amen.

# The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of the Lord, be with you all.

#### C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

#### **MEAL**

## **Offering**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

## **Offertory Hymn**

**Church Choir** 

## **Offertory Prayer**

—Please stand as able—

P: Let us Pray.

C: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen.

# The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

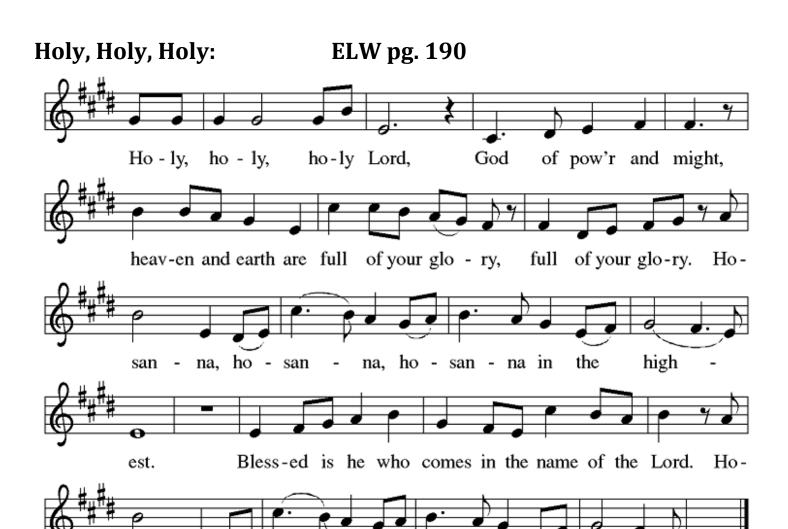
## **Dialogue**

#### -Please remain standing-

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Preface**

P: 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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

- na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

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.

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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.

#### C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

#### C: Amen.

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold 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**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

#### **Communion**

Please be seated—

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

# **Communion Hymns:**

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. **Communion Hymn #1: ELW 496** 

# One Bread, One Body

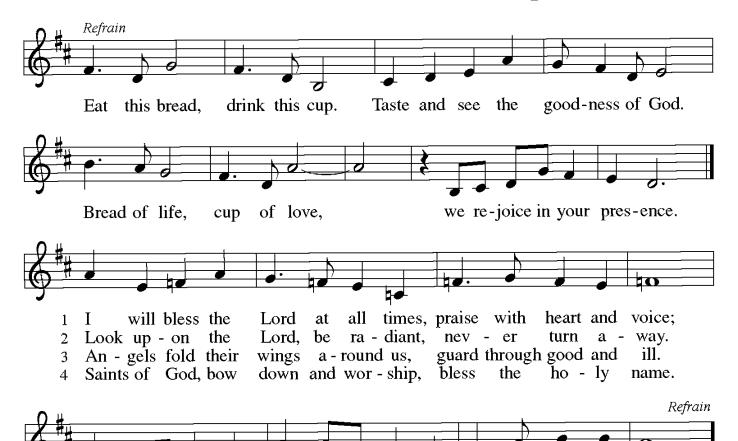


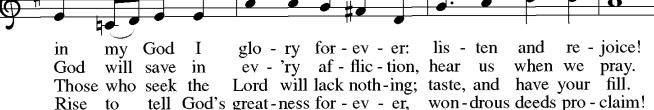
Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ

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# Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup





Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; With One Voice, stanzas, based on Ps. 34 Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young Text and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

#### What Feast of Love



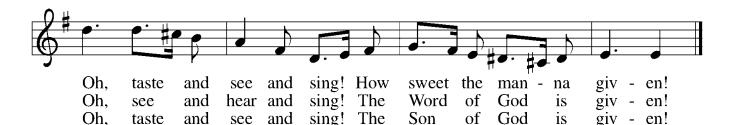
- 1 What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- 2 What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



bread come down from This, this Christ the king, the heav - en. This, this Christ the come down from is king, the sun heav - en. This, this Christ the king, the of is sweet - est wine heav - en.



Text: Delores Dufner, osB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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#### **SENDING**

## The Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

## **Rites of Passage and Announcements**

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

## **Blessing**

—Please stand as able—

Pastor Zeigler will now lead a blessing for the end of our worship service.

#### **Sending Hymn**

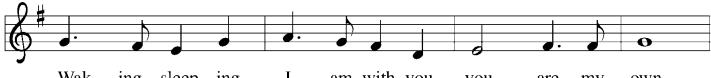
#### **ELW 543**

#### Please stand as able

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil dren, with my bless-ing, nev er a lone. 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil dren, fed and nour-ished, clos er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, am with you, you are my own. Here you learned how love you, what I much Ι cure. can Grow in love and love by serv-ing, ful and free. joy



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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#### Dismissal

LD: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

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