

February 5, 2023 9:30 AM – Fifth 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.

February Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Sappy Lugalla, Chris Burbank, Stephanie Goupil, Somchai Williams, Sarah Cutting, Jo Whiting, Carol Bush, Linda Edwards, Bill Quirk, Mark Cutting, Claire Nania, Susan Duderwicz, Jill Larson, William Pierce, Matthew Rouleau, June Slipp, Jeff Morrison, Julie Moore, and Heather Oliver-Mohr.

Happy Anniversary!

Erik and Stephanie Johnson

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.



To give online, visit

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All Worship Services are livestreamed and available to watch on YouTube after the service ends.

Announcements

Ash Wednesday, February 22: 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*.

Videos of Holy Trinity: The Church office is looking for videos of Holy Trinity for a project, to show the online world how wonderful our church can be. If you have any videos of Holy Trinity ministry gatherings and events (including any HTELC gatherings outside our building such as Dover Friendly Kitchen or End 68 Hours of Hunger), please email your videos to Mark at office@htelc.com

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 Class 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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Sarah Meier, Bob & Judy Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Jean Klein, Joe Lugalla, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Grover Marshall. *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

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock Choir Director: Ken Galle Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue Counters: Barry & Phyllis Philbrick Altar Guild: Julie Moore Lector: Leslie Carson Ushers: Scott and Leslie Carson

LECTIONARY

This Week: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20

Next Week: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, February 8 9:30 AM: Bible Study THURSDAY, February 9 8:30 AM: Property Team SUNDAY, February 12 9:30 AM: Sunday Worship 10:30 AM: Confirmation class

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, January 22: Sunday, January 29: 91 (In-Person) + 41 (Online) = 132Offering: \$3,146.9287 (In-Person) + 21 (Online) = 108Offering: \$3,204.03

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Sunday, February 5, 2023 — 9:30 a.m. Traditional 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.

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.

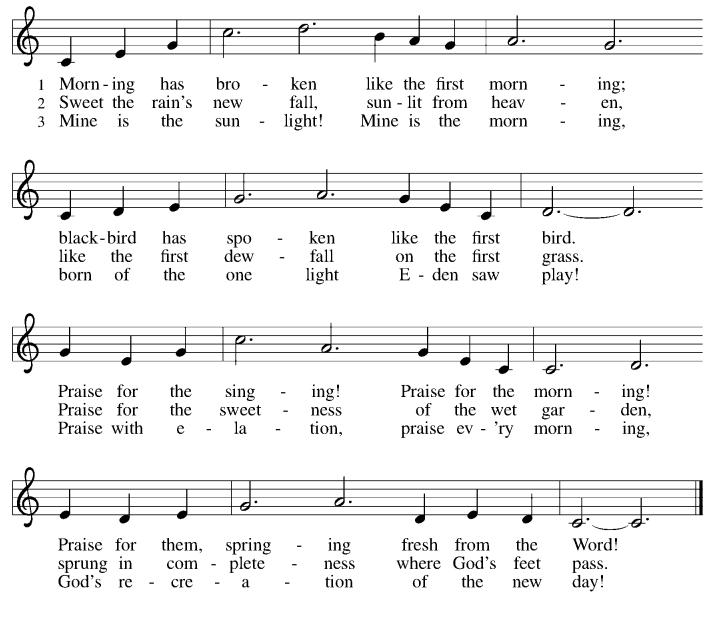
Amen.

- C: Amen.

Gathering Song

ELW 556 — Please remain standing—

Morning Has Broken



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, admin. David Higham Associates

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

ELW 417

In His Temple Now Behold Him



Text: Henry J. Pye, 1825–1903, alt. Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through 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 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

- L: A reading from Psalm 112:1-9
- L: ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!
- C: ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- L: ³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- C: ⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- L: ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- C: ⁶For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

L: ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

C: ⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

L: ⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

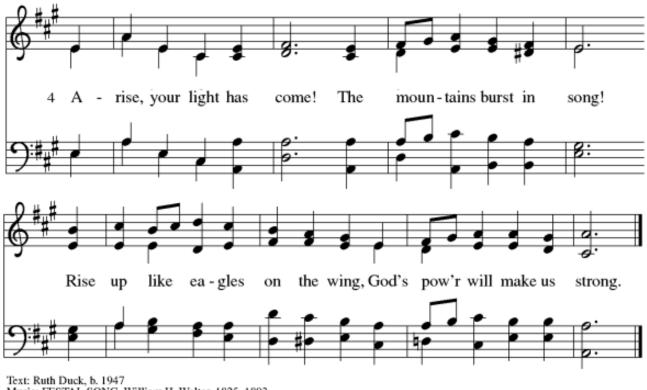
- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

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

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew 5:13-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

-Please be seated-

Hymn of the Day

ELW 688

- Please stand as able-

Lord of Light



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Nicene Creed

LD: 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: Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. 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: Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way. 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

- 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.

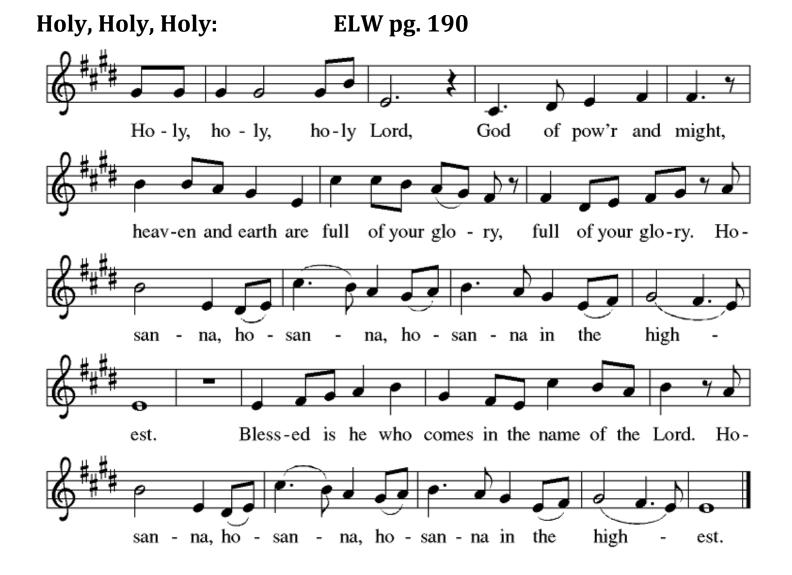
Dialogue

-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.

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.

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

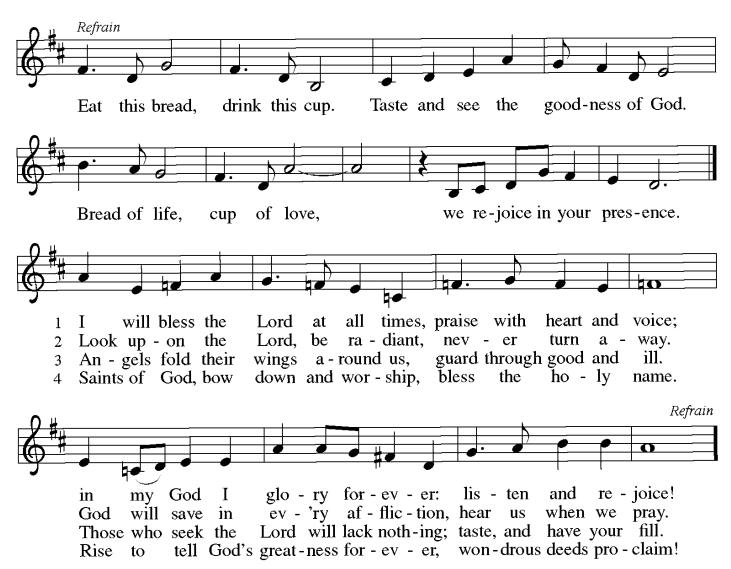
Please be seated—

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 492**

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.

Communion Hymn #2: ELW 488

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness





Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

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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.



Text: Delores Dufner, osB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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