



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

February 11, 2024 9:30 AM - Transfiguration of our Lord



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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!

Chris Burbank, Stephanie Goupil, Sarah Cutting, Jo Whiting, Lind Edwards, Mark Cutting, Jill Larson, Matthew Rouleau, June Slipp, Jeff Morrison, VJ Strehl, Julie Moore, Heather Oliver-Mohr.

Happy Anniversary!

(No February Anniversaries)

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.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor's Office: *Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. 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, Alice Peterson, Don Gindlesperger, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson, Lynda Johnson. **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, June Slipp. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot, Ian Connors.

Partners in Ministry: ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

Friends: Phil Cahners (Bobbie Febbo's son-in-law), David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother), Erin Goodman (Jessica Feeley's friend), Róisín Ruane (April Murphy's friend), Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's Brother-in-law), Cinda DeWerff & Dane Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's sister & brother).

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

LECTIONARY

This Week: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Next Week: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Choir Director: Jon Koelker

Sound System & Live Stream: Franklyn Vosburg

Lector: Jeremiah Sihotang

Counters: Bill & Julie Kath

Liturgical Deacon: Julie Kath

Altar Guild: Julie Moore

Greeters: Tim & Susan Althof

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, February 14

NO Bible Study

7:00 PM: Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, February 15

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, February 18

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, January 21:	91 (In-Person) + 33 (Online) = 124	Offering: \$6,665.68
Sunday, January 28:	100 (In-Person) + 56 (Online) = 156	Offering: \$8,658.00
Sunday, February 4:	101 (In-Person) + 18 (Online) = 119	Offering: \$11,026.35

Announcements

Baptized into Christ this morning is Lenora June Larson, daughter of Bruce & Elise Larson, granddaughter of Bill & Jill Larson.

Adult Forum will be held after worship, hosted by Pastor Luther. This forum is entitled, "Living into Lent".

Faith Formation will hold two children's activities: Learn about Lent, February 11th and Prepare for Easter, March 10th after the service. For our confirmands, high school youth, and young adults (18-35), if you would like to participate in the spring confirmation retreat or the National Youth and Young Adult Gatherings this summer in New Orleans, please reach out now to the church office. Beginning in April, we would also like to start planning for Camp Calumet scholarships and Vacation Bible School. Look for more information next month. Thank you, Lara Scammon

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – 7:00 PM: Plan now for the start of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, there will be only ONE Worship service offered at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The worship will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. This service will be livestreamed.

There will be NO Bible Study on Wednesday, February 14. We will resume Bible Study on 2/21, at 4:30 PM.

The Season of Lent: Beginning on Wednesday, February 21, and lasting through all of Lent, Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM instead of its usual time. All are welcome to stay after Bible Study for a Soup Supper at 5:30 PM, and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM.

Women's Retreat at Calumet March 1-3: Is your life a maze or a labyrinth? Join us for a fun filled weekend at Calumet just about an hour north of HTELC on beautiful Lake Ossipee. The cost for the weekend is \$190 that includes 2 nights lodging and meals. Please see the poster in the gathering area for all the details. Sign up by getting the registration form to Leslie Carson by February 18. Questions? Leslie Carson at carsonsl@maine.rr.com

Youth and Young Adults: This summer the ELCA is sponsoring a national gathering for youth and young adults in New Orleans from July 16-20. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know other Lutheran young people from around the country, to worship together, and to explore one of the nation's great cities. More information can be found at <https://www.elca.church/gathering>. Youth are defined as students currently enrolled in eighth grade to twelfth grade; young adults are defined as people eighteen to thirty-five years old. If you are interested in learning more, please email Pastor Luther at pastorluther@htelc.com.

Updating our Church Prayer List: As you know, each week our Sunday bulletin contains on the inside pages a "prayer list" of people for whom we pray each week. One of the challenges of such a list is keeping it regularly updated. If your name (or someone in your family) is on the list currently and is no longer in need of prayer, please notify Mark in the office to remove it. Likewise, if you want your name to stay on the prayer list or be added to it, please let him know. We very much want our prayer list to be

accurate! In the future, we are going to be more consistent in adhering to the rule that names will stay on the list for six weeks and then be removed unless a request is made to remain on the list. Thank you!

Operation Blessing: As many of you know Betty and I volunteer at OB on Fridays. Last week we noted that there were no toddler clothes. (2, 3: 4, and 5 toddler.) If you know of anyone who has young children, perhaps they have outgrown toddler clothes that are in good condition, please ask if they would donate these. You can bring them to Holy Trinity and place them in the green receptacles under the mailboxes. We can also always use children and adult clothes in good condition. The food we are specially asking for the month of February is pasta and sauce, and peanut butter. Thank you all for your kindness. – Betty Smith & Lois Laurence

A Letter from the family of Geri & Ernie Sieg

To friends at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Geri Sieg walked into the arms of Jesus on December 18. We wanted to acknowledge our parents' devotion to our Lord and to Holy Trinity and what an impact this congregation had on her and them. Geri and Ernie were long-time, faithful members at Holy Trinity. Mom continued to come to church after Dad's journey to heaven in 2008 though mobility for her was more difficult with each passing year, from cane to walker. Those of you who knew Mom remember that she wouldn't miss church—or anything else--other than being sick, which was rare. She drew strength from Jesus as well as the HT community. Both parents enjoyed singing and were faithful members of the choir, and Mom continued to sing her alto part until a few years



before she moved to North Carolina four years ago to be near her son Stu and family. Mom was consistently the last person to leave church each Sunday after she'd had conversation with everyone she could find. She loved people and always wanted to find out how others were doing, how their families were, and their latest news. Mom and Dad were friends of young people as well as their contemporaries, and they were comfortable sharing with all age levels. They became "adopted" parents and grandparents to several in this congregation, which gave Mom and Dad great joy to be part of others' families since their own children and grandchildren lived in other states. Mom enjoyed listening to and watching the Holy Trinity service on her phone after she left, and thank you for sending her the link each Sunday. Since Mom no longer had her car, this was church for her and helped her to feel a part of the community even from far away. Mom was a prayer warrior and always supported the Prayer Tree by interceding for others' needs as well as adding our family needs to those prayers. She firmly believed in the power of prayer to our Lord Jesus, and to her dying day she loved to pray and pass along prayer requests from her friends so that we would pray for those needs. Thank you for loving on our parents, pouring your lives into theirs and allowing them to be a part of yours. They lived out their faith in word and deed, and anyone who knew them benefited from their joy and wisdom. One verse that comes to mind to describe their faith is from Nehemiah 8:10b: "The joy of the LORD is my strength."

With grateful hearts, The Sieg family

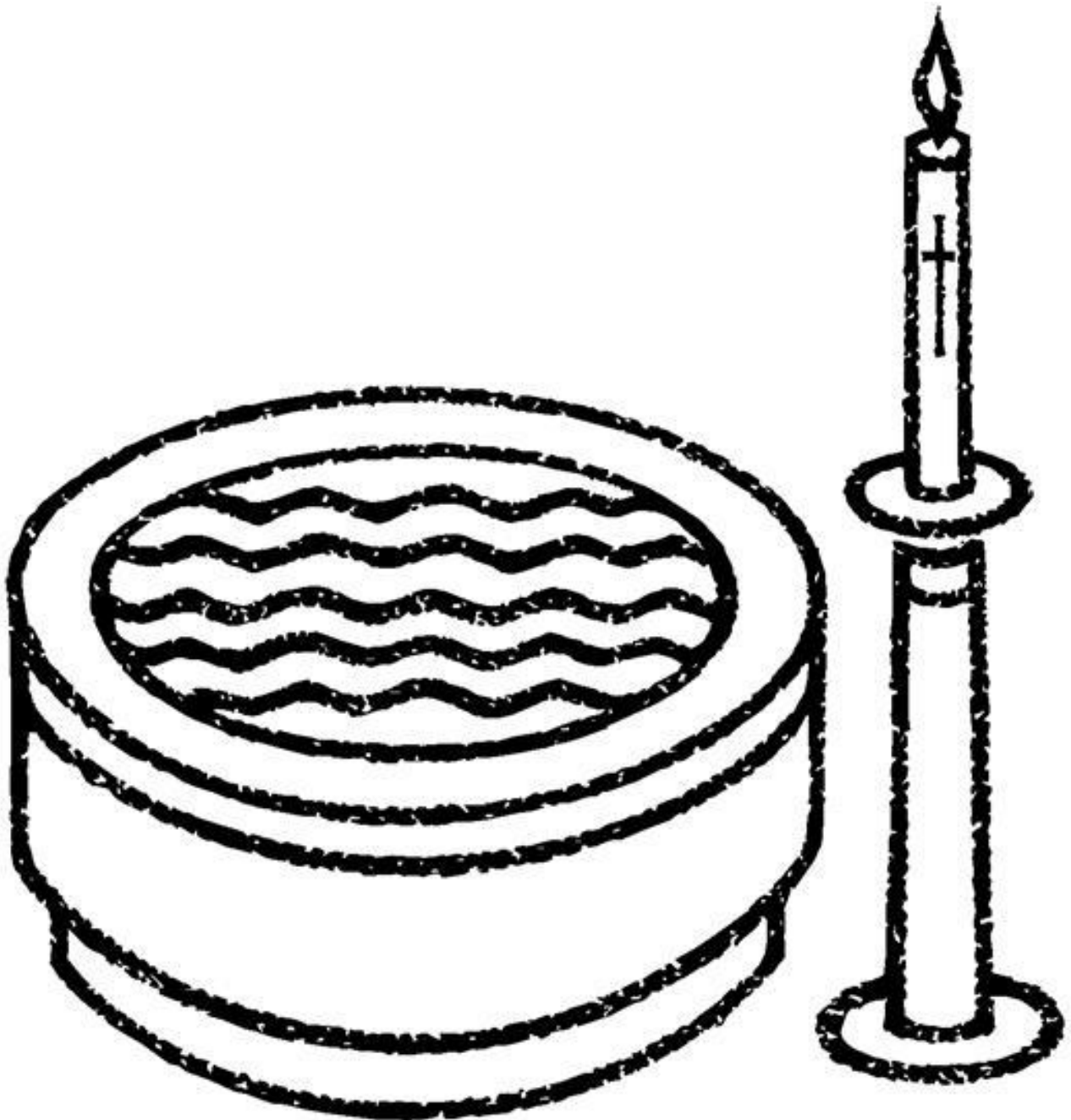
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Welcome

Opening Acclamation

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.



Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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The Baptism

Children are invited to sit in front of the font. Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. The candidate for baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: We present Lenora June Larson for baptism.

P: Bruce & Elise, do you promise to raise your child in the Christian life, keeping the commitments of baptism, including helping her:

To live among God's faithful people;

To hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;

To grow in faith and nurture a life of prayer;

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ in word and deed;

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus; and

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Bruce and Elise: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Godparents, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith, as you are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: I now ask this congregation whether you promise to support this child and pray for her in her life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

The Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors. The assembly may join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lenora June, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays.

P: Sustain Lenora June with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: Lenora June, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

LD: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

LD: Let us welcome the newly baptized, Lenora June Larson.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Baptismal Hymn

ELW 456

—Please remain standing—

Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard

thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 50:1-6

L: Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively.

L: ¹The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken;

calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: ²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God shines forth in glory.

L: ³Our God will come and will not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

C: ⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above

to witness the judgment of the people.

L: ⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

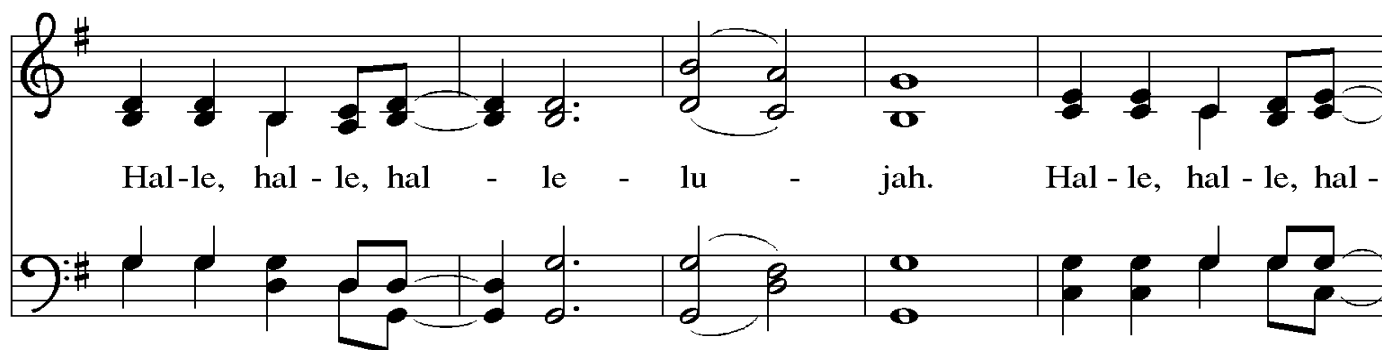
C: ⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,

for it is God who is judge.

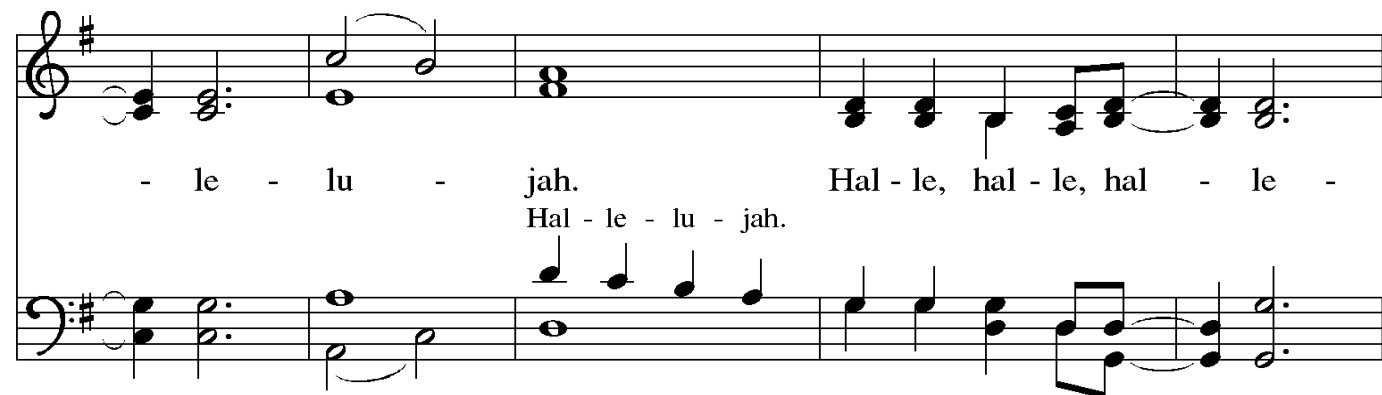
Gospel Acclamation

ELW 172

— Please stand as able—



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 9:2-9

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

— Please be seated—

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us, play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us. mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick
 Music: SHINE, JESUS, SHINE, Graham Kendrick

Prayers of the People

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

— **A brief silence**—

LD: We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for any who are sick and suffering. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — **A brief silence**— God of Grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the New England Synod, and their leaders. We also pray for all of our partners in mission and ministry, locally and abroad. God of Grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: 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.

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.

Choir Anthem

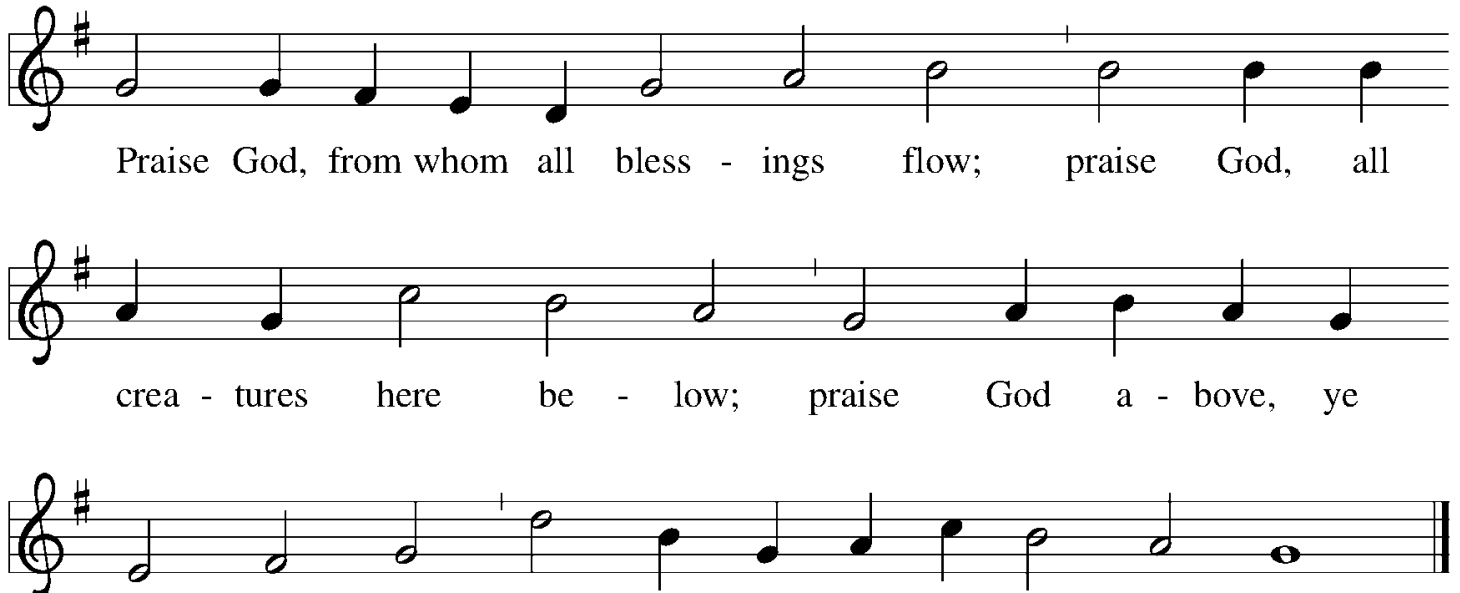
Offertory Song

ELW 885

—Please stand as able—

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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.

Opening Dialogue

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. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

—To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy—

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who

Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

P: 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

**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: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

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

Communion Hymns

— Please be seated—

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 479 - We Come to the Hungry Feast.

ELW 491 – Come, Let Us Eat.

ELW 471 – Let Us Break Bread Together

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Prayer after Communion

—Please stand as able—

P: Let us pray.

C: **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

SENDING

Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

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 Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

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



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.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

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 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.



***Wednesdays during Lent
Beginning Feb. 21***

Bible Study (4:30)

Lenten Soup Supper (5:30)

Holden Evening Prayer (6:30)

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Sunday Adult Forums

**February 18 – Bonhoeffer’s Life Together,
Session 1: “Community Life”**

**February 25 – Bonhoeffer’s Life Together,
Session 2: “Worshipping Together”**

**March 3 – Bonhoeffer’s Life Together,
Session 3: “Service”**



Pictured: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

