Sunday, January 26, 2025 Third Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion

\* stand +kneel

#### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** Glorified, Blessed and Worthy Lyndell Leatherman

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C- Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P- Merciful God,

C- 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.

P- 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.
C- Amen.

### GATHERING SONG Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem er's praise.
- 2 My gra cious Mas ter and my God, as sist me to pro claim,
- 3 The name of Je sus charms our fears and bids our sor rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace! to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Azmon, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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### **GREETING (ELW p. 138)**

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

#### \*KYRIE



## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P- Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### C- Amen.

The assembly is seated.

#### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

#### FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the LORD is your strength."

<sup>1</sup> All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

*The assembly responds:* 

#### Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 19**

- The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup> their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,

## where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

- <sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;

## nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- <sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- <sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can detect one's own offenses?

## Cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

 $^{\mbox{\tiny 14}}$  Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

The reading may be concluded: Word of God, word of life. The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 



#### **GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

The gospel is announced.

P- The holy gospel according to Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

## C- Glory to you, O Lord.

P- <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### **SERMON**

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

### HYMN OF THE DAY Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)

# Let Streams of Living Justice



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#### **ALL-\*APOSTLE'S 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.

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

## A brief silence.

P- As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace,

## C- hear our prayer.

P- As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery (*especially*). God of grace,

## C- hear our prayer.

P- As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world (especially parish nurses, fellowship hosts, worship leaders, council, and committee members). God of grace,

## C- hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P- As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church (*especially Timothy, Titus, Silas, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe*), and beloved friends and family who have died (*especially*). God of grace, **C- hear our prayer.** 

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

### C- Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

## C- And also with you.

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

**BELL ANTHEM** Soundscape John C. Dare

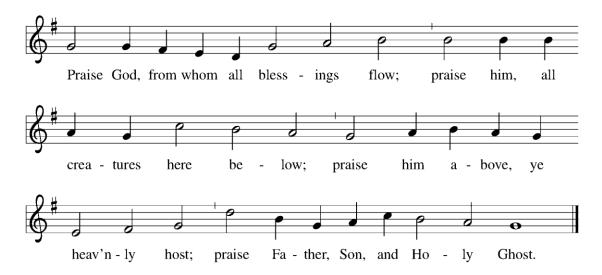
The assembly is seated.

#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### OFFERING Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (ELW 884)

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer. Let us pray.

P- 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.

C- Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE SPOKEN**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

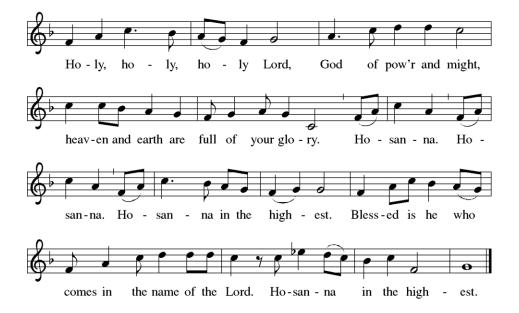
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **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.

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



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P- Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P- Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C- Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P- With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

C- Come, Lord Jesus.

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

C- Come, Holy Spirit.

P- All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. C- Amen.

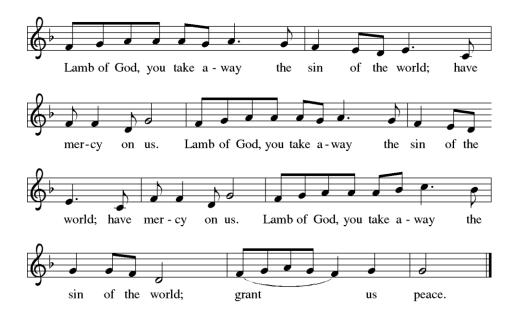
## ALL\_LORD'S PRAYER

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- The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## \*COMMUNION SONG



#### **COMMUNION**

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

P- The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

The ministers commune either after or before others commune.

#### \*TABLE BLESSING

The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you

and keep you in his grace.

C- Amen.

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

P- 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.

C- Amen.

## **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **BLESSING**

P- The Spirit of the triune God

→ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C- Amen.

SENDING SONG Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)

# Christ, Be Our Light



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### **DISMISSAL**

- P- Go in peace. Live in hope.
- C- Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE- Sing To God With Heart And Voice Mark L. Williams

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**Important** Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

**Prayer Requests** – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

**Pastoral Coverage** —Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request. If you and/or a family member are ill at home and not able to attend church, please contact the church office so that Pastor Marie can bring communion to your home.

**Reminder: Hospital visits -**The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

### Attendance for Jan 19, 2025, service cancelled.

On the first weekend of every month there will be a donation collected for Helping Harvest. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the Pottsville Soup Kitchen after they closed.

On Sunday, February 9th, Social Ministry will sponsor our annual "Souper Bowl Sunday." Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations would be appreciated. The food items will be given to the Sch. Haven Food Pantry, and the monetary donations will be given to Helping Harvest. Thank you for your generosity.

Please use only envelopes marked 2025 for your offerings. If you have not received envelopes for 2025, please contact the office so the number can be recorded to your name.

There are some Annual report articles still missing. I need them as soon as possible as the deadline for printing is Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Linda

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Feb 1-5 pm Spoken service

Feb 2- Helping Harvest donations received

Feb 2-8 am and 10:30 am

Feb 9- Souper Bowl Sunday

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

No service

## The 2025 Weekly giving needed for budget is \$3,166.75.

## "THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

**Today:** 10:30 am Worship Service no communion

**Monday:** Prayer Shawl

<u>Thursday:</u> 6 pm Bell rehearsal **Saturday:** 5 pm spoken service

**Next Sunday:** 8 and 10:30 am Worship Service

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 Tues: Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12

Wed: Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44 Thu: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48 Fri: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10 Sat: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51

#### **ASSISTING AT WORSHIP**

Greeter: 10:30 am Jessica Rollman Acolyte: 10:30 am Sadie Tokarick Lector: 10:30 am Harry Schwenk Ushers: 10:30 am Mike Troxell

Counting Team: Holly Maldonado, Brian Staller

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