

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 6, 2022**

**8:00 am and 10:30 am**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult*

Wood

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

***Stand***

**HYMN:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

*Printed on the next page.*

# Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

### *Kneel/Stand*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

- P** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.

*Stand*

**GREETING**

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

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

**A** A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Here ends the reading.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 138** *(The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)*

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and <sup>1</sup> praise your name,  
because of your <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness;**

<sup>3</sup>for you have glori- <sup>1</sup> fied your name  
and your word a- <sup>1</sup> bove all things.

<sup>4</sup>**When I called, you <sup>1</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>1</sup> strength within me.**

<sup>5</sup>All the kings of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup> of your mouth.

<sup>6</sup>**They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Though the LORD be high, he cares <sup>1</sup> for the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty <sup>1</sup> from afar.

<sup>8</sup>**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>1</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>1</sup>  
hand shall save me.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will make good his pur- <sup>1</sup> pose for me;  
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works <sup>1</sup> of your  
hands.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

**A** A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you— unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some

have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Stand**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The choir sings the Verse.*

Jesus says, <sup>1</sup> Follow me,  
and I will make you <sup>1</sup> fish for people.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 5:1-11

*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.*

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

*Sit*  
SERMON

Pastor Weleck

*Stand*  
*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*  
*Printed on the next page.*

## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

***Stand***

*The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.*

**APOSTLES CREED**

**☐** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**☑** **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 into hell.  
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

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly  
baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our  
growth in grace.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase  
of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and  
among peoples.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of  
war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit,  
for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day  
will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and  
especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete  
their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

*The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.*

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

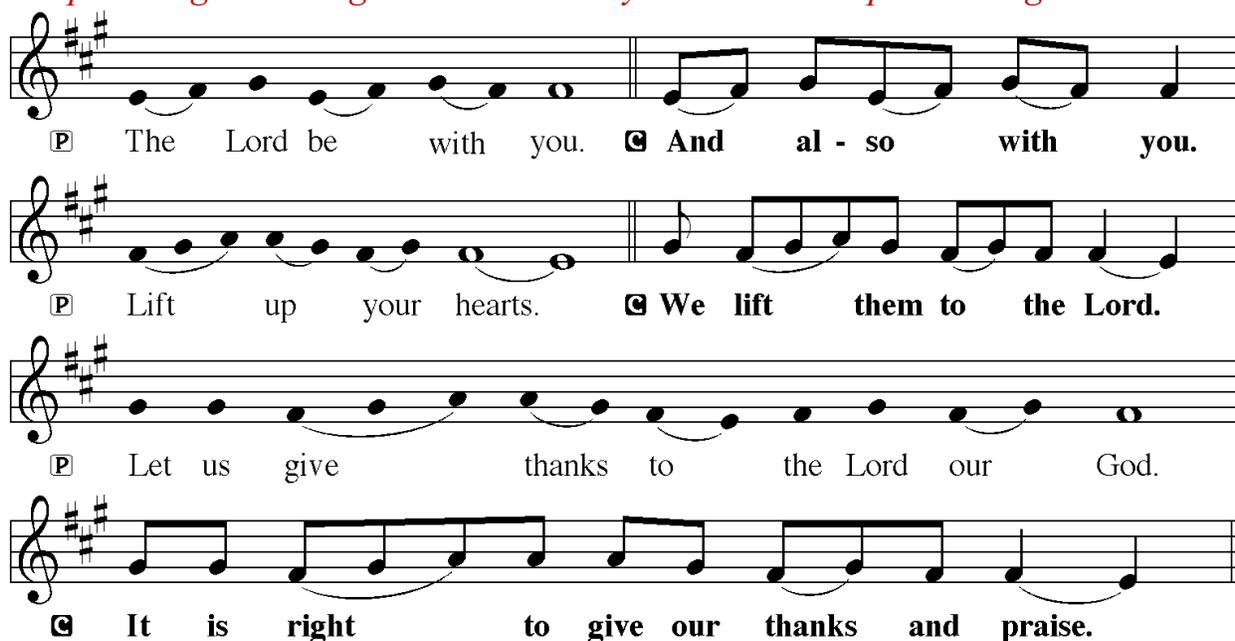
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:*



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

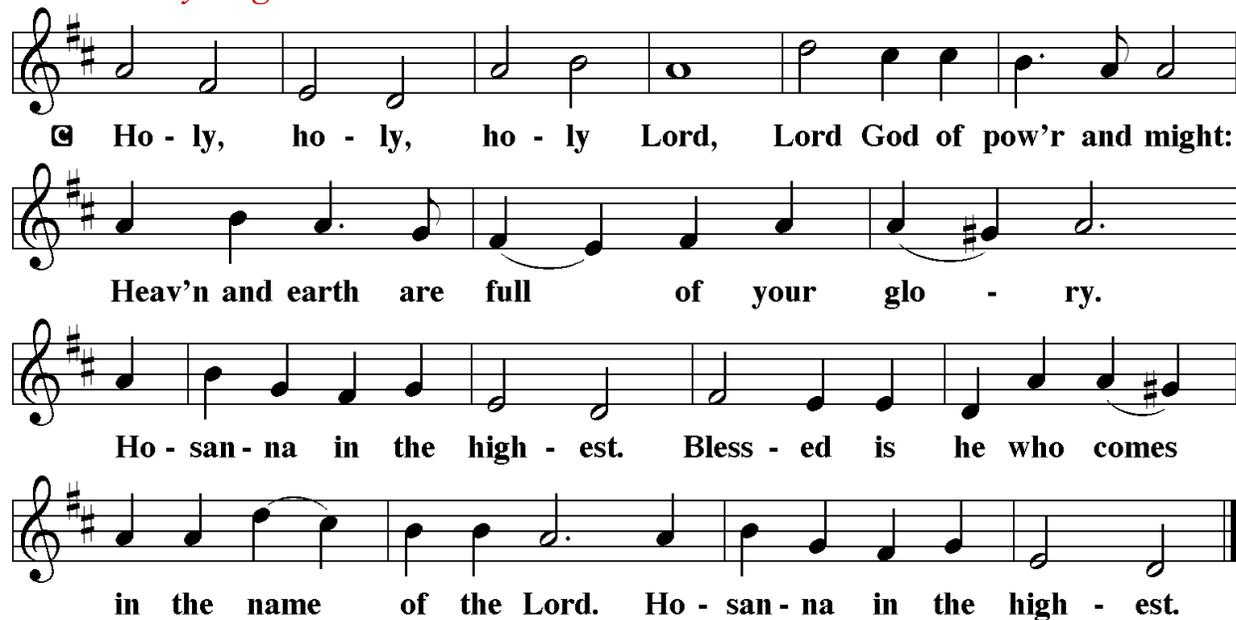
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:*

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*The assembly sings the SANCTUS:*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.*

**P** 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.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C** **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** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**C** **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*Sit*

**COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.      The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

**R** Amen.

*We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.*

*Music during Communion:*

**LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

Their fishing nets were empty when they first saw the Lord.  
All night they had been fishing in the waters by the shore.  
The Lord said, "Go to deep waters, cast your nets once more."  
And because they obeyed, they would never be the same.  
Go to deep waters, deep waters, Where only faith will let you go.  
Go out to deep waters, deep waters, Harvests of faith will overflow.

They cast their nets and almost before they could begin  
Their nets were overflowing and they had to pull them in.  
And though this was their greatest catch, their fishing days would end.  
For they abandoned all when they heard the Master's call.  
Go to deep waters, deep waters, Where only faith will let you go.  
Go out to deep waters, deep waters, Harvests of faith will overflow. Go.

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***Stand***

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- G** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- A** Let us pray.  
We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you  
and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- G** Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C** A - men, A - men, A - men.

DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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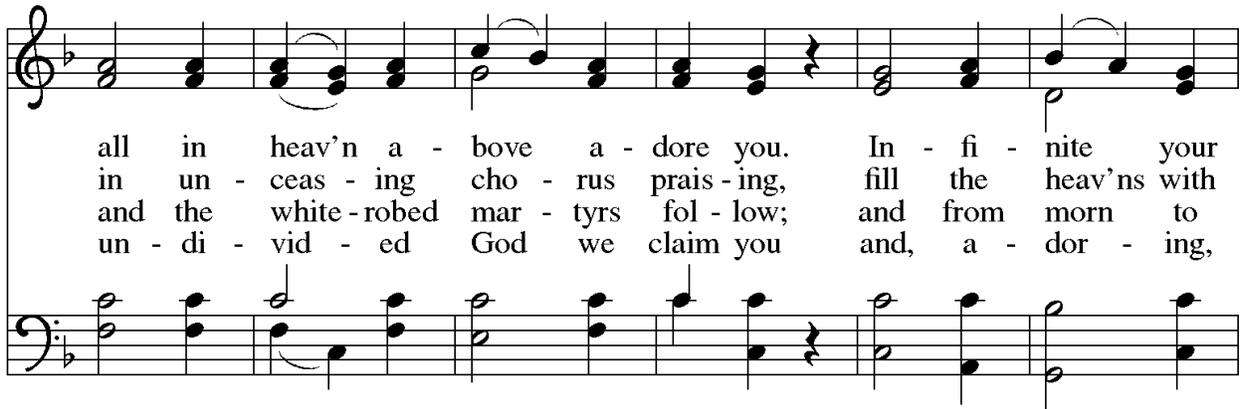
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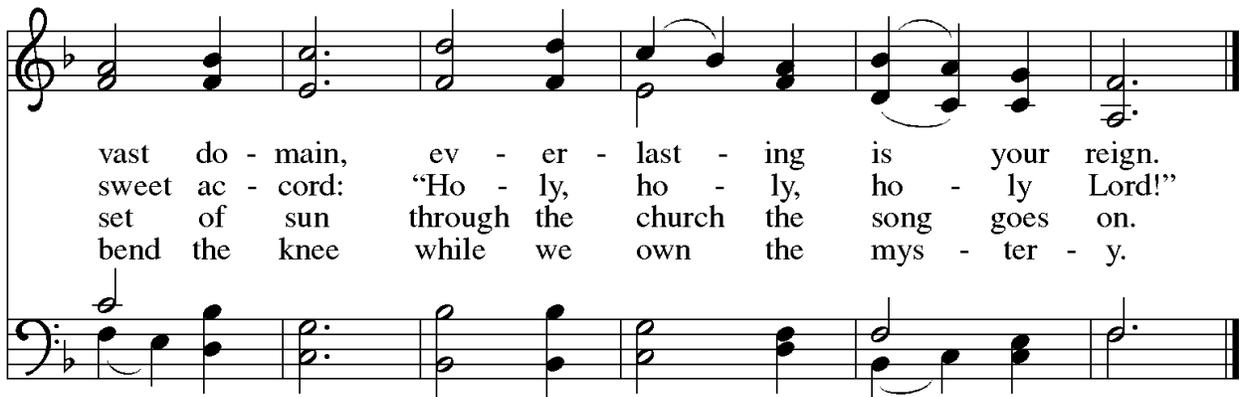
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## OFFERING

*The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

**POSTLUDE:** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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**The Christmas Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

**On Sundays for which the color is green**, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

**The liturgical color green**, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.



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**The 2022 Congregational Meeting Part 1, scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> will be postponed until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to the high volume of COVID and the flu, the Vestry thought it was best to postpone the meeting.**

Worship Assistants

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, Mike Beattie, and Mike Taylor

Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller      10:30 am: Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: Sally Sweeney and Linda Romano

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Lois Robinson, and Frank DePaul

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Ken and Stacie Missimer in loving memory of wife and Mother Sherry, and Mother and Father Mary and Harold Missimer.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Karen McClain in loving memory of Grandmother Margaret Ithen Van Hee.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Long and family in loving memory of Ruth Lefever Long.

Altar Guild Help Wanted: Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays.

They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience

Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed: Did you know Augustus's WELCA has a prayer group? People are invited to call the leader of the group, Carol Oelschlager, or the church office with prayer requests and a group of folks will say special prayers based on these requests. This group is now seeking additional people to pray for our congregants and friends. If you are interested in participating, please call Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109

## **AUGUSTUS SPRING TURKEY DINNER / CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR:**



As we commence a new calendar year, it is once again time to start looking into the feasibility of the Spring Turkey Dinner event and our commitment to global missionaries. As I am sure that everyone has endured many changes over the past few years, the Turkey Dinner is no exception. Since the success of the event greatly relies on the support of local businesses, the community, the general church congregation, and available resources, the committee is evaluating its feasibility for this year and beyond.

Unfortunately, there are many obstacles for the committee to overcome, which include obtaining cost effective products and supplies, food

production with limited equipment, transporting food for 500 guests the day of, and confidence that we have the volunteer working staff to pull off the event. In the past, we have also piggy-backed off of a caterer to help with supplies, food prep, and resources. Unfortunately, this caterer's business did not survive the pandemic. That being said, the committee is currently looking to add 4-6 dedicated people who would be willing to help see this fundraiser through all of its stages, planning, production, the event day, and clean-up, with intense activity during the month of April. Maybe you have resources or connections to culinary expertise. Maybe you can dedicate substantial time during the week prior to the turkey dinner to prepare food. Maybe you have connections to local commercial kitchen resources. There are many complications and logistic issues that the committee feels they can work through, if they have a dedicated congregation, business, and volunteer support behind them. Please prayerfully consider joining the dedicated Turkey Dinner / Craft & Vendor Fair committee by reaching out to Dale O'Hara at [oharadvd@aol.com](mailto:oharadvd@aol.com) or 610-489-0417 and showing your support. We will need to make a decision about the future of the Turkey Dinner by mid-March.