

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SMITHFIELD**  
**January 25, 2026 - 9:30 am**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**



**PRELUDE** (words for following)

## Awaken The Dawn

Stuart Gerrard

Sing to the Lord with all of your heart, sing to the glory that's due to his name.  
Sing to the Lord with all of your soul, join all of heaven and earth to proclaim.

You are the Lord, the Savior of all; God of creation we praise you.  
We sing the songs that awaken the dawn, God of creation we praise you.

Sing to the Lord with all of your mind, with understanding give thanks to the King.  
Sing to the Lord with all of your strength, living your lives as a praise offering.

You are the Lord, the Savior of all; God of creation we praise you.  
We sing the songs that awaken the dawn, God of creation we praise you.

God of creation we praise you.  
God of creation we praise . . . you!

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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**GREETING** (adapted from *This Far By Faith - Isaiah 60, Psalm 27*)

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Lift up your eyes and look around:

**We gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Your sun will never set again.

**The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

Your moon will wane no more.

**The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

The days of your sorrow shall end. Whom shall we fear?

**Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life. Amen**

Alleluia. Christ is Here

*Chorus*

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Christ is here.

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Sal-va - tion ap - pears.

The musical notation for the chorus consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

*Verse 1*

God's Word is spo - ken and heard; we are set free.

A light un - to our path; we all can see.

The musical notation for Verse 1 consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

*Verse 2*

God's pres - ence to have and to hold, in the bread and the wine;

The feast of vic - to - ry, God's love di - vine.

The musical notation for Verse 2 consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

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*continued*

*Verse 3*



Bless-ing, hon - or, glo - ry and might, be to God and the Lamb.



All the peo - ple of God are sing - ing for-ev - er, A - men!

*Final Chorus*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is here.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sal - va - tion ap - pears.



Al - le - lu - ia!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. Lord God,  
**your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING - Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM - Psalm 27:1, 4-9 - read responsively**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 1:1--18**

<sup>0</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Celtic Alleluia**

Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker / ELW 174

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

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL - Matthew 4:12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM** (words for following)

## Give More Love

Richard Starkey (Ringo Starr) / Gary Nicholson - 2017

Sometimes this world can be a hard place,  
We wonder where we go from here;  
So many hurting bad, lost everything they had,  
It's hard to know what we can do

Give more love, give more love,  
It's what we know we need more of.  
From the heart let it start to spread to everyone  
Now it's up to you, there's something you can do  
Give more love, give more love, give more love.

So many times when hearts are broken,  
So many angry words get spoken.  
Let's all try to understand, reach out a helping hand  
Find a way to make it right

Give more love . . .

There's got to be another way  
To get us to a better day.  
Together we can make a change.

Give more love . . .

**SERMON BY; The Rev. Carl D. Shankweiler**

**GIVEN BY; Dana Strohl**

# You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

## *Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
fish - nets and will for work - ing.  
will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
Friend, you have come to call me.

### *Refrain / Estribillo*



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We confess our faith together:

**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**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was  
needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to  
seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do  
justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers us in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives our sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give us strength to live for  
others, and bless us with the gift of peace.

**Amen**

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema / ELW 752



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your child-ren pray ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority (*local and national officials may be named*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick (*especially*). We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters (*individuals or situations may be named*). Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

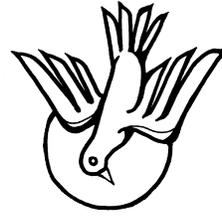
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We share the peace.*



## OFFERING

### Create in Me

Mary Rice Hopkins - W&P 35

Cre - ate in me \_\_\_ a clean heart, O God, \_\_\_ that I might serve \_\_\_  
you; \_\_\_ cre - ate in me \_\_\_ a clean heart, O God, \_\_\_ that I might be re -  
newed. So fill \_\_\_ me and heal \_\_\_ me, and bring me back to you. \_\_\_ Cre-  
ate in me \_\_\_ a clean heart, O God, \_\_\_ that I might serve \_\_\_ you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. God of majesty,

**no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## COMMUNION GREETING

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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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**



## Lamb of God

Sara Thomsen

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon  
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world, grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## COMMUNION

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

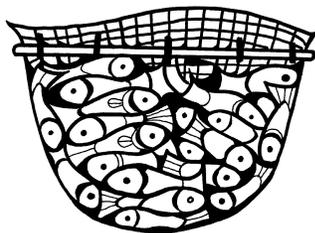
## BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Let us pray together Radiant God,  
**we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in our mouths  
and tuned our hearts for praise  
✠ bless us now and forever.  
**Amen.**



# Rejoice in the Mission

Dan Bielenberg, arr. Dori Edwards / W&P 120

1. Oh, the Lord came down from heav'n, ti - ny ba - by, great phy -  
2. As we pon - der and we plan in this age of great tran -

si-cian, gave his bod - y and his blood to live out a ho - ly mis-sion.  
si-tion, we will keep the word of God at the heart of each de - ci - sion.

His dis - ci - ples, they went out to ful - fill the great com -  
Praise the Fa - ther, Lord of love; praise the Christ, in glo - ry

mis-sion; with a seed of faith so small, learned a dif - f'rent kind of  
ris - en; praise the Spir - it, by whose pow'r we will share the gifts we're

fish - in'. Will we go? And we'll all share the  
giv - en as we go.

vi-sion, who in Christ we all shall be. Come, re - joice in the mis-sion of a

new com-mun - i ty. In this place where we gath-er, Je - sus,

still our rest-less souls; to your Spir - it we will lis-ten. We will go.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**