

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Worship**  
**Sunday, February 13, 2022 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
*Setting One of the ELW*

Morris Casper – Temple Talk on Refugees

Prelude - *Andante from Sonata No. 1 in C Major by Josef Rheinberger*

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**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.**

**C** **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.

**C** **Amen.**

**Gathering Song - Let Streams of Living Justice**

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**Greeting**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

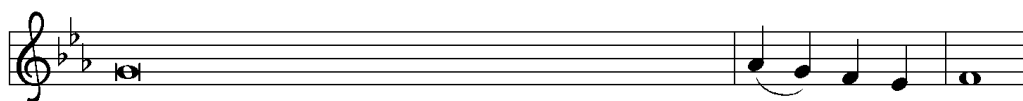
**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



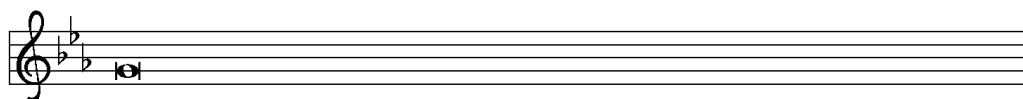
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



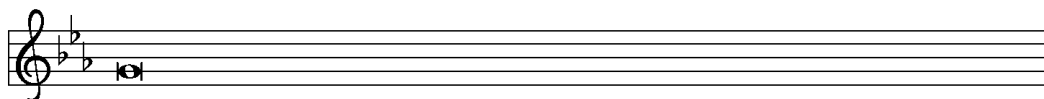
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE – THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Lord be with you  
C **And also with you**  
P Let us pray

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### **Children's Message**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse— who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

### **Psalm: Psalm 1**

*spoken responsively by verse*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>1</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>1</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,**  
**and they meditate on God's teaching <sup>1</sup> day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that <sup>1</sup> do not wither; everything they <sup>1</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so | with the wicked;**  
**they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,**  
**but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

## Gospel Acclamation

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day - Blest Are They**

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## **APOSTLES' 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.*

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer (*especially*) Barbara, Jan, Tony, JoAnn, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis, Bob, Ellie, Barbara, Naomi, Larry, and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**MEAL**

**Offering**

Offertory - *Andante* by Adolph Hesse

## Offertory - Create in Me a Clean Heart

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 to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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## Offertory Prayer

**P** Let us pray together

**C** God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.



## 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.  
 Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.  
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

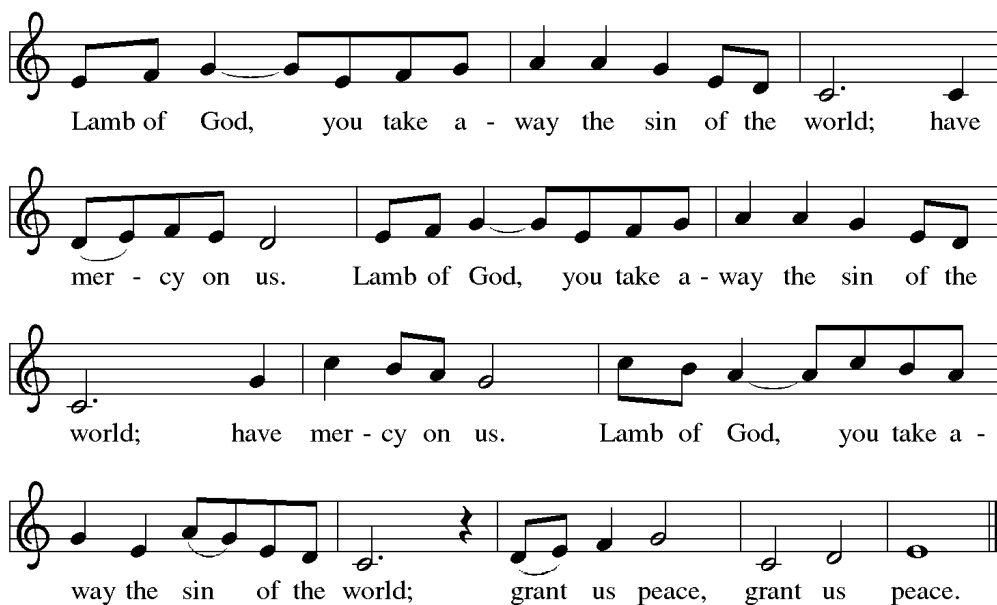
**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** Come to the banquet for all is ready.

### **COMMUNION SONG – LAMB OF GOD**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*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 Amen.*

## COMMUNION HYMN – We Come to the Hungry Feast

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

*We give you thanks, almighty God...*

A 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.

C Amen.

OR

***O God, we give you thanks...***

A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OR

***God of abundance...***

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN – **Canticle of the Turning**

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **We will. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude - *"All my heart rejoices," Chorale by Johann Cruger, Prelude by Niels Raasted*

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**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God with the following recognition.

✙ In memory of Delphia Kachur and Ann Dominick, mothers of Diana and Ted Dominick by Ted and Diana

**Altar Flowers** – If you would like to make a recognition through a request for Altar Flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium. Sign up for the day(s) you would like to request, pick up an envelope and form in the lower box and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin, and payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, please speak with a staff person.

**Prayer of the Church** (Members): Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Tony Perrotte, JoAnn Bowman, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Barbara Shade, Naomi Watson, Larry Hawley

**Our sympathy** to the family and friends of Mike Mayfield, cousin of Pat Casper, who died in Texas.

**Prayer List Changes** – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time**, email staff, or call the office.

**Prayer of the Church (Friends):** Kay Matthews [Tony's mother], Robert Meissner [Tony's uncle], and Dian and Gina Piazza [friends] (by Tony and Penni Perrotte); Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Phillip Idom & Warner Ettinger (friends of the Perrotte's), Pamela Kildahl (sister of Wendy Waugh), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Lois Horn (friend of Penni Perrotte), Marti Casalino (friend of Marcia Redman), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Gad Kainer, Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, Chuck Noll (friend of the Waugh's), Armenia and Artsakh (friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (brother of Bob DeVries), Twila Dahl (sister-in-law of Bill Dahl and Martha Dahl), Gini Rinkus (friend of the Dominicks), Betty Sue Dickerson and son Barry Dickerson (friends of the church), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Mary Bader, Cynthia Sund (grandmother of Megan Cunningham), Amy Natze (friend of Megan Cunningham), Jane Busch (sister-in-law of Audrey Busch), Karen Salotti (friend of Diana Dominick), Richard Dominick (brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, Jack Craig (uncle of Pat Casper), Ginger and Bonnie (cousins of Marlene Coulter)

**On the First Sunday of each month**, we will offer drive through communion at the rear entrance of the church from 11:30 am until noon.

**Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 11:30 am Agenda:**

1. **Accept the annual report as presented.** Copies of the annual report have been emailed as a PDF copy, and there are printed copies available in the atrium.
2. **Approve the revised constitution and bylaws.** The Constitution has been updated with mandatory amendments from the ELCA. In addition, bylaws for the preschool, endowment committee and one additional bylaw relating to the congregational alcohol policy have been amended. Copies of the revised Constitution have been emailed as a PDF copy, and there are printed copies available in the atrium.

**You're Invited!**

**Lunch & Learn with Pastor Jay Augustine**

**Sunday, Feb 27 at 11:30 am (after worship) in Trinity Hall**

Come and join us as we gather for this author reading with Pastor Augustine. His new book, Called to Reconciliation: How the Church Can Model Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion, is the focus of Bishop Smith's study series. We are so glad to have this chance to meet with and hear from the author directly. Pastor Jay's message about healing and growth in Christian denominations is based on close study of Scripture; we think you'll find food for thought as well as lunch for the day!

To keep our shared meal as safe as possible, CCG and Pastor Scott are teaming up to provide boxed sub sandwiches. We will ask everyone to spread out both in Trinity Hall and in the atrium while eating. For Pastor Jay's reading in Trinity Hall, we'll ask that everyone sit six feet apart from other individual/family units. In order to plan wisely, we need a headcount, and approximate preferences for sandwiches.

**Please RSVP by sending a copy of this message to Bee Ellertson by Monday, Feb 21:**

[bellertson@icloud.com](mailto:bellertson@icloud.com)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **plans to attend the Lunch & Learn on Feb 27th at St. Paul's.**

**Food preference: Please indicate which type of sandwich you would prefer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ham and Provolone**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Turkey and Provolone**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Veggie**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tuna Fish**

Pastor Anderson has some copies of Called to Reconciliation available; please let him know if you would like to read the book in advance. We look forward to seeing you on Feb. 27th.

Continuing Conversation Group and Pastor Scott Anderson

**Nurturing Committee – Be-Friend** – The Be-Friend branch of the nurturing Committee has sprouted. The flowers on the Caring Tree (in the narthex) have blossomed into bold Words of Hope. These are supportive scriptures that Nurturing Committee members and others have pointed to as meaningful. Also, in the basket unit by the Caring Tree are items put together to add a smile as you grow and develop a new and/or an already up and running relationship. Look for the clear portfolio Be-Friend Idea Starter Kit as well as card making and other supplies in this place.

**Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays** on Zoom from 10-11.

Topic: Coffee Hour, Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRIgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

**Croasdaile Worship** – The Croasdaile worship in February will be Thursday, February 24, the Fourth Thursday of the month, at 2:00 pm.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 AM** – will be in Trinity Hall and over Zoom. We are studying the Nicene Creed. We will send emails if any study guides are needed.

**Here is the zoom information.**

Topic: Pastor's Bible Study

**Time: Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526693517?pwd=UVI2SldvRTVtYTdQOHFEa2N1THREdz09>

Meeting ID: 895 2669 3517 -- Passcode: 727541

**Small Group Study – Dialogues on Race** is a synod-wide Bible study organized as a partnership of the synod's Engage the Bible Task Group and the synod's Racial Justice Network. This is a seven-session series, using a printed curriculum of stories, exercises, and Bible studies. Bee Ellertson and Alta Lindsay are recruiting five more St. Paul's members to join us for this seven-week study: once we have a group, our day and time of meeting will be set for everyone's convenience. We have ten copies of the printed curriculum: we hope you will join us in March or April. Each week's session explores the history of racism, personal faith stories, and biblical reflections – all with an eye toward community building. We hope you'll join us as we learn skills for difficult conversations and constructive engagements. If you're interested, please send an email to Bee at [bellertson@icloud.com](mailto:bellertson@icloud.com) or to Alta at [bahiaus@nc.rr.com](mailto:bahiaus@nc.rr.com).

**"By Heart"** – Vicar Mac is leading a study of "By Heart," a historical, theological, and spiritual deep-dive into Luther's Small Catechism. Classes meet on Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm in Trinity Hall or on Zoom: <https://Lenoir-Rhyne.zoom.us/j/98437980374?pwd=Z0IUQ0I2UFRQTE9yMWVMa2F4NGVFUT09>.

**Book Report, Author Reading, and Maybe Lunch!**

by Bee Ellertson

Pastor Scott and the Continuing Conversation Group invite you to join us on **SUNDAY, FEB 27** after worship to meet and hear from Pastor Jay Augustine. IF pandemic conditions permit, we'll serve a light lunch before hearing from and talking with Pastor Jay about his new book, *Called to Reconciliation*. If you haven't been able to attend Bishop Smith's Zoom study of this book, you can hear directly from the author on Feb. 27.

Why is this book getting so much attention? Your reviewer thinks that it's because Pastor Jay has taken such care to deeply explore the Gospel for guidance on our society's challenges. As I read *Called to Reconciliation*, I wished I had attended more of Pastor Scott's Bible studies on Acts and the Letters of Paul. In discussing Galatians 3, Pastor Jay observes that humans are not only reconciled to God through Jesus, they are also reconciled with each other because of Jesus. He ties these insights into a brief history of the civil rights movement in the United States, as a prelude for discussions about our current situation of deep and rancorous divisions. He calls for "radical forgiveness" and humility as we try to find ways forward. He quotes Allan Boesak: "For reconciliation to be genuine, we should allow ourselves to be subverted by the grace and mercy of God."

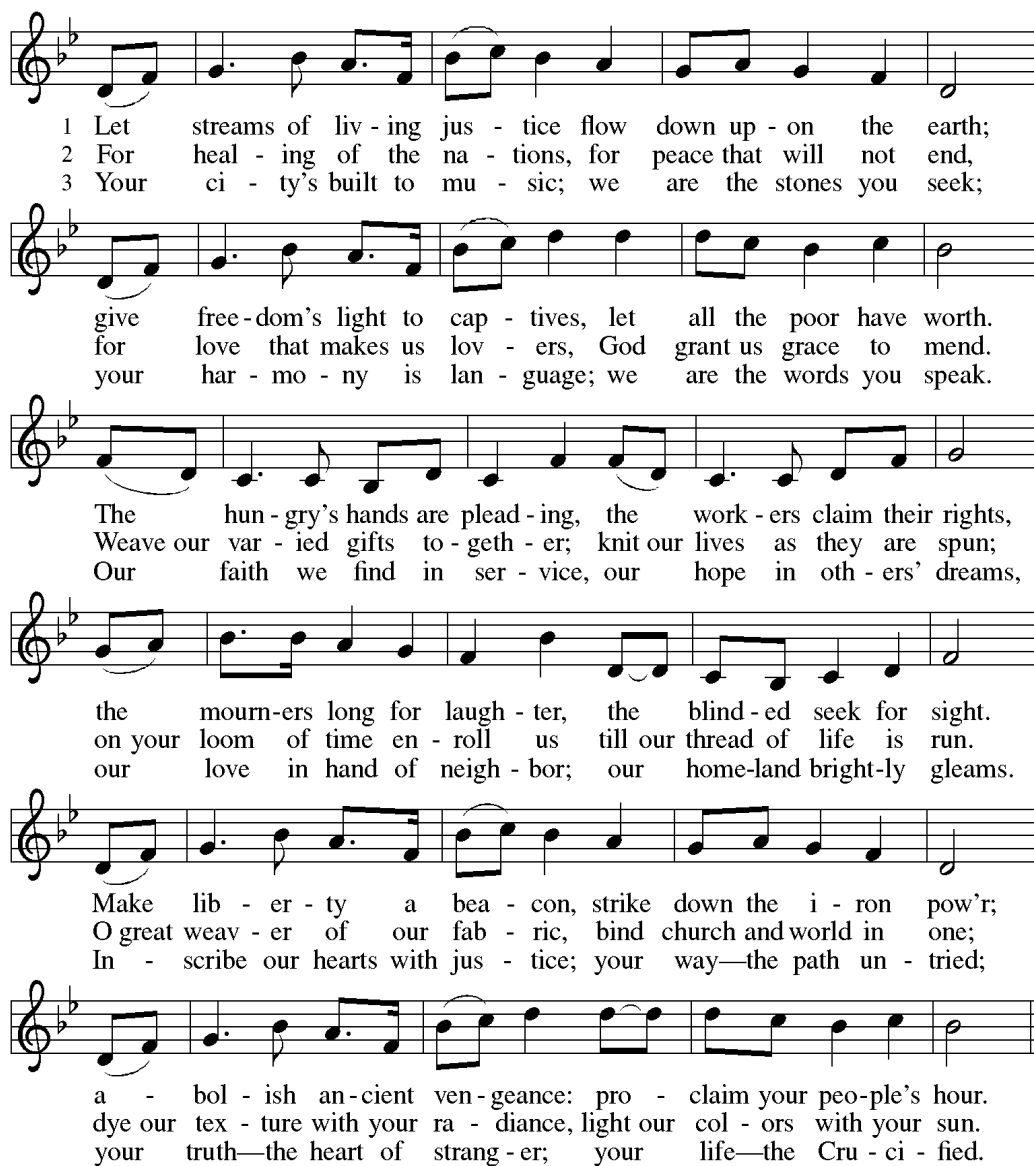
**St. Paul's Readers:** We invite all readers to join us for our discussion of *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Our meeting is on Thursday, February 17, at 3 pm in Trinity Hall, widely spaced apart. Mary Runestad is facilitating the discussion. *Anxious People* is a big-hearted novel about a failed bank robbery gone right. It is set in an apartment open house where a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group

of strangers hostage. The characters are not entirely who they appear to be; all crave some sort of rescue. This entertaining book is proof of the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope. The book has been adapted as a television series, which is currently available on Netflix.

**We have a live link used to view our Sunday morning Worship Services** at 10:00 AM Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/event/1478223> . The live service will be recorded and put on the vimeo site after the service is concluded and can be watched at any time. That link is: <https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham> (then choose the service date or event you wish to watch).

**Here is a listing of the Sign-Up Genius links** we are presently using to accomplish our many needed tasks. Please fill in as you are able. You can bookmark these sites to make it easier to return to them.

- ◆ **Devotions** – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1> Please send your devotions to Vicar Mac Mullins at [vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:vicar@stpaulsdurham.org)
- ◆ **Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Worship Tasks**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1>  
Tasks include setting up, lector, worship assistant, sound, altar guild, video, etc.
- ◆ **Sunday morning 10:00 AM Communion Assistants and Lock-Up**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion>



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;  
 give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,  
 the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;  
 a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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**Blest Are They** 728

Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*  
 All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!

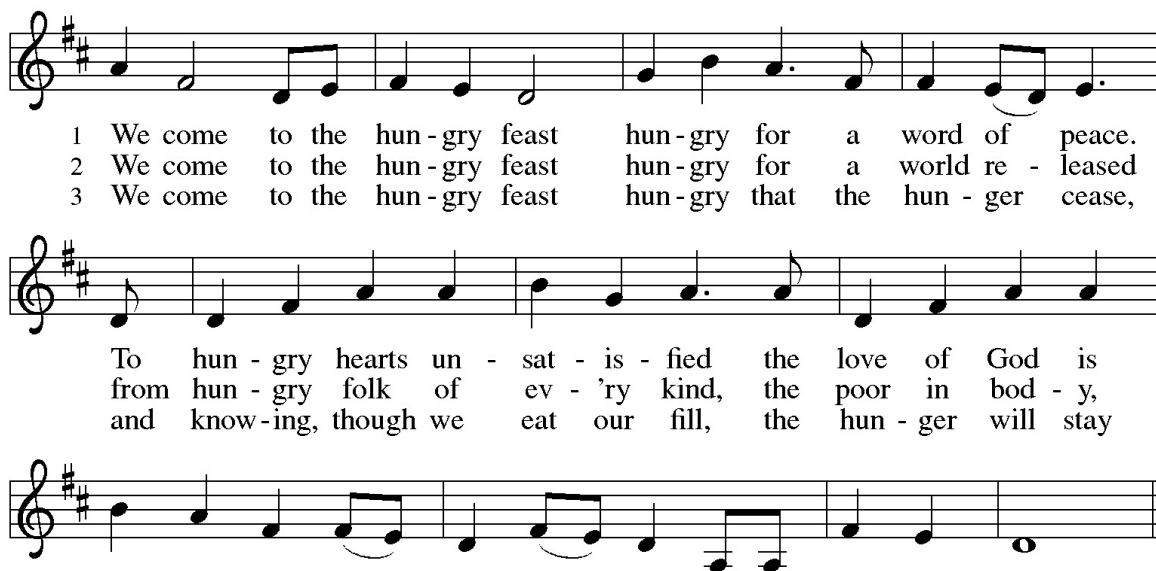


Yours is the king - dom of God!

Text: David Haas, b. 1957  
 Music: David Haas

BLEST ARE THEY  
 Irregular

## We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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