

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 15, 2023**

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

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Meditation on 'Dix'*

Pinkevicius

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

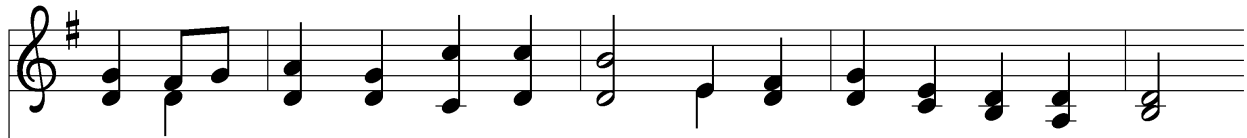
**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

***Stand***

**HYMN:** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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## As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



## 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.
- C** 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.
- C** 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.

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

**A** A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,

the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 40:1-11** (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently up- | on the LORD;

he stooped to me and | heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and clay;**

**he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;

many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!**

**They do not resort to evil spirits or turn | to false gods.**

<sup>5</sup>Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! How great your  
wonders and your | plans for us!

There is none who can be com- | pared with you.

<sup>6</sup>**Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!**

**But they are more than | I can count.**

<sup>7</sup>In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;

you have given me | ears to hear you;

<sup>8</sup>**burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,**

**and so I said, “Be- | hold, I come.**

<sup>9</sup>In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:

‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep | in my heart.’ ”

<sup>10</sup>**I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;**

**behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O | LORD, you know.**

<sup>11</sup>Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your

faithfulness and | your deliverance;

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great | congregation.

<sup>12</sup>**You are the LORD; do not withhold your com- | passion from me;**

**let your love and your faithfulness keep me | safe forever.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**A** A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## *Stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*



*The choir sings the Verse.*





*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*



## GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

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

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

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON

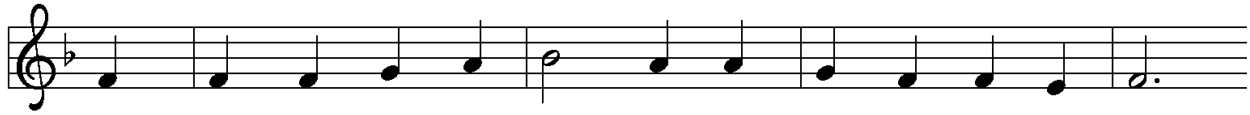
Pastor Weleck

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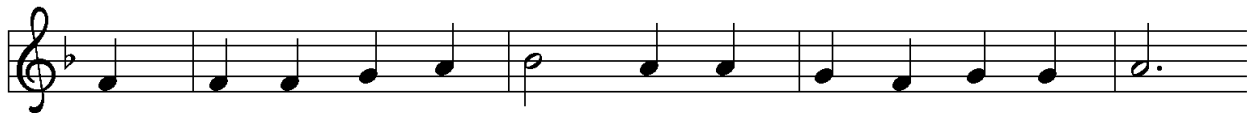
*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.  
pre - cious in your sight.  
hill to val - ley flow.  
king - dom with out end.

### ***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**

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

**C** 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 -

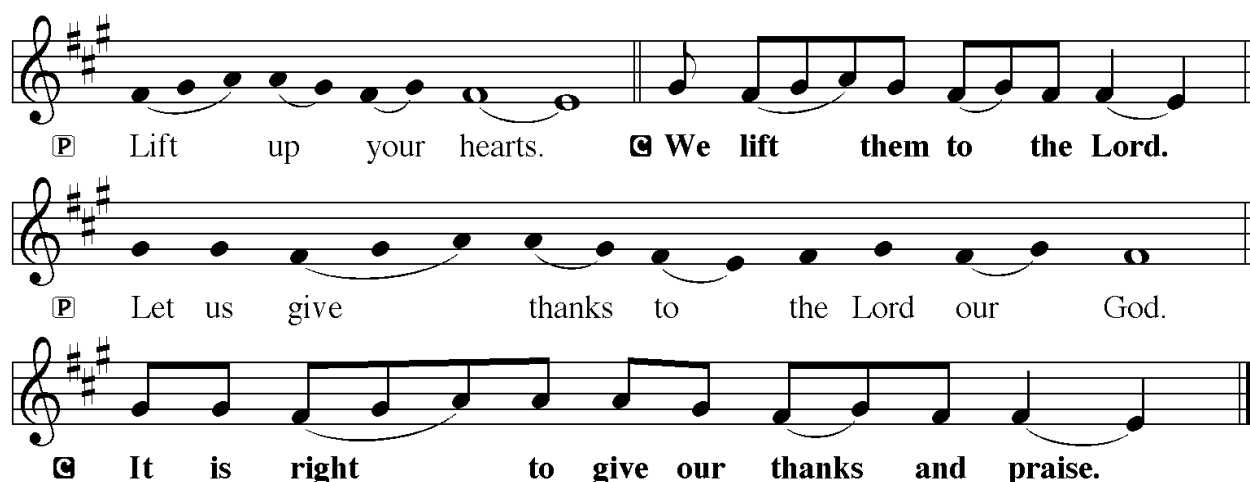
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

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

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Ⓟ The Lord be with you. Ⓜ And al - so with you.



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

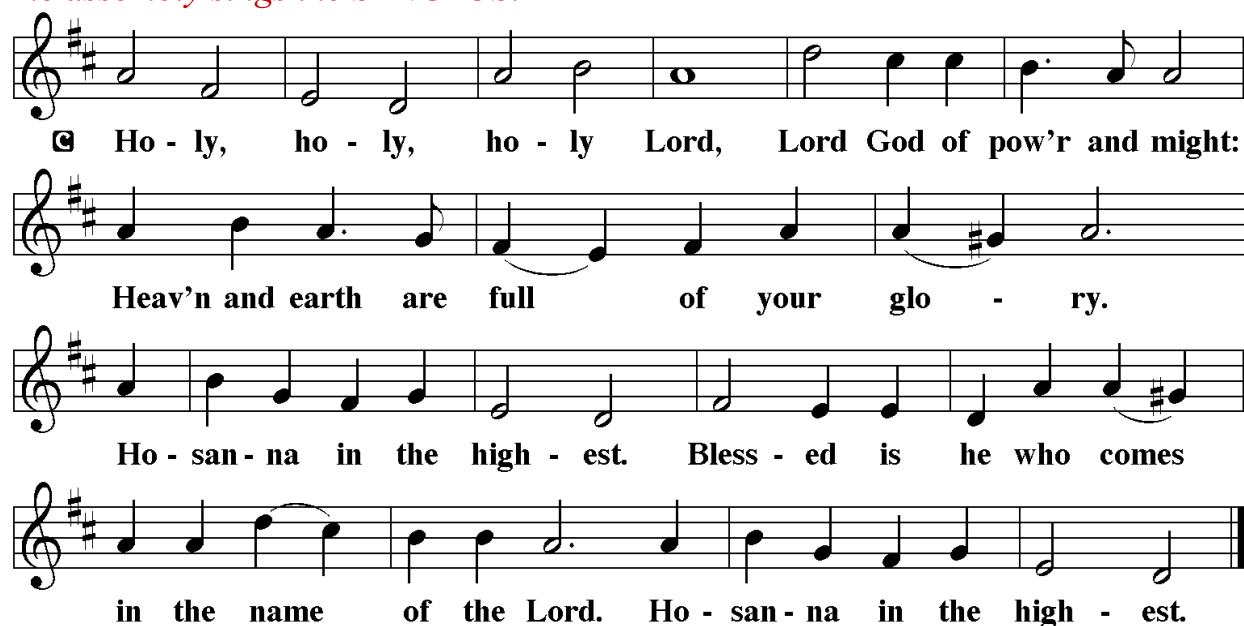
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*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:*



**C** 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.

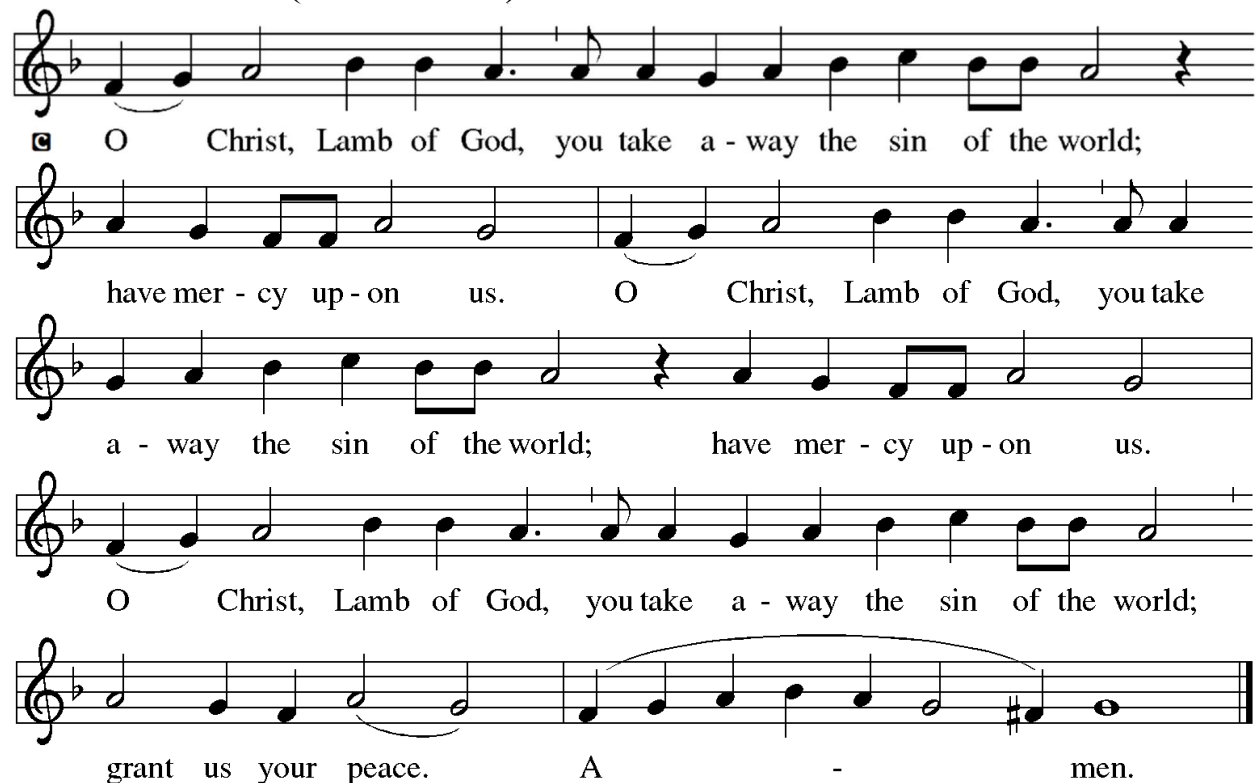
*and each person may respond*

 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.



Refrain: Keep God's light before you, keep God's truth beside you,  
Keep God's hope to guide you everywhere you go.  
Keep God's peace within you, feel God's strength defend you  
Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul.

Hold on in times of sorrow, hold on through days of despair  
Even in the darkest valley God will always be there. (Refrain)  
Look now to days of gladness, God's light still shines the way  
Never fading, never failing, teaching us as we pray. (Refrain)

***Stand***

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

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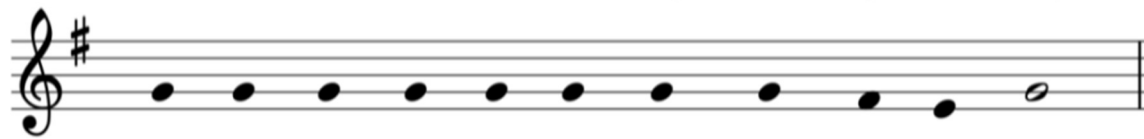
BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



**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:** *Here I Am, Lord*

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# Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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## OFFERING

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

**POSTLUDE:** *Psalm 19*

Marcello



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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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Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Becky Quirk

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The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in memory of parents Wilmot and Elmer Stonefelt.

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**Pasta Buffet at Augustus on February 11:** You, your family and friends are invited to a delicious meal of Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce, Spaghetti, a variety of Soups, Salad, Fruit and home-made desserts in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Dinner will be served between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Reservations are not necessary, and you may arrive at your convenience. There is no cost for the meal; however, you may donate towards the Augustus Soup Kitchen Outreach. There will also be information for anyone who wants to learn more about volunteering for the Soup Kitchen. We serve lunch to the needy on the second Wednesday of every month at St. John's Episcopal Church in Norristown. Plan now to drop-in for dinner at Augustus on February 1st and support this important outreach.

**Soup Sale!!** It's January and that means it's time for the annual soup sale fund raisers for the Youth Group. The soup sales will take place on January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. Price will be \$4.00 a pint. So far we have Meeley's chicken noodle and New England - The Wessner's Navy Bean or Split Pea. There is a Soup suggestion box in the Muhlenberg Center. Let us know your favorite!

**Altar Guild Volunteers Needed:** Have you ever wondered about the drapes on the altar? What do the colors mean? What are the pieces for? Who puts them there, anyway? What about the candles? There are many important pieces that make up our weekly worship at Augustus! The people who make sure everything is where it needs to be, that communion is available, and that the candles are ready to be lit are a group of volunteers called The Altar Guild.

These folks are well trained and serve usually one month each year—in pairs. It takes a few minutes each week to set things up, and you don't even have to be present for the church service to participate during these crazy times.

If you're interested in learning more about this very important opportunity to help with our weekly worship, please contact Deb Scholl at [schollde@aol.com](mailto:schollde@aol.com). She'd be happy to give you more information and show you what's involved.

**Augustus Book Club:** Resolve to read more in 2023! This is a great time to get involved with our book club! We're getting ready to choose our books for the year. Didn't finish the book? come anyway! There are refreshments! The next meeting is tomorrow, January 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Vestry room. We'll discuss Dark Matter by Blake Crouch. New members always welcome! Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or [office@augustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustrappe.org) if you have questions.