

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 30, 2022**

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

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Dearest Jesus, At Thy Word*

Bach

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

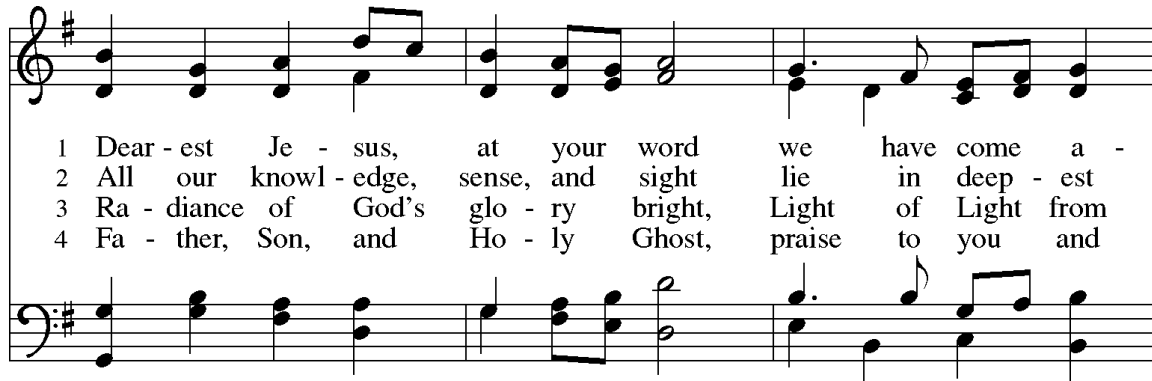
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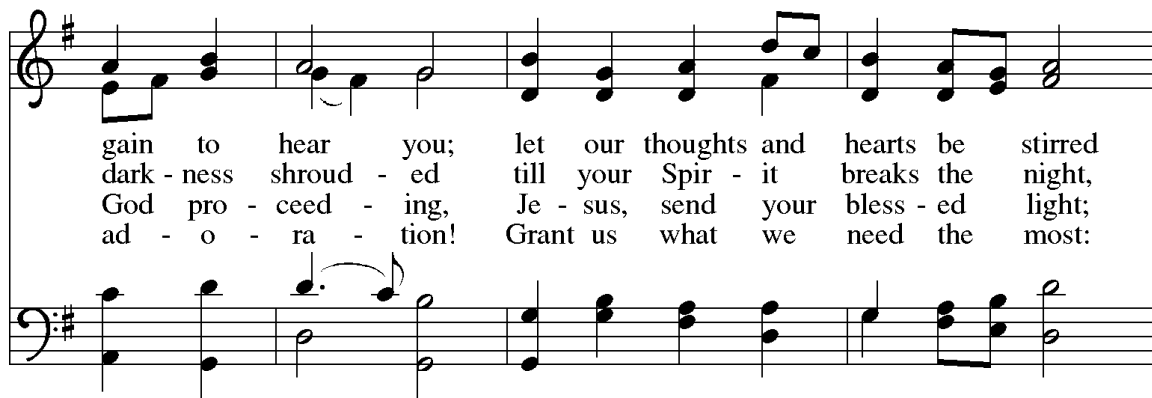
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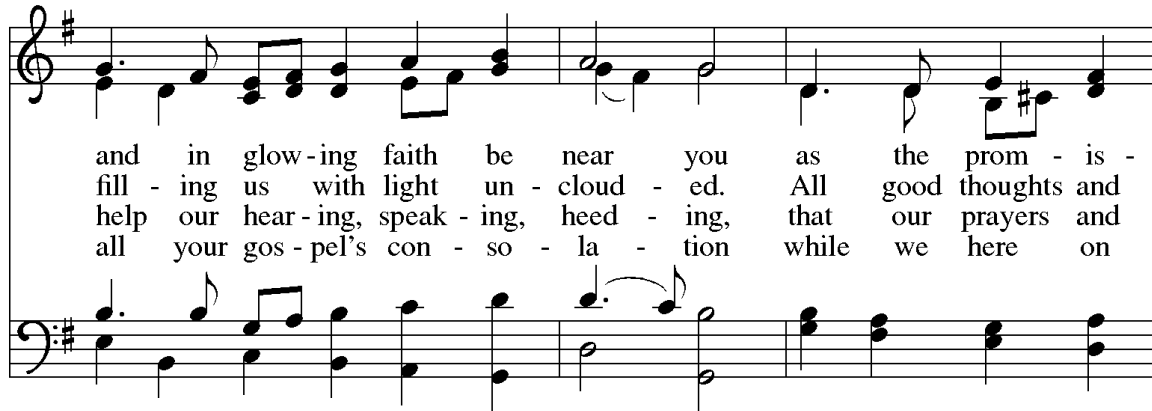
## Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



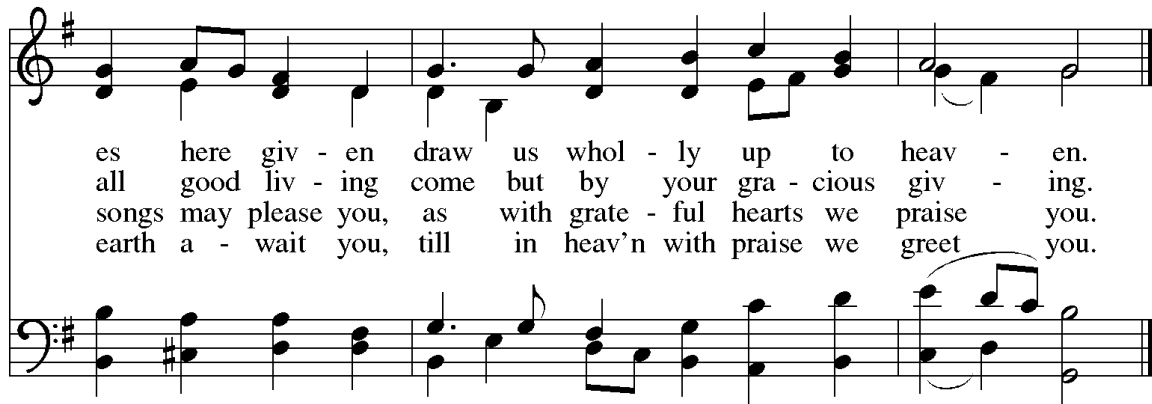
1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

## 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.  
O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
- G** Amen.

*Sit*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

**A** A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 71:1-6** (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I<sup>1</sup> taken refuge;

let me never<sup>1</sup> be ashamed.

<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness, deliver me and<sup>1</sup> set me free;**

**incline your ear to<sup>1</sup> me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to<sup>1</sup> keep me safe;

you are my crag<sup>1</sup> and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup>**Deliver me, my God, from the hand<sup>1</sup> of the wicked,**

**from the clutches of the evildoer and<sup>1</sup> the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope,<sup>1</sup> O Lord GOD,

my confidence since<sup>1</sup> I was young.

<sup>6</sup>**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's**

**womb you have<sup>1</sup> been my strength;**

**my praise shall be al-<sup>1</sup>ways of you.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

**A** A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

- A** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Stand**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*

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

*The choir sings the Verse.*

You shall go to all to<sup>1</sup> whom I send you.  
Do not be afraid, for<sup>1</sup> I am with you.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*

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

**GOSPEL**

Luke 4:21-30

*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

- P** The holy gospel according to Luke.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet



Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

*Sit*

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

*Stand*

*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *He Comes to Us as One Unknown*  
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# He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

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## **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:*

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** 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:*

**♩** 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.

**♩** **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.

**ANTHEM:** *If I Have Not Love*

Schweizer

Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels,  
 though my faith is a faith that can move a mountain;  
 though I give all I possess, all is for nothing if I have not love.

Though I give myself to be broken, and prophesy with understanding,  
 and have all knowledge and power, all is for nothing if I have not love.

Love is patient, love is kind, love rejoices ever in the truth.  
 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
 Love never dies.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
 the Lord lift up his eyes to you and be gracious unto you,  
 and give you peace, Amen.

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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.
- 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.

**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.

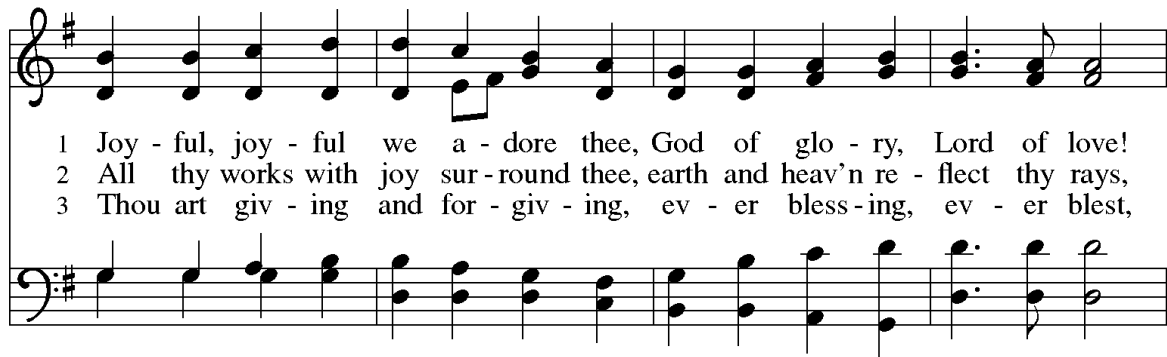
**DISMISSAL**

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

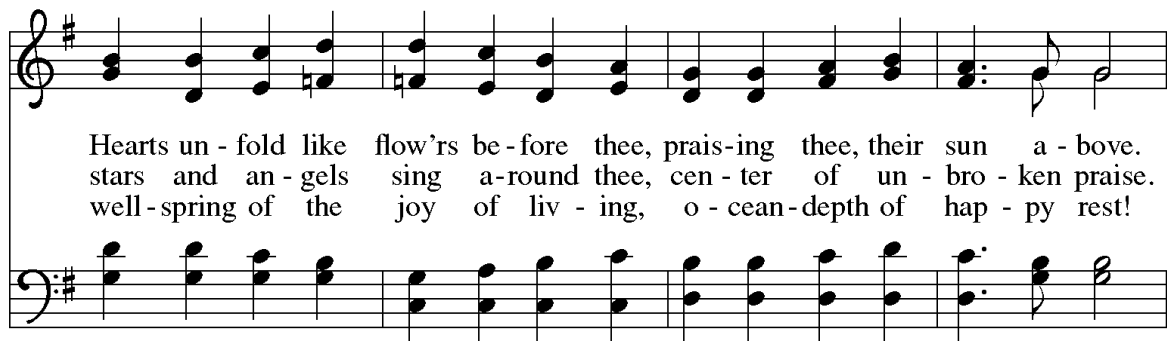
**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
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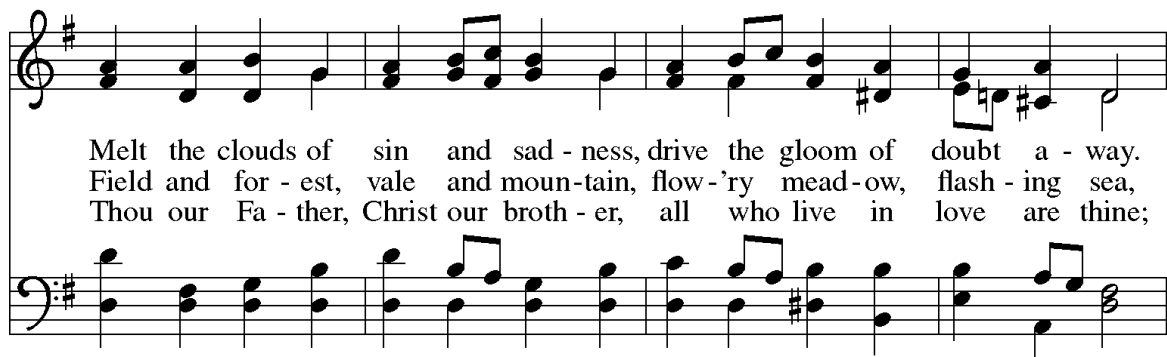
## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

## OFFERING

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

**POSTLUDE:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Rich and Dot Opperman in memory of loved ones.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Anita Halteman in memory of Betty Love and Mary Missimer.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Linsenbigler and Family in loving memory of Leon and Leona Linsenbigler.

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

**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.**

## **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.