



# *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

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## *Epiphany 5*

*February 7, 2021*

## Welcome – Pastor Len Hoffmann

## Worship Leader – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**Pastor:** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.*

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** *Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.)*

**Pastor:** *We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.*

**People:** ***Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.***

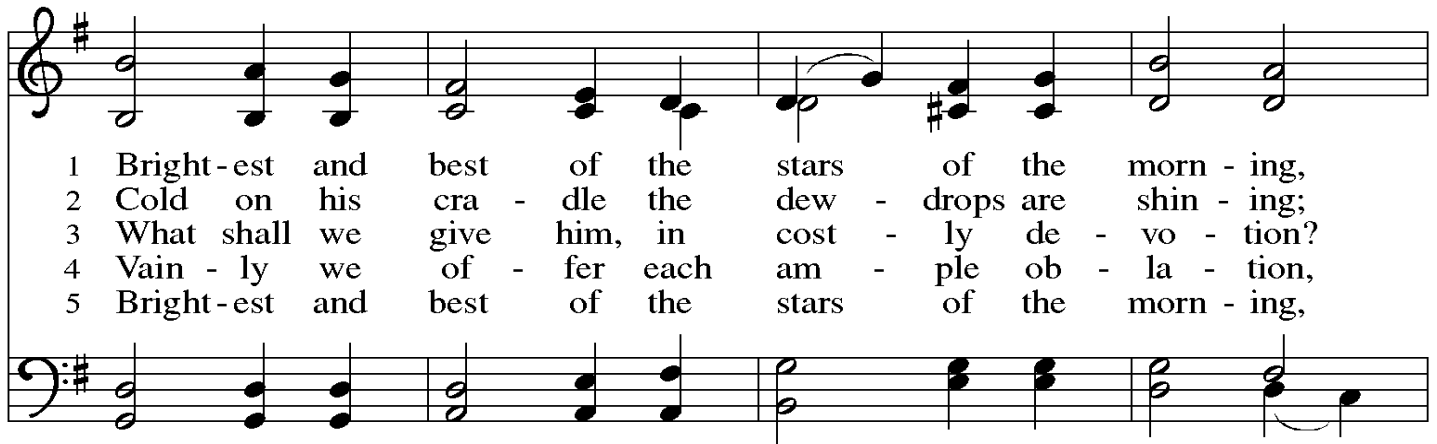
**Pastor:** *We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.*

**People:** ***To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.***

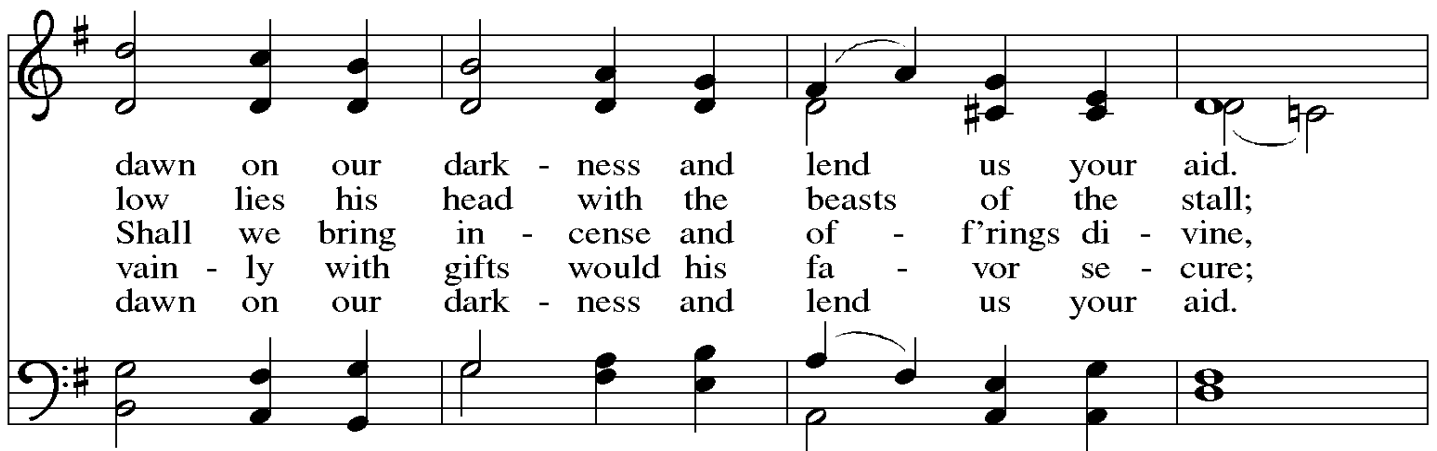
**\*Gathering Song ~ ELW Hymn #303**

*"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"*

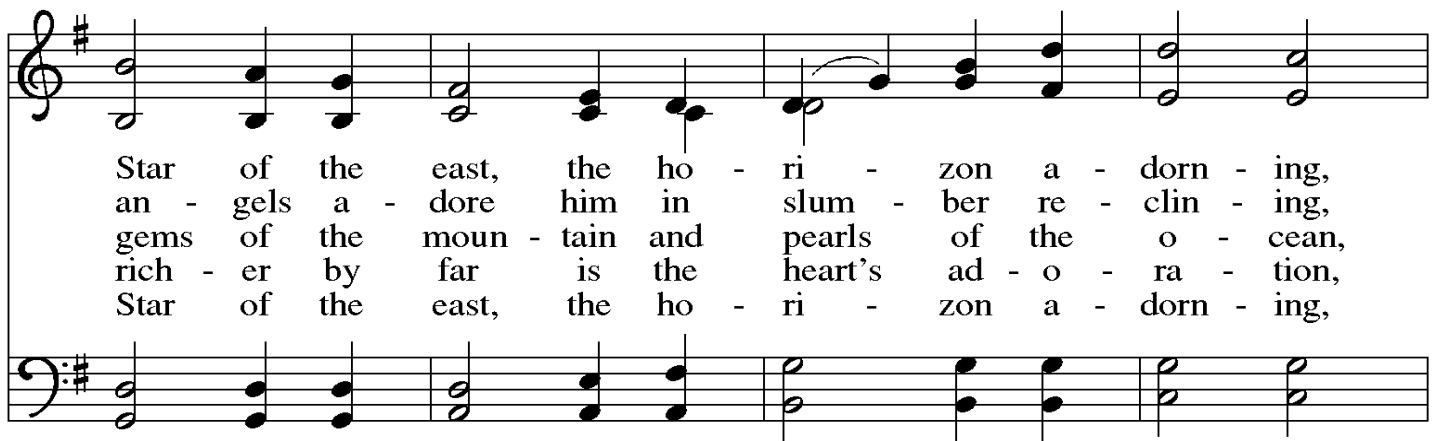
MORNING STAR



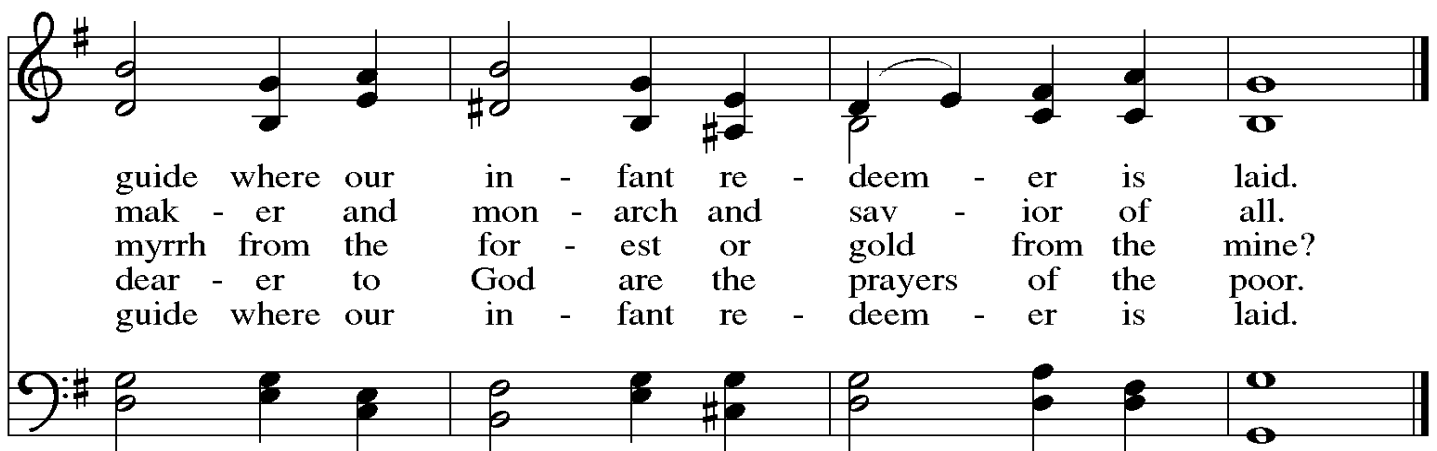
1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

## Greeting

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

**People:** And also with you.

## Hymn of Praise ~ ELW Hymn #167

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

GIA

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

**\*Prayer of the Day** (*pray together*)

**Pastor:** *Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**People:** **Amen**

**WORD<sup>†</sup>**

**First Reading**

**A reading from Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

**Lector:** *Word of God, word of life.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the | brokenhearted  
and binds | up their wounds.  
<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number | of the stars  
and calls them all | by their names. R**  
<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**  
<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp | to our God,  
<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains. R**  
<sup>9</sup>God provides food | for the cattle  
and for the young ravens | when they cry.  
<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**  
<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> | Hallelujah! R

## Second Reading

### A reading from 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do

it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**Lector:** *Word of God, word of life.*

**People:** ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Pastor:** *Alleluia. The servant of God took | our infirmities\* and bore | our diseases. Alleluia. (Matt. 8:17)*

## **The Gospel Reading**

### **The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**Lector:** *The Gospel of the Lord,*

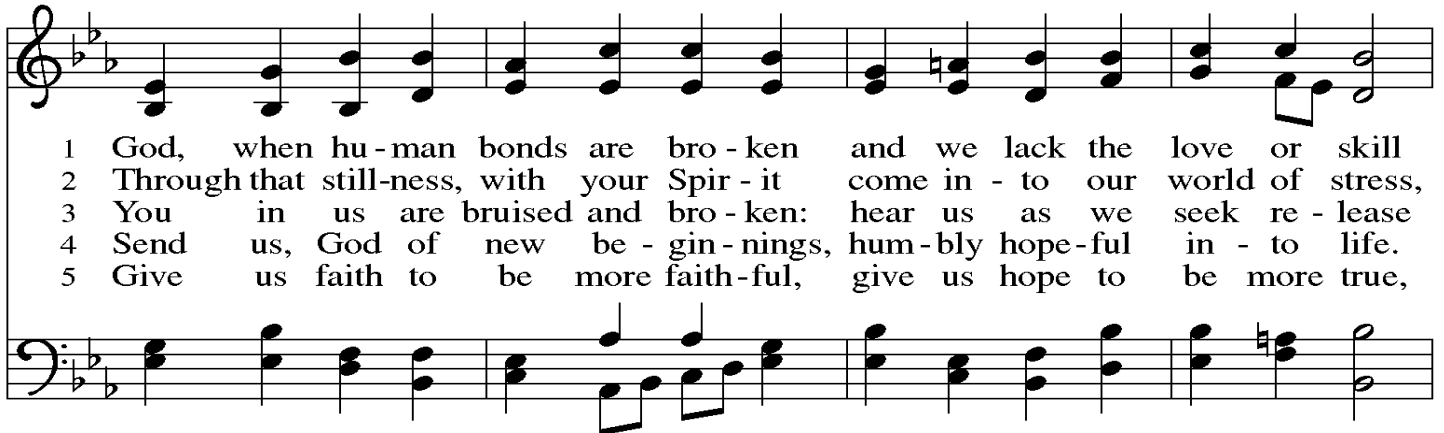
**People:** ***Praise to you, O Lord.***

## **The Sermon ~ Pastor Len Hoffmann**

**\*Hymn of the Day ~ \*Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #603**

*"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"*

MERTON



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the love or skill  
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our world of stress,  
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we seek re - lease  
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful in - to life.  
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.  
for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.  
Use us as a means of bless - ing: make us stron - ger, give us faith.  
give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

## The 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 the People**

After each petition of the prayers:

**Lector:** *Let us pray,*  
**People:** ***Have mercy, O God.***

**Lector:** *Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.*  
**People:** ***Amen.***

## **\*Offering Prayer**

**Pastor:** *O God,  
receive these gifts as you receive us:  
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care,  
and empower us in faithful service  
to tend to others with this same love,  
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.*  
**People:** ***Amen.***

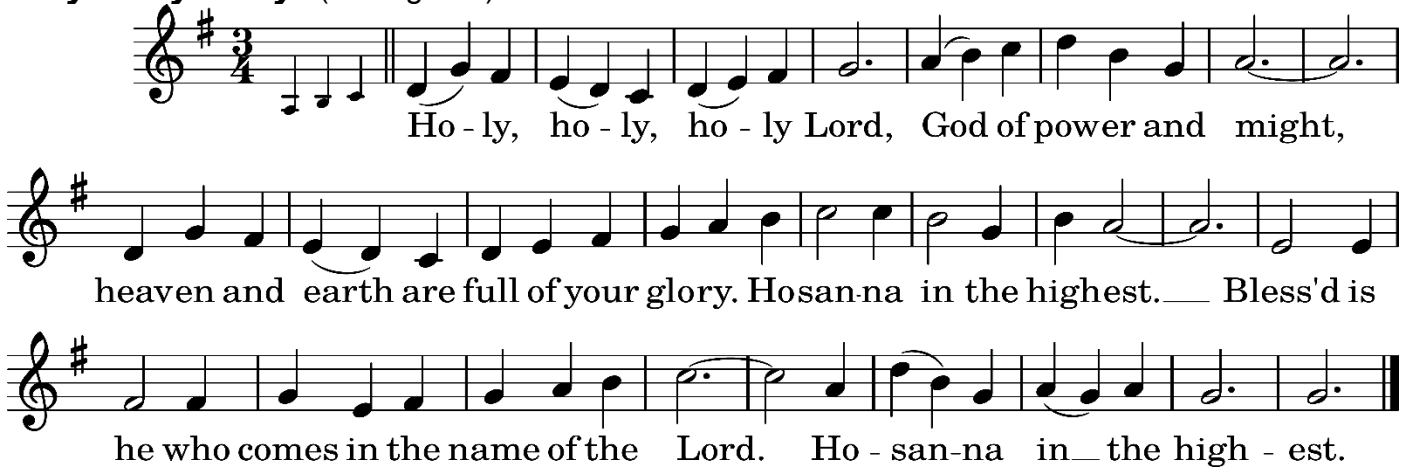
## **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**Pastor:** *The Lord be with you.*  
**People:** ***And also with you.***  
**Pastor:** *Lift up your hearts.*  
**People:** ***We lift them to the Lord.***  
**Pastor:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
**People:** ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## **\*Preface**

**Pastor:** *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!** (setting one)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosan-na in the highest. — Bless'd is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

**Pastor:** *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.*

**People:** **Amen.**

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

## **\*The Lord's Prayer**

*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**

**Pastor:** *Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.  
Come and be fed.*

## **Distribution Special Music**

*"Let There Be Peace On Earth"*

Trombone Duet: Kent Pflibsen & Asher Haverhill

**Pastor:** *May the body & blood of of our Lord and savior,  
Jesus Christ, strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace. Amen.*

## **\*Prayer after Communion**

**Pastor:** *Christ Jesus,  
at this table we have feasted on your very life  
and are strengthened for our journey.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
nourished in body and in spirit  
to proclaim your good news  
and serve others in your name.*

**People:** *Amen*

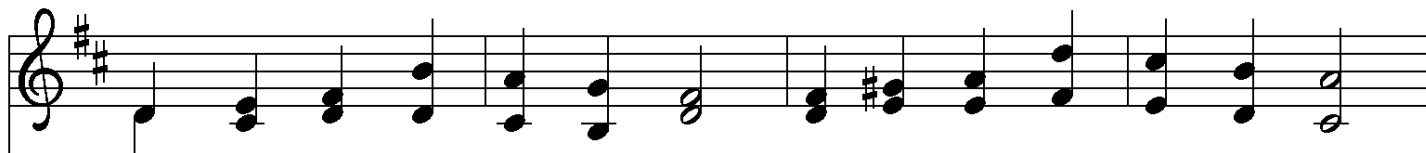
## **\*Blessing**

**Pastor:** *God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.  
Amen.*

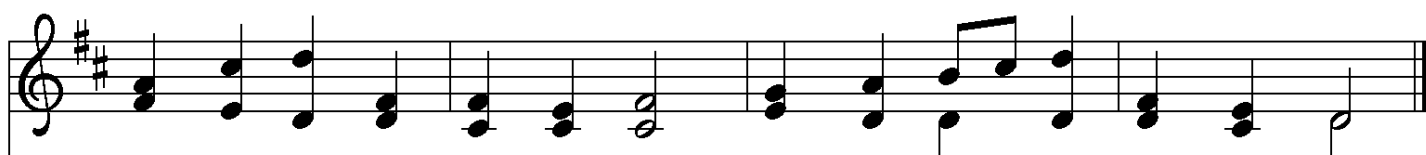
**\*Sending Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #685**

*"Take My life, That I May Be"*

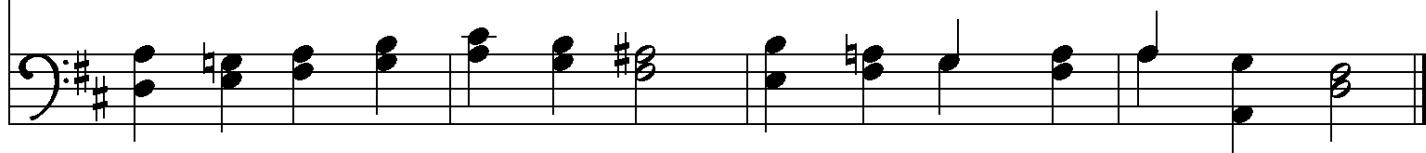
PATMOS



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

**\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** *Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.*  
**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadlffLHnDxG>

And they are linked to the church website.

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Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.



**Please add to your prayer list:**

Mert Ingvaldstad

Sumaya Alvillar

Synod VP Paul Gryniwicz

Sonja Dunn

Kathryn Barrera at the birth of her daughter, Christine, on 1/22/2021

The family of Theresa Lehrling at the recent death of her father.

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

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