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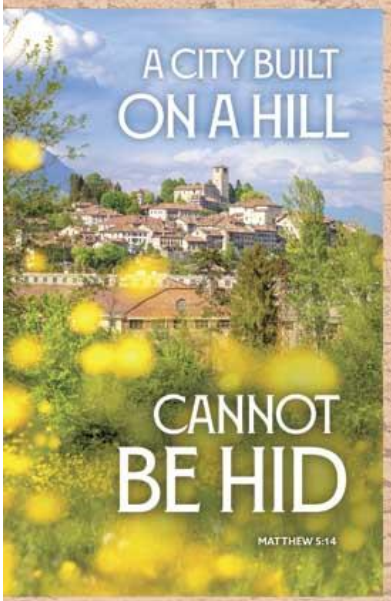


# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## Scout Sunday

## February 8, 2026

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**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

**Our Purpose:**
*We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.*

**Guiding Principles:**
As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:
–***Generously*** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
–***Serving*** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
–***Providing*** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
–***Growing in Faith*** through worship, study, and discernment
–***Praising*** God through music, word, and service
–***Welcoming*** all people into fellowship with God

***Important Worship Notes***

***All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.***

***Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.***

**P:** Pastor **C:** Congregation **L:** Lay Reader **A:** Assisting Minister

***If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.***

**+ The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany +**
**Scout Sunday**
**February 8, 2026**

## INTRODUCTION

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

## THE GATHERING

## WELCOME

## *CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.
**C Amen.**

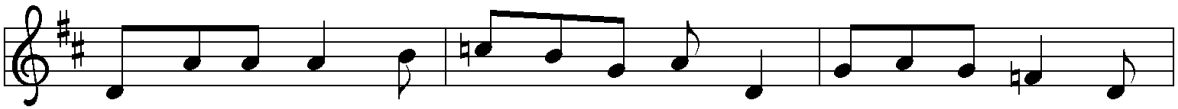
Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

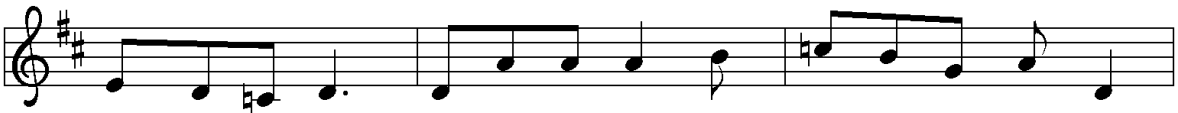
Mighty God, lover of justice,
**you call us to life in community,**
**but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.**
**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**
**We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.**
**Turn us to seek your face.**
**Knit us together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

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.
**Amen.**

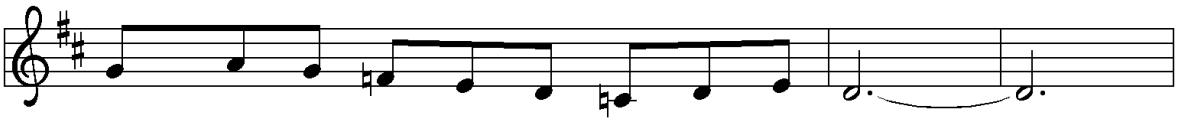
***OPENING HYMN** *"Gather Us In!"* Hymn 532



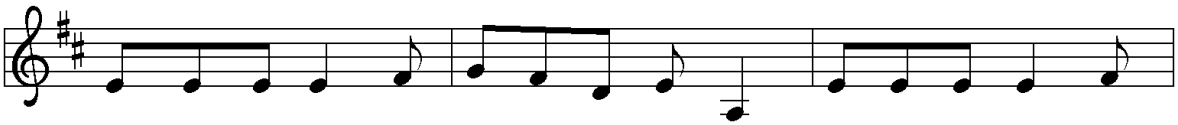
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



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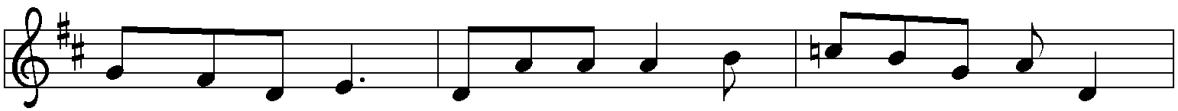
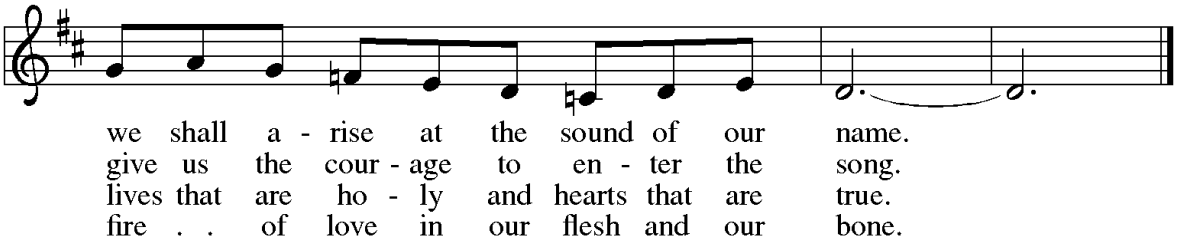
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,




***SCOUT SUNDAY LITANY**

P On this Scout Sunday, we gather as the people of God, called into one body by grace and sent into the world for the sake of Christ. We give thanks for the Scouts among us and for all who seek to grow in character, service, and love of neighbor. Let us affirm these commitments, not trusting in our own strength, but in the mercy of God, who forms us for lives of faithful service.

P When we face deceit and dishonesty,
**C let us be Trustworthy.**

P When we encounter hypocrisy and faithlessness,
**C let us be Loyal.**

P Where disregard for others and empty materialism prevail,
**C let us be Helpful.**

P When we find neighbors weighed down by sorrow and despair,
**C let us be Friendly.**

P In an atmosphere of rudeness and contempt,
**C let us be Courteous.**

P Where compassion grows cold and care for the vulnerable is forgotten,
**C let us be Kind.**

P Though lawlessness and disregard for what is right surround us,
**C let us be Obedient.**

P While the world is quick to complain and slow to rejoice,
**C let us be Cheerful.**

P In a culture marked by waste and excess,
**C let us be Thrifty.**

P When we are tested by danger and temptation,
**C let us be Brave.**

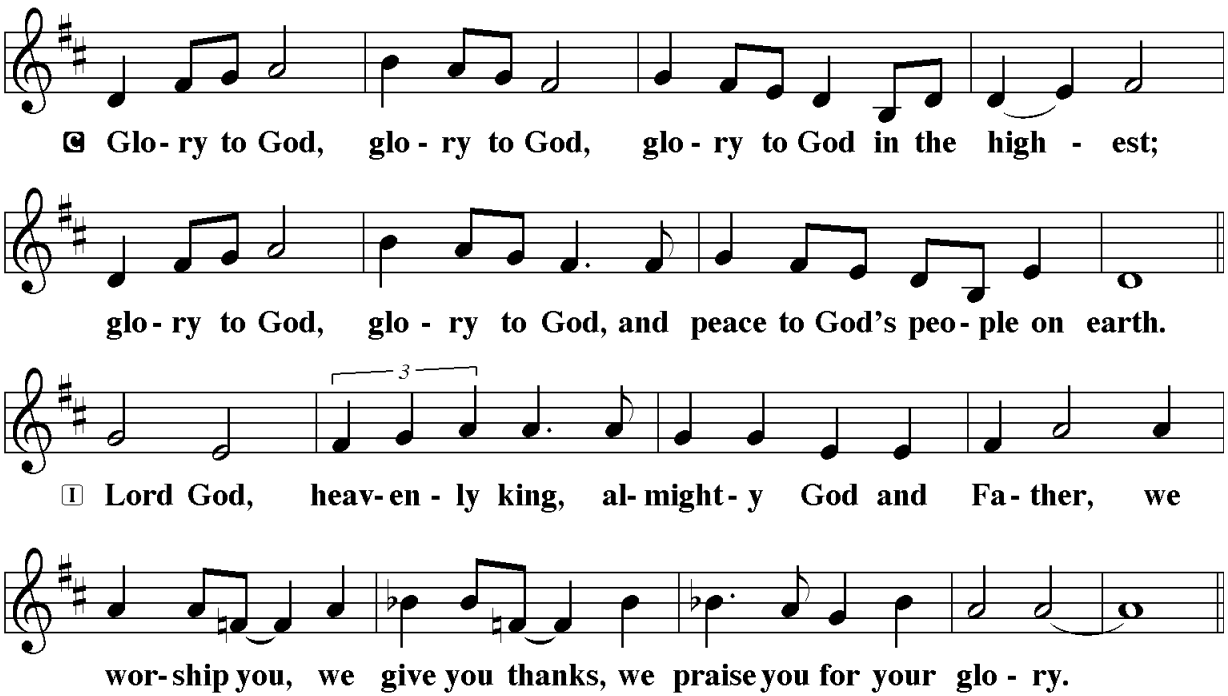
P As we see pollution and neglect of your creation,
**C let us be Clean.**

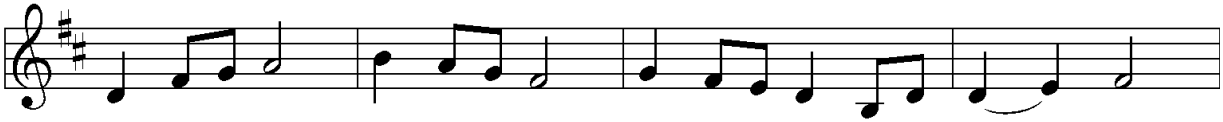
P When we witness indifference to you and disregard for what is holy,
**C let us be Reverent.**

P Gracious God, we give you thanks that you do not leave us to walk this way alone. By your Holy Spirit, shape us into servants of your peace, steadfast in faith, rich in mercy, and eager to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Send us out in the name of Christ, to love and serve our neighbors and to care for your world.
**C Amen.**

***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.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**





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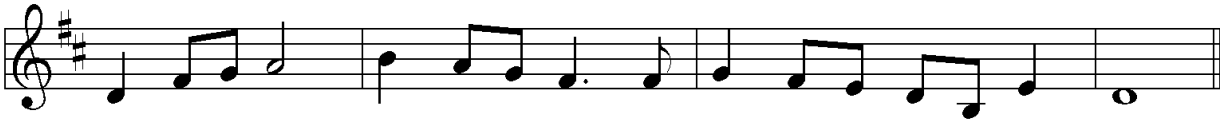

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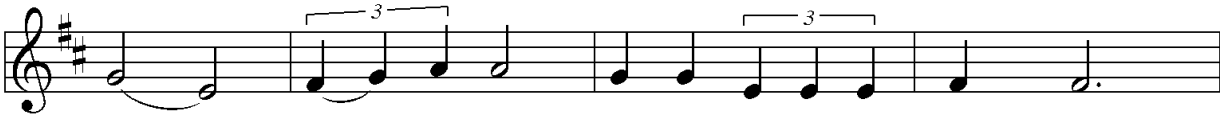
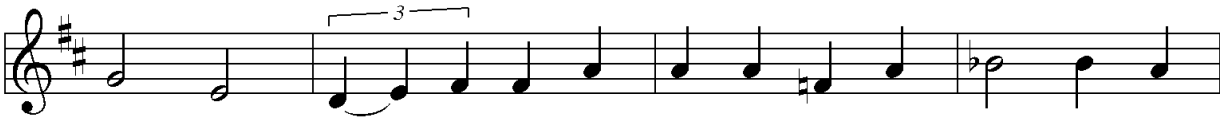
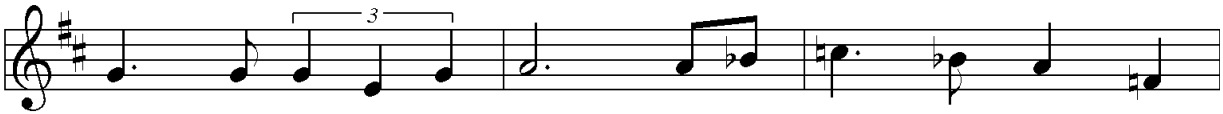


II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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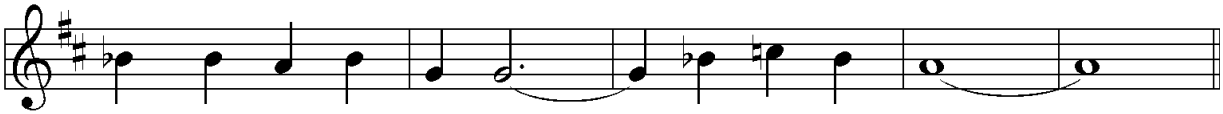

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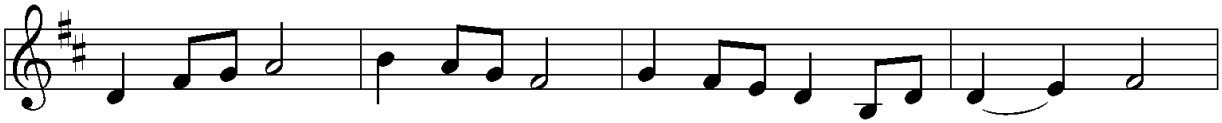

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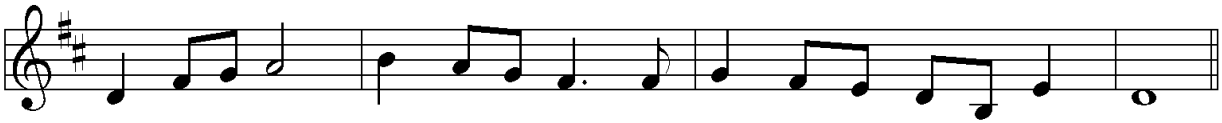

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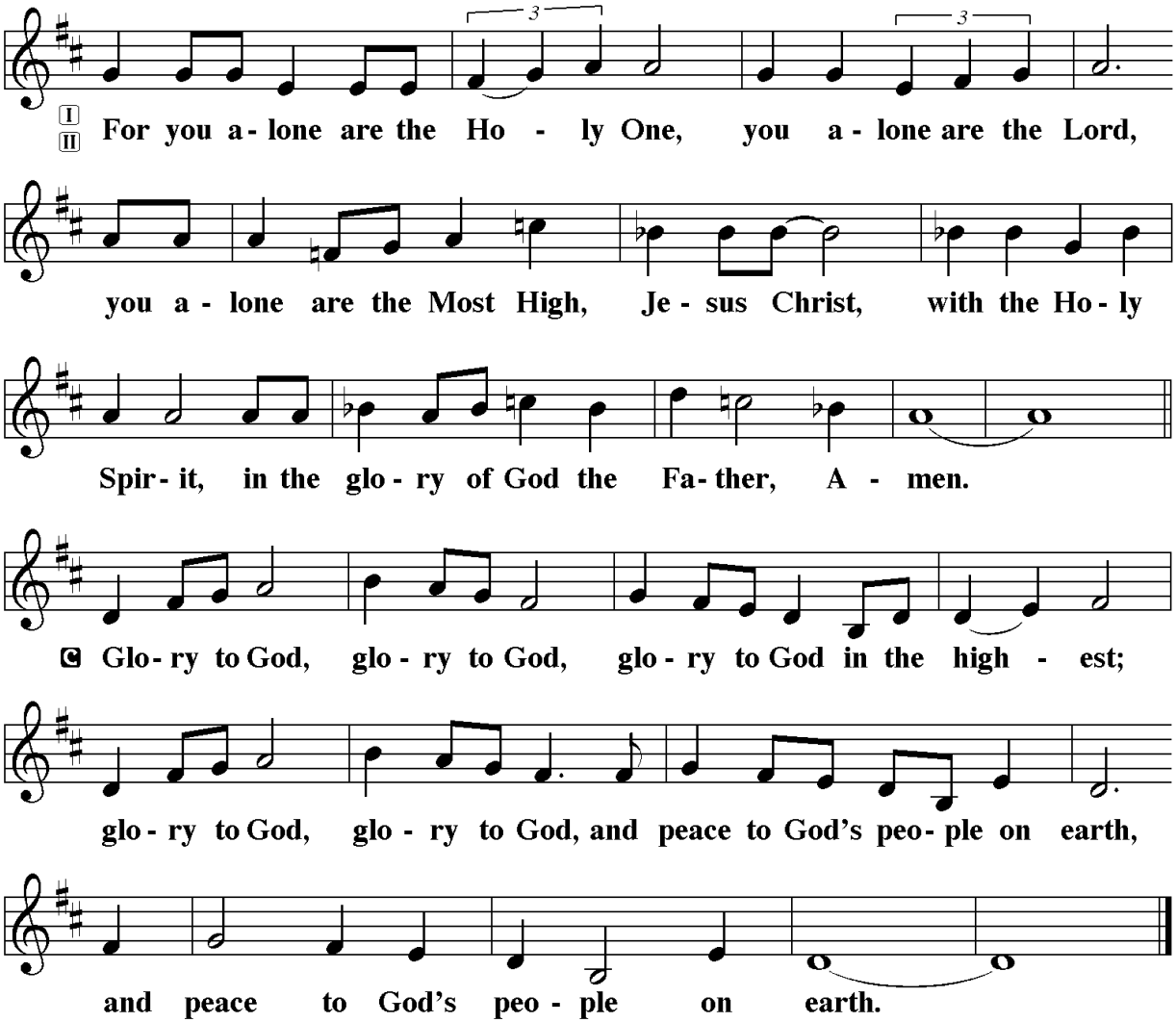



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 58:1-12

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

L The First Reading according to Isaiah, the 58th chapter.

1 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my
people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet day after day they seek
me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side. 3 "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble
ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers. 4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a
wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5 Is
such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a
bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to
the LORD?
6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the
straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to
share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when
you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8 Then
your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your
vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. 9a Then
you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I
am."
9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the
speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the
afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and
make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water
whose waters never fail. 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the
foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the
restorer of streets to live in.

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

**THE PSALM** Psalm 112:1-10 read responsively

A [1] Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**C** [2] **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
[3] Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
[4] **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
[5] It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
[6] **For they will never be shaken;**
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
[7] They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
[8] **Their heart is established and will not shrink,**
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
[9] They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
[10] **The wicked will see it and be angry;**
**they will gnash their teeth and pine away;**
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

A Holy wisdom, Holy word.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

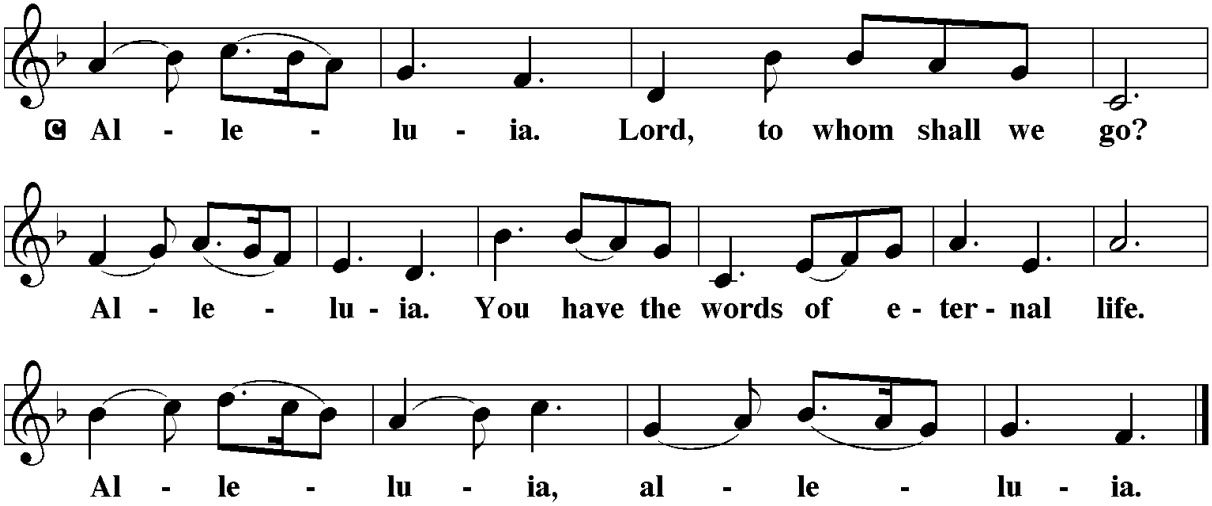
*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

L The Second Reading according to 1 Corinthians, the 2nd chapter.

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the
testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know
nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in
weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were
made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and
of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this
age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. 7 But we speak God's
wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory 8 and
which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have
crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—
10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even
the depths of God. 11 For what human knows what is truly human except the human
spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit
of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from
God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13 And we speak of
these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting
spiritual things to those who are spiritual.
14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are
foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are
spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are
themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.
16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have
the mind of Christ.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**




***GOSPEL** Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

P [Jesus said:] 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

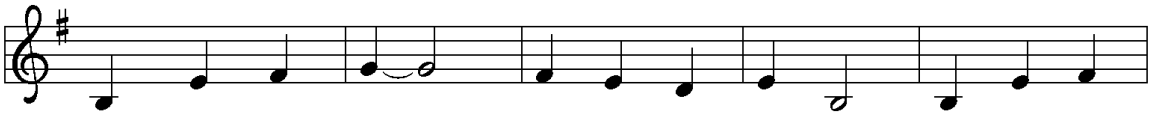
14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

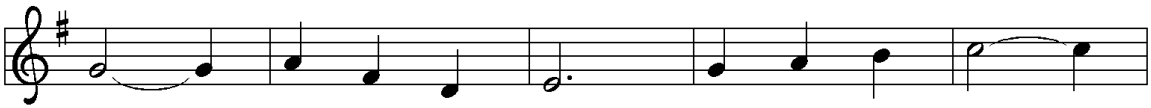
P The Gospel of the Lord.
**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON**

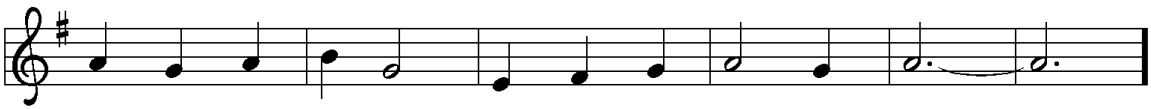
***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Christ, Be Our Light"* ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

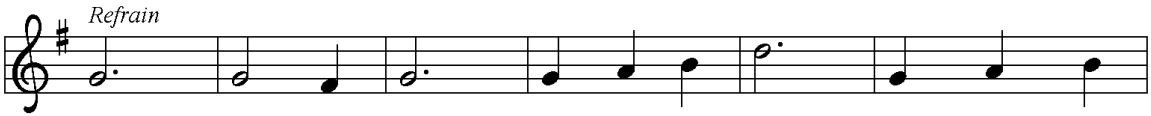


truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

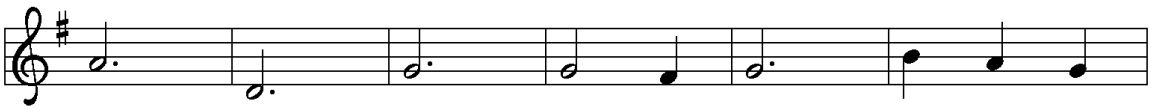


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



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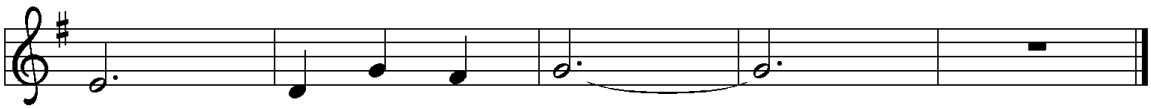

church gath - ered to - day.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 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**

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

*A brief silence.*

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. Merciful God,
**receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,
**receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,
**receive our prayer.**

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

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**C And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*
*The assembly is seated.*

## THE MEAL

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *"O God Beyond All Praising (Thaxted)"* arr. McAninch
Bell Choir

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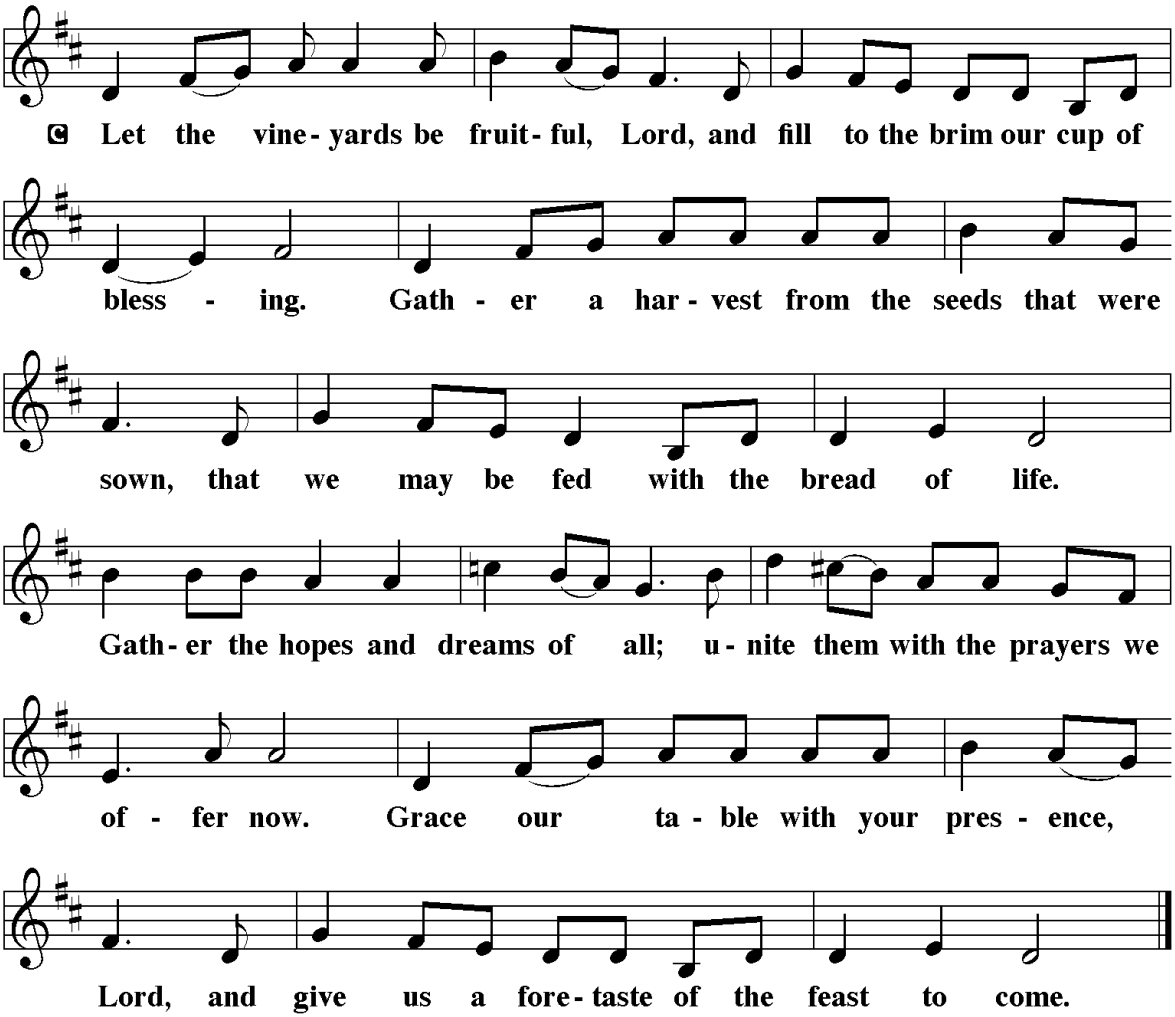
*(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)*

*There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give or scan this QR Code and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to give.*

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

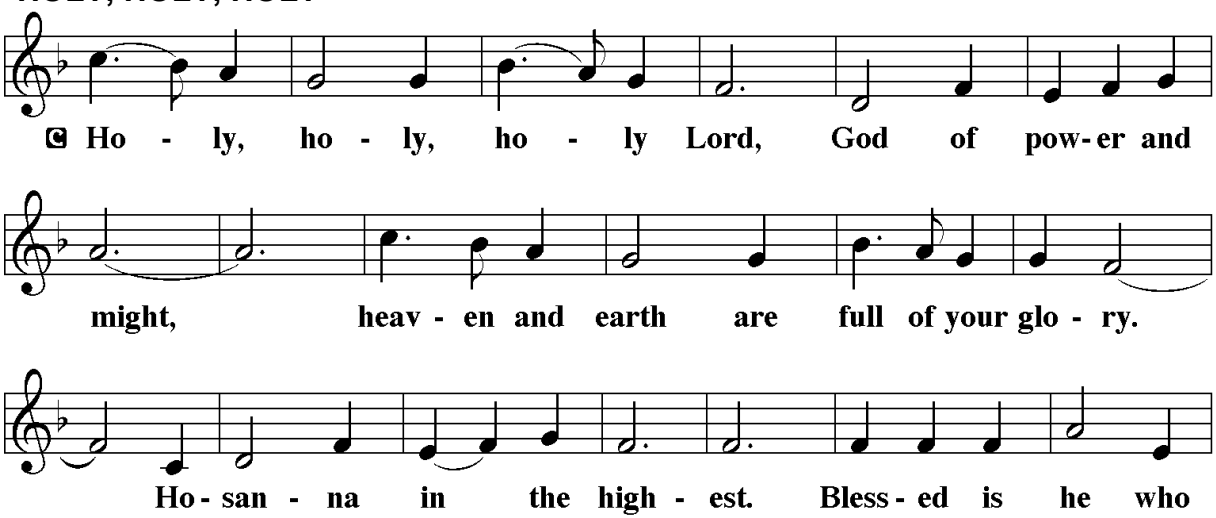
A Let us pray.
God of majesty,

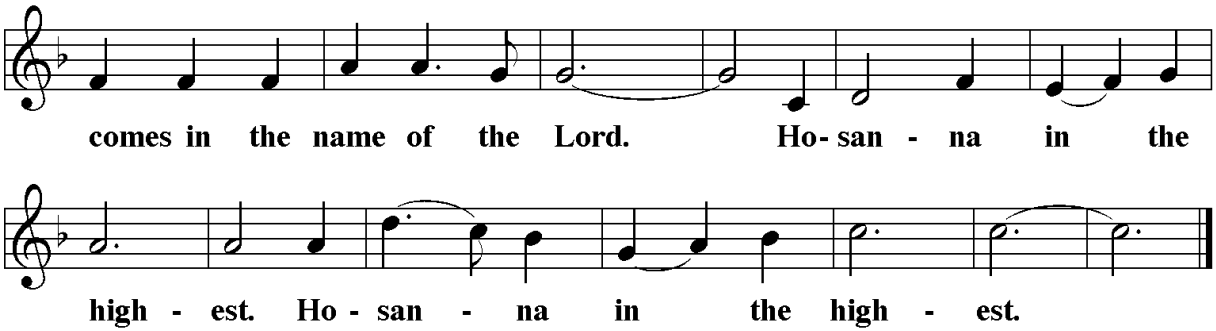
**C no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.
**C And also 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.**
P 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**






***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was handed over, 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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen!**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

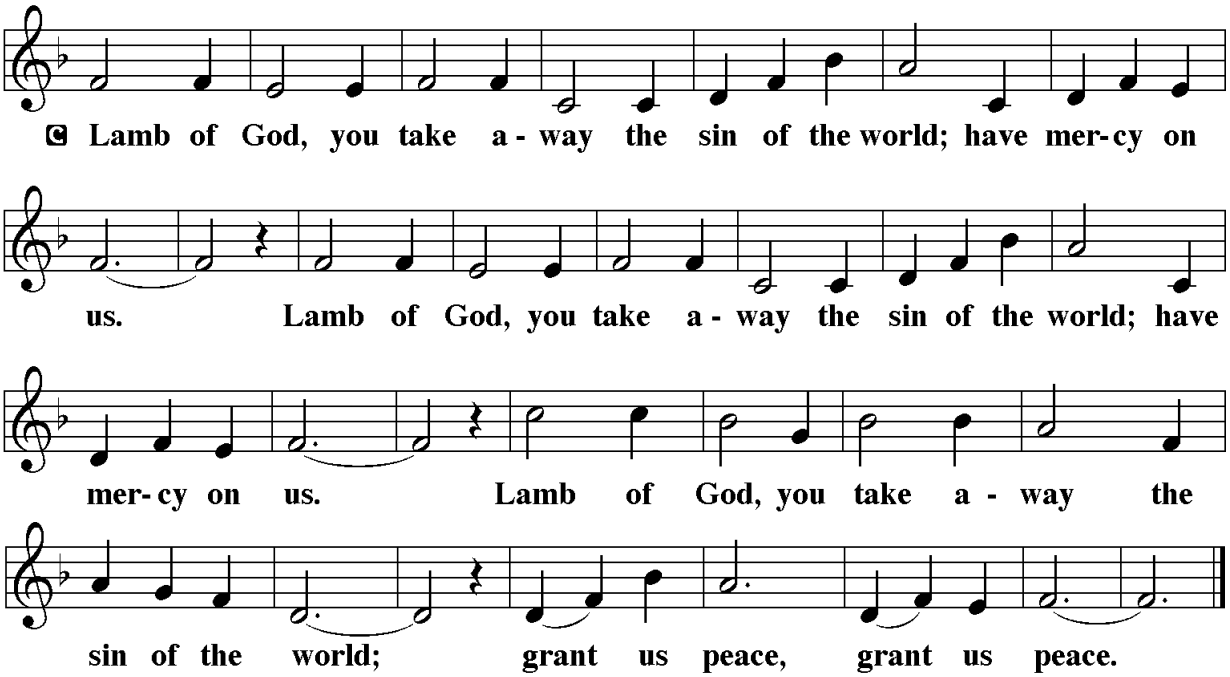
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray…

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

**LAMB OF GOD**




**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to commune.*
*If you wish to receive communion from your seat, let an usher know.*
*If you are in need of gluten free wafers, please ask at the bread station.*
*Grape juice is available in the prefilled cups next to the empty ones.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"* *Ryan*
*Bell Choir*

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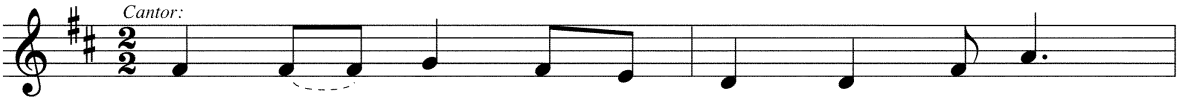
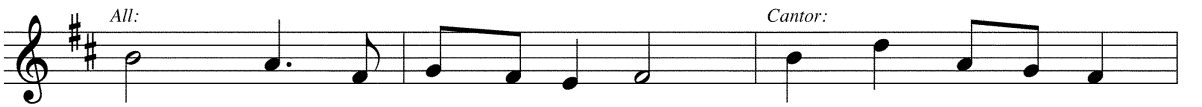
**COMMUNION HYMN** *"Bring Forth the Kingdom"*

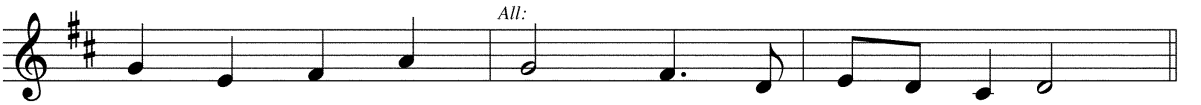
Verses




1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

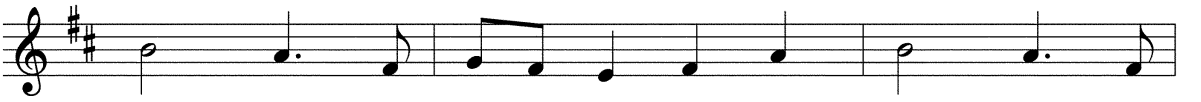



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and

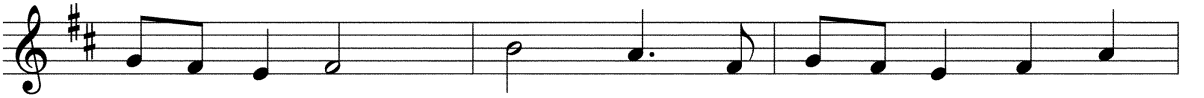



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!

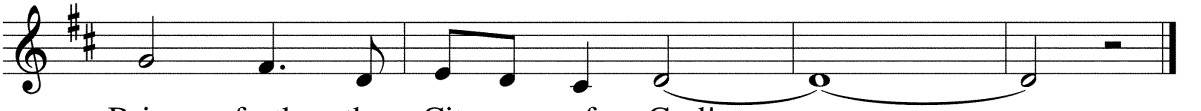
Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**C Amen.**

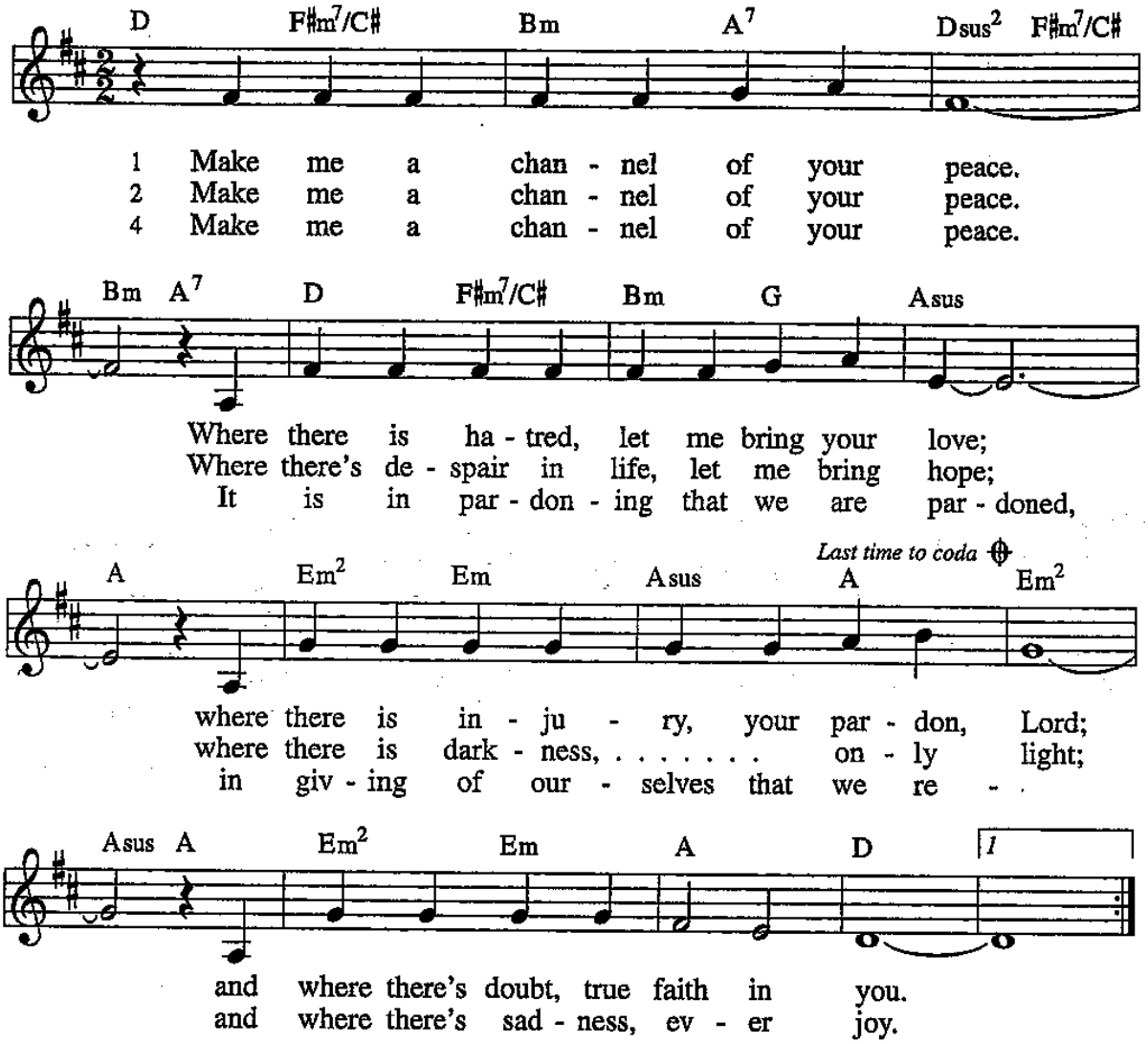
## THE SENDING

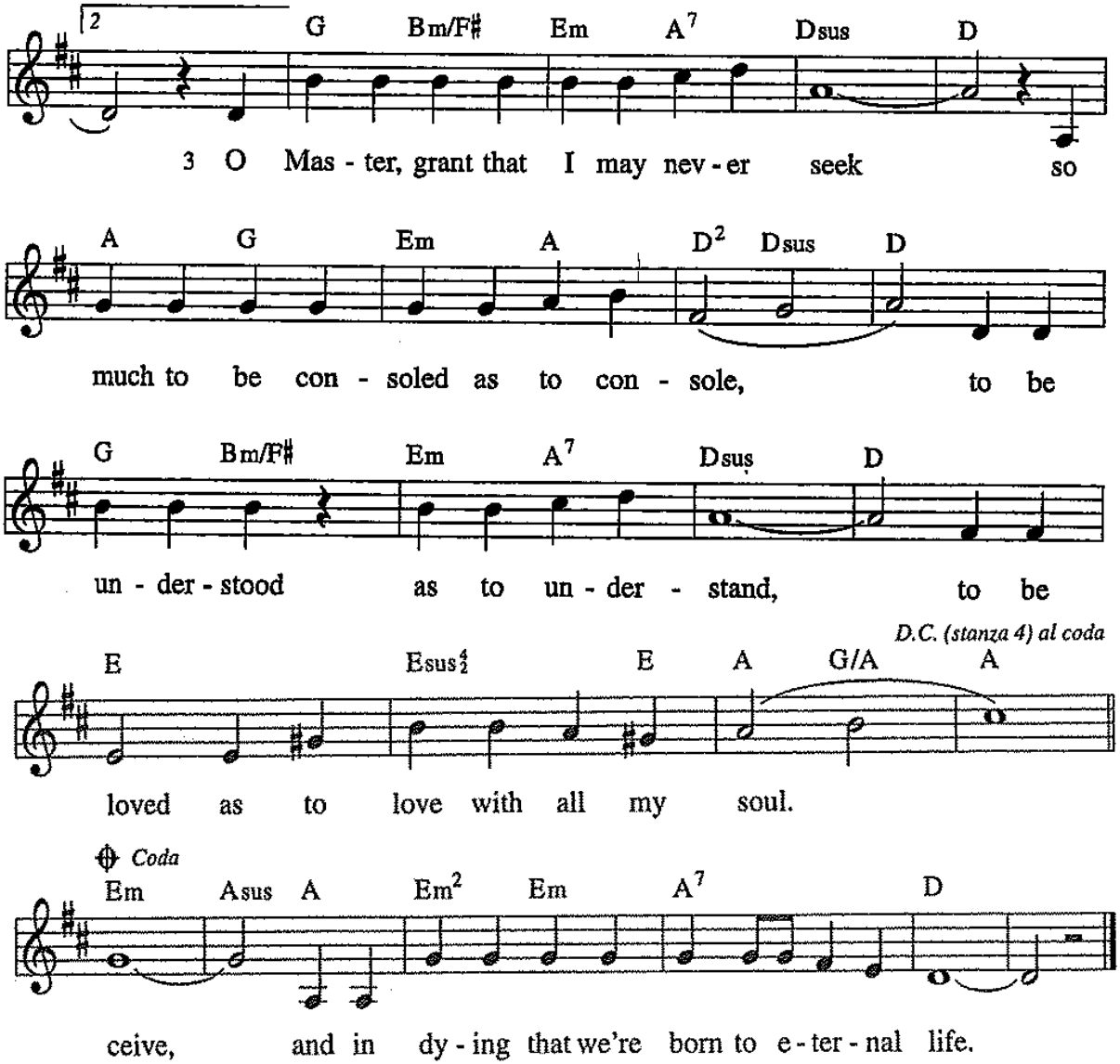
***BLESSING**

P May the triune God, ☩ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*






***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE**

* Stand as you are comfortable

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| | **February 8** | **February 15** |
|---|---|---|
| **Saturday night Worship** | Pastor Jason Northridge (2/7) | Russ Kaltreider (2/14) |
| **Assisting Minister** | Frank Hueske | Donna Lehman |
| **Acolyte** | Leah Kaltreider | Matthew Kaltreider |
| **Lay Reader** | Frank Hueske | Melissa Shue |
| **Communion Distributors** | Suzanne Butler | Glenn Alwine |
| | Janet Haack | Dan Fuhrman |
| **Ushers** | Suzanne Butler | Suzanne Butler |
| | Cindy Schmidt | Cindy Schmidt |
| **Altar Committee** | Amy Feeser | Amy Feeser |
| | Suzanne Butler | Suzanne Butler |

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**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at *assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org***
Radio–Feb. 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 ($60 per date or any portion you desire per date)
Altar Flowers-Feb. 15 (1 vase at $20)
Communion Bread and Wine- Feb. 15, 18, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 ($12 each date)
Worship Bulletins- Feb. 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 ($20 each date)
Eternal Flame- Feb. 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 ($10 each date)

**THERE WILL BE NO PREK FAITH FORMATION TODAY**. Children are invited to attend Faith Formation with the older children today.

**CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR MENTORS** are on retreat at Camp Nawakwa. They have been studying the Ten Commandments and will return this afternoon. Please pray for their safe return.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, February 22nd**
Purpose and only Agenda item is the hiring of a Visitation Pastor for St. Paul's.
More information as we get closer.
The motion is being brought forward unanimously through Council
after being requested by several congregants.

**FEBUARY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING** – St. Paul's will pay for a St. Paul's member, or an individual sponsored by a member, to attend Camp Nawakwa, Camp Kirchenwald, or Mar-Lu-Ridge, for one week of summer camp at the tier 1 classic rate with funding by February's designated giving and the Adventures in Ministry Fund;
Your generous gift for St Paul's February Special Designated Giving goes directly to supporting these camperships.

Faith in Action's **"SOUPER BOWL"** Soup collection continues through Sunday, Feb. 15th. We will be collecting regular size cans of soup (10.5 oz) to be distributed by our Saturday morning grocery ministry here at St. Paul's. Let's set a goal of 450 cans this year!!

**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED** of Faith Formation teachers for our K-6 age group. We will provide the resources you need. All that's required is PA Clearances (and we can help with that as well). Leaders are needed each week starting next week. You can volunteer as your schedule allows (not a weekly commitment). Please see Deb Sowers or contact the church office to volunteer.

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18TH** - Instead of our usual Mid-week devotions an Ash Wednesday Service will be held at **12 noon** and will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.
At 7:00 pm there will be an Ash Wednesday service with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

**LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** will focus on Embracing Evangelism. Lent is a time we may take on a new discipline to deepen our relationship with God. As a congregation, we will focus on sharing God's story as we love our neighbors. Services will be offered each Wednesday during Lent beginning on February 25 at noon and 7:00 pm.

**DIAPER AND WIPES DRIVE** as a Lenten Project. We will be collecting disposable diapers of all sizes and wipes for the Diaper Clinic held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Abbottstown, PA. There is also a need for pull-ups and larger sizes. There are many families in the area that are having a difficult time purchasing the diapers needed for their children. This clinic provides these diapers and wipes to help such families. This collection will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and continue through Easter, April 5, 2026. Place all items purchased in the boxes found in the hallway outside of the sanctuary any time during Lent. We appreciate your generosity in helping others in need.

**JOIN US FOR A TUESDAY EVENING LENTEN BOOK STUDY** of ***Gospeled Lives: Encounters with Jesus, A Lenten Study*** by John Indermark. "Gospeled" lives are lives that have encountered Jesus Christ. Christ's call leads to a continually unfolding story for each of us. An encounter with the living Christ demands a response, John Indermark says. We will learn about New Testament characters who encountered Jesus. Some responded with joy and gratitude. Others ignored or rejected his offer of good news. Gay Dickson will facilitate six sessions beginning on February 24. Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office today so we may order your book.

**INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR JASON -** You are invited to a Service of Holy Communion with the Installation of Rev. Jason Northridge as pastor on March 1st at 3:00 pm. Together we will celebrate God's call, give thanks for new beginnings, and pray for our shared ministry in Christ. This worship service marks the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our congregation, as we trust the Holy Spirit to guide us in faith, service, and mission.

**BEING WORTHY: CABIN FEVER GATHERING –** Saturday, March 7th from 9 am – 2:30 pm at St. Bartholomew United Church in Hanover. More information and registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Jason's office.

**ST. PAUL'S MEN IN MISSION** are sponsoring a "Healthy Steps for Older Adults" in conjunction with the York County Office of the Aging. This is a 2-session class to be held in our fellowship hall on Monday, March 23rd and 30th, from 10am-12 noon. More details and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor Jason's office. Class is limited to 15 people.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Tulips, lilies, hyacinths and hydrangeas will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5th. You have the opportunity to purchase a flower or make a donation to the "Pastor's Discretionary Fund". The donation and/or flower will be recognized in the Easter bulletin. Flower(s) must be taken home following the 9:30 a.m. Easter service. If you are unable to take your plant home following the service, please give serious consideration to a donation.

Please fill in the form below and attach $15.00 for each tulip, hyacinth and lily and $40.00 for each very large 8" potted hydrangea. We will also have two 3 stalk lily pots for along side the altar for $40.00 each. **Return this form to the church office by Sunday, March 1st for flower orders.** Deadline for Pastor's Discretionary Fund donations is Sunday, March 29th.

Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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_____ large lily altar plant ($40 each – 2 available)
or
Make a $_____ donation to the
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| **SUN., FEB. 8** | 8:30 am | Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service – 5th Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | **Boy Scout Sunday** |
| Immediately following Worship | | Coffee Hour – lounge |
| | | Faith Formation – Children - 2nd floor |
| | | Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge |
| | | Adult Choir II rehearsal |
| **MON., FEB. 9** | 6:30 pm | Girl Scout groups – 2nd floor |
| **WED., FEB. 11** | 12:15 pm | Midweek Devotions – Lounge |
| | 5:00 pm | Property Committee |
| | 6:30 am | All Committee Night |
| **THUR., FEB. 12** | 6:00 pm | Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary |
| | 6:30 pm | Cub Scouts Pack Meeting – Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 102 - Youth Room & Gym |
| | 7:00 pm | Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary |
| **FRI., FEB. 13** | 3:00 pm | Grocery Ministry prep – Gym |
| **SAT., FEB. 14** | 9:00 am | Heritage Choir rehearsal - sanctuary |
| | 9:00 am | Grocery Ministry – Boy Scout Troop 102 |
| | 5:00 pm | Saturday Evening Service |
| | 6:15 pm | Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall |
| **SUN., FEB. 15** | | **MARCH EVANGEL ARTICLE DEADLINE** |
| | 8:30 am | Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service – Transfiguration of Our Lord |
| Immediately following Worship | | Coffee Hour – lounge |
| | | Faith Formation – Children - 2nd floor |
| | | Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge |
| | | Adult Choir II rehearsal |