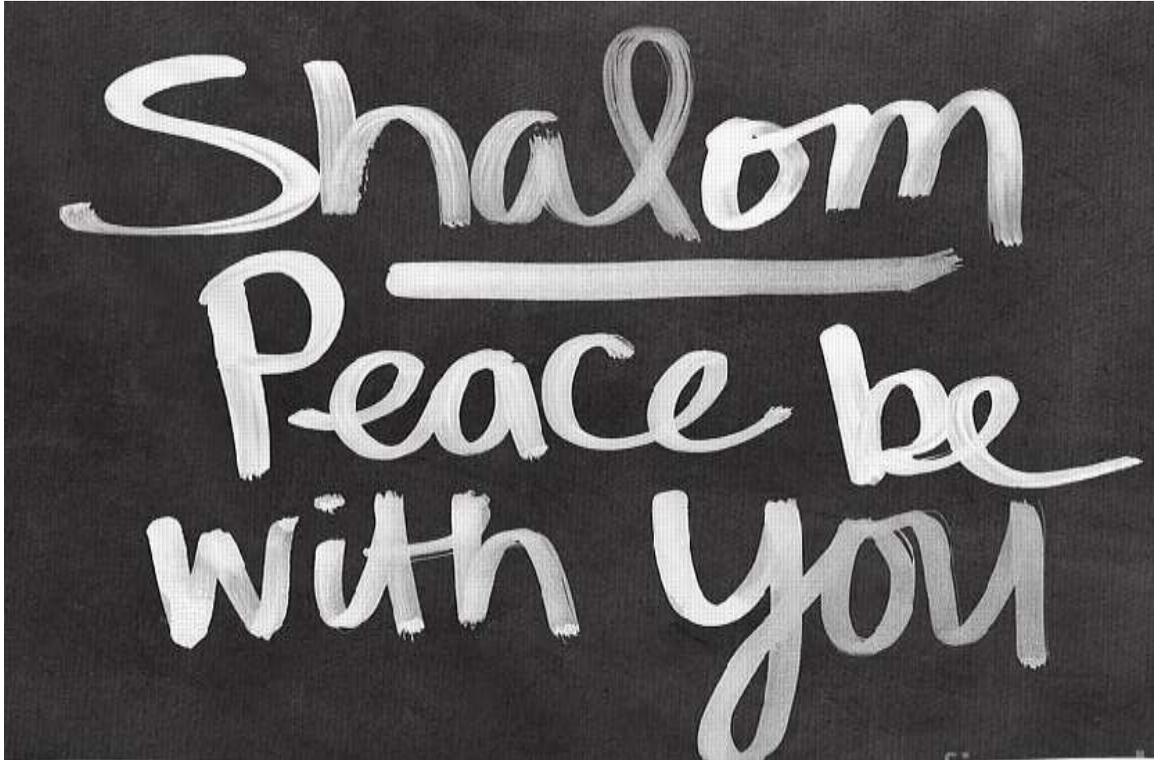


# *Triune Lutheran Church*



*Second Sunday after Epiphany*



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

*We thank you for joining us here  
at Triune Lutheran Church, a  
family united by our Lord, Jesus  
Christ!*



In order to make you feel more at home, here are a few notes about the service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to make your time here as meaningful as possible!

## *Worship*

- The \* by the headings throughout the service indicate when we invite you to stand, as you are able.
- The light print will be spoken by the pastor or another worship leader, while we encourage you to speak the **bold print**.
- The hymns are chosen from our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal, which is the red book directly in front of you in the pews. You will find the hymns in the last two-thirds of the book with the bold numbers on the top of the pages.
- We welcome all the baptized to join us in the Lord's Supper, where we believe Jesus is present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine as his body and blood. After the organist and assisting minister commune, you will be invited to come forward up the non-organ side aisle to the pastor, who will give you bread (gluten-free wafers also available upon request). You are encouraged to keep the bread in your hands and then dip it into the chalice of wine for intinction. You may also come forward to receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded. You may return to your seat up the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to you.
- For visitors, if you so choose, we encourage you to fill out a card available at the center-aisle end of the pew to learn more about us.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the eternal voice from heaven,  
the anointed and beloved one,  
the Spirit moving over the waters.

**Amen!**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in  
confession, trusting the love of Christ.

*You are invited to kneel or remain standing/sitting. Silence  
is kept for reflection.*

God who searches us and knows us,  
**you have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
We have not been just in our dealings with others.  
We have chosen revenge over mercy.  
We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
Forgive us our sin,  
and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen!**

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but, instead, the Holy Spirit  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism:  
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for yours is the glory of life everlasting! **Amen!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

ELW 314

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, hold us forever,  
that through your grace, we may worship and faithfully serve  
you, follow and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. **Amen!**

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 49:1-7

<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.”

The word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**



**<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

## **SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<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.

The word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL**

John 1:29-42

The holy Gospel according to John.  
**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).

This is the holy Gospel of our Lord!  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

ELW 726

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray  
for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's  
voice.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, we thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations and for opportunities to proclaim your mercy. Reveal your truth and glory to all who ponder your word of life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we marvel at the abundance of the world you have made. Give us confidence in our calling to be stewards of the earth so that our lives are in fellowship with all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we are thankful for all who have marched for justice and advocated for peace. Entrust our leaders with strength, wisdom, and a discerning spirit, so that both our words and our actions serve you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, we thank you for your constant presence as you walk with your children through challenges of joblessness, homelessness, grief, and sickness. Gather this surrounding community around all who need your healing power, that they find strength in you, including Bev & Bill Deitrick, Tim Mize, Hazel Schwab, Martha Wasson, Mardell Weiss, Dave & Clara Wilcox, Jenny Adams, Cathy Gallagher, Richard Jakubcin, John & Jean Kurtz, Mary Phillips, Courtney Spencer, George Tomaselli, those serving in the armed forces and as first responders, and all those we name in our hearts...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of persistence, we praise you for the gifts of our church leaders. Bless and strengthen our council members, staff, worship leaders, and all those who offer their gifts to this Triune family, that our work together would serve your mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for the whole communion of saints, each empowered in their own time to serve you. Inspire our lives with their testimony. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place our prayers before you, God, united by the Holy Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

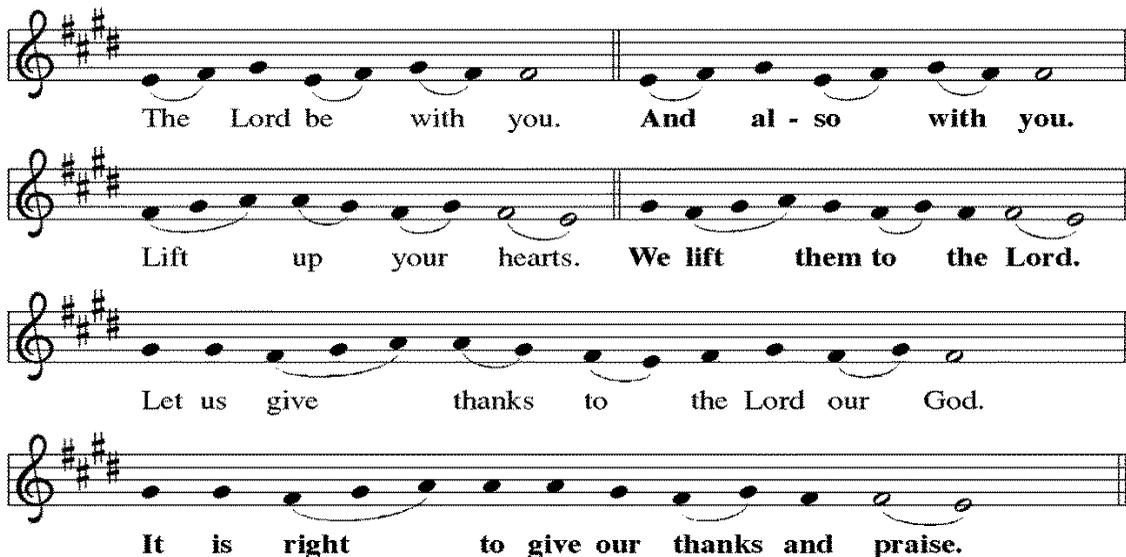
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*No repeat on refrain*

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

God of wonder,  
you shaped us in our mother's womb,  
and from the earth you bring forth this bread and wine.  
We place them on your table,  
together with our lives and all that you have made.  
We long for your peace;  
we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,  
our banquet of everlasting life.  
**Amen!**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved  
Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your  
glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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 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 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.

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,  
both now and forever.

**Amen!**

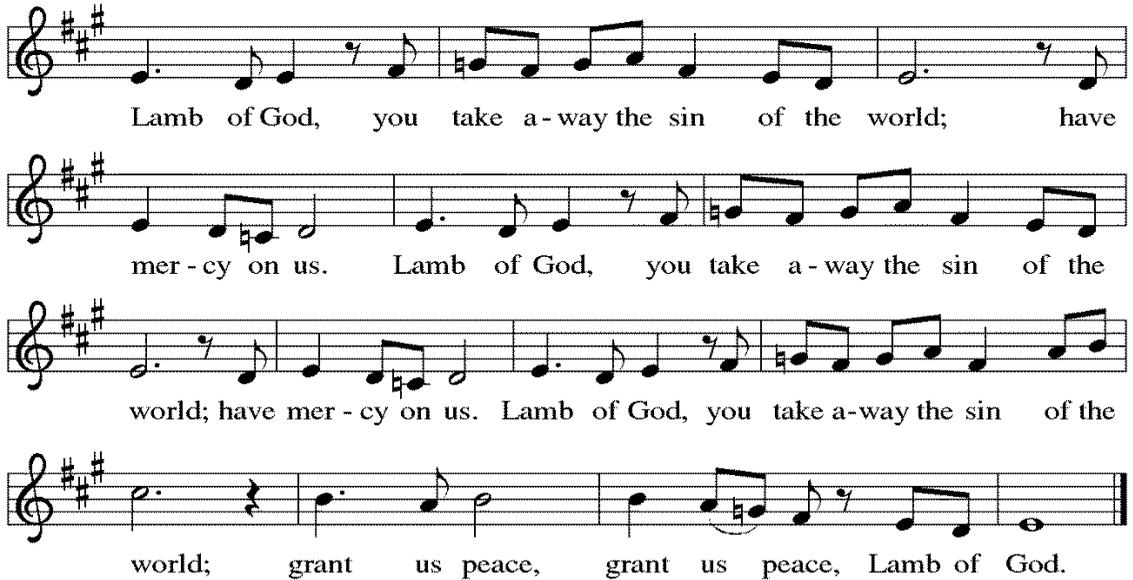
**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table of mercy and joy for us all!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## \*COMMUNION HYMN



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

## COMMUNION

### \*COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,  
you have kept your promise to us in this meal,  
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.  
Now send your servants forth in peace,  
that we may testify to your goodness  
and share the hope that is ours  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen!**

## \***BLESSING**

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,  
and the source of our life together,  
keep you united in mind and purpose.

And the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and forever!

**Amen!**

## \***SENDING HYMN**

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

ELW 318

## \***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Let your light shine!

**Thanks be to God!**

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## *Abundant Blessings*

As occasionally happens in life, sometimes we are so conscious of how much God has done for us that we can't help but be grateful. To have been created; to have the chance to inhabit the universe; to live in a world full of oceans, mountains and forests – and other humans; and to be known, welcomed and redeemed by our Creator is the common blessing that God has given to every human. Even more than that, God blesses us with the particulars of our lives: opportunities to grow, significant people who love and challenge us, and food and shelter. All this comes from a heavenly parent whose son faced the pain and brokenness of our world to free us from sin and death. I, for one, don't stop often enough to be grateful for all that God has done for me and for us.

This week's lectionary readings offer several opportunities to reflect on how God abundantly blesses us more than we could ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

The passage from Isaiah this week is another "servant song" (Lectionary blog: Jan. 12), in which God describes, through the prophet, the activities of the Lord's anointed servant. The servant was called to do God's work even before birth (Isaiah 49:1, 5). But after disappointments in the ministry, the servant wondered if it had all been for naught (4). God responded by telling the servant that God would redeem the House of Jacob from exile and raise up and restore the people of Israel (5-6). If being the savior of Israel weren't enough, God would also cause the servant to be a light to all the gentile nations, so God's salvation would reach the ends of the earth (6). God cast a vision of not only a profoundly successful mission to redeem Israel, but to also include *all* the people of the earth.

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*God is in the business of blessing us more than we can even understand.*

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The pattern of God giving more than could be asked or imagined continues in Psalm 40. The psalmist felt stuck in a difficult situation and had been patiently crying out to the Lord for a long time (Psalm 40:1). Eventually, God rescued the psalmist as if drawing him out of a miry bog or desolate pit, placing his feet upon a rock-solid foundation (2). Not only did God rescue him, but God overwhelmed the psalmist with such joy that he couldn't help but sing a new song of praise (3). We read in this psalm that God has multiplied wonderous deeds toward God's people, blessing us abundantly (5).

In his letter to the Corinthian church, Paul reminded the new Christians of the grace that God has given to them (1 Corinthians 1:4). He argued that the Corinthian congregation had been enriched in every way: through powerful speech and knowledge (5), with spiritual gifts (7), through perseverance (8) and finally as recipients of God's faithfulness (9). Paul didn't want the believers in Corinth to lose sight of all the ways that God had been blessing them. Through these verses, the Spirit reminds us of how much God has already done for us as well.

Finally, the gospel text reminds me most forcefully that God is in the business of blessing us more than we can even understand. John the Baptizer baptized with water for inclusion in the work that God is doing (John 1:31). That is good and beautiful, and it would certainly be enough to cause us to be grateful. But we also believe that Jesus did, and continues to do, the work of baptizing us with the Spirit, causing God's presence to come and abide with us, to counsel, to inspire, to encourage and to reform us (33).

Again and again, God blesses humanity—but then goes over and above the original gift of grace to provide even more than we could ask or imagine. In so doing, not only does God show how generous, merciful and gracious God is, but also how dearly beloved we are as God's children. We are the beneficiaries of this divine kindness. For this we say thank you and Amen.



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