WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 2/23 8:00 WORSHIP 9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 Training for recording services - in the Church 10:45 Worship MONDAY, 2/24 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 7:00 BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, 2/25 7:00 MEN'S GROUP WEDNESDAY, 2/26 THURSDAY, 2/27 7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL FRIDAY, 2/28 SATURDAY, 3/1 SUNDAY, 3/2 8:00 WORSHIP 9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 PRACTICE FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS 10:45 Worship 6:00 DINNER CHURCH WITH SHROVE SUNDAY CELEBRATION WITH PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE,

Ash Wednesday, March 5th ... We will have three services on Ash Wednesday, 7am, Noon, and 7pm. Also, *Ashes to Go* again this year

BURNING OF THE PALMS

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

Shrove Sunday Event/ Dinner Church..... Sunday, March 2nd at 6:00pm

Our next Dinner Church and Table Worship will be on Sunday, March 2, at 6:00 PM. In addition to our Table Communion and supper, we will also join in the burning of our palms to prepare for Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5.

Plan to attend! All are welcome!

Youth please arrive at 4:30. Thank you!

Welcome to our New Members Today!!

Womens' Faith and Friendship.... No meeting in March.

Concert at Holy Trinity.....On Friday, March 7th, 7:00pm Seton Hill Choir will be here at Holy Trinity for a concert. All are welcome! Members and friends included!

Mens' Breakfast Meeting ...Saturday, March 8 at 8:00am. Meeting here at Holy Trinity!
Sign up in the Narthex

OUR MISSION Worship God, Grow in Faith, Serve with Love

Volunteers needed..... The beautiful fabric for the bell pad covers has arrived. Volunteers are welcome to begin cutting and sewing during the afternoon of March 3rd in the Miller parlor. Anne Coiner will give directions and simple suggestions as we spend the afternoon stitching and visiting. Future meeting times will vary to meet individual availability. Please indicate on the sign up sheet in the narthex your interest and availability. Thank you!

Bible StudiesMonday night Bible Study will focus on the villains of Lent.

Thursday Bible at Noon continues each week.

We meet in the Miller Parlor.

Attend when you can! All are welcome to join us as your schedule allows.

Community Meals... Help is needed for March, please sign up in the Narthex on the bulletin board.

Congregational Offering February 16, 2025				
<u>2025 BUDGET</u>	BUDGET NEEDS <u>WEEKLY</u>	LAST WEEK'S OFFERING		
\$392,407.00	<i>\$7,547.00</i>	\$3,617.24		
IMPROVEMENT FUND	WEEKLY GOAL	LAST WEEK'S OFFERING		
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$63.00		
<u>ORGAN FUND</u> \$93,000		Last Week's Offering \$253.00		

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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		8:15	10:45
	Assisting Minister	Chris Karpinsky	Jodi Waugaman
	Communion Assistants	Kelly Bergman Vicki Hillier	Susan Siems Mary Smaligo
	Lector	Pat Koos	Michele Klingensmith
	Acolyte	Daila Goodman	open
	Greeters		Susan Kramer Marcia Kramer
	Altar Guild		Marcia Krainei

Set-up Saturday, Feb. 22		Andrea and Brian Smith
Sunday, Feb. 23	8:15	Rochelle Belak and Vicki Rutkowski
	10:45	Doug and Nancy Woodring
Set-up Saturday, March 1		
Set-up Saturday, M	arch 1	Lori Thomas
Set-up Saturday, M Sunday, March 2	arch 1 8:15	Lori Thomas Lois Brown and Debbie Reed

Food Pantry

2025 Distribution Dates:

April 12, June 14, August 9, October 11, Dec. 13

Items needed for the April distribution:

Canned ham Canned pineapple rings Scallop potato mix Egg coloring Easter candy Paper towels Shampoo and conditioner Yellow cake mix

Maraschino cherries (small jar)

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta Applesauce Baked beans Cake/muffin/brownie mix Canned fruit Canned tuna Granola bars Pasta Sauce Oatmeal Paper towels Peanut butter & Jelly Potato/rice mix Pudding Cups

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

Worship Plan for Sunday, February 23, 2025

7 Epiphany ELW Holy Communion Setting Two Sunday, February 23, 2025

Introduction to the day

Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG All Creatures, Worship God Most High! #835

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the 4 All who for love of God for give, all who in pain or sor row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful, throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night: clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare: fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.
- O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.

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*GREETING Pastor

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
- ⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
 - ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
 - ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
 - ¹⁰ In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.
 - ¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.
 - ³⁹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.
- ⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

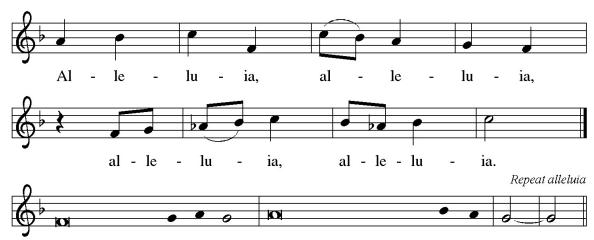
In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

- ³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.
- ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth,

a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

*GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The holy gospel according to



Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The gospel of the Lord.

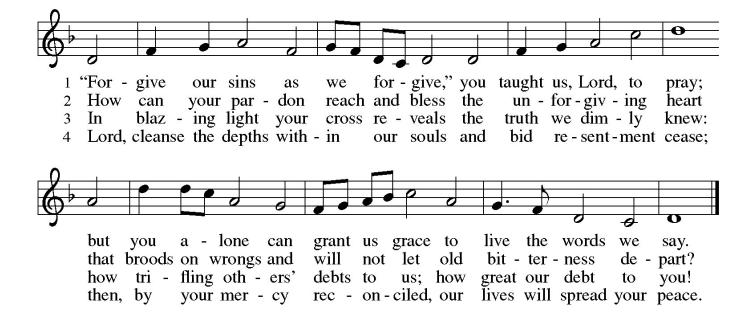


CHILDRENS' SERMON

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive #605

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



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Welcoming New Members to the Congregation

Presentation of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Introduction of each new member.

Donna and (? Jim Reyes)
Kimberly Rogers and Robert Billstone
JoAnne Turnbull
Eric and Kelly Keiser, children Justin, Sean, Isaac
Elizabeth Moore
Kayte Hughes
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Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Friends in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Stir up in _____
the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

*PRAYERS Assisting minister

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We give you thanks for our new members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Pastor

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

Welcome

Let us welcome these new members to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

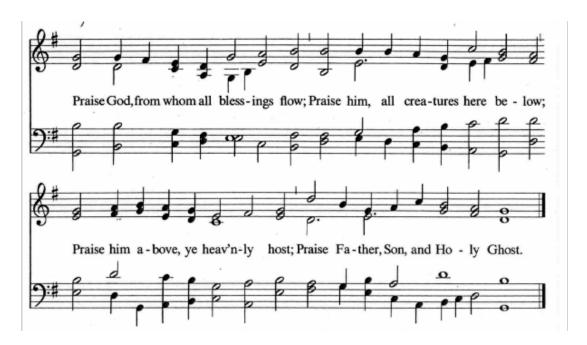
*PEACE

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

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: Prayer of Saint Francis

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

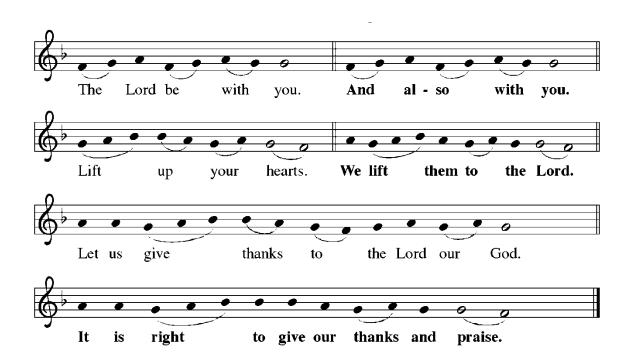


*OFFERING PRAYER assisting minister

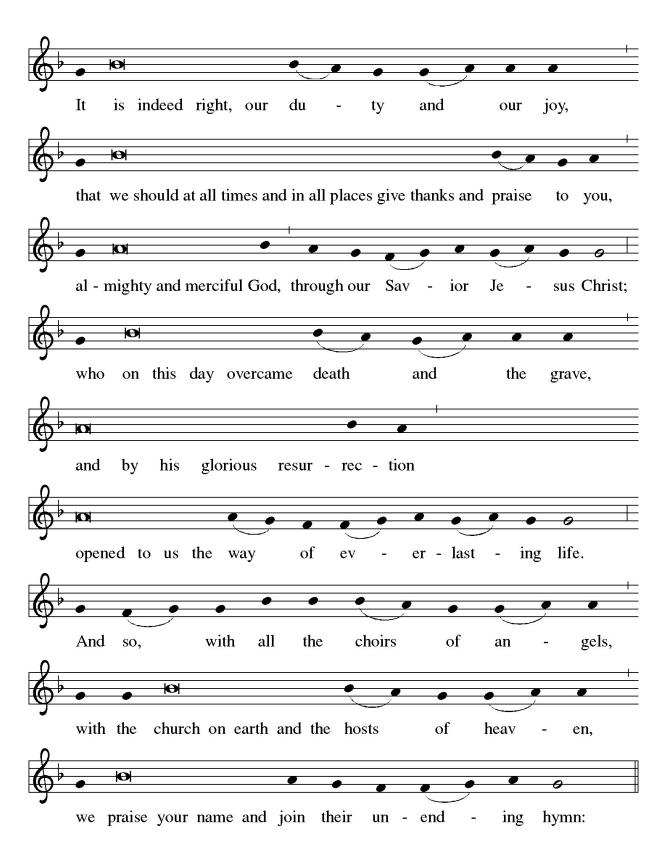
Let us pray.

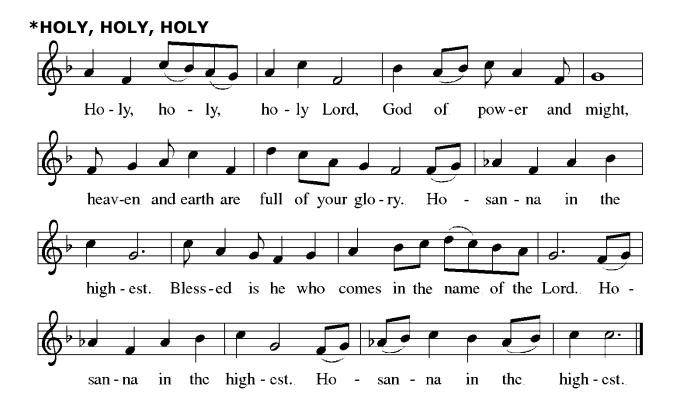
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

*DIALOGUE Pastor



*PREFACE





*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



*LORD'S PRAYER Pastor

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

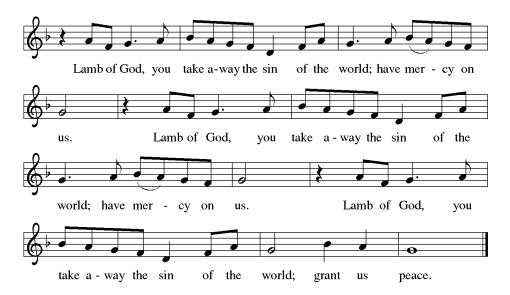
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION Pastor

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION SONG



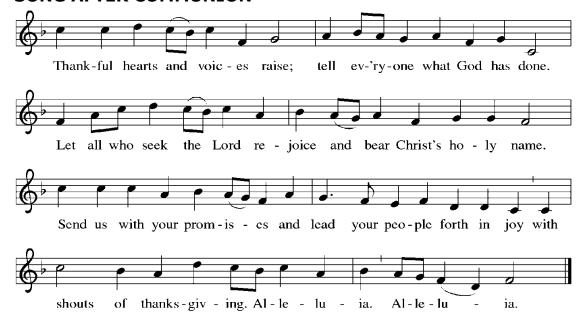
Communion

Hymn During Communion: I Come with Joy #482

*COMMUNION BLESSING Pastor

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

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**



*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION assisting minister

Let us pray.

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

*BENEDICTION: Pastor

The Spirit of the triune God

bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

*Recessional Hymn Sent Forth by God's Blessing #547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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*DISMISSAL assisting minister
Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.