

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2025, 10am

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *There Is A Balm in Gilead* Aaron David Miller

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God of mercy,
C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #314 *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

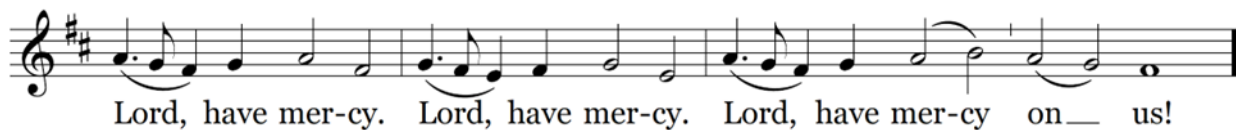
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

UKRAINIAN RITE KYRIE [*The cantor chants the petitions and we sing the responses*]

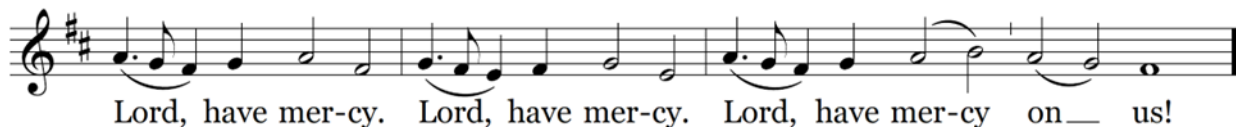
Cantor: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

All:



Cantor: *Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness of our hearts. Let us pray to the Lord:*

All:



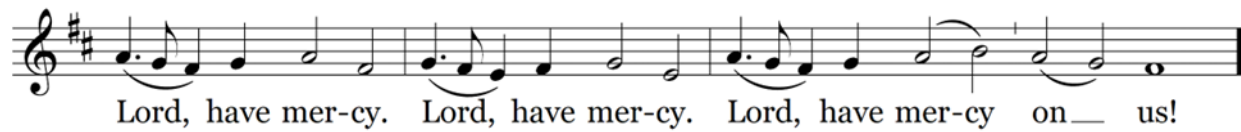
Cantor: *Christ Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love. Let us pray to the Lord:*

All:



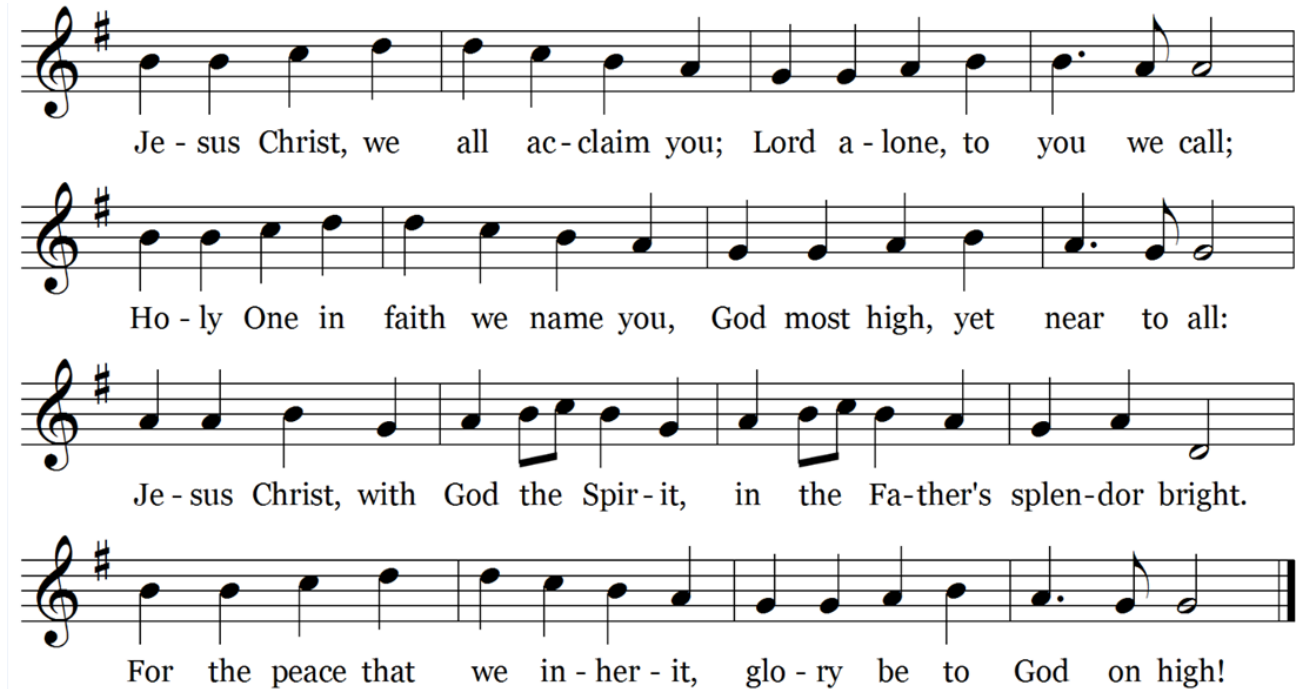
Cantor: *Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living Word. Let us pray to the Lord.*

All:



Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Made popular by its introduction at the World Council of Churches' Sixth Assembly,
Vancouver, British Columbia, 1983.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Jesus Christ, We All Acclaim You!*



Setting Ten Gloria, adapted.
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapted.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

C **Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

We sit

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM 19



¹ The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

² **One day tells its tale | to another,**
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

- ³ Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,
⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their mes-
sage to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- ⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and
runs about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**
- ⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.
- ⁸ **The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives
light | to the eyes.**
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.
- ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much
fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the
comb.**
- ¹¹ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- ¹² **Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them
not get dominion | over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and
innocent of a | great offense.
- ¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable | in your sight, O Lord, my strength
and | my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the
members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with
Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of
one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks Be to God!

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 4:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ! (*spoken boldly*)

We sit

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON: “*Who speaks with this Kind of Authority?*”

The Reverend Ron Philabaum

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: #843 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the
Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**WE believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the ✚ resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each portion of the prayers:

P God of grace, **C** hear our prayer.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor*

Refrain

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

*I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor.*

Refrain

*Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor.*

Refrain

*Every spirit crushed God will save; will be ransom for their lives;
will be safe shelter for their fears, and will hear the cry of the poor.*

Refrain

*We proclaim your greatness, O God, your praise ever in our mouth;
every face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor.*

Refrain

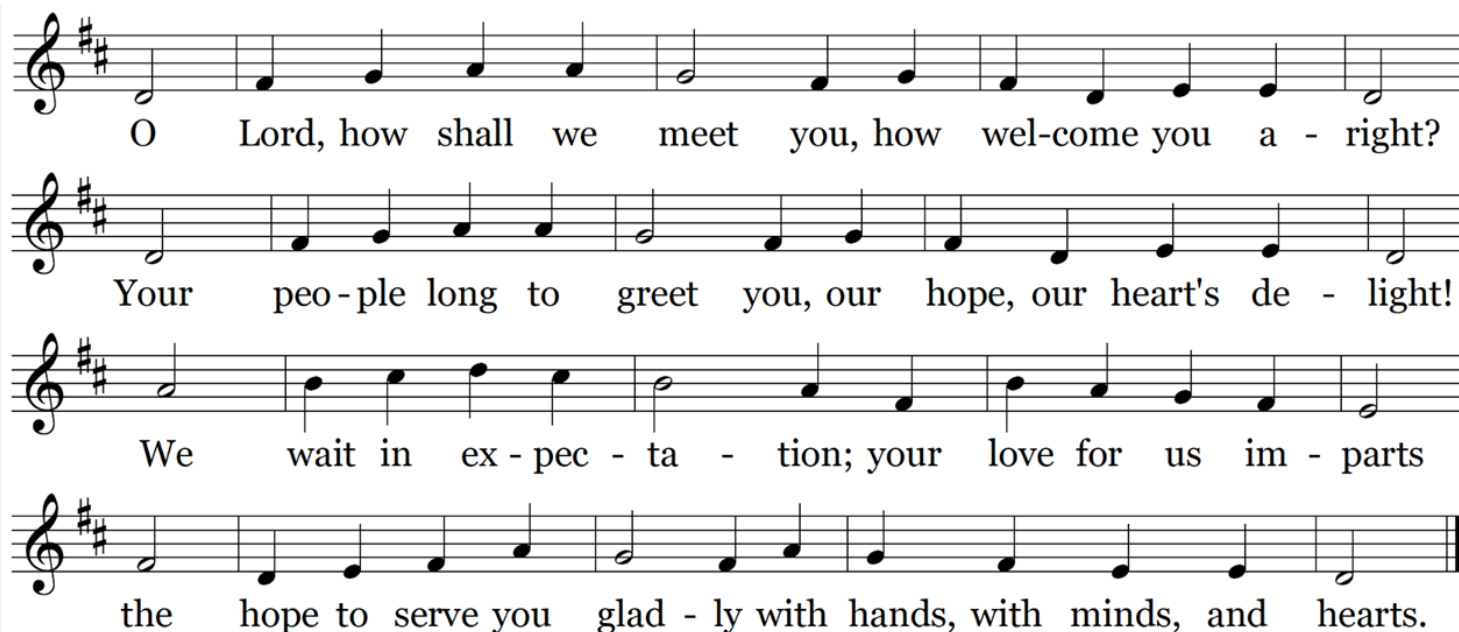
Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 18-19, 23

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We stand

OFFERTORY SONG: *O Lord, How Shall We Meet You*



O Lord, how shall we meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
Your peo-ple long to greet you, our hope, our heart's de - light!
We wait in ex - pec - ta - tion; your love for us im - parts
the hope to serve you glad - ly with hands, with minds, and hearts.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, st. 1 alt., RDH 2023.

Tune: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

PRAYER

P Let us pray:

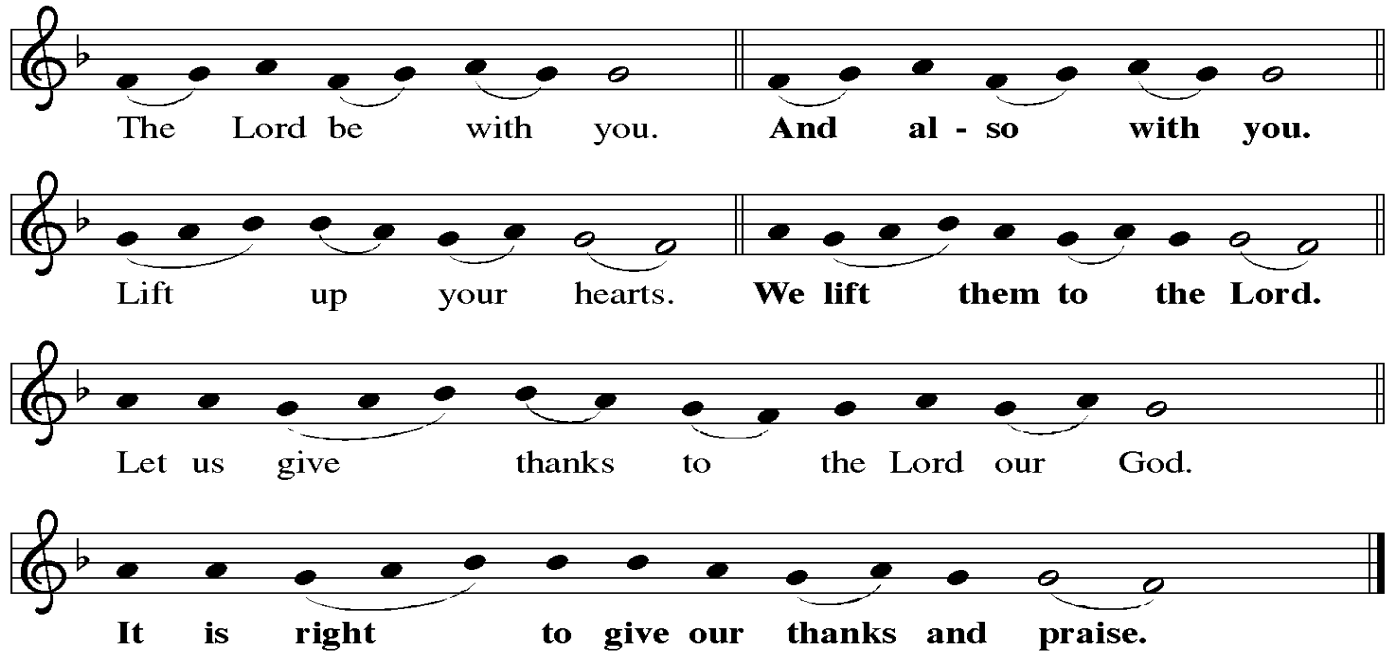
C **God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

*Your love, O Lord
reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Psalm 36:5*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION



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.

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:



SANCTUS

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

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 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.

P 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. Amen

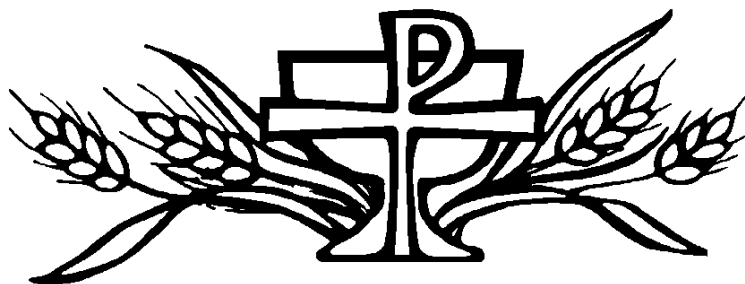
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.



I am the bread of life

COMMUNION MUSIC: *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown

Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

COMMUNION MUSIC: #725: *When the Poor Ones Who Have Nothing*
#496: *One Bread, One Body*

We stand

BLESSING

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

C Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father
✙ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #551 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Allegretto Risoluto*

Christian Fink



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To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall

WORSHIP: *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*

LEARN: *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*

WITNESS: *Boldly share the Word of God*

SERVE: *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*

SUPPORT: *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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