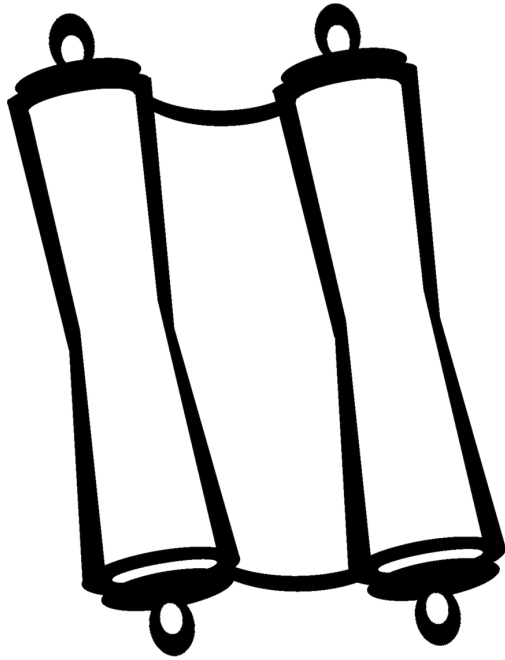


Third Sunday After The Epiphany



January 26, 2025

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we receive Word and Sacrament, the means of grace!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, we invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form in the bulletin or at the Welcome Desk to let us know you were worshipping with us today. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor, an usher, or placed in the offering.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Busy Bags for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers! We love having children in worship! Should parents have need of nursery during worship, our professionally staffed nursery for childcare is available. Please see an usher for directions.

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available at the ushers table in the entry-way, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue! Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshipers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available at either worship service, after the Gospel reading for children ages 3 through third grade During Little Lambs Children's Ministry children and their leader go to the Nursery to enjoy age appropriate Biblically-oriented activities during the Sermon, creed and prayers. They return during the offering to join us for Holy communion! This gives little ones a Bible break during the service, while allowing parents to focus on the sermon!

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at www.grace43081.org and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) at www.thenalc.org!

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch - Organ

"O Jesu Christe, wahres Licht" - arr. Helmut Walcha

"Christ, Be Our Light" - arr. Ron Schmoltze

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*
C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore him, And gold and in - cense bring;

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun! He
 To help the poor and need - y, And bid the weak be strong; To
 And love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, Spring in his path to birth. Be -
 All na - tions shall a - dore him, His praise all peo - ple sing. To

comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free, To take a -
 give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light, Whose souls, con -
 fore him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go; And righ - teous -
 him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend; His king - dom

way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in his sight.
 ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

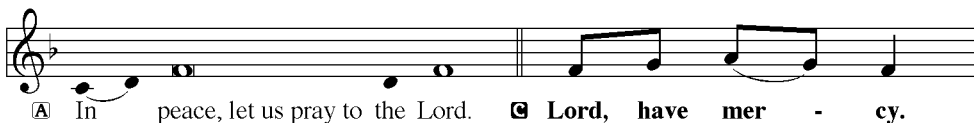
The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

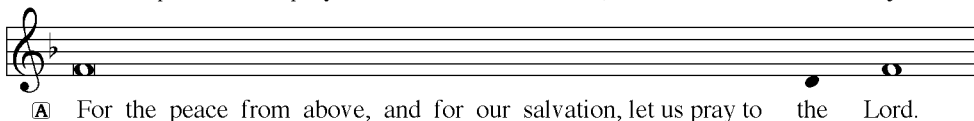
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**


KYRIE



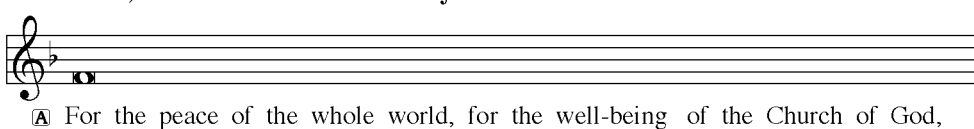
[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.



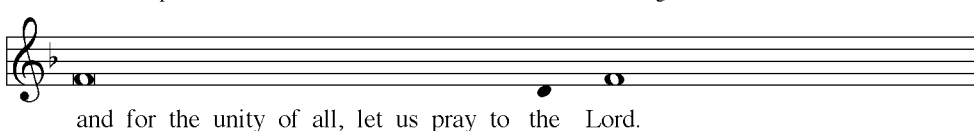
[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



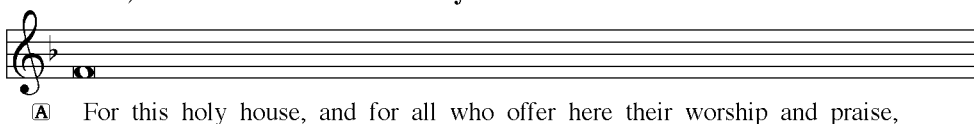
[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



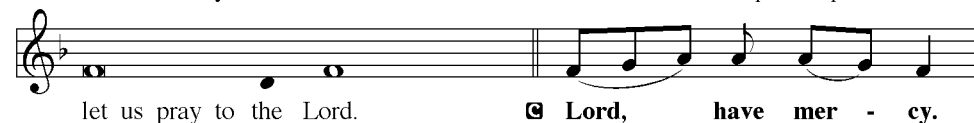
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. [C] A - men

GLORY TO GOD



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

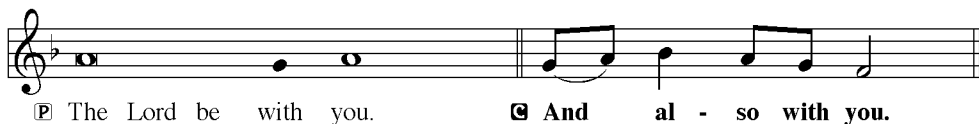


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority in the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was His custom. Anoint us, also, with the power of your Spirit, that we too, may bring good news, help the afflicted and set free those who are persecuted and oppressed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And 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.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.


⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And 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 as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, 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: 7-14

Refrain



The law of the LORD re - vives the soul.

Psalm Tone



- L ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.
- C 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.**
- L ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.
- C ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. Refrain**
- L ¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- C ¹²**Who can tell how often | he offends?
cleans me from my | secret faults.**
- L ¹³Above 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.
- C 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. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²Just 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. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should 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. ¹⁶And if the ear should 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The 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.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more representable parts do not require. But God

has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

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

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6: 68*)

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁶{Jesus} came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And 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 proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no

prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON: "A Mixed Reaction To The Lord!"

The Rev. Dr. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with

those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to

hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

THE PRAYERS

A Rejoicing in God's gift of grace, let us pray for the Church,
 the world, and all on whom the Light of Christ shines.

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

P Hear our prayers, gracious God, as we live in the light of
 your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (*Matthew 5: 22-24; John 20: 19*)

C And also with you.

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

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:15 "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" - *arr. Walter Ehret*

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

11:00 "The Lord's Prayer" - *Albert Hay Malotte*

Martha Crist and Linda Hoch - Piano Duet

Please stand as the offering and first fruits are brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY



☞ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have


blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER


(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



♩ 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 him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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, that
whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took
bread, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his
life-giving Passion and Death, his glorious Resurrection
and Ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks
to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are
able; and we implore 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;
that we who share in the Body and Blood of your Son may be
filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the
forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and
have our portion with all your saints.

C **All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

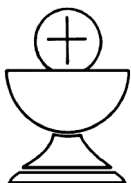
A time of silence...

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29*)

C **Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!**
(*Revelation 19:9*)

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that become our Lord's Body and Blood, are welcome to commune. Children who do not commune are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing!

The Lord's sacramental Blood is available in individual glasses and common cup. As the communion assistants approach, simply indicate which you prefer by a nod of the head or pointing to individual cups or chalice. Grape juice is available in the center ring of each tray. Please place empty individual glasses in the basket provided to either side of the altar area. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who require them. Indicate your preference to the minister administering the hosts.

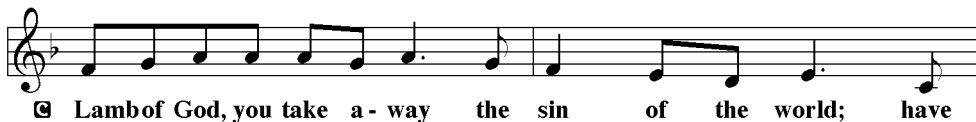
Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:

O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.

Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)



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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Martha Crist - Piano, Linda Hoch - Organ

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" - arr. Gilbert M. Martin

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION (*Numbers 6: 24-26*)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine on you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ...
In the name of the Father, and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

C A - men

give you peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ, Be Our Light"

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



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

THE RITE OF SENDING

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Finale" - *Gilbert M. Martin*

Linda Hoch - Organ

Offering: An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

Flowers are given by...

Jackie Nussbaum, in celebration of the 80th birthdays of her parents, Joe and Shirley Moleno.

Jaya Koppera in loving memory of Manjula Koppera's Birthday.

Pan and Dennis Cooper for the blessing of our new granddaughter Lydia Josephine Cooper.

Remember in our prayers... Steve Miller, David Fuhrman, Paula Washburn, Chuck Washburn, Sue Taylor, Julie Smith, Joe Moleno, Betty Milner, Karen Vann, Mary Cooney, John Hicks, Amy Lynn Unkefer, Cheryl DoBroka, Rod Rice, Mary Ross, Jim Ross

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2nd Sunday After The Epiphany- 8:15am: 60; 11:00am: 119; Total: 179

MUSIC NOTES

"O Jesu Christe, wahres Licht" – arr. Helmut Walcha

This hymn was published in the *Devoti musica cordis* (Leipzig, 1630) of Johann Heermann (1585-1647) in a section of "pious Christian songs of lament for times of persecution and hardship." Written in the midst of the Thirty Years' War, the song directs the singer away from destruction, devastation, and disruption of peaceful daily life to the realm of faith and hope in the Savior, Jesus Christ. While rulers of Reformation and Counter-Reformation territories were aligning themselves into groups that sent armed forces to protect or gain advantage, Heermann looks beyond all this to the spiritual battle under Christ. Heermann's hymn is modeled on a prayer by the Jesuit Petrus Michaelis (Peter Michael Brillmacher, 1542-1595) for unbelievers and those who have gone astray.

"Christ, Be Our Light" – arr. Ron Schmoltze

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957), a liturgical composer in Great Britain, wrote this hymn in 1993. The stanzas press from longing for the signs of the kingdom of God to us as its servants. The refrain that follows is a petition that Christ would be our light and shine in our hearts as the church is gathered by that light.

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" – arr. Walter Ehret

This hymn by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) has come to be known as the "Queen of Chorales" and its partner "Wake, awake, for night is flying" as the "King of Chorales". Both hymns and their tunes by Nicolai were included in his *Frewden-Spiegel dess ewigen Lebens* (1599). The original seven stanzas formed an acrostic. The opening letters of the stanzas were W, E, G, U, H, Z, and W

referring to *Wilhelm Ernst, Graf und Herr zu Waldeck*, a former student of Nicolai's. Based on Psalm 45, this hymn is believed to have been written in 1597. It quickly became a favorite in Germany where it was used for many occasions, especially weddings, where it was considered almost indispensable. J. S. Bach also used the tune in numerous cantatas and works for organ.

"The Lord's Prayer" – Albert Hay Malotte

"The Lord's Prayer" is a musical setting of the biblical Lord's Prayer, composed by Albert Hay Malotte in 1935, and recorded by many notable singers. According to his *New York Times* obituary: "Mr. Malotte's musical setting of 'The Lord's Prayer' was the first one that achieved popularity, although the prayer had been set to music many times before."

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" – arr. Gilbert M. Martin

This hymn was written by Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913) in 1877 at the request of Bishop John H. Vincent, one of the founders of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. It is based on Christ's feeding the multitude and was intended to be used by groups devoted to Bible study. Tradition requires that it be sung at Sunday evening vespers at the Chautauqua assembly in New York. The tune BREAD OF LIFE was composed in 1877 for the text by William F. Sherwin, choral director of the Chautauqua institution. It appeared in Chautauqua publications and then in *The Calvary Selection of Spiritual Songs* (1878).

"Finale" – Gilbert M. Martin

Gilbert M. Martin is an organist and composer whose arrangements and original compositions have been performed by organists, pianists and choral ensembles in both schools and churches for over 40 years. A native of Southbridge, Massachusetts, he studied organ with Alexander McCurdy and George Lynn at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where he was honored as a distinguished composer and alumnus. He currently lives in the Dayton area where he remains an active composer in the choral, piano and organ genres.

Serving Today

OFFICIATING/PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
DEACON	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
ASSISTING	8:15
MINISTER	11:00
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR	Dr. Helen Kang
DIRECTOR	
CANTOR	Sue Mahrt
ACOLYTE	8:15 Lauren Place 11:00 Miguel Arreguin
LECTOR	8:15 Dorothy Crain 11:00 Gregg Rearick
COMMUNION	8:15 Vanessa Stewart, Chris Banks
ASSISTANTS	11:00 Andrea Bush, Heather Bush
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 4</i>	
USHERS	8:15 Paul Whitacre, Bob Ayers, Ted Ray, Jim Caldwell 11:00 Jim Monroe, Eric Bush, Gregg Rearick
GREETERS	8:15 Lois Rumph 11:00 Sue and Jim Monroe
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Julie Young 11:00 Amy Quinn

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