

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania
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*The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 7 and 8, 2026*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are a variety of games, toys, puzzles, coloring supplies and snacks in the Kids' Prayground cabinet in the narthex near the coat rack. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream. If you are visiting, an usher can help direct you to the nursery.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Holy Trinity has safety measures in place for the sake of all who worship here. Fire extinguishers are located throughout the facility in case of need. The AED machine and a fire extinguisher can be found in the narthex next to the Kids' Prayground cabinet. Other fire extinguishers on the first floor can be found behind the door leading from the sanctuary to the pastor's sacristy, and in the office hallway at the back door and at the front of the hallway near the water cooler. An AED is also located downstairs in Brath Hall should it be needed.

Liturgy of Holy Communion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in bold type.

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

Gathering

Prelude

Meditation on *In the bleak midwinter*

Paul Fey

Greeting and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round-ed, with grace un - bound-ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.
 Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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Apostolic Greeting

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

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

Amen.

Assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

A reading from Isaiah:

1 Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

3 “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
9a Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
9b If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
10 if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
11 The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-10

The psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday and sung responsively on Sunday.



- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
- 6 For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.
- 8 Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. (R)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech

and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him” –

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

16 “For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

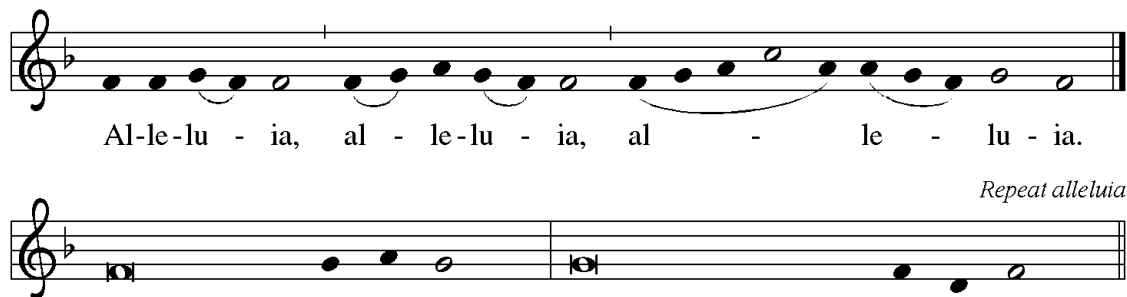
But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Jesus says, I am the light^l of the world;
whoever follows me will have the^l light of life.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

14 You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

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

The assembly is seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Brenda Martin

The assembly stands.

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.

Text: Bernadett Farrell, b. 1957

Music: *Christ, be our light*, Bernadette Farrell

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

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

A brief silence.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. We pray for our bishops, Yeheil and Kristen; our pastors, staff members, musicians, worship leaders, council and committee members. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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

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

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

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. We pray for our partners in ministry: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Marys, and Campus Ministry at IUP. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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

Are there others for whom we should pray?

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

Peace

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,
"Peace be with you. And also with you."*

Meal

Choir anthem at the Offertory:

In the bleak mid-winter
Harold Darke

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

-- Christina Rossetti, from *A Christmas Carol*, 1872

The assembly stands.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of glory,

great are your wonders among us

and many are the blessings you bestow.

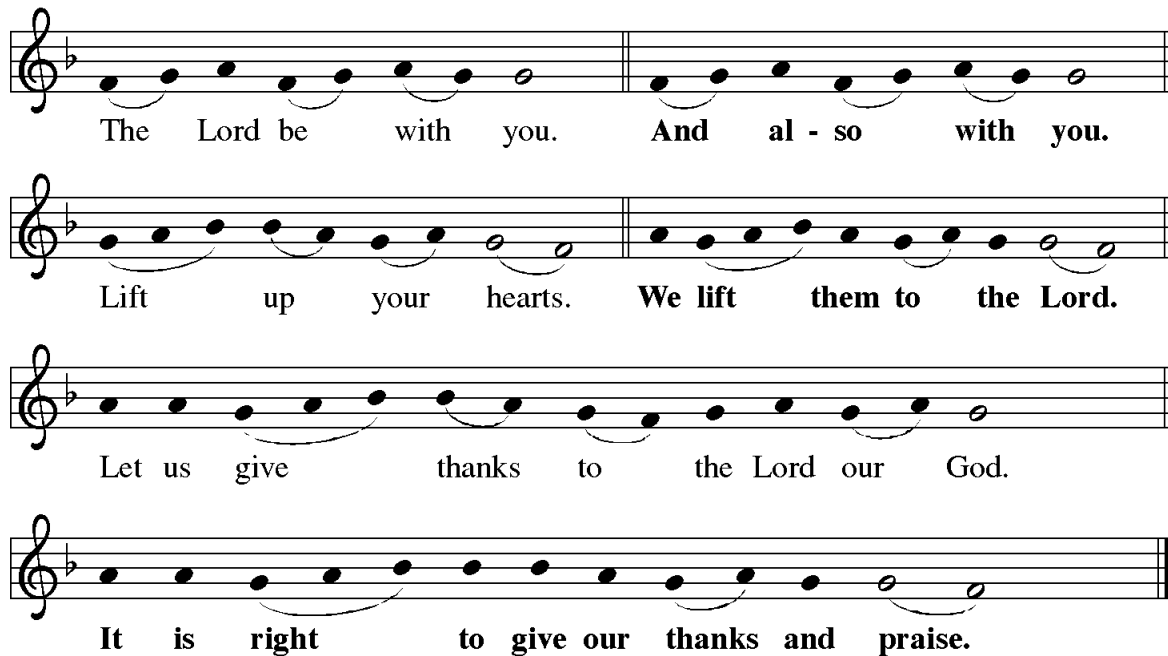
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,

that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,

through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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

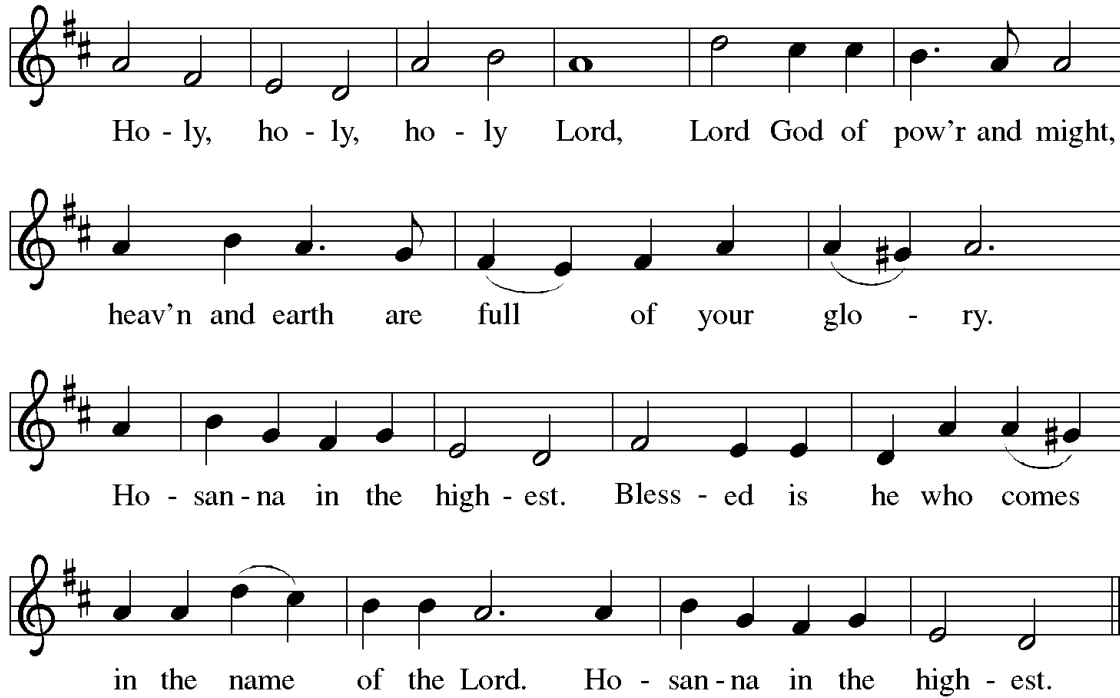
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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 this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

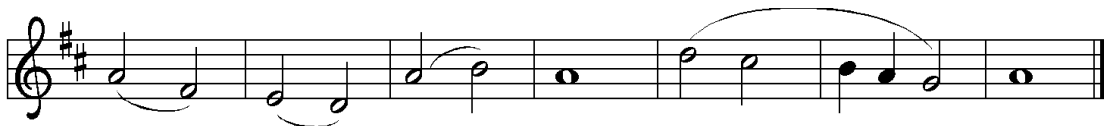


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

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



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of Bread

Here is life. God is with us.

Come, receive what God has promised.

Assembly is seated

Lamb of God

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

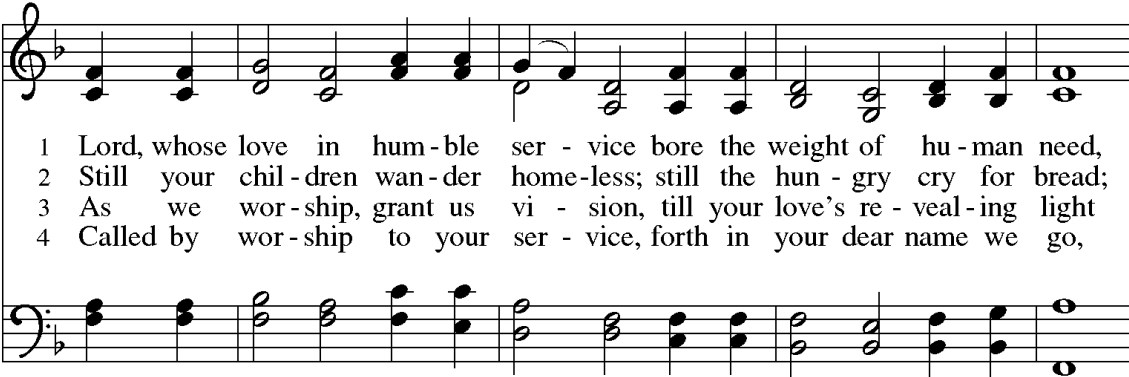
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion of the Faithful

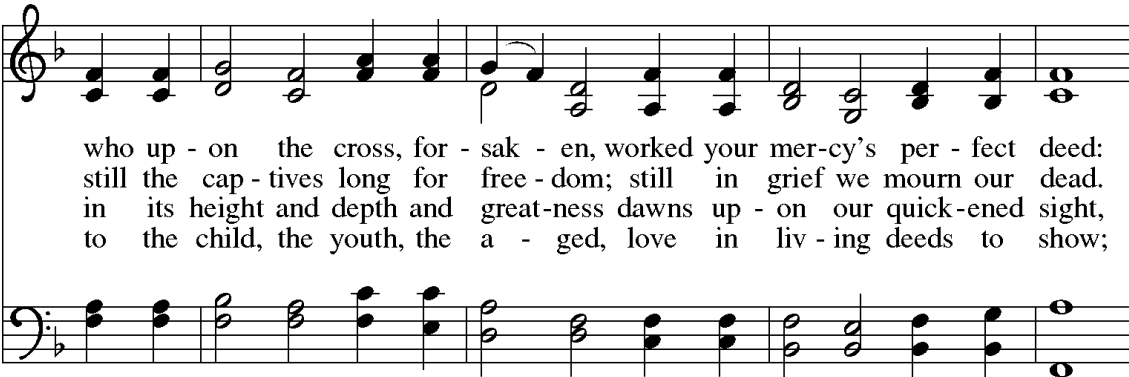
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Hymn

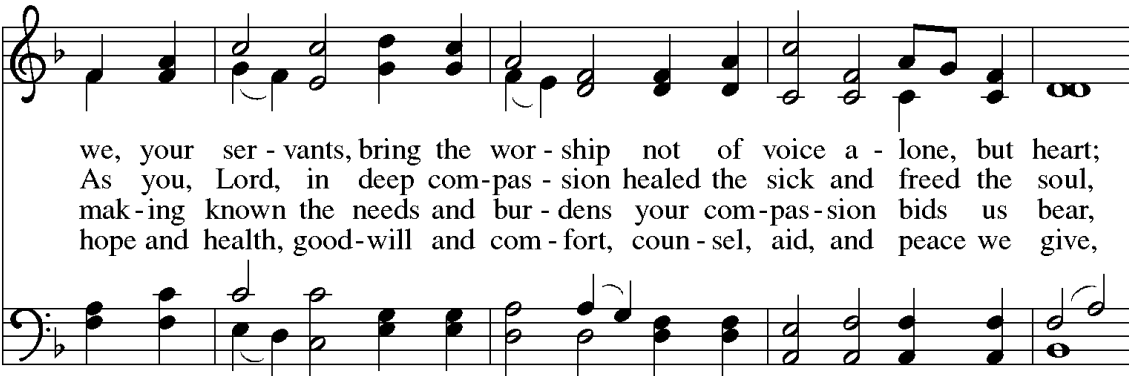
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

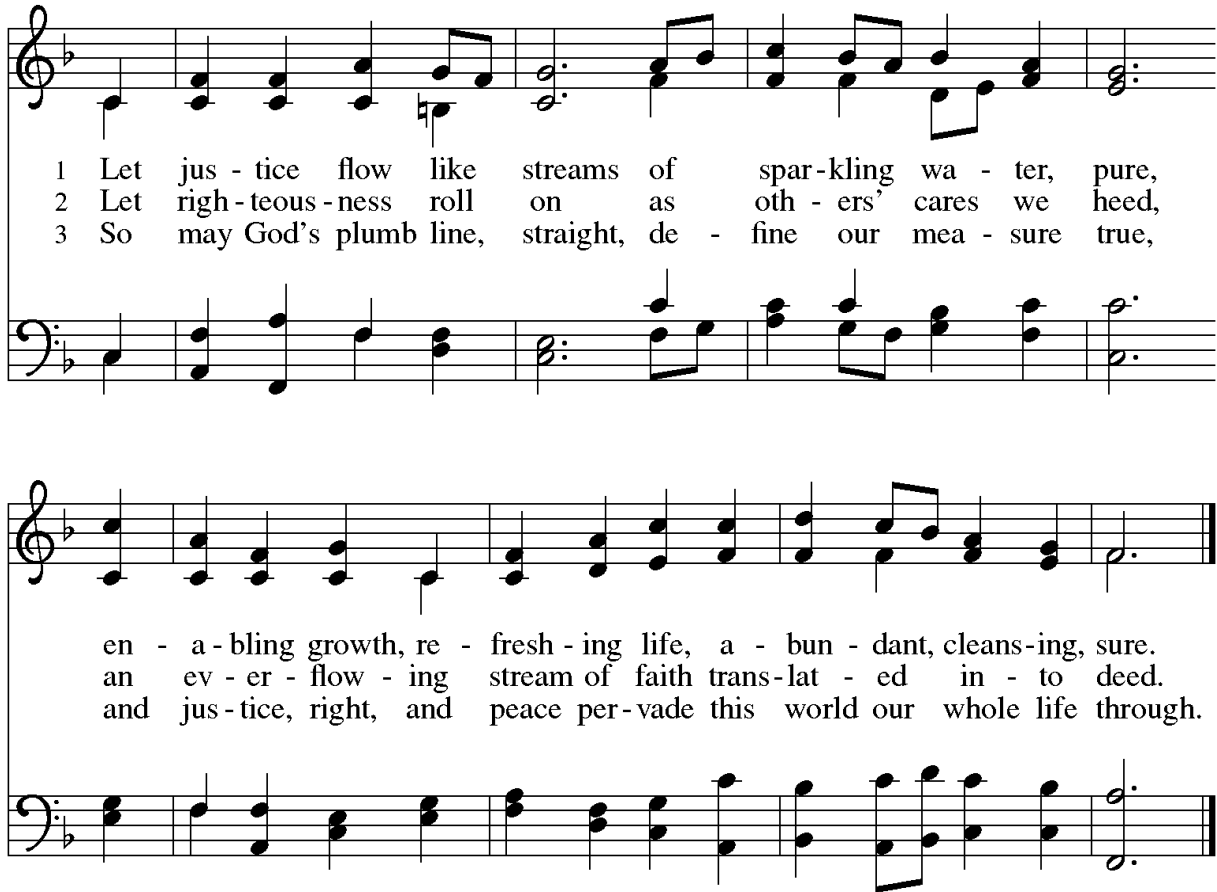
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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Hymn

Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-ling wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926
 Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776
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Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve
 you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot
see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen. *Sung*

Hymn

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

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Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue on the hymn tune *Ebenezer* Healy Willan

Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister. Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist. Andy Joos
Liturgical Deacon Jamin Wentling

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Director of Music. Steve Repasky
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This Week at Holy Trinity

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

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

- 10:45 a.m. Souper bowl (pick up a soup to support the Good Shepherd Center)
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school and Confirmation classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday February 9, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group
- 7:00 p.m. GSO Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday February 10, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music

Wednesday February 11, 2026

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. GSO Board Meeting

Thursday February 12, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Officers Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 8:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday February 14, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday February 15, 2026 *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school and Confirmation classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday February 16, 2026 *Office closed in observance of President's Day*

- 6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Tuesday February 17, 2026

- 12:00 p.m. Fastnacht Luncheon
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Council

Wednesday February 18, 2026

- 12:10 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- 1:30 p.m. Grief Support Group
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday February 19, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating
- 6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Friday February 20, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 21, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Prayer Retreat
- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Altar and Columbarium Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Marlowe Johnson on his birthday (Marsh 4) by Rae Johnson.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frederick Logan by John Logan and family.

Good Shepherd Request for February

The Good Shepherd request is **canned tuna** for the month of **February**. Donations can be placed in the box in the cloister or on the table in the office hallway.

Second Mile Giving

The second mile giving for the month of February is the Jamestown Food Pantry Program. Envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex and in the office hallway.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Today, after worship, please stop in to the Hospitality room and grab a container of soup to take home. Any donations will be given to the Good Shepherd Center. Thank you for supporting The Souper Bowl of Caring and helping us tackle hunger.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

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| Diana and Donnie (friends of Rich and Denise Hall) | Caleb (family friend of Beth Hall) |
| Kate Washill Martin (friend of Pastor Brenda) | Dave Hollenbaugh |
| Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall) | John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda) |
| Betty K. Junk | Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise and Rich Hall) |
| Tris Hall (brother of Rich Hall) | Charlene Miller (friend of Denise and Rich Hall) |
| Philip Schell | Debbie Godinich (friend of Sue A.) |
| Christina Bush (niece of Ruth Heil) | Lori McCann (daughter of Darla Swift) |
| Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long) | Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin) |
| Rita (friend of the Oman's and Mary Reames) | Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin) |
| Joe Montone (friend of Kris Abraham) | Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin) |
| Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black) | Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan) |
| Alan Flick (nephew of Louise Gilmore) | Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call) |
| Brenda (sister in law of Betty K. Junk) | Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong) |
| Callie (niece of Betty K. Junk) | Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst) |
| Susan (friend of Betty K. Junk) | Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman) |

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Pastor Martin Roth
Marilyn Johnson
Shirley Hildebrand
Michelle Shine
Doris Marso
Cosmo Pomponio (uncle of Mary Reames)
Bill Snyder (step son of Katie Snyder)
Gary Bothun (brother of Betty K. Junk)
Mary Lee Holler (aunt of Andy Joos)
Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)

Music Notes

After a summer with many extended days of hot temperatures, we now are experiencing a winter with brutal cold temperatures. Here I'll have to tell you a funny story. There was a music store in downtown Youngstown called the Shaffer Music Shoppe, which in the 1950s and 60s supplied scores to schools, choirs, and music students. The assistant clerk was an elderly lady from Cleveland, Ohio. One summer day the phone rang requesting a piece of sheet music. The assistant answered the phone (remember this is the days way before the Internet) in her bright Cleveland accent, and said in a loud voice for all the delight of the customers to hear, "*When you're hot you're hot and when you're not you're not?* What kind of song is that?"

Today, our choir sings Christiana Rossetti's poem, *In the bleak midwinter*. At the midpoint of the Victorian era, Rossetti's test beautifully contrasts the bleakness of a cold dark (as Professor Thompson points out -- Darke) world with the warmth and light of the stable. This poem was originally titled, *A Christmas Carol*. It appears in our hymnal as hymn 294 set to music by Gustav Holst in 1906. The organ prelude by the young German organist, composer, and YouTuber is based on the Holst setting. In 1909, Harold Darke wrote another setting of the Rossetti carol which we hear today.

Light overcoming darkness is referenced in the first reading and in Psalm 122. In Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, as the light of the world, encourages people to forgive others, to care for the poor and marginalized, and radically to love their enemies. With a text by Ronald Allan Klug, we sing our first hymn, *Rise, shine, your people!* Klug was an educator and copywriter for Concordia Publishing House, and an editor at Augsburg Publishing House. The music is by Dale Wood. When Dale was 13 years old, he won a national hymn-writing contest for the American Lutheran Church.

There's more . . . a lot more . . . The hymn tune name for *Rise shine, your people!* is *Wojtkiewicz*. Dale Wood' original surname was Wojtkiewicz. It was shortened by his publishers to Wood. Hymn tunes are often named after saints, places, or geological features like Beach Spring.

Both his amazing output of choral and organ music is often sung and heard in churches. His former wife was a harpist and many of Dale Wood's orchestral arrangements feature the harp. Mr. Wood was music director at The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin in San Francisco from the late 1960s to the early 1970s. He and his wife started a very successful progressive children's choir program at this parish in which children from Kindergarten to third grade were directed by his wife Gloria and Dale directed children in grades four through eight or nine. Both these choirs sang for the 9:30 am service. The Children's Choir, K-3, sang a short anthem between the first two readings. The Youth Choir, 4-8, sang an Offertory anthem.

I began at this parish in 2009 as the assistant music director and one of my responsibilities was conducting the Youth Choir. At one point there were thirty children in the choir program. Having both choirs sing every Sunday during the school year at one service was a clever idea as the younger children in the Children's Choir heard the Youth Choir anthems for four years. With the eager Youth Choir, all I had to do was pass out their anthem, and without opening it, they would start singing the anthem at pitch!