

Second Sunday After Epiphany



January 18, 2026

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

"All Glory Be to God on High" - *arr. Craig Phillips*

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" - *arr. Michael Burkhardt*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

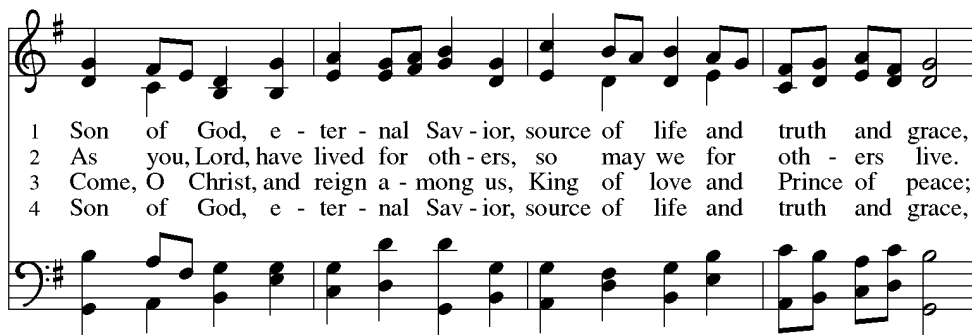
P Most merciful God,

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**

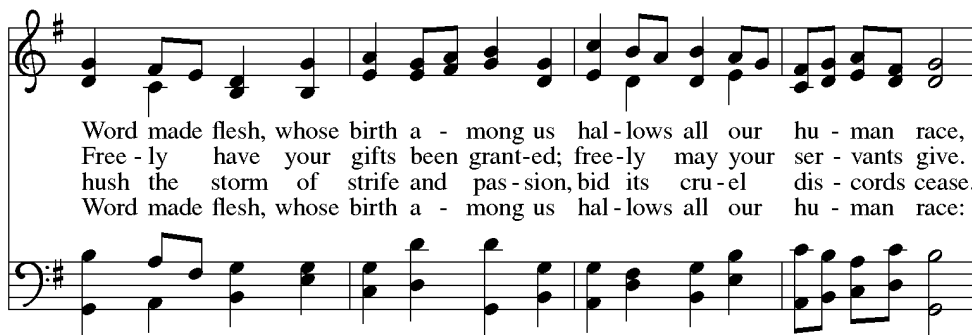
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son,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

ENTRANCE HYMN

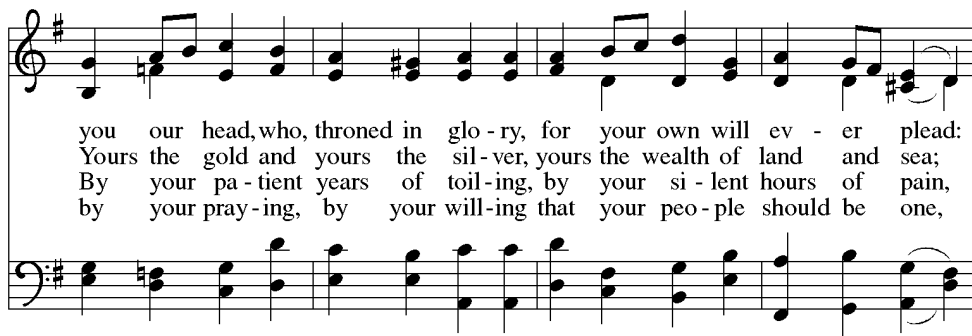
“Son of God, Eternal Savior”



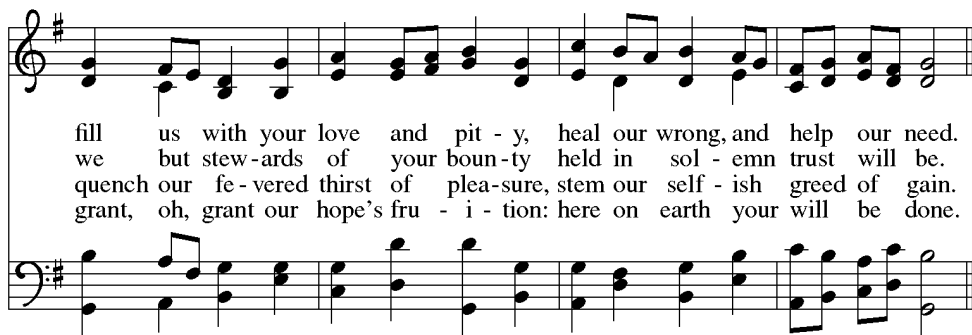
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,




fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

The Liturgy of The Word

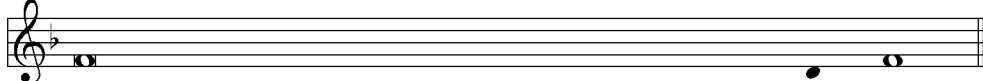
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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.**


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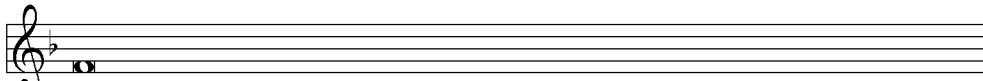
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



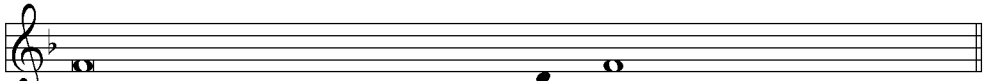
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



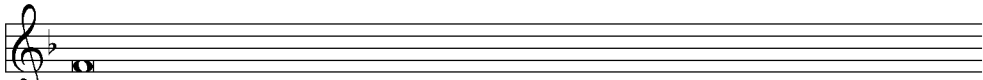
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



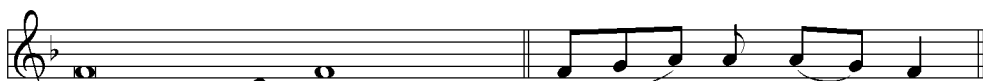
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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**

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



Ⓑ 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,

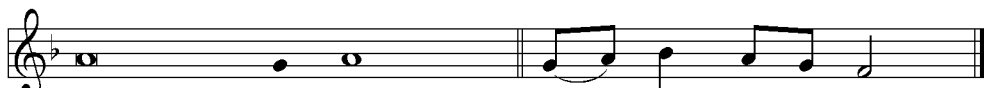


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY



Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

Ⓑ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
Lord God, you showed your glory and love through the life and death of your Son, the Lamb who gave Himself for the sins of the world. As He brought gladness and healing to His people, grant us these same gifts, that we may worship and serve you as we follow the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — ⁶he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

Psalm 40:1-11

Refrain



I love to do your will, O my God.

Psalm Tone



- L ¹I waited patiently up- | on the Lord;
he stooped to me and | heard my cry.
- C ²**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.**
- L ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the Lord.
- C ⁴**Happy are they who trust | in the Lord!
They do not resort to evil spirits or turn | to false gods. Refrain**
- L ⁵Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! How great your wonders and your | plans
for us!
There is none who can be com- | pared with you.
- C ⁶**Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!
But they are more than | I can count.**
- L ⁷In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;
you have given me | ears to hear you;
- C ⁸**burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,
and so I said, “Be- | hold, I come. Refrain**
- L ⁹In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:
“I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep | in my heart.”
- C ¹⁰**I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O | Lord, you know.**
- L ¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your
deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great | congregation. Refrain

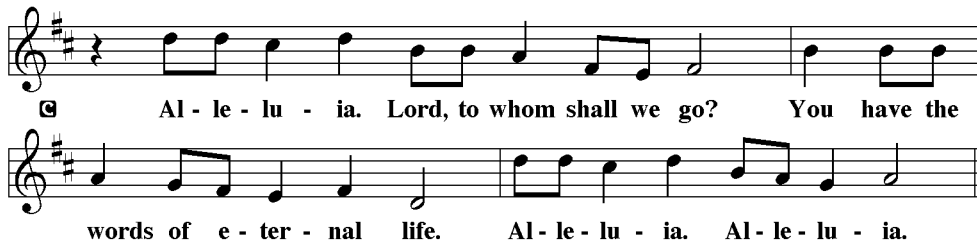
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 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: John 1:29-42a

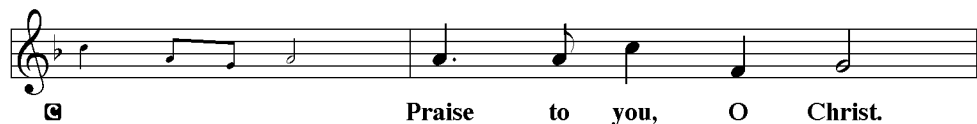
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁹The next day {John} saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi!” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ^{42a}He brought him to Jesus.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

LITTLE LAMBS: At this time, Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available for children ages 3 through third grade at both services after the Gospel reading. The children leave the sanctuary with the teacher and enjoy an age appropriate Biblically oriented lesson and activity. They return during the offering to join us for Holy Communion.

SERMON: "Behold, the Lamb!"

The Rev. Dr. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lamb of God”



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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 Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;
 C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Remember in our prayers... Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Ernestine Dietz, Steve Miller, Betty Milner, Mary Cooney, Amy Seifert Unkefer, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross

The Peace

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 "Lord of Peace" - Tina English/ Joseph M. Martin

11:00 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - arr. Joel Raney

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

Martha Crist and Linda Hoch - Piano Duet

Please stand as the offering is 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.
 Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the
 prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your
 presence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

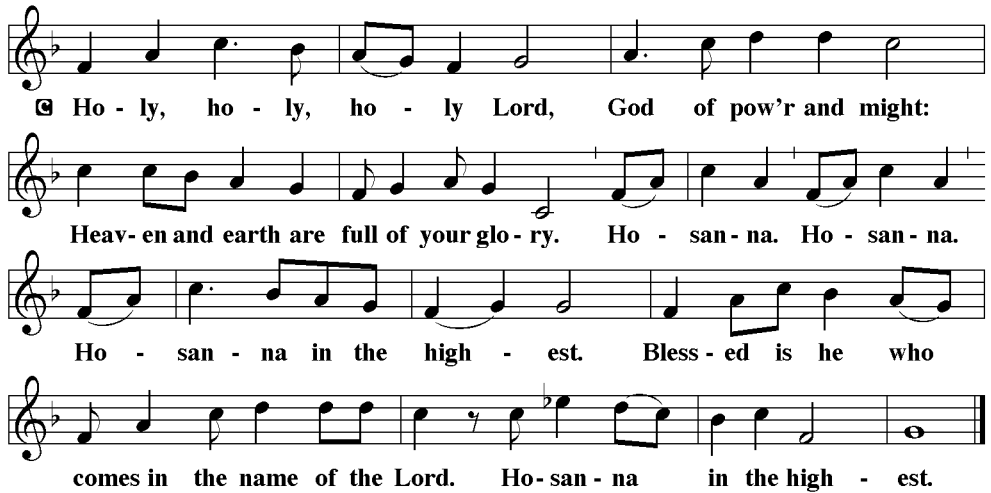
THE LITURGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

☐ The Lord be with you. **☑** And also 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:

THE SANCTUS *(Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)*



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 *(Matthew 6: 9-13)*

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)

LAMB OF GOD *(John 1: 29)*

☞ 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.

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 or adults 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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.

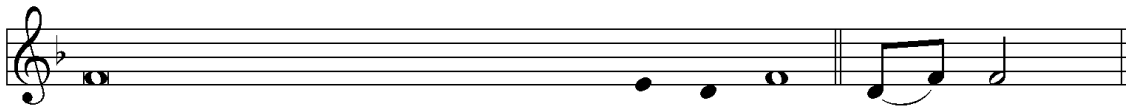
C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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



☐ 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 ... give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit ✠

☑ **A - men**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory Be to God on High”



1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks to him for -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



foils their dark en - deav - or. He bends his ear to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure: O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



ev - 'ry call, and of - fers peace, good - will to all, and
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



calms the trou - bled spir - it.
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - - men

THE RITE OF SENDING

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!
 C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Festive Introduction to *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*" - arr. Charles W. Ore

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.

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Baptism of Our Lord, January 11: 8:15am: 66; 11:00am: 124; Total: 190

MUSIC NOTES

“All Glory Be to God on High” – arr. Craig Phillips

Nikolaus Decius (1490-1541), a Catholic monk who became an evangelical preacher under the influence of Martin Luther, was, like many ministers of the period, equally effective as a poet and musician (he wrote the tune as well as the words). Based on the *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*, the angel’s song recorded in Luke 2:14, this hymn originated in a “Low German” rendering of the text in four stanzas of seven lines. The tune name is the first line of the hymn in “High German,” ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH.

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” – arr. Michael Burkhardt

The author of this hymn, Somerset Corry Lowry (1855-1932), reminds us that we have a common bond with the whole human race through Christ, and that a life of service is required of our stewardship. We must pray for peace to end our strife and shame our selfish greed. Our prayer is always “Thy will be done.”

“Lord of Peace” – arr. Joseph M. Martin

This arrangement is an earnest prayer for peace and guidance. The anthem soars with quiet beauty to the final reverent “Amen.”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” – arr. Joel Raney

The text for this hymn was written by Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960) in 1923. According to him, there were no special circumstances which caused its writing – just his experience and Bible truth. Chisholm gives the “faithfulness of God” as the main theme, and the promise of an unchanging God who assures us of pardon, peace and presence. The hymn first appeared in *Songs of Salvation and Service* (1923), compiled by William M. Runyan. It is the unofficial “school hymn” of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, with which Dr. Runyan was associated for a number of years.

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” – arr. Charles W. Ore

Especially suitable for the Easter vigil, this hymn contains an unusual richness of medieval Easter imagery including white robes of baptism, the Exodus story of deliverance through the Red Sea, and the Altar as symbolic of the Cross. On Easter Even the catechumens, dressed in white, were baptized, confirmed, and went to their first communion on Easter morning. A popular hymn, it was widely sung in Anglican, Roman, Mozarabic, and Ambrosian rites.

To Do Your Will

Find the 36 **bold** words from Psalm 40:6–11 (ESV)

U F G E N O I T A V L A S N O
W S A C O N C E A L E D W W J
O C P I I W I S O W G E E I W
R O U F T V W R X R T R N T X
J M R I A H C G X I S I N H S
E E Z R G S F L B T A U G I G
V R R C E D U U H T F Q C N D
E C N A R E V I L E D E I H J
R Y E S G L V I R N A R Z O F
Z N D E N I A R T S E R U X U
T W D V O G S W E F T S T R I
N S I O C H B U F S S A S L C
R E H L G T H O N N E K O P S
U S P I L E M U O R A R X X G
B E H O L D A L G K D V P F Z

In **sacrifice** and offering you have not **delighted**, but you have given me an **open ear**. **Burnt offering** and **sin** offering you have not **required**. Then I said, “**Behold**, I have **come**; in the **scroll** of the **book** it is **written** of me: I delight to do your **will**, O my **God**; your **law** is **within** my **heart**.” I have told the **glad news** of **deliverance** in the **great congregation**; behold, I have not **restrained** my **lips**, as you know, O **LORD**. I have not **hidden** your deliverance within my heart; I have **spoken** of your **faithfulness** and your **salvation**; I have not **concealed** your **steadfast love** and your faithfulness from the great congregation. As for you, O **LORD**, you will not restrain your **mercy** from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will **ever preserve me!**

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