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*Setting One*

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the Kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross – as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

# Joys & Concerns

## Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

C. Amen

P. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. Holy One, source of our renewal,

C. **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P. Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C. Amen

## Gathering Hymn

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

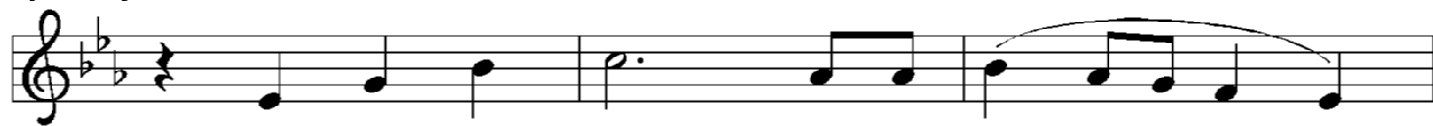
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## Greeting

P. Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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.**

## Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's 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. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

**C. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading

#### Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

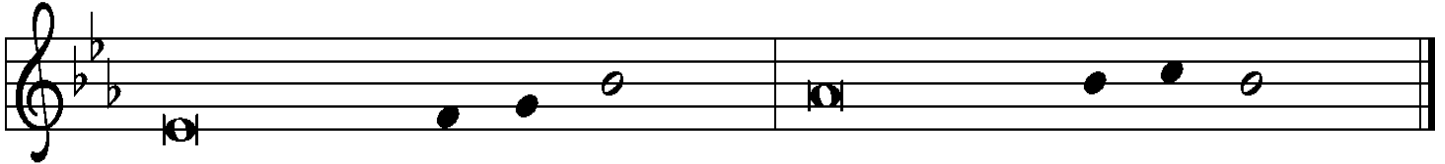
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P. Word of God, word of life.

### C. Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Tone 4 ELW chanted responsively



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid?

**One thing I ask of the LORD; one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God <sup>1</sup> in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- <sup>1</sup> on a rock.

**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies <sup>1</sup> who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,  
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music <sup>1</sup> to the LORD.**

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> answer me.

**My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face."  
Your face, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> I will seek.**

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- <sup>1</sup> vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of <sup>1</sup> my salvation.

### Second Reading

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do

not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

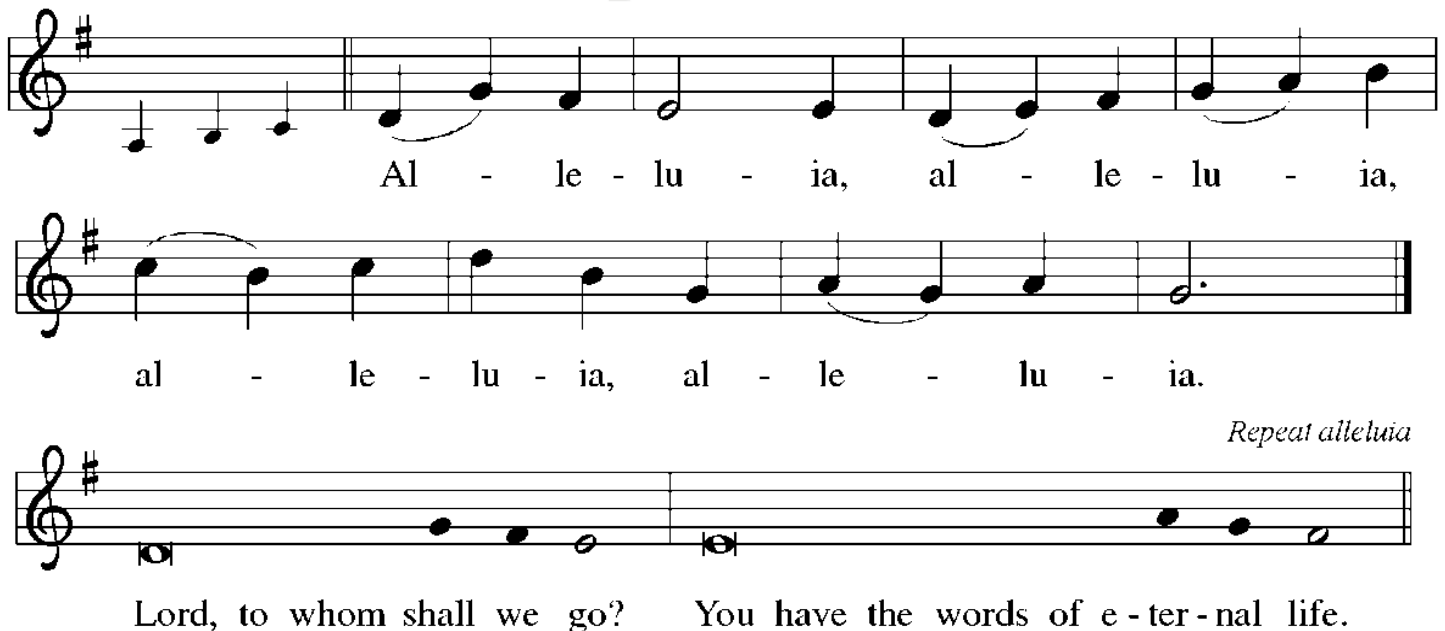
For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

# Alleluia!

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter four.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

### Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor John Petry

Hymn of the Day

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

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## *Apostle's Creed*

*I believe in God,*

the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended 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*



## Prayers of Intercession

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

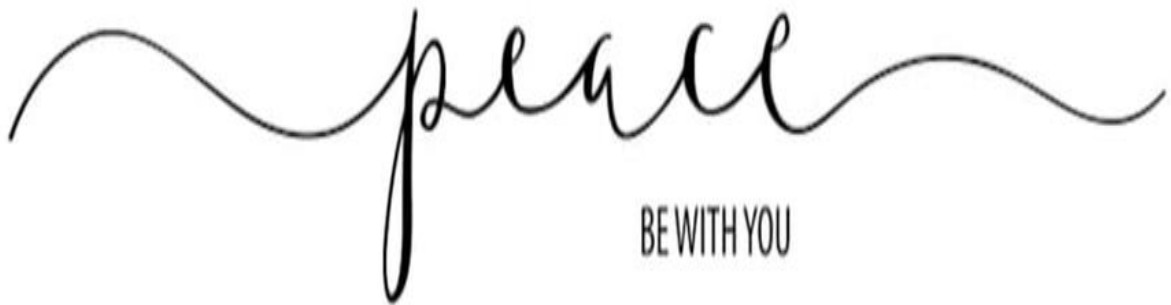
*A brief silence.*

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God,,

C. **receive our prayer.**

P. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C. **Amen.**



## The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

## The Offering

Offertory

*I Can Hear My Savior Calling*

Choir

*God has a habit of picking nobodies  
And making them somebodies  
Without consulting anybody.*



Offertory: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. 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 dreams of all; u-nite them with the  
prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble with your  
pres-ence, Lord, your pres-ence, Lord, your pres-ence, Lord.  
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste,  
give us a fore-taste, give us a fore-taste of the  
feast to come. A-men.

## Offertory Prayer

A. Liberating God,

C. you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen

## The 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.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# The Lord's Prayer

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

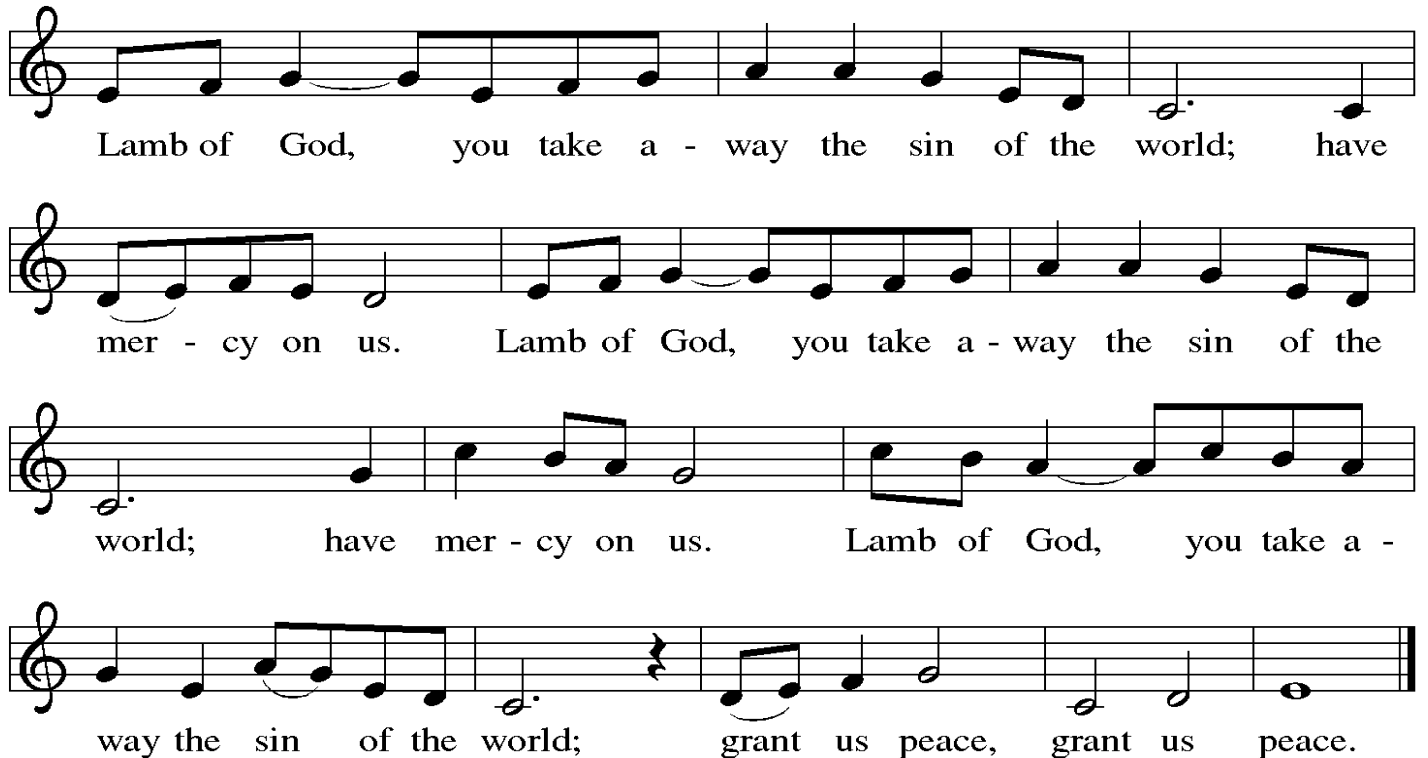
*Amen!*

## Invitation to Communion

P. Come and taste the joy of God!

C. Amen

## *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.

## Communion Hymns

*Here Is Bread*

ELW 483

*I Come With Joy*

ELW 482

*Here I Am, Lord*

ELW 574

## 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 Canticle

*Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace*



Lord, now You let Your ser- vant go in peace. Your WORD has been ful-



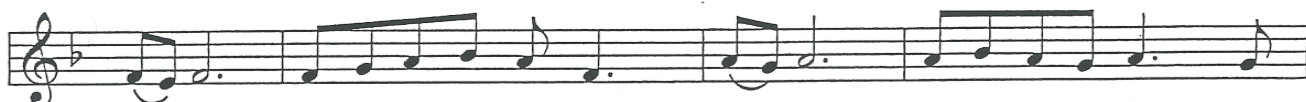
filled. My own eyes have seen the SAL- VA- TION which



You have pre- pared in the sight of ev'- ry peo- ple: a LIGHT, to re -



veal You to the na- tions, and the GLO- RY of Your peo- ple Is - ra - el!



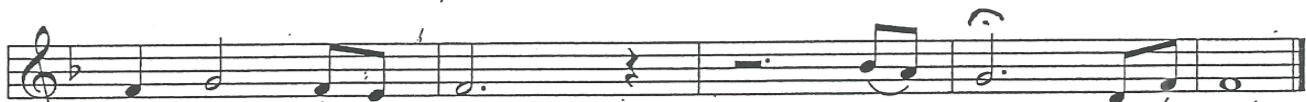
Glo ry! Glo- ry to the FA - THER! Glo- ry! Glo- ry to the SON! And



Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the HO - LY SPI - RIT!



As it was in the be - gin- ning, is now, and will be for -



ev - er, A - men.

A - men.

A - men.

**Post Communion Prayer**

- A. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
- C. Amen

**Blessing**

- P. The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod † bless,  
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
- C. Amen

**Sending Hymn**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

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**Dismissal**

- A. Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus
- C. Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

Brad Hunnicutt

**Servers for Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Assisting Minister..... Shannon Thomsen
- Reader ..... Shannon Thomsen
- Altar Guild ..... Sylvia Lambert
- Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

**Flowers** this week are provided by Ginny King in celebration of Kenzie’s Birthday!!

**Candles** this month are provided by Julia Lochra.

# January *Events*



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### Following Worship Today

- |        |                     |   |
|--------|---------------------|---|
| Jan 25 | 7:00 pm             | Choir Practice  |
| Jan 29 | 9:00 am<br>10:00 am | Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall<br>Worship Service – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany |
| Jan 30 | 7:00 pm             | Worship & Music Committee   |

Feb 4 10 am – 1 pm

