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*Setting Three*

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

# Jays & Concerns

## Prelude

A medley of "The Power of Your Love" by Geoff Bullock  
and "Breathe" by Marie Barnett

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**C. Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P.** God, our rock and refuge,

**C. we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

**P.** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**C. Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

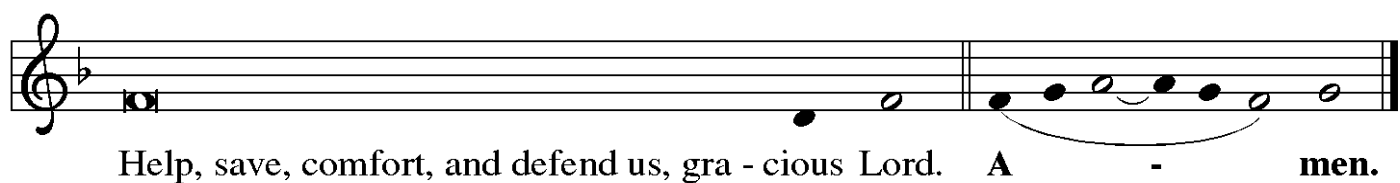
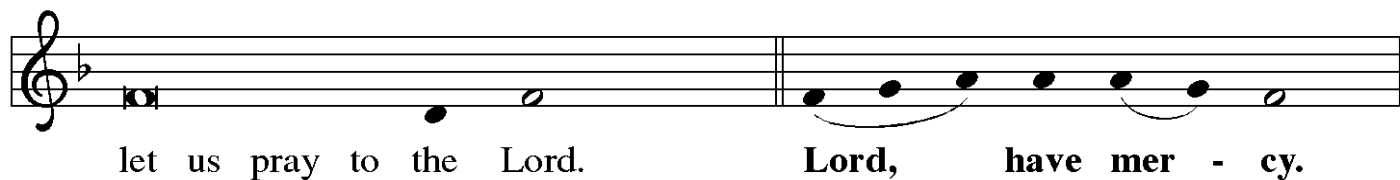
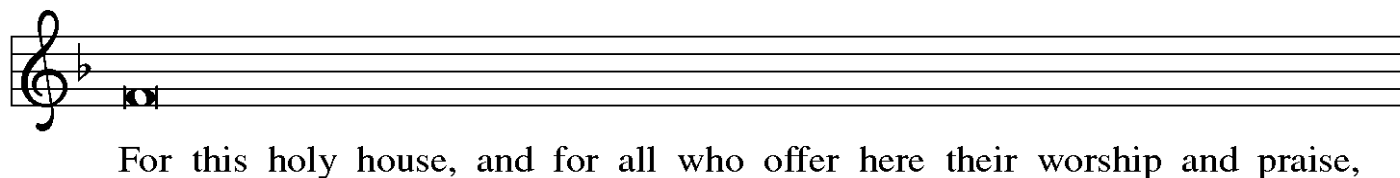
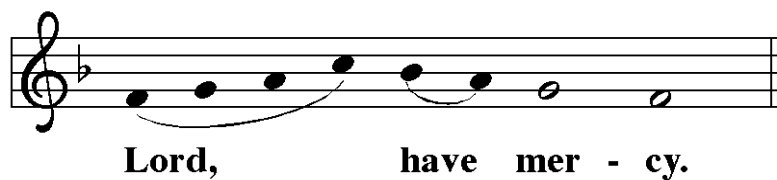
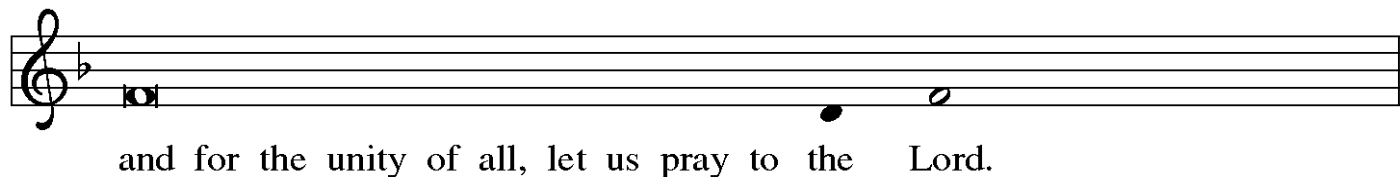
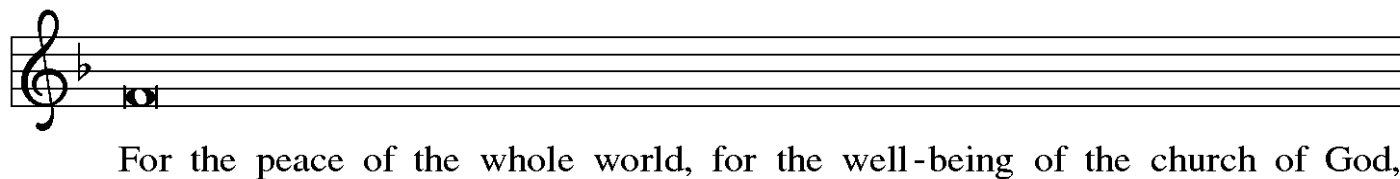
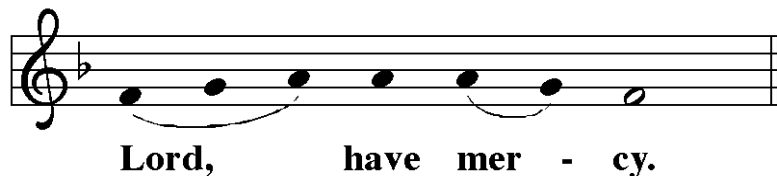
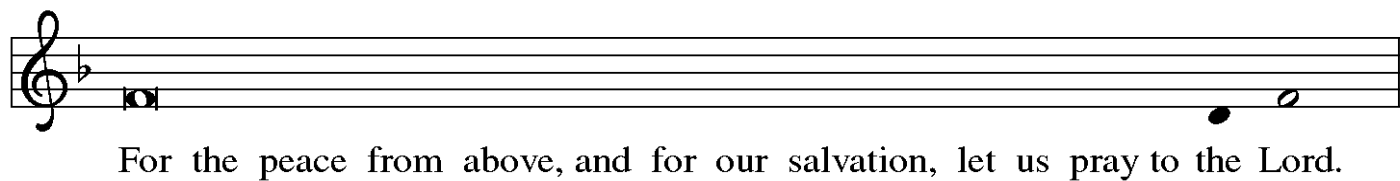
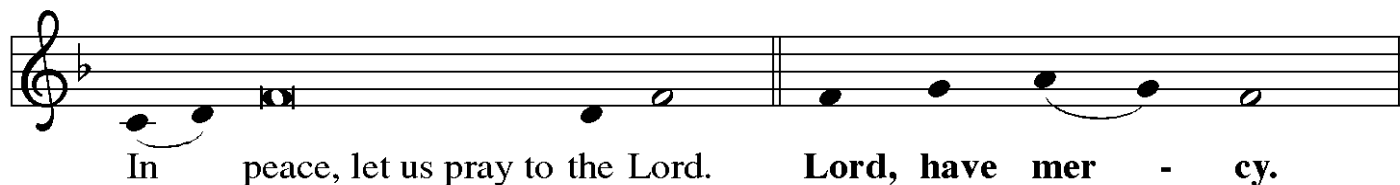
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## Greeting

**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.**

# Kyrie



***This is the feast . . .***

**Women vs. 1, 3; Men vs. 2, 4**

*Refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

## Women:

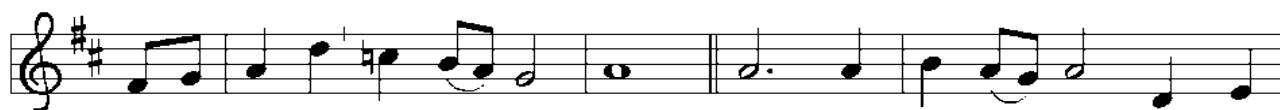


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

*Refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

**Men:**



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

## Women:



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*This is the feast . . .*

*Refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

**Men**



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

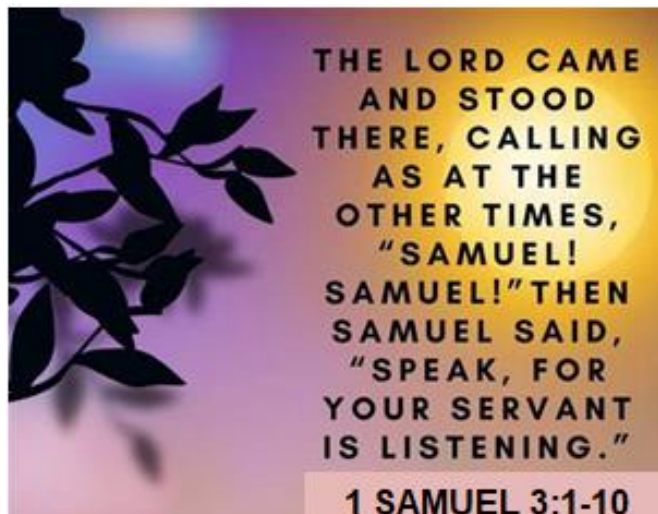


Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

- A. Let us pray
- C. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### First Reading



*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

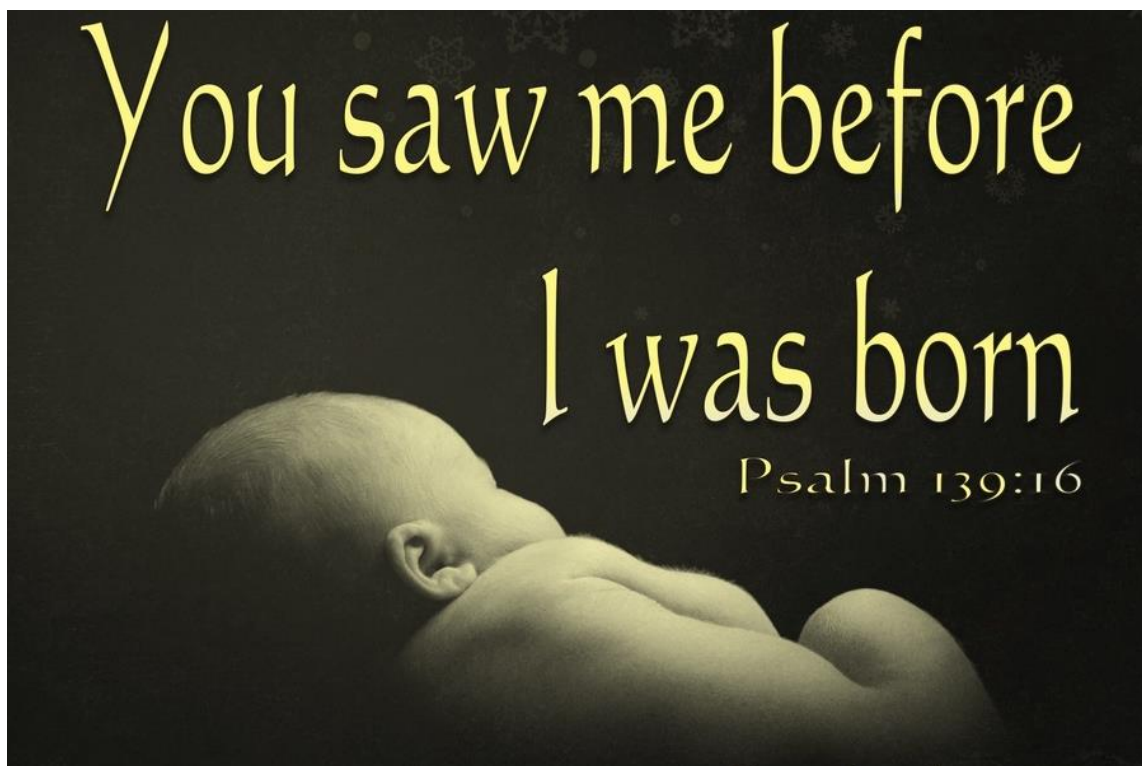
<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**L. Word of God. Word of life.**

**C. Thanks be to God.**





<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have | searched me out;  
O Lord, you | have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;  
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my | resting-places  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind | and before,  
and lay your | hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hid- | den from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written | in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!  
How great is the | sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.**

## **Second Reading**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*



<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**L. Word of God. Word of life.**

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

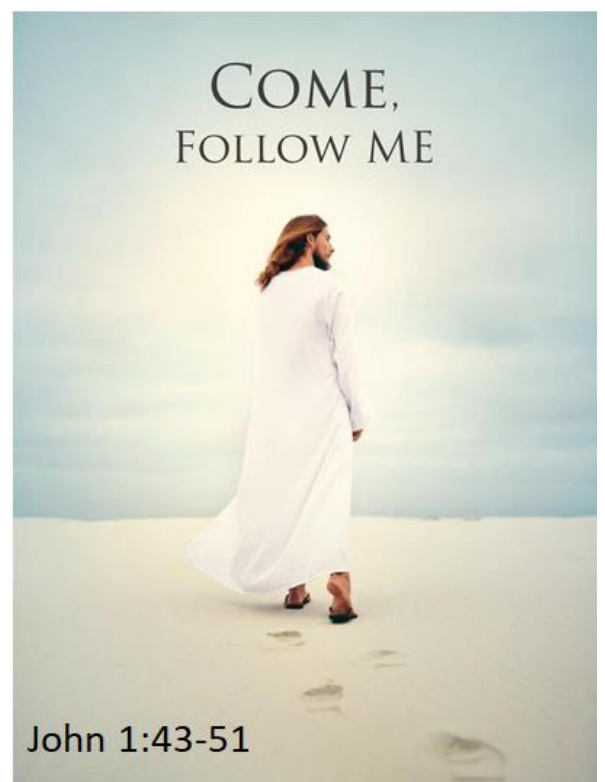


**P. The holy gospel according to John, the first chapter.**

**C. Glory to you, O God.**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."





<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**P. The gospel of the Lord.**

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

John Petry, Interim Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

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## *The Apostles' Creed*

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



## Prayers of Intercession

- A.** As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church (*especially*) be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

- C. receive our prayer.**

- A.** Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,

- C. receive our prayer.**

## *Other Prayers*

- P.** Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

- 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

### Anthem

*Do Justice – Love Kindness* by Dr. Abe Cáceres  
Micah 6:8 and Amos 5:24

Choir

*Let the Vineyards...*



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



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

**Offertory Prayer**

**A. Blessed are you, Holy One,**

**C. for all good things come from you.**

**In bread and cup you open heaven to us.**

**Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek**

**and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.**

**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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics written below it. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. Slurs are used to group phrases like 'The Lord be with you' and 'Lift up your hearts'.

Preface: It is truly right . . .

GIVE YOUR  
 TO  
JESUS!

## The Sanctus

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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody is more complex than in the Thanksgiving section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## Eucharistic 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.** At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see. Everyone is invited, no exceptions.

**C.** Amen.

## *Jesus, 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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. A square symbol (☐) is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics. A curved line (fermata) is placed over the word 'grant' in the fourth line.

## Communion Hymns

*Day by Day*  
*Lord of All Hopefulness*

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ELW 765

## Post Communion Cantic



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Post Communion Prayer

**A.** Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**C.** Amen

## Blessing

**P.** God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always.

**C.** Amen.

## Sending Hymn

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

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## Dismissal

**A.** Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**C.** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*"Arioso" by J.S. Bach*



Many THANKS to  
Conrad Lentz and Lori Bosco  
for supplying for us today!!!

Thank You!

**Servers for Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Assisting Minister.....	Shannon Thomsen
Reader .....	Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild .....	Sylvia Lambert
Greeters/Counters .....	Steve Brantley/Linda Hash
Guest Musician .....	Conrad Lentz, piano
Guest Musician .....	Lori Bosco, violin

Serving   
from the  
Heart

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



**Flowers & Candles** are given by Julia Lochra in celebration of many family Birthdays.

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 sheet is on the board in the hallway.

Please stay for Fellowship  
to meet & get to know  
Pastor Wolfgang and his  
family!!!

# COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

*January 14<sup>th</sup>*

## Meet & Greet

*with Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane*



### Congregational Meeting

*To Vote on the Call  
& the Terms of the Call  
for our New Pastor*



*January 21<sup>st</sup>*

*January 28<sup>th</sup>*

