

*“Look,*  
the **Lamb of God,**  
who takes away the sin of the world!“

**JOHN 1:29, NIV**

**January 18, 2026**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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**Our Mission Statement**  
Lutheran Church of Prayer walks with others and teaches the  
Word of God through relationships and personal example.

### **Welcome Friends & Guests!**

We pray you will be blessed by our worship today. A welcome packet can be found at the Welcome Center Desk in our lobby. Please pick one up. Each family is asked to fill out an attendance card. Place the completed card in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request to be included in the service, please write your requests on the blue Prayer Requests sheet found in the pew rack and hand it directly to an Usher before worship begins.

### **A Time for Quiet Meditation**

**As you enter the sanctuary for worship you are encouraged to use this time for prayer and meditation to prepare your hearts to worship our Lord and to look over the worship bulletin. Visiting with friends can be done in the narthex area so others will not be disturbed. Thank you.**

### **Offering**

The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Lutheran Church of Prayer, moved by God's love, to support the mission of the church. We do not want guests to feel obligated to participate. We want you to feel welcome and we truly wish to serve you! God bless you!

### **Standing**

If at any time during the service it becomes uncomfortable for you to stand, please feel free to sit down, even if others are standing. God knows our strengths and understands our weaknesses too.

**Organist, David Collins • Choir Director, David Ortiz  
Pianist, David Collins • Handbell Director, Judy Houston  
Praise Band Director, Tammy Poynor**

### **Serving Us Today**

Pastor .....	Pastor Dwayne Hendricks
Elder.....	Ken Campbell & Bryant Arnold
Ushers.....	Roy Eynaud & Harry Kraley
Reader .....	Ken Madding
Greeters .....	Roy & Sheila Eynaud
Altar Circle .....	Linda Downen & Cherryl Biggar

## As We Gather

People often speak about a person's calling in life. They are describing a unique purpose or vocation according to interests and talents. Often, trying to determine a person's "calling" or "destiny" is defined by some innate ability or giftedness found within ourselves, something we were born with or somehow born to do.

Today we hear of God calling otherwise ordinary fishermen Andrew and his brother Simon Peter. They were called by God through John the Baptist to follow the Messiah, the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. They were called to be disciples and eventually to be sent on Christ's mission as apostles. The prophet Isaiah says even the Savior, the servant of the Lord, was called from the womb by God, "that Israel might be gathered to Him," and called "as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:5–6). Saul of Tarsus was "called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," and Saul, now named Paul, reminds the church at Corinth and us that we are "called to be saints" (1 Corinthians 1:1–2). This calling differs from merely surveying interests or abilities within us; it comes to us from outside of ourselves, from the living God, our creator and Redeemer. This calling comes from God to everyone.

It is the call of salvation, the divine call that transforms us from sinners into saints. Therefore, this calling depends not on anything within us but solely and totally on the grace and mercy and love of God.

## Call to Worship

*Chimes*

### Prelude:

**“O Durchbrecher”**

*Arr. by Paul Soulek*

### Welcome

### Confession and Absolution

### Hymn of Invocation: 397 As with Gladness Men of Old

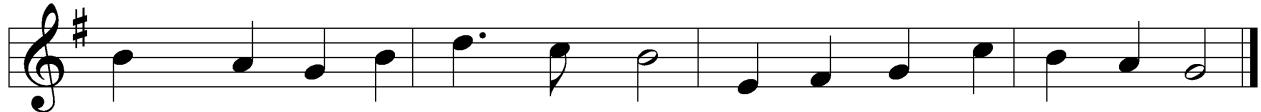
*V 1-5*



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.  
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.  
All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.  
There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.

Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

Text and tune: Public domain

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

**P** I will go to the altar of God,  
**C** to God my exceeding joy.

**P** You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified  
**C** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Called by God “to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”, let us give rightful praise and honor God, who calls sinners to repentance and bestows saving faith in our hearts by His Word and Spirit. Behold, the Lamb of God!

**C** Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
mercifully hear our confession. We are sinners and  
have sinned against You. We have not loved You with  
our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors  
with our whole heart. We cannot free ourselves from  
our sin. Hear our prayer of confession and let us hear  
Your call and gift of forgiveness, salvation, and life.

## Absolution

**P** Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained  
servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you.  
And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus  
Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the  
Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,

    O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.  
The heavens declare the glory of God,  
    and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,  
    and night to night reveals knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words,

whose voice is not heard.  
Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and  
their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## Kyrie

*LSB 168*

**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, gracious Lord.

C A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

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

C 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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day: Epiphany 2

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading:

*Isaiah 49:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Listen 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.  
<sup>2</sup>He 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.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
<sup>4</sup>But 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.”  
<sup>5</sup>And 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—  
<sup>6</sup>he 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.”

<sup>7</sup>Thus 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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm:**

*Psalm 40:1–11; antiphon: v. 3*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>Blessèd is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!

<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!

I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.

<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,  
but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, “Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup>I desire to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.”

<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me;  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever preserve me!

**Epistle:**

*1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To 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:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

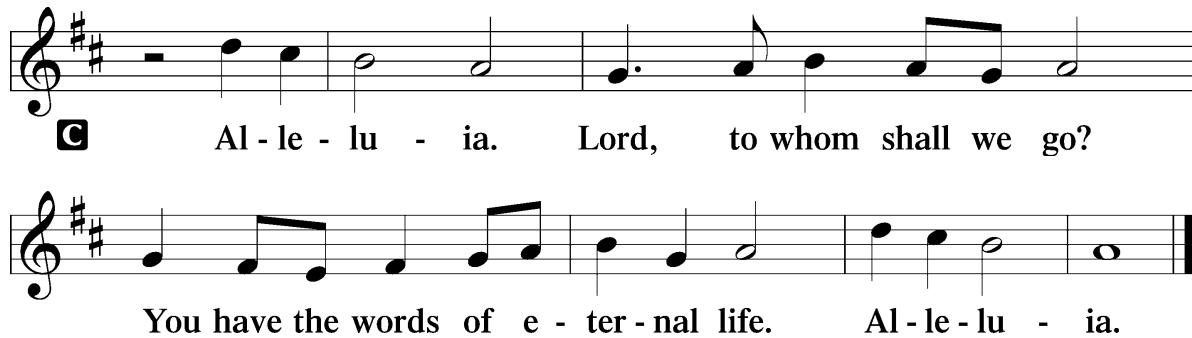
## Special Music:

### “There Has Never Been Such a Night”

*By Lani Smith*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 173*



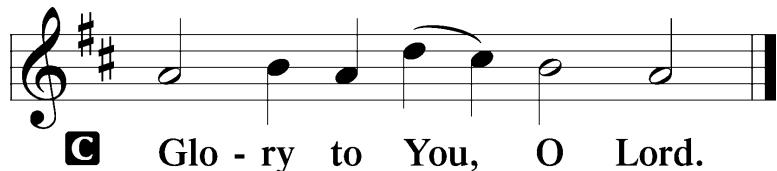
**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel:

*John 1:29–42a*

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



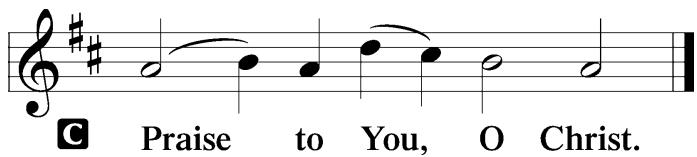
**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I 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.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus 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?” <sup>39</sup>He 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. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came  
down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to  
the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of  
sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day: 412 The People That in Darkness  
Sat**

*V 1-4*



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

Text: John Morison, 1749-98, alt.

Tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561

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## Sermon: “The Servant is Free” *Isaiah 49*

### Offering:

“Andante”

*By Ludwig van Beethoven*

*Arr. by Todd Kendall*

### Offertory

*LSB 176*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



## Prayer of the Church

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

We praise You, O Lord, for You declared it too light a thing that Jesus should redeem only the tribes of Jacob and instead made Him a light for all the nations. Fill our hearts with joy that He is the Savior of all, and grant that our voices may help spread Your salvation to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, summoned Andrew and Peter to follow Him and would later send them to bear witness to His name. Continue to call men into the holy ministry. Bless all who hold and study for that office, that they would grow in all godly wisdom and faithfully make known Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, You faithfully watched over the tribes of Jacob, providing them both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure. Watch over the homes of Your people. Bless them with all that they need for this body and life, and preserve them in the glad confidence that Christ is their strength and their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, guide and give wisdom to the nation and our president, the governor of this state, and all judges and magistrates. Protect those who serve us as firefighters, police, disaster workers and medical personnel. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy God, Your Son became the Lamb of God to take away all of our sins and infirmities by His death and resurrection. Remember all who are in need of Your help and healing *[especially \_\_\_\_\_]*. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and preserve them in the certainty that their sins are taken away. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, You give us the precious body and blood of Your beloved Son for the forgiveness of our sins. Grant us faith as we approach the Lamb of God in this Sacrament. Enable us to keep in holy hearts what we receive upon our lips. Send Your Holy Spirit to keep us in this faith until Christ comes in His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, our God, through Your Holy Spirit You work in us to bring forth fruits of righteousness. Grant us a steadfast heart in times of duress, strength amid temptation and the grace of humility, that we may not fall victim to pride and arrogance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

Our Belief Concerning the Lord's Supper  
(*Communion Confession spoken together*)

**C** In celebrating the Lord's Supper we recognize the Biblical teaching that this is not merely a representation of Christ, but the real presence of His Body, and His Blood in the bread and the wine. We also recognize that in the Supper we receive forgiveness of sins, strength and unity with fellow confessing and communing Christians.

## Preface

LSB 177

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 178

C 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

LSB 178

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **Lord’s Prayer**

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# Pax Domini

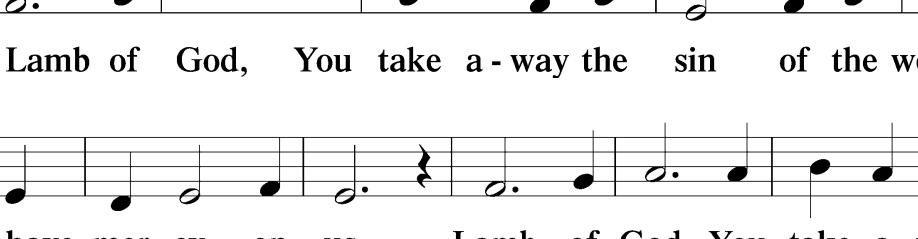
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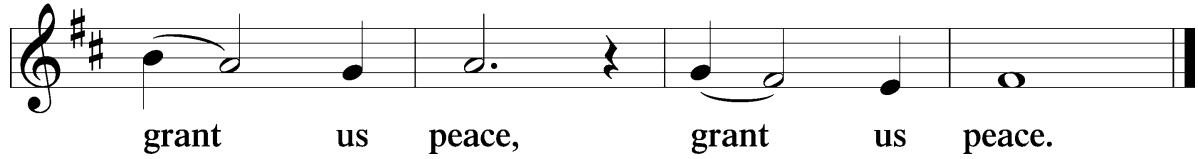
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A musical score for a single melodic line. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Amen" are written in a bold, sans-serif font, with a small dash preceding the final "men".

# Agnus Dei

## LSB 180


 C 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;



## Choir Anthem:

# “A Communion Meditation”

*Words by Don Besig & Nancy Price*  
*Music by Don Besig*

## Distribution

### Thank the Lord

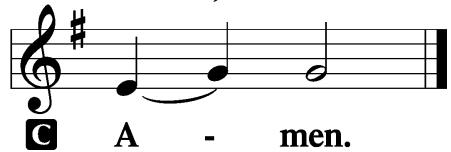
*LSB 181*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks 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 Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



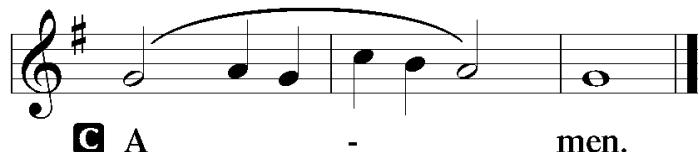
## Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

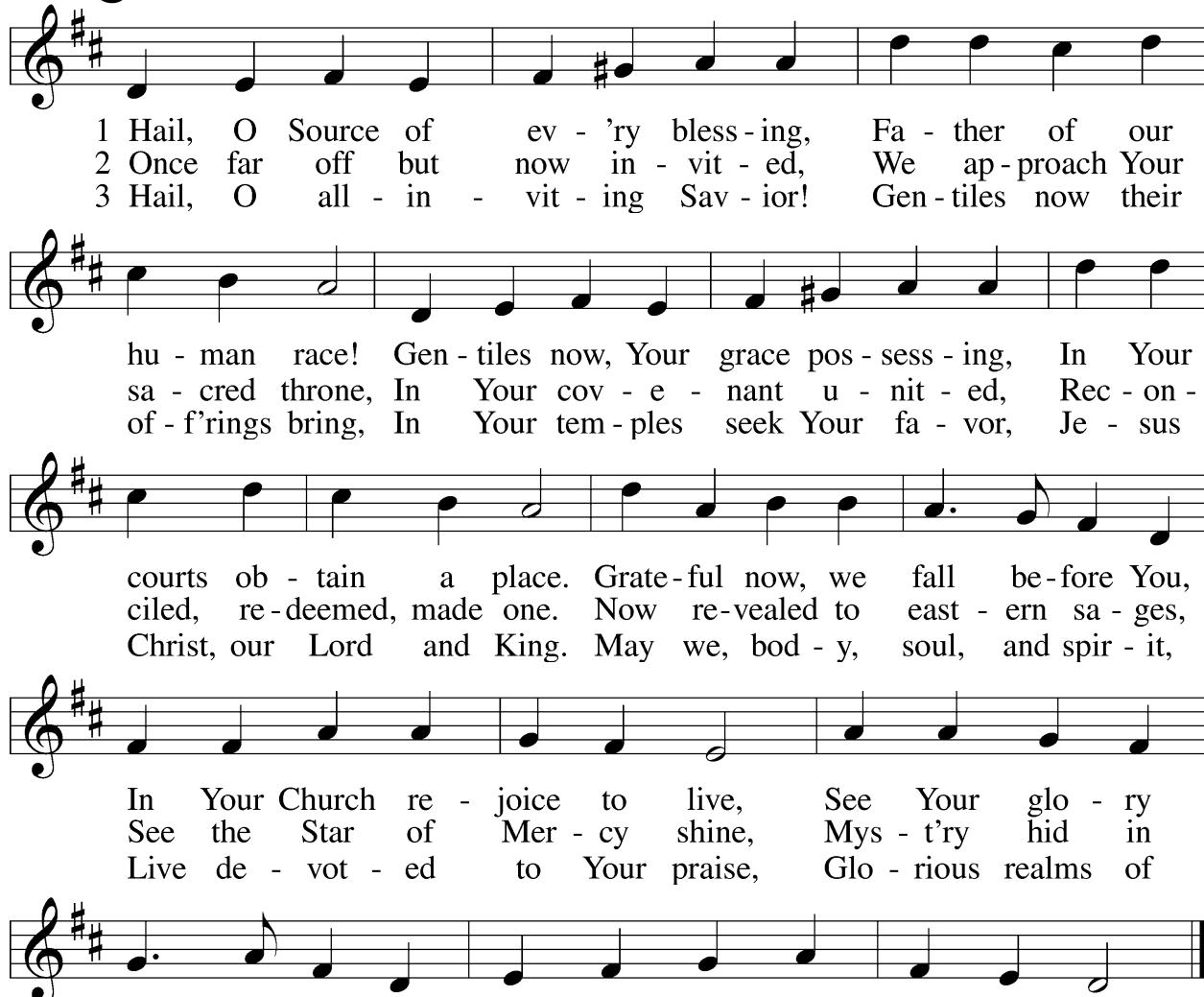
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\dagger$  give you peace.



## Announcements

# Hymn to Depart: 409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

V 1-3



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their

hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -  
of - f'rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus

courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,  
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,

In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry  
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in  
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of

and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

Text: Basil Woodd, 1760–1831, alt.

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen

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## + What We Believe +

**God:** is Triune, Father, Son, Holy Spirit; Three Persons, One Essence. He is the only true God: *Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 8:4*

**Jesus:** is true God, equal to the Father and Holy Spirit, the only Savior of mankind. *John 5:23; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 20:28*

**Sin:** all mankind is wicked; by nature the human race is spiritually blind, dead, broken in heart/mind, and in need of restoration with God and each other. God's wrath abides on all. *Genesis 8:21; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23, 7:15, 18; Mark 7:20-23; John 3:36.*

**Justification:** Sin and God's wrath against it has been dealt with by God through the death of God the Son on the cross. All have salvation through the blood of Jesus where our Father no longer holds our wickedness and sin against us but declares us righteous. We have peace again with God through faith in Jesus. This good news gives believers hope, peace, joy, and love to live as Christians. *Romans 5:1-10; John 3:16, 36; 2 Corinthians 5:19; 1 John 2:1-2; Corinthians 5:18-21.*

**Conversion:** to faith in the Savior is entirely the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God (spoken, written, and sacramental). In the message of the cross God gathers His family. *Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 1:23; John 3:5-6; 1 Corinthians 12:3.*

**Holy Baptism:** is a gracious work of the Holy Spirit Who creates faith, washes away sins, and connects us to Jesus and His body the church. *John 3:5-6; Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27, 1 Peter 3:21; Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:13.*

**The Holy Spirit's Work:** Converted through faith in Jesus our human nature still threatens our unity with God and each other. Reconciliation, that is repentance and faith, is the daily rhythm of believers. Guilt and sorrow are promptings of the Holy Spirit for us to speak with God confessing thoughts, words, and actions asking Him for forgiveness in Jesus' name. *Ephesians 4:30-32; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Hebrews 10:19-25.*

**The Lord's Supper:** or Holy Communion is Christ's True Body and Blood, where He is really present in the bread and wine to assure us of forgiveness. We gather to receive Jesus often because we daily sin much and are in constant need of His power to live the Christian life of faith, hope, and love/charity. *John 6:53-59; 15:5; Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16.*

**Scripture:** is inspired by God, without error and is our solid guide to life. *John 10:35; 2 Timothy 3:16.*

**Creation:** happened according to Genesis 1-2. Evolution is unscriptural, unscientific, and unnecessary. *Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 33:6.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Coming:** of Jesus will be sudden/unexpected. *2 Peter 3:10; Mark 13:32; Matthew 24.* We are living in the New Testament era where we rule with Jesus in the activity of sharing His message of love. *1 Corinthians 15:23-26; Ephesians 2:1-7; Matthew 28:19-20; Revelation 20:4-6*