

Sunday, January 18th, 2026  
10:30am



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# HOLY COMMUNION

*Please Silence Your Phones & Devices*

**PRELUDE**

Jacob Wilson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*You are invited to stand as able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us  
completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG      ELW # 314**

**Arise, Your Light Has Come!**



- 1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
- 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
- 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
- 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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

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

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All  
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.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the final line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalms 40:1-11

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD 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.
- <sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies or  
to those who follow lies.**
- <sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
But they are more than I can count.
- <sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering  
and sin-offering you have not required.**
- <sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> **'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'**"

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have  
spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth  
from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth  
continually keep me safe.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*You are invited to stand as able*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

## GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to John, the 1st Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

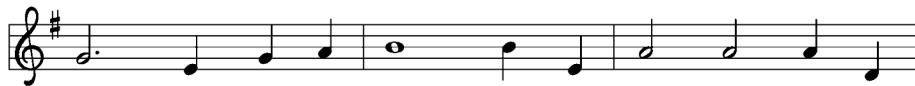
*You are invited to stand as able.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #696

#### Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each portion of the prayers ends:*

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.*

*Please be seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is received for the mission of the church.*

**SOLO - Karen Linfor**

"Who Would Imagine a King"

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of majesty,

**no eye has seen, no ear has heard**

**what you have prepared for those who love you,**

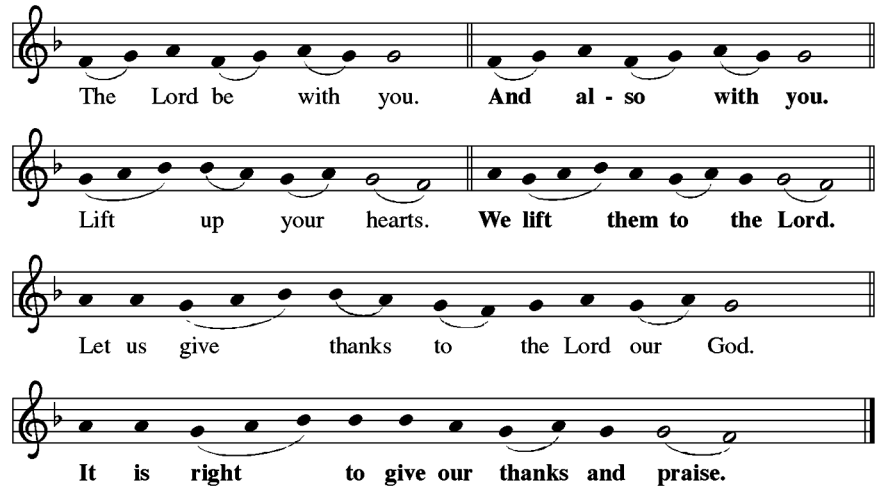
**yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.**

**Use what we have gathered**

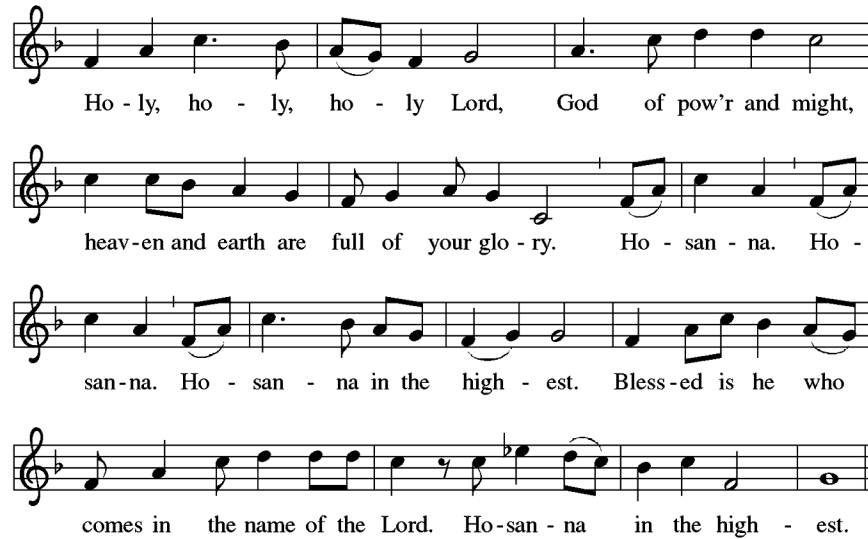
**to feed us with the reign of God come near,**

**Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and  
resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

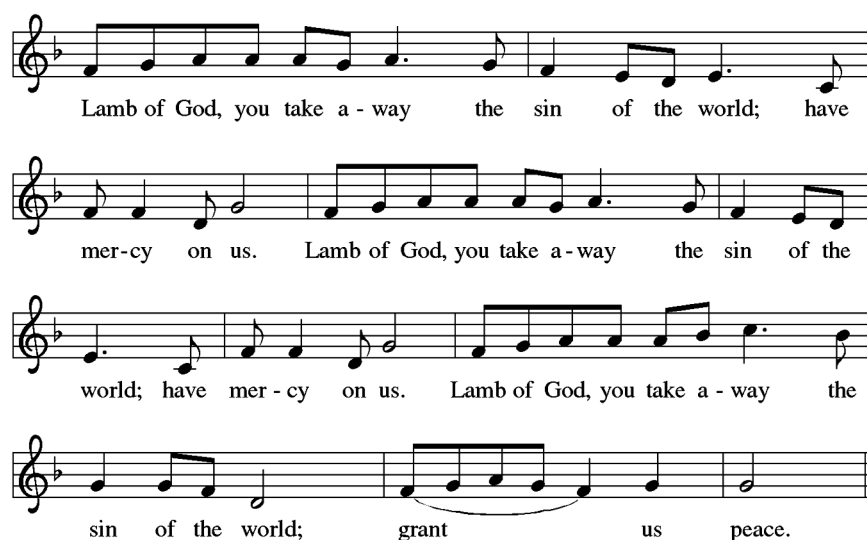
## LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward at the usher's invitation. Those not yet communing will receive a blessing. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray. Please let the server know if you would like grape juice. Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.*

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Radiant God,

**we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**In the sacrament of his body and blood**

**you have drawn us to your heart.**

**Send us from this table with delight,**

**that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,**

**and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

May the triune God,

who has put a new song in your mouth

and tuned your heart for praise

✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Jane Fanucci

## **Worship Assistants**

Altar Care:	Carol Carney
Announcements:	Peggy Moser
Communion Servers:	Karen Linfor, Faith Thomas & Connie Reule
Reader:	Shirley Prouty
Prayer Leader:	Laura Tice
Refreshments:	Jacob & Christiana Wilson
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Usher:	Bill Myers

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**

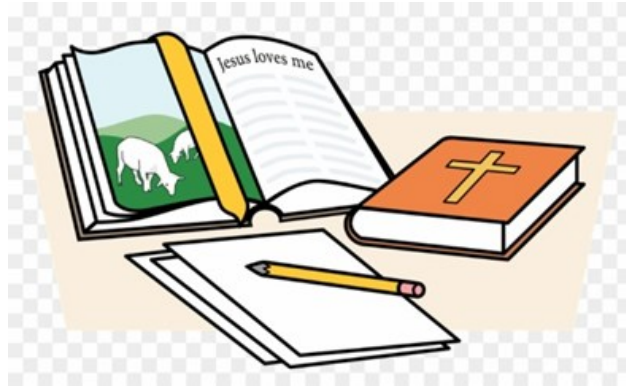
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Today	Holy Communion	10:30a.m.
Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00p.m.
Tuesday	Church Council	6:00p.m.



**\*\* Please note**

Choir Practice is on a winter  
break through January.



## **BIBLE STUDY**

### **Colossians & Philemon**

You're invited to participate in a Bible study on Colossians & Philemon, began on January 13th, 2026, via Zoom. The group is meeting for eight weeks, with sessions starting at 10:30am. We are using N.T. Wright's "For Everyone Bible Study Guides" for our discussions. If you'd like to join and haven't attended yet,

please email Marlene Kiser - [marlenek8626@outlook.com](mailto:marlenek8626@outlook.com) so she can add you to the class mailing list and send you the weekly Zoom link.

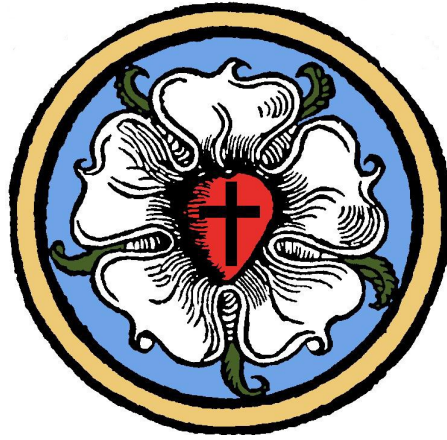
# GAME NIGHT

**Thursday, January 29th - 6:00pm - 8:30pm**

Come for a night of fun, laughter, and games held in Schultz Hall on the last Thursday of each month.

Pastor Rob will bring a selection of his games from home, including Uno, Mille Bornes, Apples to Apples, and some of his more outlandish board and card games.

You are invited to bring your favorites as well, as well as any snacks or finger foods you might like to share. Come for a fun, casual time with your community and enjoy some friendly competition.



Through the power of the  
Holy Spirit, we accept  
God's call to spread the  
Good News, serve those  
in need,  
and share the Victory of  
Jesus Christ  
throughout the world.

-St. Luke's Mission Statement