

## Sanctuary Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of after Epiphany – February 1, 2026, 8:00 AM

**DROP IN CHOIR**

**PRELUDE**

### **He Has Made Me Glad** **TFF 291**

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

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**WELCOME**

**PASTOR**

**CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PASTOR**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

*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 <sup>☩</sup> Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712

Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.

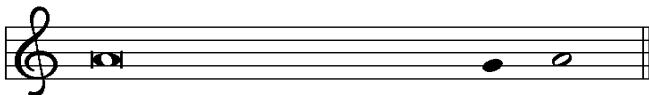
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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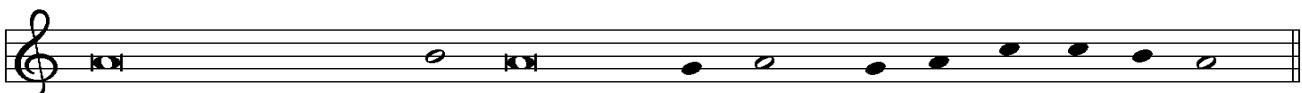
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



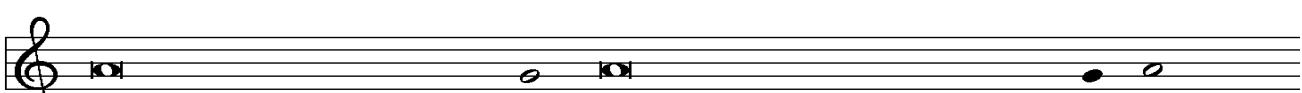
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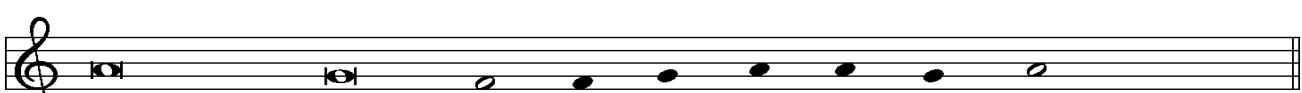
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



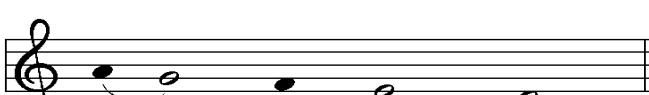
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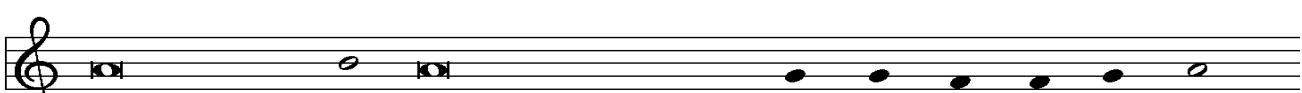
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### O Day of Peace ELW 711 (tune ELW 336)

O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## PASTOR

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

### Micah 6:1-8

## ASSISTING MINISTER

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

### Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## ASSISTING MINISTER

## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

## ASSISTING MINISTER

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord Oh my soul  
Bless the Lord Oh my soul  
And all that is within me  
Bless His Holy name.

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

### Matthew 5:1-12

## PASTOR

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Let Justice Flow like Streams ELW 717

Let justice flow like streams  
of sparkling water, pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life,  
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on  
as others' cares we heed,  
an ever-flowing stream of faith  
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,  
define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade  
this world our whole life through.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

## PASTOR

**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 THE PEOPLE

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Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

## OFFERING

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## SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

**ELW 708**

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,

silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away.

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

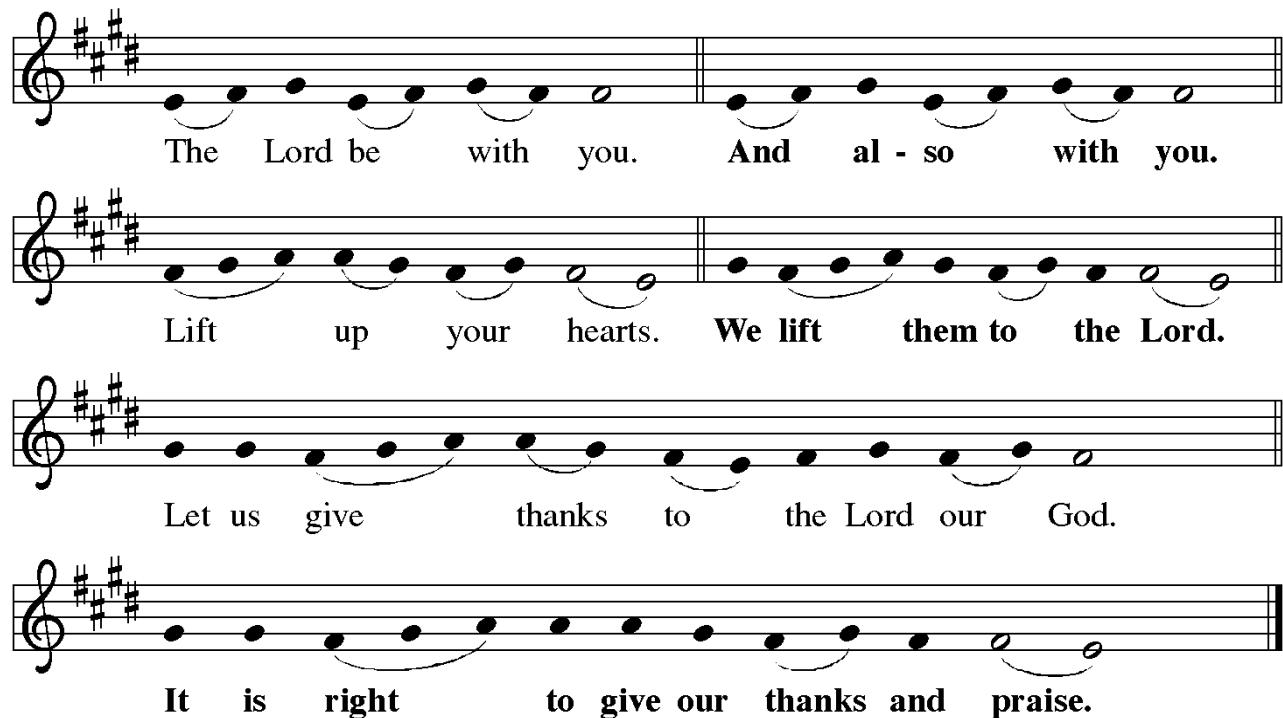
God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PASTOR

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

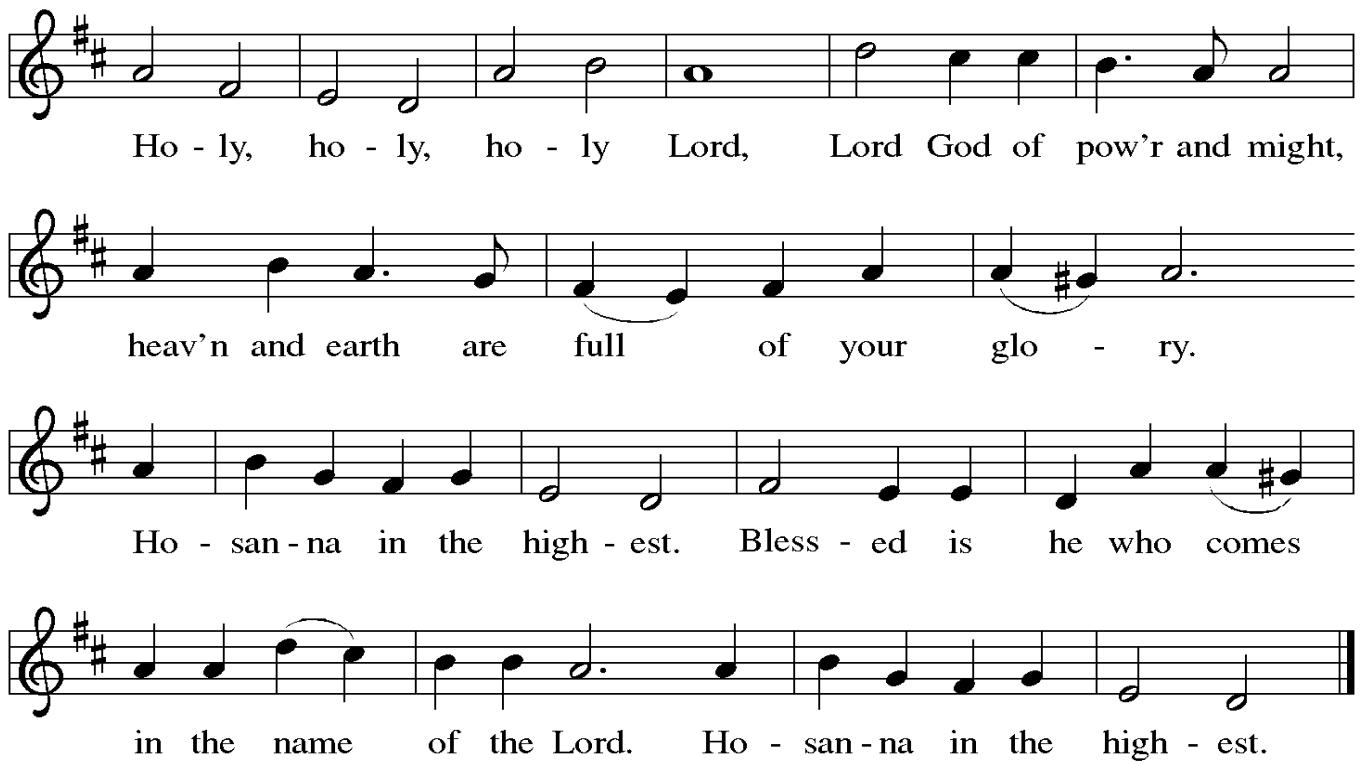
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## HOLY, HOLY

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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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

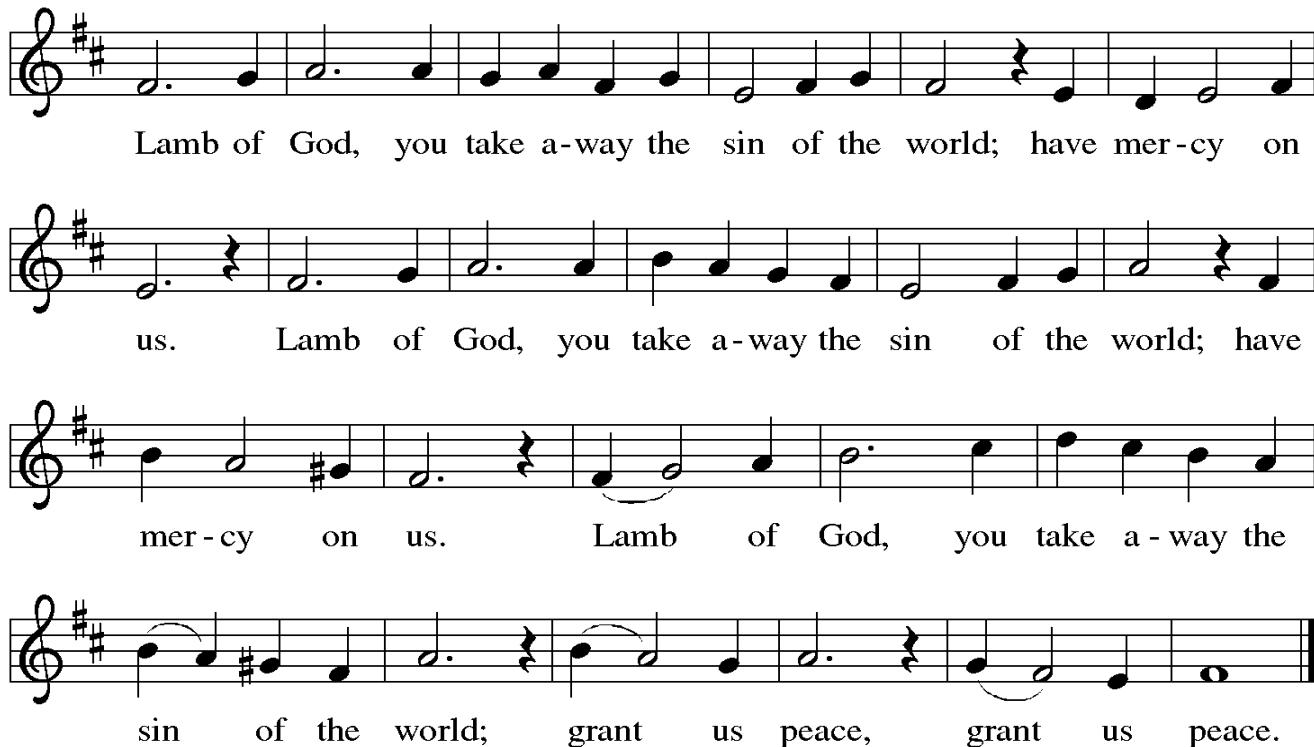
PASTOR

## 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.

## LAMB OF GOD

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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

PASTOR

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.  
Search me and try me, Master, today.  
Purer than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.  
Power, all power surely is thine.  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me.

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### **Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

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## **Blessed Assurance** **ELW 638**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**PASTOR**

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.**

## **BLESSING**

**PASTOR**

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.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace ELW 716**

Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
to love all people, ev'ry race;  
and in each person may I see  
my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.

Break down the wall that would divide  
thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
let Christian love bind warm and true.

Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
by loveless act and thoughtless word.

    Make me to see the wrong I do  
        will crucify my Lord anew.

Give me thy courage, Lord to speak  
whenever strong oppress the weak.

    Should I myself the victim be,  
        help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.

With thine own love may I be filled  
    and by thy Holy Spirit willed,  
        that all I touch, where'er I be,  
            may be divinely touched by thee.

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## **TEMPLE TALK**

## **TLU SUNDAY**

### **TLU PRESIDENT - DR. DEBBIE COTTRELL**

## **GOOD NEWS**

## **ASSISTING MINISTER**

### **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ELW 885**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
    praise God, all creatures here below;  
        praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
            praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **ASSISTING MINISTER**