

# *Trinity Lutheran Church*

*Brewster, New York*



*4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 2, 2025  
9:30 AM*



**WELCOME** as we gather in the name of God!

Whether we are physically present with one another or gathering remotely, we know that Christ is truly present in our midst.

*We welcome our visitors today. If you are looking for a church home and want to know more about living together as Christians, please contact Pastor Boyd during the week.*

If you know of others who are in need of signs of God's love and grace, who are curious and/or questioning, who would like to experience the peace of Christ – please invite them to join us for worship in person or through our social media channels. They may also contact the church office ([trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)) and/or Pastor Jen ([revjedyer1@yahoo.com](mailto:revjedyer1@yahoo.com)).

You are invited to worship with us each week. There is a spoken in-person service on Thursdays at 12 noon and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. as well as via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page. Services may also be viewed on Comcast channel 21 at 11 am (note, they are a week behind). The service will be posted later on our YouTube page. The weekly bulletin is posted on our website:

**Website:** <http://trinitybrewsterny.org>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>.

**YouTube:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber)

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Pharisees condemn Jesus and his disciples for “working” on the Sabbath. Jesus points out that he, himself, is Lord of the Sabbath, not they. This is not well-received by the powers that be. Sometimes we get caught in the rules we miss the big miracle.

### **+ GATHERING +**

#### **PRELUDE: Grazioso and Andantino** by Frederic Venua

*We invite you to take a time of prayer during the prelude. We look to focus our hearts and minds on God, seeking God’s spirit to infuse our time of worship and this community of faith. This is the first day of the week and we long to be reminded of who we are in Christ Jesus. If you need particular prayers to help center you in this time, you can use any of the hymns as well as prayers that are listed in the hymnal (pg. 72-87)*

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

*You are invited to share any prayer requests that you would like Pastor Jen to include in this morning’s worship. If you would like someone to be put on our weekly prayer list in the Trinity weekly, please fill out a prayer list request form found in the pew rack. Place it in the offering plate or give to Pastor Jen following worship.*

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE*

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in this holy house,

**On this holy day of Sabbath rest,**

To be healed and made whole.

**There is always good to do**

There is always need of mercy

**There is always more to learn**

There is always risk when God’s truth meets the ways of the world.

**And Jesus has called us and sent us to bear his light into the world.**

Let us come in the power of the Spirit to be refreshed and prepared for his work.

**We come to gather in God’s holy presence**

## CONFESSION

We come to gather in God's holy presence, seeking to more fully trust in God's promises. We offer up to God our brokenness, longing for restoration and grace in all parts of our lives

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Creator God,  
the first day humans experienced in Creation was a day of rest,  
**and from that joy of being within your created order we are meant to grow.**

We confess we have turned that around,  
**as if we are the creator who worked first and rested at the end,**  
as if we must earn our rest,  
**and mostly we don't.**

We miss out on the blessing of growing from gift and joy,  
**instead making everything about being right, following rules, earning our way.**

At the same time we admit we are prone to casual, even absent-minded, lives —  
just going through our everyday tasks without much thought,  
**only rarely pondering how to better orient toward you in between Sundays.**

And so we confess that we're defensive about Sabbath rest,  
**swinging between declaring it outdated and being desperate for respite from endless work,**  
between judging those who take days off and wishing we could do it ourselves,  
**between naming service as spirituality and longing for the refreshment of a quiet mountaintop moment.**

Forgive us, loving God.

**Forgive us for distorting your story and then trying to fit our lives to it.**  
Show us once again your more excellent way,  
**and heal us that we may reflect your image clearly into a world longing for grace.**

**We ask in the name of the One who is Lord of the Sabbath,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation — the old has gone and the new has come. We can let go of the old stories we have told ourselves, and trust the Word made flesh. Hear this truth with fresh ears: God's first gift to humanity is to rest in the joy of being part of the created order, and from that to grow and thrive. In this new creation, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Receive the fullness of God's love and grace in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: Son of God, Eternal Savior ELW 655**

**Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of Love, and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us**

**hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.**

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Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen 1855-1932  
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## **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

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord Jesus Christ,

your presence changes things,

**brings up questions we thought we'd settled,**

provokes those who think they have it all figured out,

**invites us to look anew at everything**

**through the lens of mercy first.**

Stretch us today

toward healing and possibility

in your most holy of all names,

**Jesus Christ the Lord of the Sabbath and of our lives. Amen.**

*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd**

## **CHILDREN'S SONG**

This little light of mine,

I'm gonna let it shine. *(sing 3x)*

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel - NO!

I'm gonna let it shine. *(sing 3x)*

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go,

I'm gonna let it shine. *(sing 3x)*

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me;

I'm gonna let it shine. *((sing 3x)*

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



**READING: Psalm 92 (The Message translation)**

What a beautiful thing, GOD, to give thanks,  
**to sing an anthem to you, the High God!**

To announce your love each daybreak,  
**sing your faithful presence all through the night,**

Accompanied by dulcimer and harp,  
the full-bodied music of strings.

You made me so happy, GOD.

**I saw your work and I shouted for joy.**

How magnificent your work, GOD!

**How profound your thoughts!**

Dullards never notice what you do;

**fools never do get it.**

When the wicked popped up like weeds  
and all the evil men and women took over,

**You mowed them down,  
finished them off once and for all.**

You, GOD, are High and Eternal.

Look at your enemies, GOD!

**Look at your enemies—ruined!**

**Scattered to the winds, all those hirelings of evil!**

<sup>B</sup>ut you've made me strong as a charging bison,  
**you've honored me with a festive parade.**

The sight of my critics going down is still fresh,  
**the rout of my malicious detractors.**

My ears are filled with the sounds of promise:

“Good people will prosper like palm trees,

**Grow tall like Lebanon cedars;**

**transplanted to GOD's courtyard,**

They'll grow tall in the presence of God,  
lithe and green, virile still in old age.”

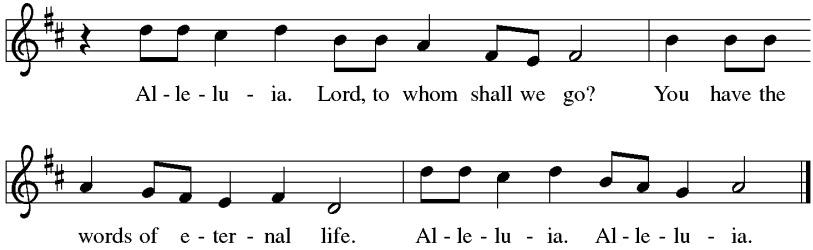
**Such witnesses to upright GOD!**

**My Mountain, my huge, holy Mountain!**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

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### THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One Sabbath while Jesus was going through the cornfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, ‘Why are you doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?’ Jesus answered, ‘Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?’ Then he said to them, ‘The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.’

On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Come and stand here.’ He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to

them, 'I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?' After looking around at all of them, he said to him, 'Stretch out your hand.' He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd**

*THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus* ELW 620 vs 1-4**

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!**

**It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away all fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole  
and calms the heart's unrest;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul  
and to the weary, rest.**

**Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place;  
my never-failing treasury,  
filled with boundless stores of grace.**

**By thee my prayers acceptance gain  
although with sin defiled.  
The devil charges me in vain,  
and I am owned a child.**

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## **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**

**We pray for the church, the world, and all of creation, trusting in the  
gracious love and care of the Lord our God.**

*A brief silence.*

Jesus called his twelve disciples by name, and so too, you call us. Help us to listen for your call and to do your will. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

We pray for all the earth, including waterways—oceans and streams, lakes and rivers. Help us to keep them clean and to advocate for their care. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

We lift up pastors, deacons, and all church leaders, who hear and follow your call. Grant them discernment, humility, and empathy in all that they do. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are in need of your care. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: **Jeff, George, Jayne, Raul, Donna, Dorothy, Donna, Rose, Judy, Maisa and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Give medical practitioners and all caregivers wisdom and compassion, that your healing love might show through them. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

Many in our world are struggling to get by. We pray for those who are experiencing job loss, and ask you to be with them and help them make new connections and find new opportunities. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

All those who have gone before us have helped shape our faith today. Help us to remember their stories and honor their witness. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

*Here other petitions may be offered silently, aloud or online in the comments.*

*Pastor:* We humbly offer up all these prayers before you, trusting in your steadfast love and grace revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always **And also with you**

*You are invited to share signs of peace with others Please check with those around you if they are comfortable with a handshake, elbow bump or*

*other physical signs before reaching out. Peace signs and humble bows are a healthy alternative.*

PLEASE BE SEATED

## OFFERING



*You are invited to use this time as moments of silence for prayer and reflection. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org))*

+ MEAL +

**Anthem: “Lord of the Sabbath”** by Frederic Venua

**OFFERING HYMN: God, We See What You Have Given**

(Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"))

**God, we see what you have given;  
Signs of grace are everywhere!  
All around are gifts from heaven —  
Gifts enough for all to share.  
We are stewards of your bounty,  
Called to give as we've received;  
And your blessings have been plenty  
From the day we first believed.**

**We are stewards, sent out sharing,  
Offering you our very best.  
Through our serving and our caring  
May we give as we've been blessed.  
God of love, may faithful living  
Be much more than Sunday talk.  
Send us loving, serving, giving;  
Help us daily walk your walk!**

Biblical References: Psalms 148, 22, 100, 150; Luke 1:46-55

Tune: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

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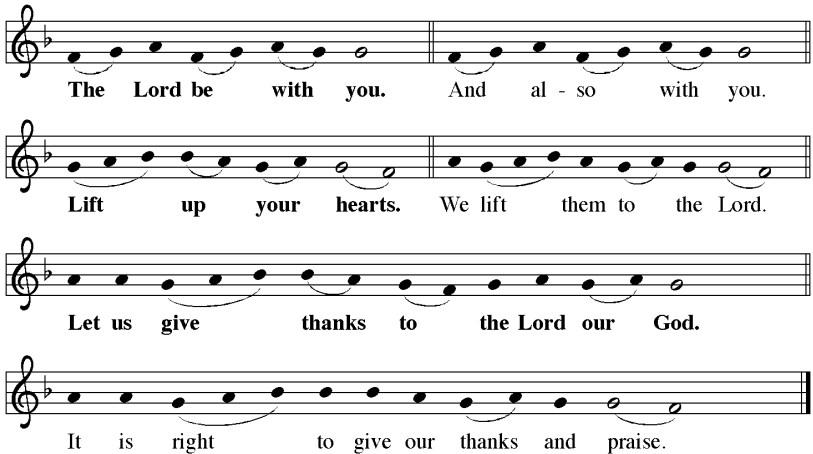
PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of rest and restoration, **we offer back to you those things you have first given us—possessions, time, even our whole selves.** Use them for the sake of Jesus and in the service of our neighbors. Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### Preface Dialogue



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.

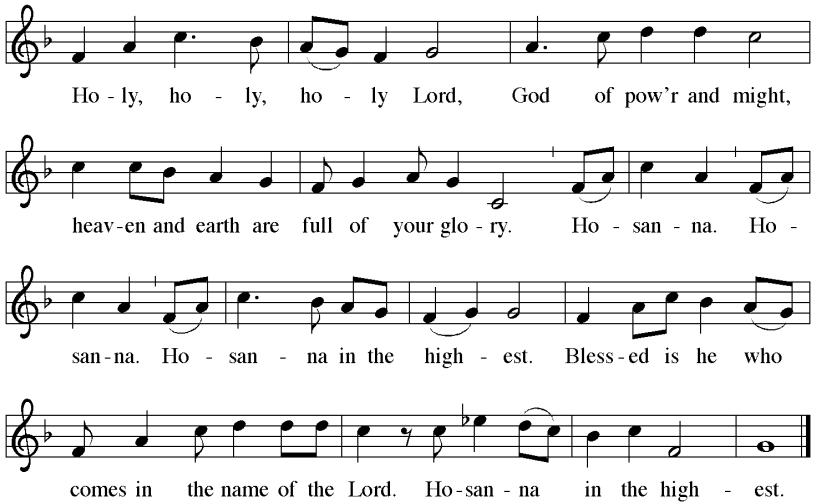
The image shows four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

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### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our responsibility 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; who sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light, and so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church one earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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.

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### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Eternal God, Creator of the heavens and the earth  
and all who dwell therein,  
we give you thanks for all that surrounds us.

**We thank you for making us  
but a little lower than the angels,  
children of your grace.**

We are grateful for your mercy,  
**forgiving our human pride  
and our blindness to those in need.**

We rejoice in the hope and salvation  
**found in the person of Jesus Christ,  
who shared our earthly suffering and joy.**

We remember Christ's death,  
**celebrate with joy Christ's resurrection,  
and seek to follow in Christ's way,  
serving those around us.**

In the steadfast comfort of the Holy Spirit,



**we offer ourselves to your service  
as we unite our voices to glorify you.**

At this table we recall the night...

...By partaking at this table,  
**we proclaim Christ's death,  
celebrate Christ's resurrection,  
and await Christ's return.**

Bless this meal and all who receive it

**That we may glorify your name as we do so**

We glorify you as the Creator, as the Sustainer

And the Savior who taught us to pray...

**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**

Disciples of Christ, come and be fed on bread from the fields of grain and wine from the vineyards, in which our friend and savior is fully present. All are welcome at the feast of everlasting life! **Thanks be to God!**

## 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.

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### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND BLESSINGS**

*All the baptized are welcome to feast in the Eucharist. You may receive only the bread or wine and still experience the full benefit of our Lord's meal. Those who do not receive bread or wine are invited to come for a blessing.*

*All members and visitors, please complete a Record of Communion card (in the pew racks) and hand it to an usher as you come forward.*

*Ushers will direct you to come forward at the appropriate time.*

## **Communion Hymn:**

### **Hymn #1: *As the Grains of Wheat* ELW 465**

#### **Refrain**

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
Were gathered into one to become our bread;  
So may all your people from all the ends of the earth  
Be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
May we share the presence of your love. Refrain**

**Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come  
When all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain**

Text: Didache, 2<sup>nd</sup> cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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### **Hymn #2: *Around You, O Lord Jesus* ELW 468**

**Around you, O Lord Jesus,  
Your own gather still  
To share the feast you give us  
With grace our lives to fill.  
You say to us so lovingly,  
“Take, eat! This is my body!  
Take, drink! This is my blood!”**

**We hear your invitation,  
And heed, O Lord, your call;  
Your word of consolation  
Is spoken here to all.  
It draws us to your loving heart;  
It brings to us your blessing,  
Which never will depart.**

**We are your own forever,  
Until our final breath  
We will be true and never—  
In joy, in grief, in death—  
Depart from you, for you are still  
Among your people dwelling,  
As you have said you will.**

Text: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1772-1847; tr, composite

Music: H. Thomisson, *Den danske Psalmbog*, 1569

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*Words for additional Communion hymns may be found on the card inside the back cover of your hymnal.*

*AFTER ALL HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR PLACES, THE ASSEMBLY STANDS.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have been here graced by your merciful presence, O God, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and love of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

**+ SENDING +**

### **Mission and Ministry Announcements**

*THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*

### **BLESSING**

*Response: Amen.*

**SENDING HYMN: *O Zion, Haste* ELW 668**

**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.**

**Refrain:**

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom we live and move, is love;  
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation  
and died on earth that we might live above. [Refrain]**

**He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,  
make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;  
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,  
through your neglect, unfit to see his face. [Refrain]**

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923

Music: James Welch, 1837-1901

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**DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: Maestoso** by Frederic Venua

**Worship notes:** Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources:

- ✦ **Call to Worship, Confession, Words of Forgiveness, *Prayer of the Day*** (© 2024 Teri Peterson. Usage rights granted to BibleWorm subscribers at the LiturgyWorm Level and higher (<https://patreon.com/biblewormpodcast>))
  
- ✦ **Introduction, Call to Worship, *Prayers of Intercession, Offering Prayer, Invitation to Communion*** (© Clergy stuff)
- ✦ **Post-communion prayer** (Flames of the Spirit, ed. Ruth C. Duck)
  
- ✦ Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Lutheran Book of Worship and All Creation Sings

## **MUSIC NOTES:**

**Frederic Marc Antonie Venua** (1788 - 1872) was a French composer for the ballet. Born in Paris, France, Venua was from an Italian family and eventually settled in England, at St. Thomas (near Exeter), Devonshire. Venua attended the Paris Conservatory and studied composition in London. He directed and composed for the ballet orchestra at the King's Theater, and belonged the British Royal Society of Musicians. He retired to Exeter in 1858.



welcome  
let's worship together



The organ prelude and preparatory time for worship begins approximately ten minutes before each service.

**WORSHIP SERVICES — JANUARY 2025**

Sunday, Feb 2, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM  
Sunday, Feb 9, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM  
Sunday, Feb 16, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM  
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