

***Welcome to***  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**



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

***God's Work/Our Hands***

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

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

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

# 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!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

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.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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## GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.



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



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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
and while I was in my mother's womb God named me.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
I was hid in the shadow of God's hand.

The LORD made me a polished arrow;  
I was hid away in God's quiver.

<sup>3</sup> And the LORD 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 cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
who formed me as a servant in the womb,  
to bring Jacob back to God,  
and that Israel might be gathered to the LORD,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup> the LORD says,

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“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One of Israel,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Monarchs shall see and stand up,  
chieftains, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The word of the Lord.

☛ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (*Ps. 40:8*)

- <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 <sup>1</sup> 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.**

(cont'd)

<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

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Though God’s church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

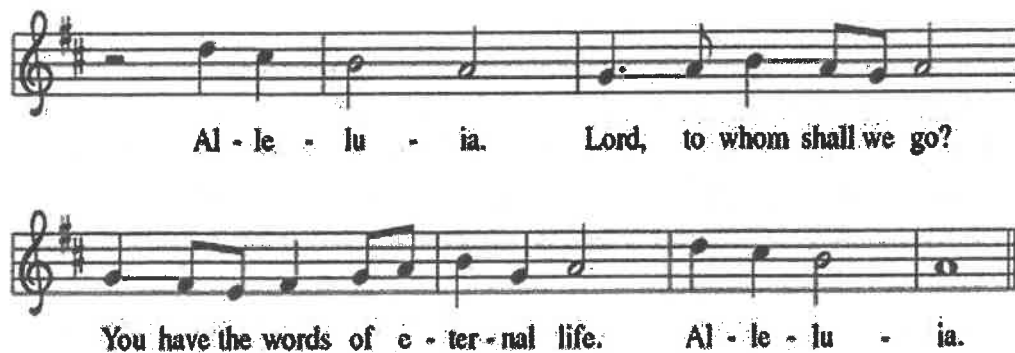
<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in Christ, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened 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> God will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the communion of the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for Gospel Acclamation*



GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

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

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

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup> John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup> This is the one of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see."

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They came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.<sup>41</sup> Andrew first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

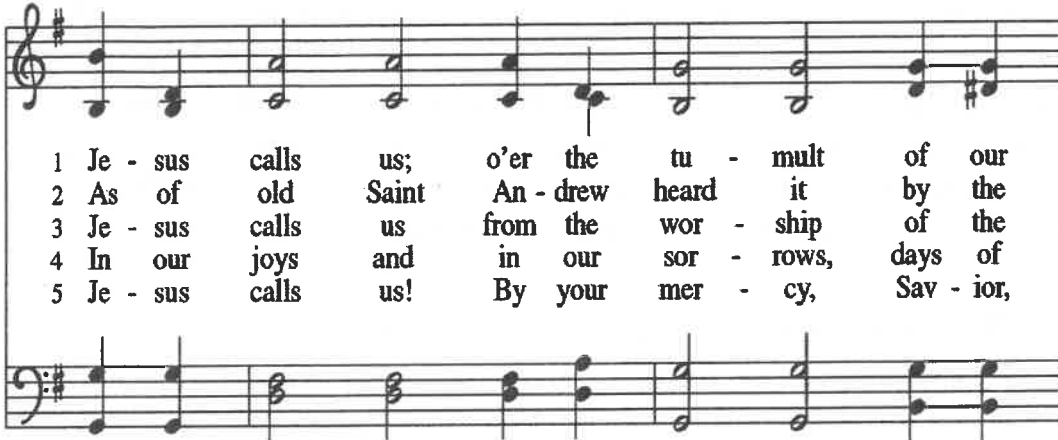
**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit for the Sermon*

*Stand for the Hymn of the Day*

## 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.

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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.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

**☐ Merciful God,  
☑ receive our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

**☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.  
☑ And also with you.**

# Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

## *Offering Song*



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



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## DIALOGUE



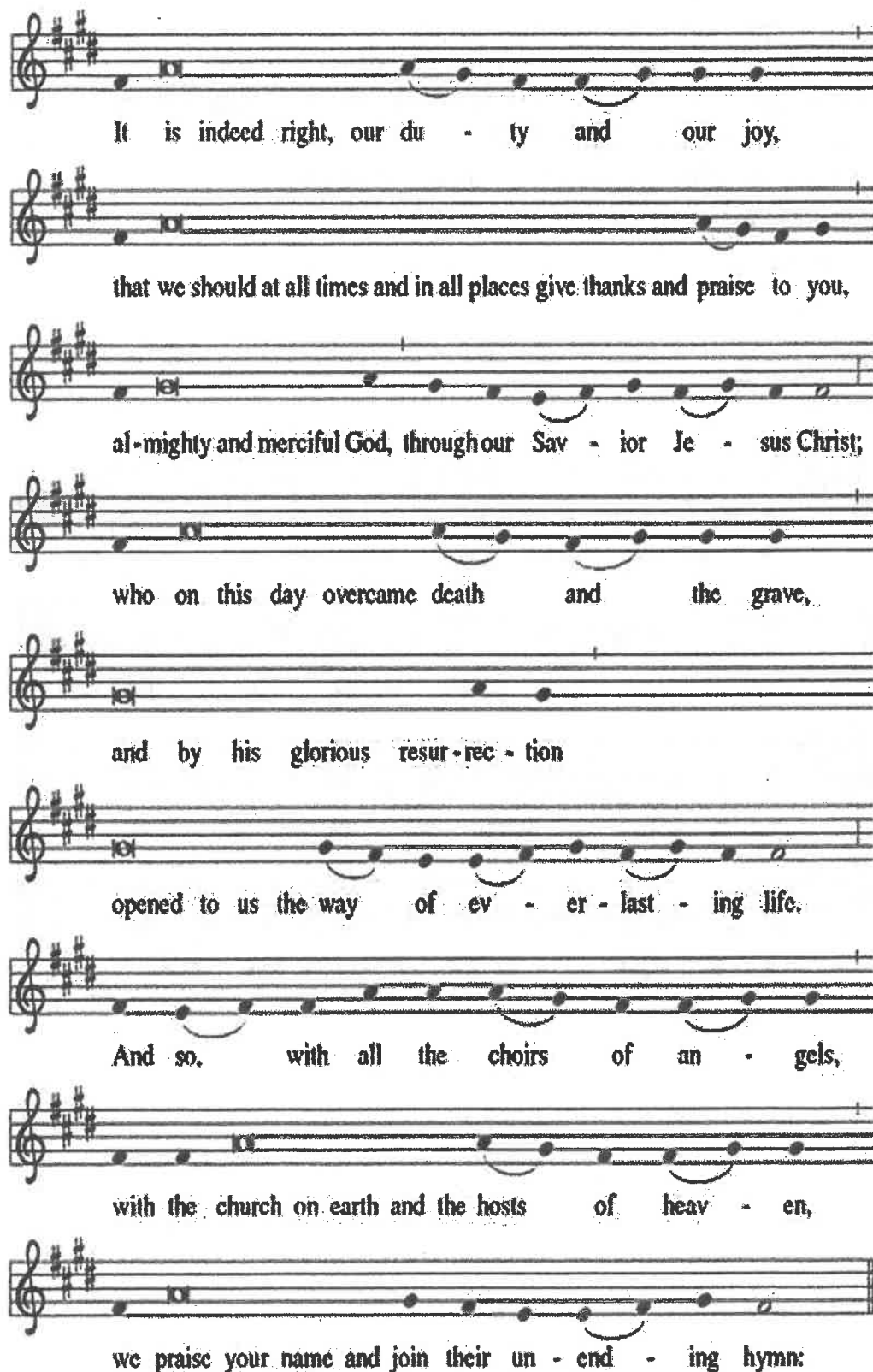
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

## PREFACE PASTOR ONLY



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resur-rec - tion  
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY HOLY

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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

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Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught  
us.

**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.**

#### THE FRACTION

- ☐** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.
- ☑** Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## 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, grant us peace.

## Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

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## POST COMMUNION DISMISSAL

**P** Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C** Amen

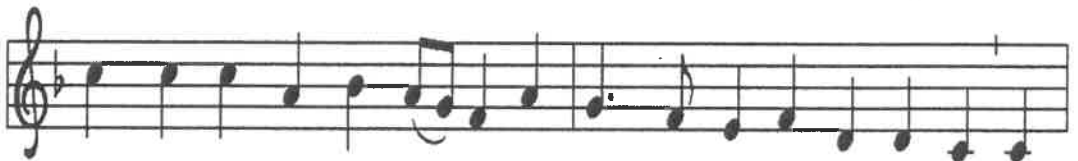
### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and · voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



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

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** 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.

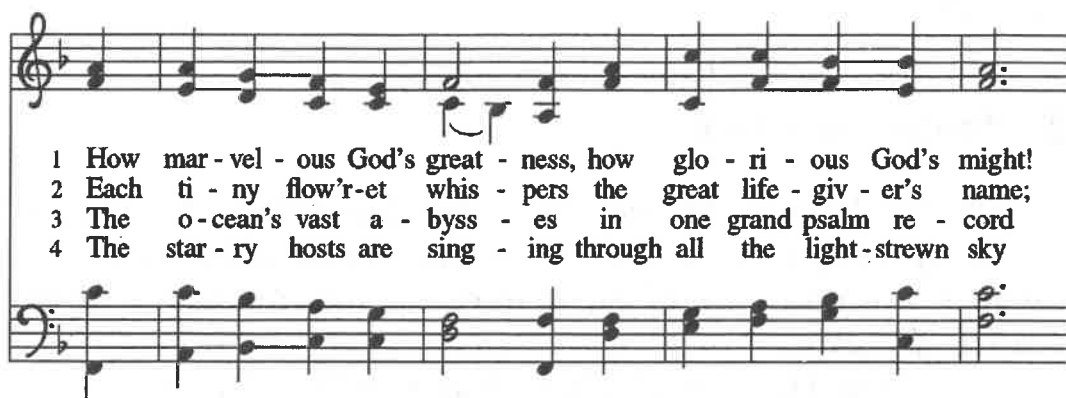
**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# How Marvelous God's Greatness



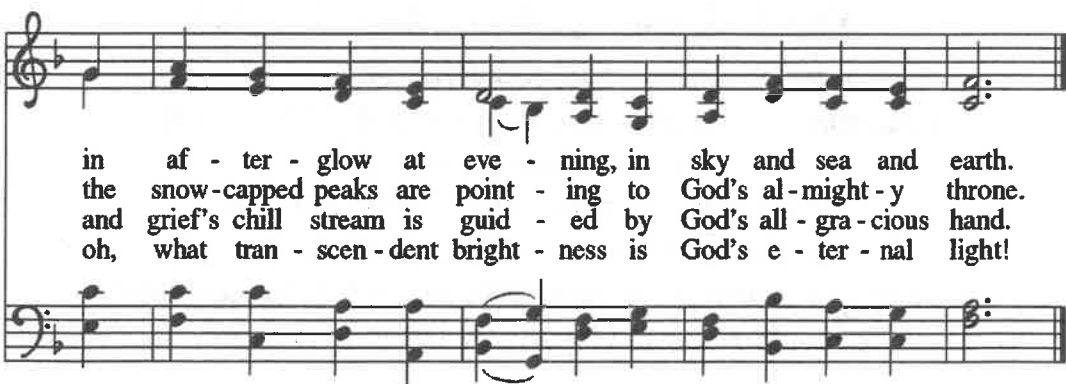
1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!  
 2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;  
 3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord  
 4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light-strewn sky



To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night:  
 the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;  
 the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;  
 of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;



in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,  
 the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;  
 the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;  
 when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,



in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.  
 the snow-capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.  
 and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.  
 oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

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## DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

☐ Thanks be to God.

*DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!*

\*Eric Alber\* Michelle Bahlavooni \*Bill Bower\* Derl  
Crawford\* Diane Deptula \*David Ferro\* Carl Frank \*Mary  
Faith Fisher\* \*Adam Gajkowski \* Jim Hess\*  
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Waltman\* \*Kathy Whitesel \*Ron Wolfe\* \*Shirley Young\*  
\*Jim Zeart\*

### **THIS SUNDAY: JANUARY 18, 2026**

Outdoor Greeters : David & Karen Bird  
Greeters & Ushers: Nate Johnson & Dan Comstock  
Lector: Loreen Comstock  
Communion Assistant: Loreen Comstock  
Altar Guild: Darlene Turner & Sharon Bachman  
Offering Counters: Ryan Young, Nate Johnson & Dan Comstock  
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

### **NEXT SUNDAY: JANUARY 25, 2026**

Outdoor Greeters : Lance Miller & Bill Hower Jr  
Greeters & Ushers: Bill Hower Sr & Bill Hower Jr  
Lector: Emily Johnson  
Communion Assistant: Emily Johnson  
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Gail Utt  
Offering Counters: Alison Whitmoyer & Lance Miller  
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Carolyn Bahlavooni  
in memory of loved ones

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God  
by no sponsors

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2026 ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LAMPS**

The Altar Flower & Sanctuary Lamp charts and envelopes for 2026 are now available in the narthex.

### **GATHERING TIME HOSTS**

We are looking for committees or groups of 2-3 people to host our monthly Gathering Time. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the sanctuary. Any questions, see Carolyn Bahlavooni or Lydia Ferro.

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

No Bible or Movie Studies on Thursday, Jan 22nd.

### **CHIMES & CHOIR PRACTICES**

No Chimes or Choir practice on Thursday, January 22nd.

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON-CORRECTION**

As always, the luncheon will take place the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We will go to Morris in Berwick at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, January 21st. Call Jan Peifer by Tuesday, January 21st if you plan to attend. Her number is 570-204-7531.

### **COUNCIL MEETS**

Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM.

### **NEWLETTER ITEMS**

Please have all newsletter items emailed to the office no later than Monday, January 26th.

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*Sunday, January 18, 2026*

Eucharist: 9:00 AM

## **ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

***Monday, Jan 19, 2026***

***Office Hours***

***9:00 AM to 12:00 PM***

***Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026***

***Office Hours-Pastor in***

***9:00 AM to 12:00 PM***

***Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026***

***Office Hours***

***9:00 AM to 12:00 PM***

***Thursday, Jan 22, 2026***

***Office Hours-Pastor away***

***9:00 AM to 12:00 PM***

***Friday Jan 23, 2026***

***Office Closed***

***Saturday, Jan 24, 2026***

***Office closed***

***Sunday, Jan 25, 2026***

***Third Sunday after  
Epiphany***

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**Christmas Eve : 108**

**Last Sunday Attendance : 53**

**Offering Amount Needed Weekly:**

**Current: \$2,878.00**

**Benevolence: \$135.00**

**New Building: \$401.00**

**Offering Amounts Received:**

**Current: \$ 1,497.00**

**Benevolence: \$ 220..00**

**New Building: \$ 225.00**

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