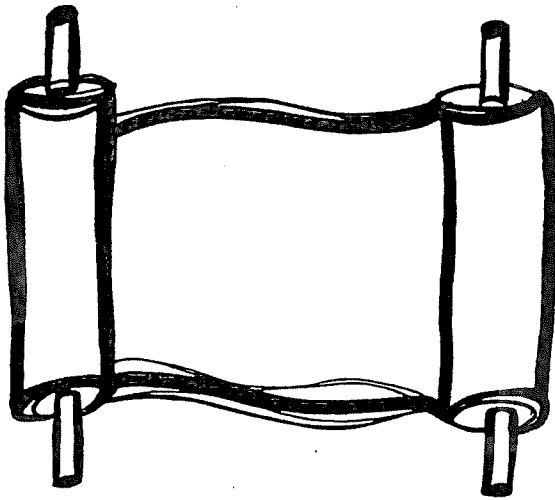


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***Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 26, 2025***

***Worship Times 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:15 am***

† **Indicates: Please Stand if Comfortable**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** - Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

*by Peeters*

† **Call To Worship:** For All the Saints vs. 3

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and  
hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

† *Hymn 668 O Zion, Haste*

† **Greeting**

P: May God give you strength and courage to keep watch for the One who is coming. May God give us to one another so we remember we are not alone. May God give us to the world to prepare the way for the coming kingdom. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

# Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.



## All Glory Be to God on High

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1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in

praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord God,

**C: you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Choir Anthem** - Lord, I'm Coming Home (see page 12) *by Martin*

### **First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

### **Psalm: 19** (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,

- and their voices are not heard,  
<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

### **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.  
<sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.  
<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he

chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.



### Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

## **Gospel Text: Luke 4:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

<sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## **YOUTH MESSAGE**

**SERMON:** "What Brings Us Together"

† *Hymn 843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

## † **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

† **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

**The Offertory:** Magnificat, Verse III

*by Kerckhoven*

†

**“Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He’s given

Jesus Christ, his Son

(repeat)

And now, let the weak say “I am strong”

Let the poor say “I am rich”

Because of what the Lord has done for us

(repeat)

Give Thanks

† **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us join together in praying the 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**

**Blessing**

P: The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

† *Hymn 551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*



## **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Invention

*by Peeters*

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**WELCOME** to the worship of the people of God who are Faith Lutheran Church. May you feel the presence of the Lord in our midst and hear His Word spoken to your heart. For more information contact us at [faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com) or check out our website at [FLCMTV.org](http://FLCMTV.org). Our mission at Faith Church is **To Know And Share God's Love.**

**IF** you are a **GUEST**, you are invited to sign our guest book in the narthex with your name, and contact information, so we may give you a cordial welcome, and an invitation to return to worship with us soon. If you have children, please check out our Children's Activity Center on the wall in the narthex. Changing table is in Room 207 upstairs. Contact an usher if you need assistance.

**FLOWERS** on the altar are given by **Tom & Marilyn Wilford** to the glory of God and in remembrance of Katie Luther's 526th birthday on January 29th.

## 75 YEARS OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

We're celebrating 75 years of Faith Lutheran Church and we need your help! We are looking for a few volunteers to be interviewed in person or if you are more comfortable recorded as a video. We want to interview people about their time here at Faith and the impact our legacy has had on them. These interviews will be part of the Wednesday midweek soup and salad dinners. If you are interested, please let Pastor Cody know.

### MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

It's a road trip for February! We will be sharing the Bible study as guests of Vickie Blubaugh at the Ohio Eastern Star Home on Tuesday, February 11th at 1 pm. Jenny Grinstead will lead the study, There will be copies for you of the Bible study on the narthex bulletin board.

### ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The Faith Women would like to purchase 10 Irrigation Systems at \$100 each. Please consider donating to this ELCA Good Gift and your donation can be placed in the designated container on the table in the narthex. Contact anyone on the Faith Women's Board if you would like more information. Thank you.

### 2025 FLOWER CHART

The flower chart is up and there is still one date in February open as well as many other dates throughout the year to choose from. Please feel free to take any of the open dates!!

### .SPECIAL GIVING FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

We will be having a special giving TODAY for the victims and families impacted by the wildfires in California. Our gifts will allow Lutheran Disaster Response to work with those impacted to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come. Look for the special receptacle for these gifts!!

### ANNUAL REPORTS

The February Annual Meeting is coming up. Council has not set a date for it yet, but I wanted to remind all organizations, mission areas and auxiliaries of the congregation to start thinking about your reports. You can start turning them in to Pat anytime.

### PERSONAL CARE KITS

We will be starting to gather items for the Personal Care Kits beginning in February with nail clippers and WIDE tooth combs (no pointed tips). You can put your donations in the beautiful basket on the wall in the Narthex. Thank you for being a part of this ministry.

## FAITH EVENTS

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### CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JAN 26 - Feb. 1, 2025

Today:	8 & 10:30 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	4:00 am	Bell Choir
Mon	6:30 pm	Council
	7:30 pm	AA
Thurs	9:00 am	TOPS
	7:30 pm	Choir

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Vicki Blubaugh, Carley Cammuse, Doralee Freseman, Ken & Holly Fischer, Janice Frye, Larry Gruber, Jim Harder, Eileen Hartman, Kimberly Hoffman, Paul Hothem, Jon, Jessica, & baby David Howard, Ann Jurkowitz, Art & Corrine Lund, Judy Mustaine, Kathy Noblit, Steve Norberg, Fran Smyser, Marge Veith, Tom Wilford.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Edie (4 year old with brain cancer), Linda, Marie, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C., Kathy & Larry Daubensteck, Aaron Everhard, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Jody Goetzman, Lon Hamby, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Linda Lampl, Greg Maxwell, Scott Mickley, Sue Moreland, Clarence, Shirley Ramsay, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Beth & Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Jerri Ruggerio, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Gabe & Micah Stauffer, Martha Stuller, Josie Watts, Adam Wilford, Karen Zedeker, Ziva, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Kimberly Hoffman-Shaw, Jody Goetzman, Donald Peters, Julie Lucas, Micah Stauffer, Lynn Dawson, baby Henry Williams (newborn).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Please let the office know if there is someone in the military that you want on the prayer list.

## **SERVING OUR LORD TODAY**

	<b><u>8:00 am</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 am</u></b>
Ushers	Bob Atwell Tom Noblit	Cheryl Johnson Jenny Grinstead
Readers	Betty McDonald	Ann Dice
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Marilyn Wilford
Altar Guild - Jill Park		
Tellers - Dave Keck & Will Melick		

## **SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY**

	<b><u>8:00 am</u></b>	<b><u>10:03 am</u></b>
Ushers	Melissa Dexter Greg Maxwell	Jenny Grinstead Jill Park
Readers	Kathy Noblit	Holly Fischer
Comm. Assist.	Rick Keaton	Jim Harder
Acolyte	Will Melick	Will Pletcher
Altar Guild - Jenny Grinstead		
Communion Committee - Kathy Noblit & Cheryl Johnson		
Tellers - Mike Eesley & John Hoffman		

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### **Lord, I'm Coming Home** *by Martin*

I've wandered far away from God, now I'm coming home;  
The paths of sin too long I've trod, Lord, I'm coming home.  
I've wasted many precious years, now I'm coming home;  
I now repent with bitter tears, Lord, I'm coming home.  
I've tired of sin and straying, Lord, now I'm coming home;  
I'll trust Thy love, believe Thy word; Lord I'm coming home.  
My soul is sick, my heart is sore, now I'm coming home;  
My strength renew, my hope restore, Lord I'm coming home.  
Coming home, coming home, nevermore to roam.  
Open wide Thine arms of love, Lord I'm coming home.

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## O Zion, Haste

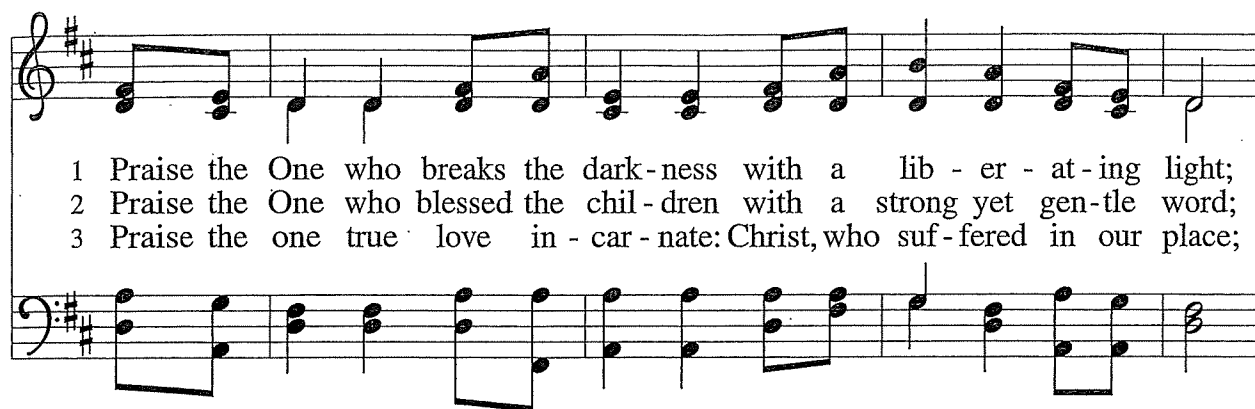
1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

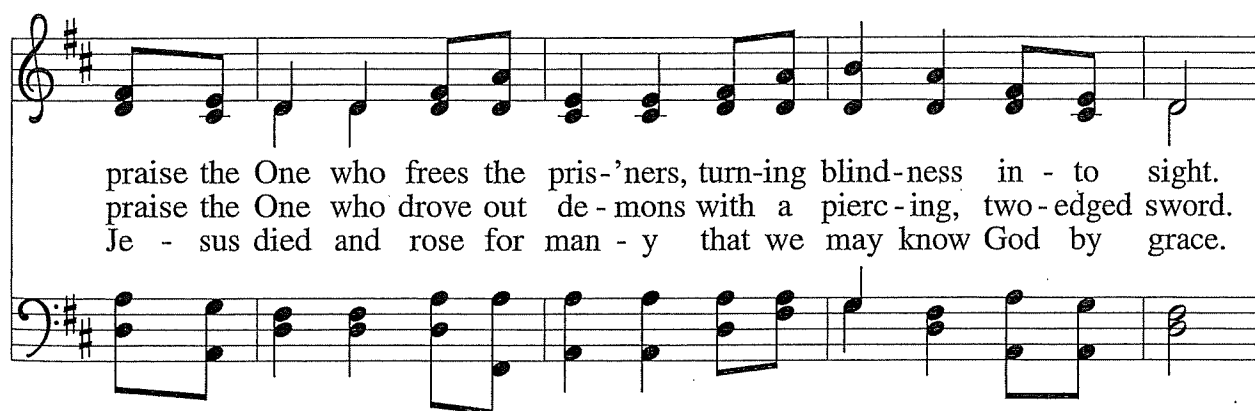
that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

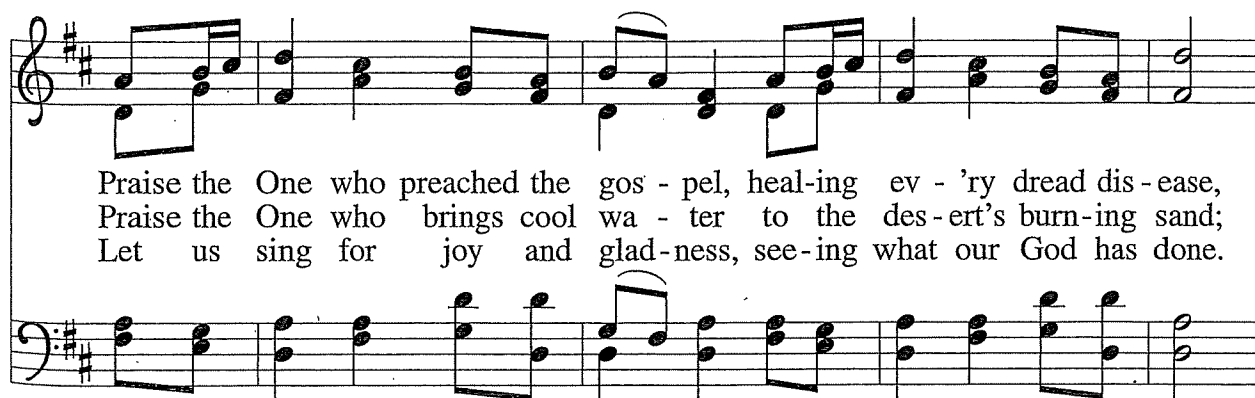
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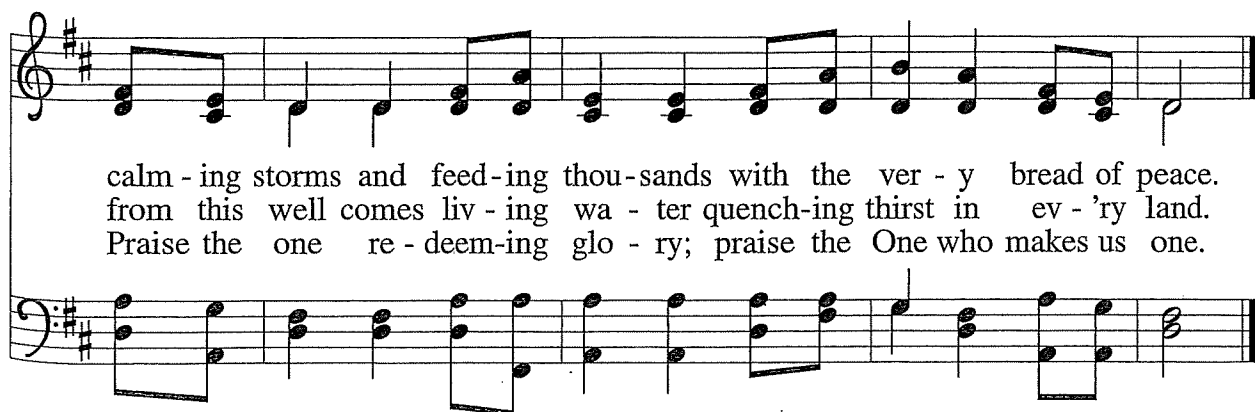
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



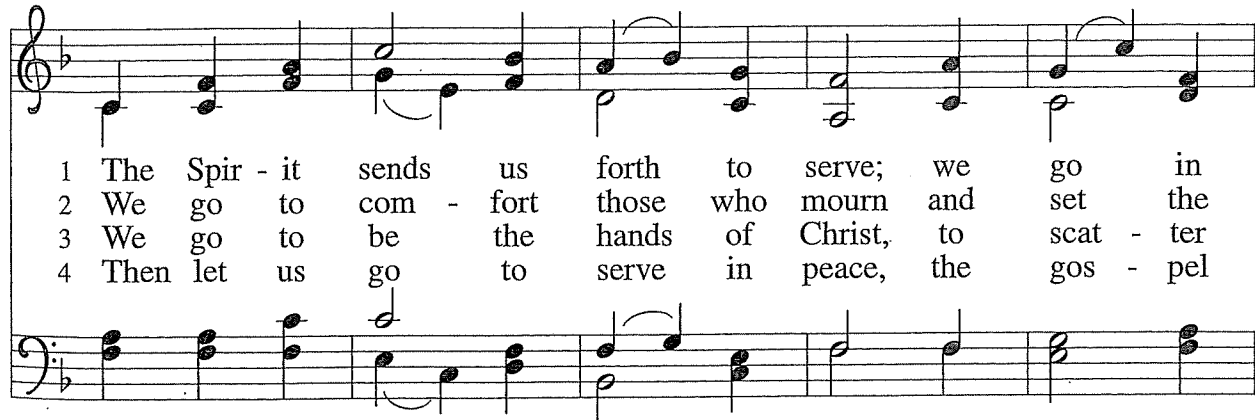
Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



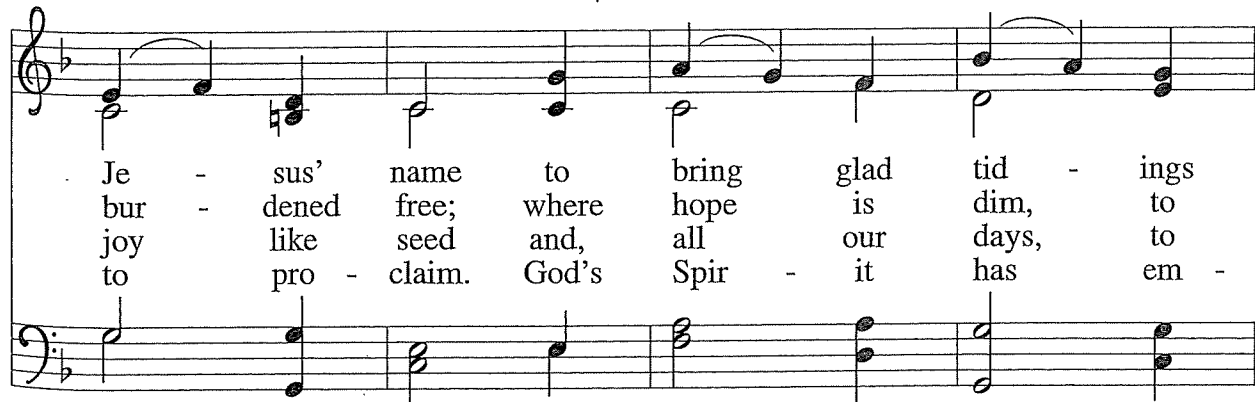
calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

# The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

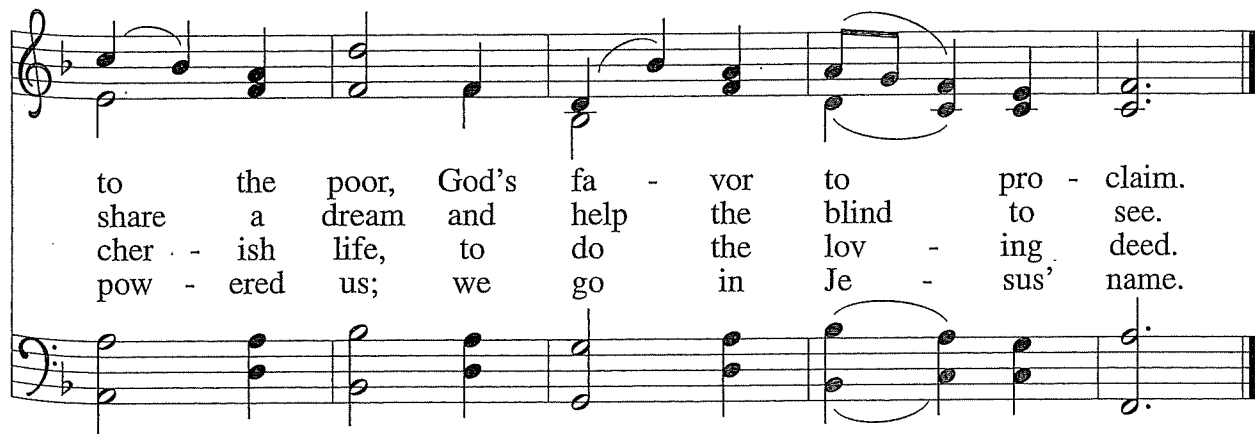
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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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