

Epiphany 3

January 25, 2026



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
Lancaster, PA

The Holy Eucharist

If you are visiting with us, a special welcome. We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher. The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary. If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher. As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all cell phones and other electronic devices, as to fully enter into this time of worship.

Please indicate to the Pastor if you require gluten free wafers, prior to worship, if possible. The pass thru room at the top of the steps next to the office is now broadcasting our church service LIVE every Sunday. If you need to leave the sanctuary for any reason, you are welcome to continue worshiping by viewing the service in that room.

Prelude

Announcements

Please stand.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P 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.**

The Gathering Hymn

Listen, God Is Calling

Hymn #513

Refrain

Leader All

1 2

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man-date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk-ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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The Apostolic 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

Please stand.

The Kyrie

The Kyrie is sung in dialogue by the cantor and the assembly.

Cantor

Assembly

Cantor

Assembly

Assembly

The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (*Read responsively with the lector.*)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?

**⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD;
 this I seek:
 to live in the house of the LORD
 all the days of my life,
 to behold the beauty of the LORD,
 and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
 in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
 he will set me high on a rock.

**⁶ Now my head is lifted up
 above my enemies all around me,
 and I will offer in his tent
 sacrifices with shouts of joy;
 I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
 be gracious to me and answer me!

**⁸ “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
 Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
 you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
 O God of my salvation!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

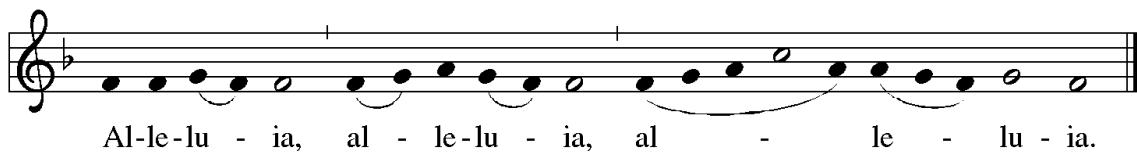
¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Alleluia Verse



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - - le - lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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The Apostles Creed

**C 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 of the Church

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

As a sign of resurrection glory, the people sit or kneel for the prayers.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Merciful God,
C receive our prayer

The prayers conclude:

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

C Amen.

Please stand.

The Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

Without leaving your seat offer a wave to your neighbor, sharing God's peace, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

Anthem

O Light of Light

Mack Wilberg

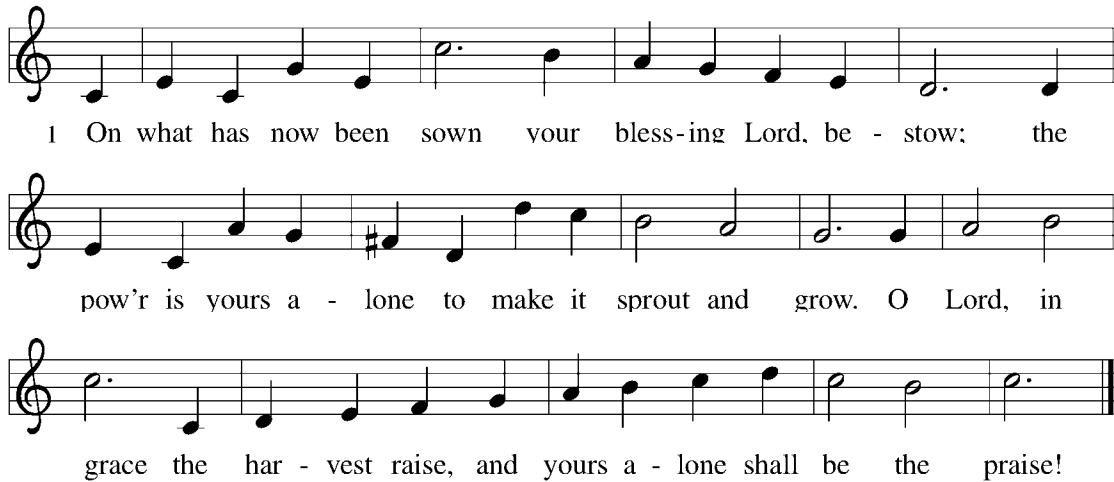
Offering

During this time our offerings are represented through the gift of music, bread, and wine. Following the service you are invited to give your financial gifts in the offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary.

Please stand.

The Offertory Response

On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow: the
pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

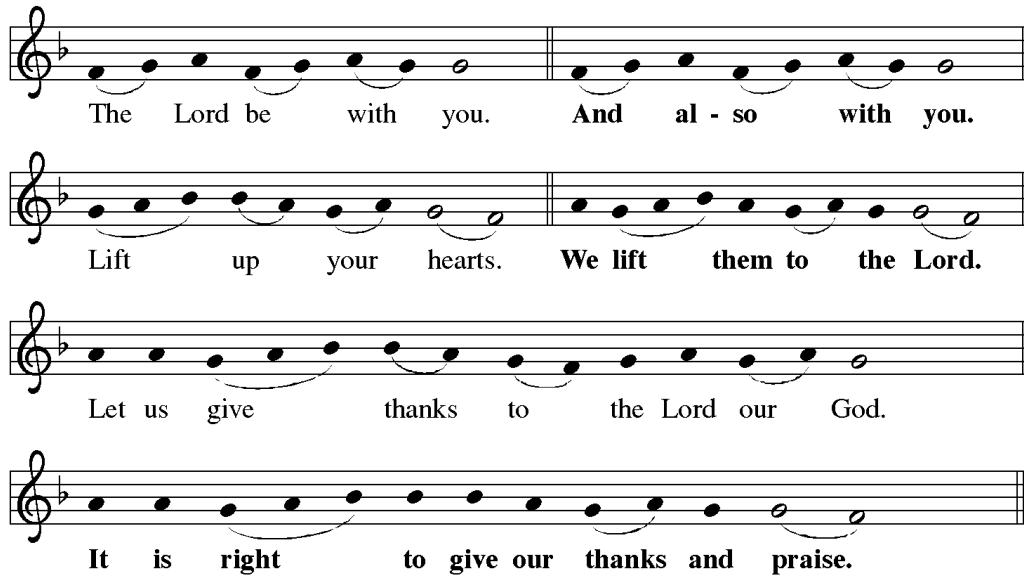
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

Offertory Prayer

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

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

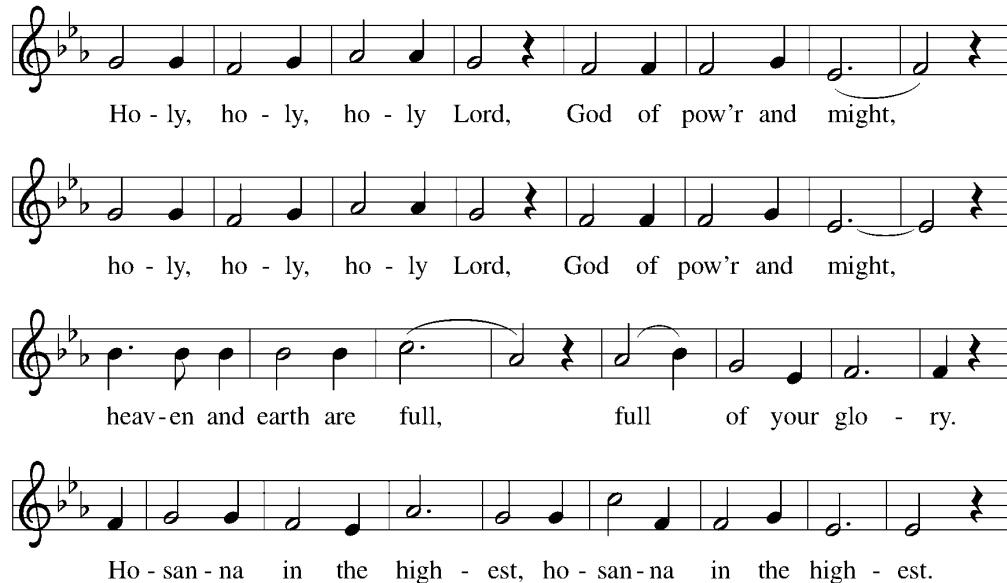
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
you we praise and glorify,
you we worship and adore.

You shaped the world from unformed depths and called it good.
You wrapped the earth in air and light,
set fire in the stars and water in the soil,
and formed us in your image,
to live in relationship with all you have made.

Again and again, you chose closeness over distance.
You walked with a people learning freedom,
bearing them with mercy wider than the sky.

When we were divided from you, from one another, and from ourselves,
you came among us in Jesus,
revealing in flesh and breath the wisdom of love.

In his life, we see compassion without condition.
In his death, the cost of truth spoken to power.
In his resurrection,
your commitment to life
and your refusal to let fear or death have the final word.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, 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 said:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In this bread and cup,
we remember Jesus,
firstborn of a renewed creation,
whose life reveals the shape of love
and whose rising breathes new possibility into the world.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal.
Disturb what needs disturbing.

Heal what has been broken.
Form us into a people who tell the truth,
bear one another's pain,
and choose love over fear.

Make us a living body,
so that what we receive here
becomes mercy in our hands,
justice in our choices,
and light for a world hungry for hope.

All this we pray
through Jesus,
with the Spirit,
now and always.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

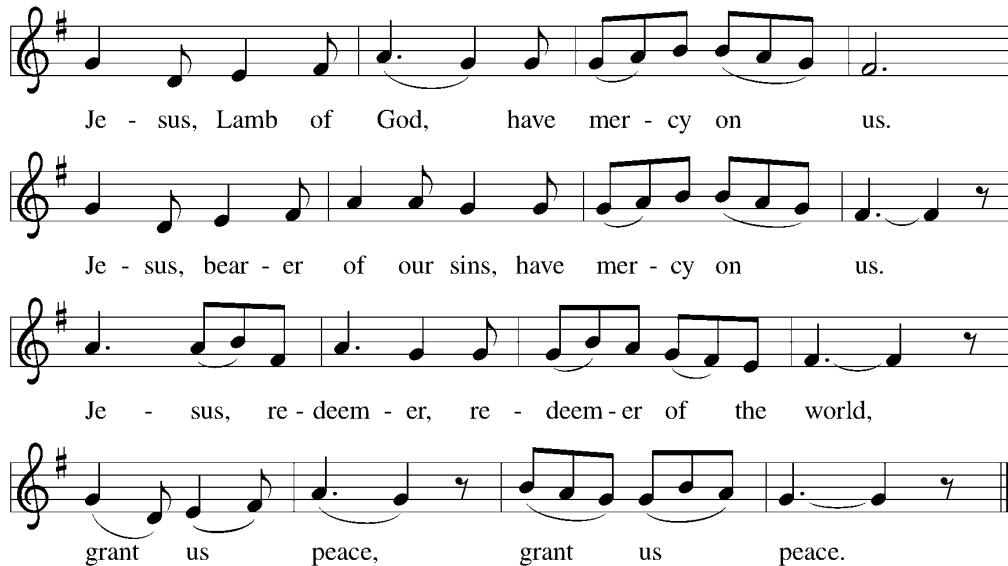
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

The Invitation to Communion

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

The Lamb of God



Music notation for 'The Lamb of God' with lyrics:

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Please be seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices open table hospitality. Baptized communicants of other Christian denominations, of all ages, are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will direct each seating area to come forward to receive the sacrament. Bring your communion cup with you, or take one from the usher. We return to the practice of continuous communion around the Table with safe distancing by household groups. Please **stand** at the communion rail and the pastor will place the bread into the hands of communicants and then they will receive the cup from the Assisting Ministers. The second chalice contains grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request. Those persons not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Hymns During Communion

Come and See

The Choir

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

Hymn #696

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymn #815

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,

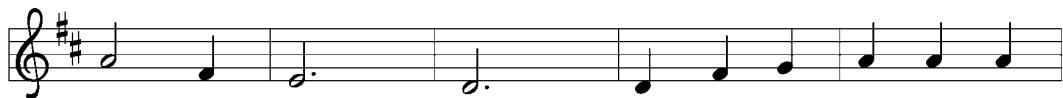
life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil
 vain world's gold - en ease, still he calls, in toil
 toil and hours of store, from each i - dol
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leave - 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.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the brightness of God. I want to
3 I'm looking for . . . the coming of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

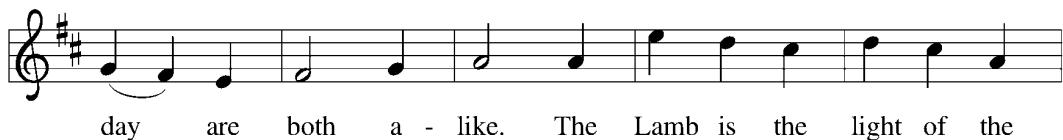


light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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Please stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The 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.

Sending Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Hymn #674

Sending to Serve

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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The text for next week:

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

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Greeter	Greeter
Marilyn Knaub	Sandy Stouffer
Usher	Usher
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Diana Thompson	Diana & Don Eckert
Altar Guild Clean-up	Altar Guild Clean-up
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Coming up at Holy Spirit

Jan. 28 Prayer & Meditation: In Person, 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. Choir. All are welcome!

Feb. 3 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Feb. 5 Bible Study @ Centerville Diner, 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 8 Second Sunday

Feb. 16 Fasnacht Sale, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 17 Fasnacht Sale, 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday
Lenten Prayer and Meditation Service, 7:00 p.m.

The Wednesdays in Lent

- Education Hour, 10:00 a.m.
- Lenten Prayer and Meditation, 11:00 a.m.
- Following the service, all are welcome to gather for fellowship at the Centerville Diner.



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