

Epiphany 5

February 8, 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

Gather Us In

Hymn #532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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

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

Cantor

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

Cantor

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

Assembly

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

The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

 Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

 to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me

 and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments;

 they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

 Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day

 and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight

 and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

 will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,

 a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush

 and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

 a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:

 to loose the bonds of injustice,

 to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

 and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

 and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them

 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112:1-9 (*Read responsively with the lector.*)

¹ Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸ **Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

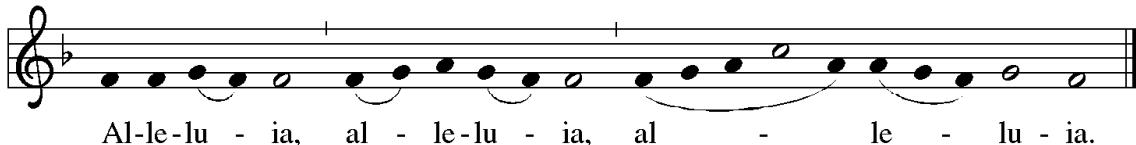
¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L The word of the Lord.

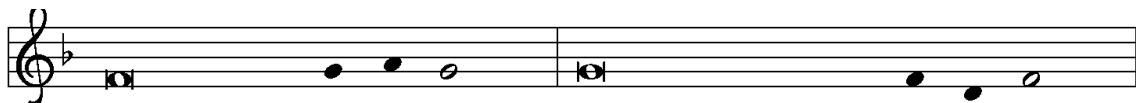
C **Thanks be to God.**

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 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

Christ, Be Our Light

Verses 1, 3, 5—Choir

Refrain—All

Verses 2 & 4—All

Hymn #715

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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

Many Gifts, Our Spirit

Allen Pote

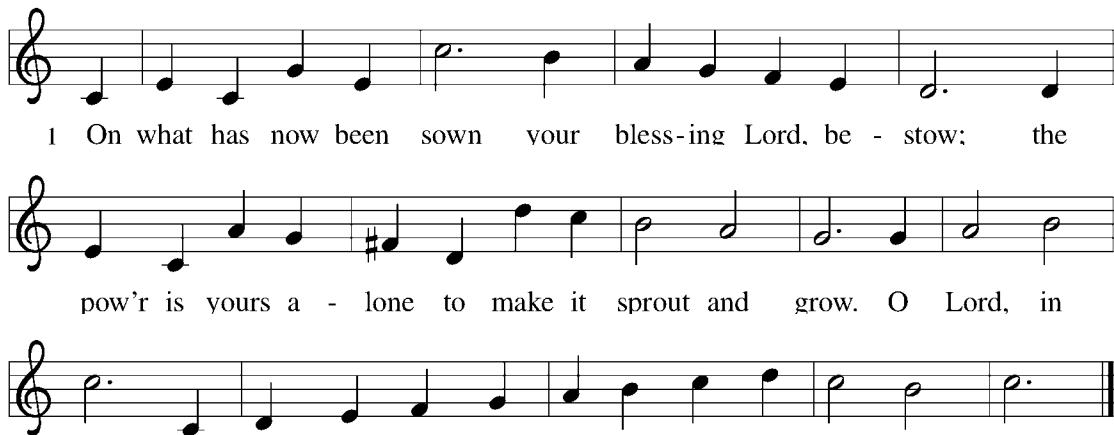
Offering

During this time our offerings are represented through the gift of music, bread, and wine. Following the service you are invited to place 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.

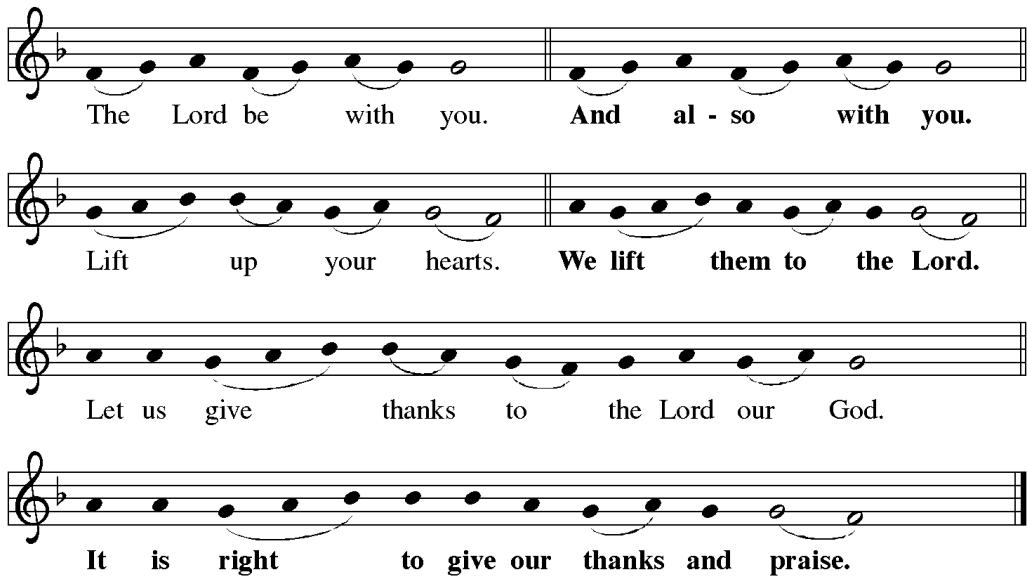
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

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.

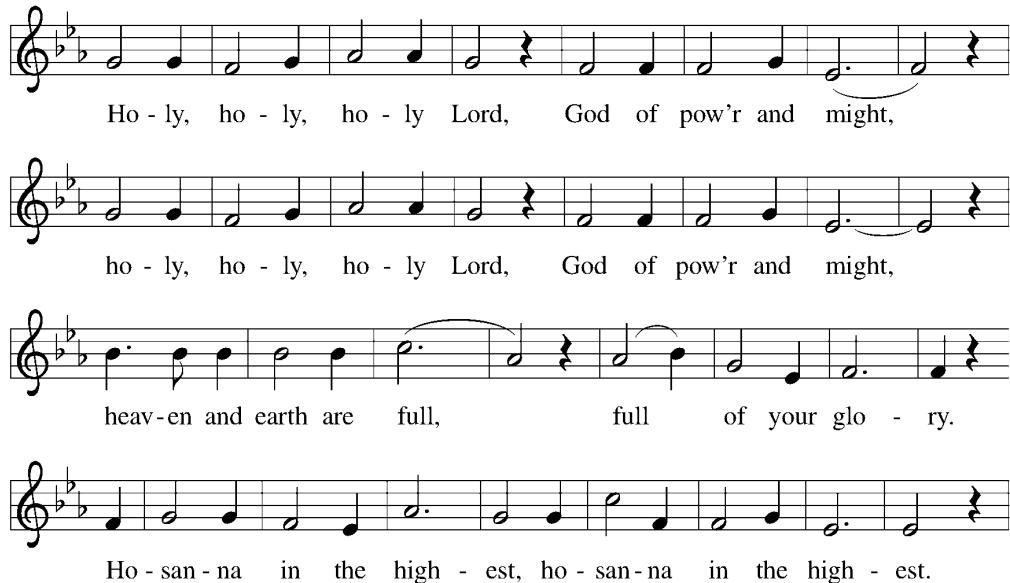
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

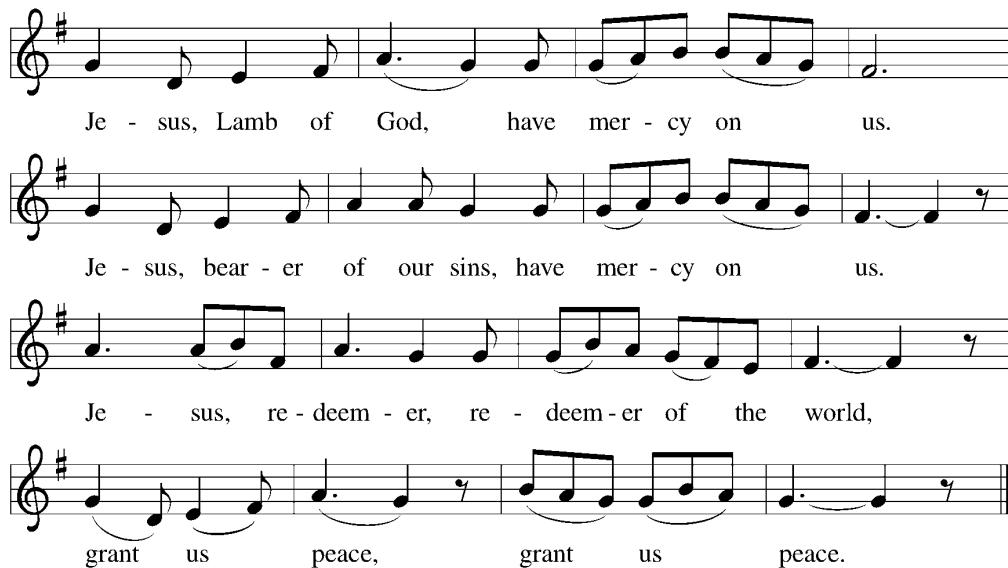
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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

Let Justice Flow like Streams

Hymn #717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.



Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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Come and See

What are you looking for? Come,
see, come and see. What are you
looking for? Come and see. Come and see.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby

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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

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymn #553

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

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

Sending to Serve

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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The text for next week:

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

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Tim Brixius	Chip Froehlich
Danica Dandridge	Mel Dandridge

Coming up at Holy Spirit

Feb. 4 Prayer & Meditation: In Person, 10:00 a.m.
 Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.
 7:00 p.m. Choir. All are welcome!

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.

March 3 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
 Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall

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

The Wednesdays in Lent

- Education Hour, 10:00 a.m.
- Lenten Prayer Service, 11:00 a.m.
- All are welcome to gather for lunch at the Centerville Diner afterwards.



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