

# *Presentation of Our Lord*

## *Sunday, February 2, 2025*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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### **GATHERING**

#### **PRELUDE**

(8:00 AM)	"The Light that Shines in Darkness"	E. Broughton
(10:30 AM)	*"Be Thou My Vision" Bell Choir	P. McKlveen

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us now confess our sins, that we may be renewed in our covenant of Holy Baptism.

*Silence for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.**

**We have not been good stewards of your creation.**

**We have not shared the gifts you have given to us.**

**We have not treated strangers with kindness.**

**Forgive us our sins, so that we may live in the light of your grace. Amen.**

Hear God's good news of peace and salvation.

Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world,

your sins are forgiven, and you have the promise of eternal life! **Amen.**

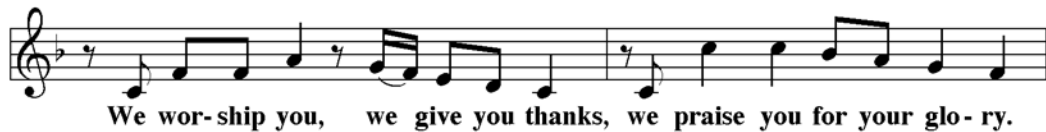
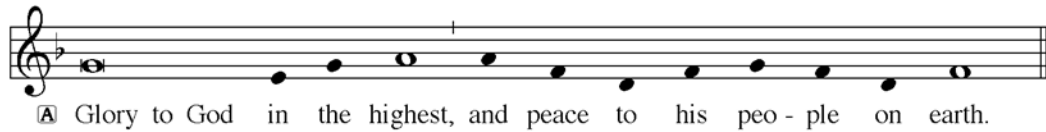
**GATHERING HYMN** "In His Temple Now Behold Him"

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## GREETING

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### A READING FROM MALACHI

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

(Malachi 3:1-4)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 84 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

<sup>2</sup> **The sparrow has found her a house**

**and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,**

**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

<sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are the people whose strength is in you,**

**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

<sup>5</sup> Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

<sup>6</sup> **They will climb from height to height,**

**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

<sup>7</sup> LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;

hearken, O God of Jacob.

<sup>8</sup> **Behold our defender, O God;**

**and look upon the face of your anointed.**

<sup>9</sup> For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God

than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **For the LORD God is both sun and shield;**

**he will give grace and glory;**

<sup>11</sup>no good thing will the LORD withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.

<sup>12</sup>**O LORD of hosts,  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

### **A READING FROM HEBREWS**

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

<sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.  
(Hebrews 2:14-18)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

### **GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Luke 2:22-40)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

[See back of bulletin]

### **THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of generations, bless our elders who have faith and hope, and bless the newly baptized. Help us share our faith from generation to generation. May your wisdom guide us all our days. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, thank you for all that you have created good. Help us take care of your beautiful creation. May always we honor and protect your gifts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, guide us to care for all children and strive for peace. Help us overcome racism and work towards reconciliation. May we be instruments of your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, be with those seeking housing, jobs, medical care, and wellness. May your presence bring comfort and strength. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the people, bless those who serve in ministries and reveal yourself in the care we give and receive. May we be a source of comfort to those in need and serve with love and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we remember those who have died and now dwell with you. May their souls rest in your eternal peace. Comfort those who mourn and give us hope in the promise of the resurrection. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY (8 AM)** "Canticle of Simeon" R. Hillert

**ANTHEM (10:30 AM)** "Jesus, Name Above All Names" N. Hearn

**OFFERTORY HYMN** "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord"



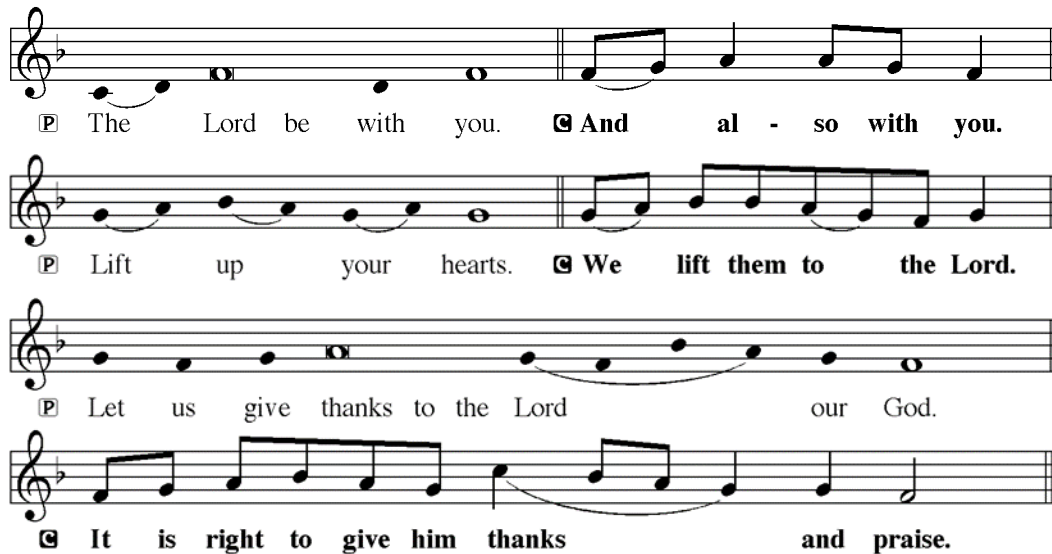
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

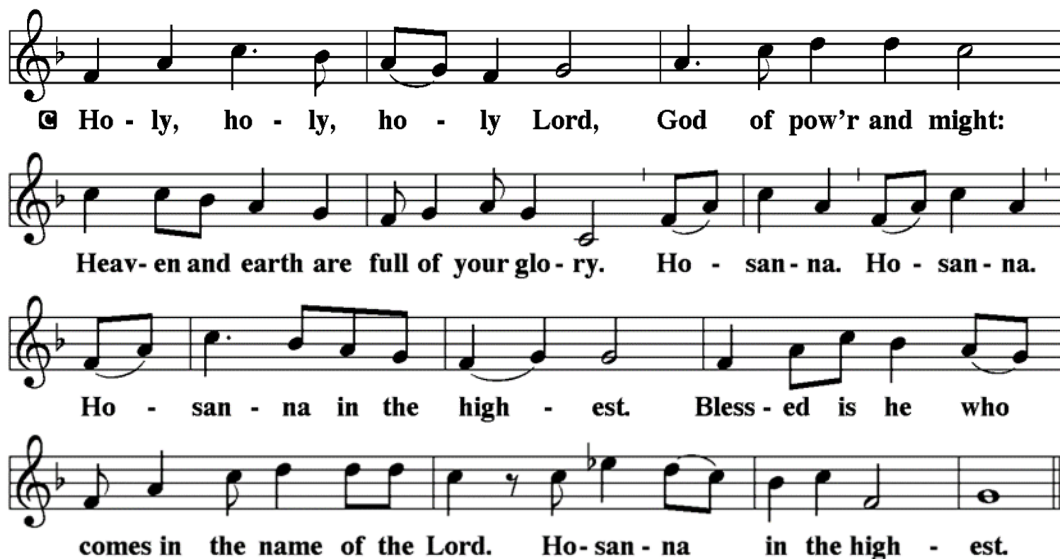
Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in Unison)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

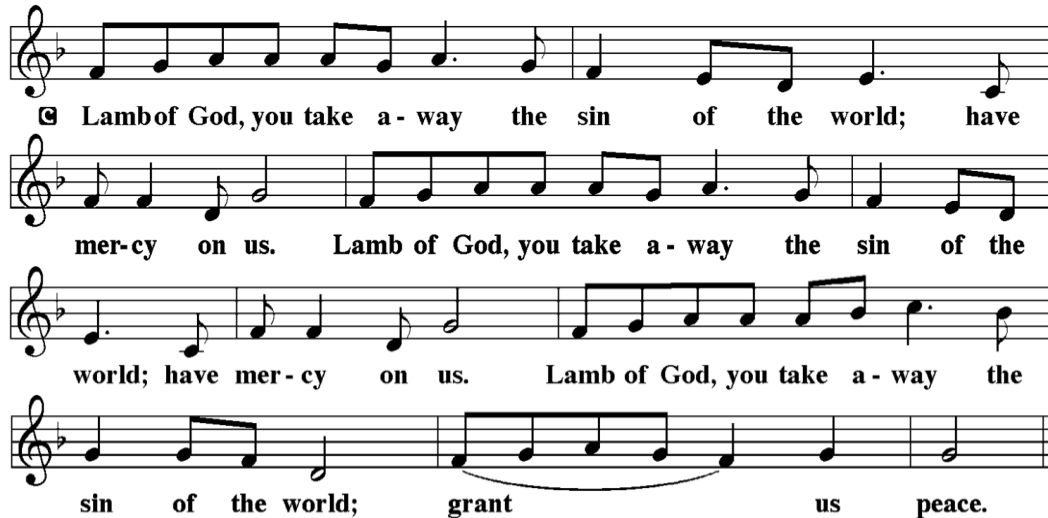
Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, heavenly food has been set upon this table for us. Come, let us feast!

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

*All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. You may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. If you (or your child) would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please raise your hand. We will commune those on the pulpit side of the nave followed by those on the lectern side.*

## **AGNUS DEI**



☩ 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.

## **COMMUNION HYMN “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”** [See back of bulletin]

### **TABLE BLESSING**

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

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God, through a simple shared meal you reveal your faithfulness to us and to all of humanity. Anoint us with your Spirit, and open our hearts and minds, that we may be signs of your grace and compassion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

May the light of Christ, revealed to us in Word and Sacrament, strengthen your faith, embolden your witness, and gladden your hearts. And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”** [See back of bulletin]

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Refreshed in faith and renewed in spirit, go now in peace. Serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

"Overture: Unto Us A Child Is Born"

J. S. Bach

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**Introduction to the Day:** The Presentation of Our Lord is sometimes called "Candlemas" because of an old tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year during the mass on that day. This tradition highlights Simeon's statement that Jesus would become "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and for the glory of God's people, Israel. May the light of every candle remind us of God's love for all His children through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the true light of the world.

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**Altar flowers** are presented in honor of Kate Bolinsky's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by Deb and Stan.

**Bulletins** are presented in memory of Irma Kamp by Tina Butler and Victoria & Alexandria Spittler.

\* **Bell Choir Anthem** "Be Thou My Vision" is presented in loving memory of Edgar Kriner by St. Paul's Chancel Choir (2010).

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**"SECOND SUNDAY" SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our next Second Sunday School class will take place next Sunday, February 9! Children ages 1 through 6 are invited to join us for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Young people aged 7 through 12 are invited to a youth group with Bible study and activities from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Please contact Sarah Eger with questions or to volunteer. (570) 394-3522 (cell) swoodring86@hotmail.com.

**CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES**

Wildfires in Los Angeles County, California, have devastated thousands of homes and businesses, leading to numerous injuries and fatalities. To support immediate relief efforts and recovery through Lutheran Disaster Response, please give your donation to our congregation with a note specifying "LDR - California Wildfires." We will ensure that your contribution is sent to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response Office. Every cent you give will help those affected by this disaster.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 2		PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, February 4	12 NOON	Crafters' Guild
	6:30 PM	Evangelism
Wednesday, February 5	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, February 8	8:30 AM	Super Bowl Eve Chili & Soup Sale
	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, February 9		Second Sunday
	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum and Youth Sunday School
	9 to 10:15 AM	Second Sunday Snacks and Fellowship
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
		Children's Sunday School

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### SUPER BOWL EVE SOUP & CHILI SALE

As an "appetizer" to football's big event, The Men of St. Paul's will host a Super Bowl Eve Chili & Soup Sale on Saturday, February 8 beginning at 8:30 a.m. "on the Square." Come early for the best selection of delicious chilis, tasty homemade soups, and just baked breads and pastries.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, February 16, after the 10:30 a.m. service. Members are encouraged to pick up and review our 2024 Annual Report PRIOR TO this meeting. Reports are available in the narthex or can be requested by calling our church office. In case of inclement weather (or other emergencies), our annual meeting will be held on the following Sunday at the same time.

### WEATHER CHECK: STAY SAFE!

If you're unsure if worship is still on due to bad weather, just give us a call at (570) 366-2316 and listen to the outgoing message. You can also check our Facebook page for any updates. Stay safe — check before you head out!

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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (2/2/25)**

**8:00 AM**

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Amy Dewald  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

**10:30 AM**

GREETER: Jill Krewson; USHER: Deb Bolinsky; LECTOR: Gwen Wehr  
COMMUNION ASST.: Mike Lado  
ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht  
COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr and Glenda Bright

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (2/9/25)**

**8:00 AM**

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

**10:30 AM**

GREETER: Evan Davis; USHER: Wendy Schuld; LECTOR: Becky Smoot  
COMMUNION ASST.: Doug Travor  
ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht  
COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle and Diane Brobst

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**A MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT!**

Our Evangelism Committee loves sending cards to brighten the day of those who can't join us for worship. To keep our list current, we regularly need updated information for military members and college students who are away from home.

If you have new information or address changes, please contact any Evangelism Committee member or call the church office at 570-366-2316. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

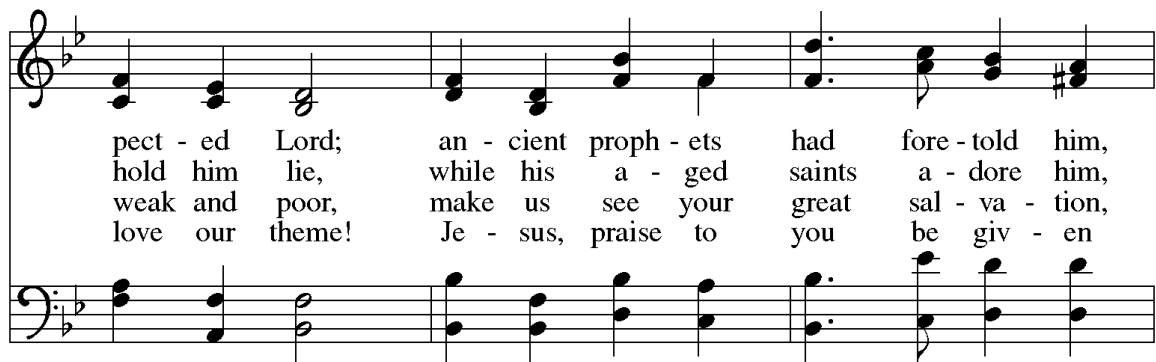
**A CALL TO MORE FAITHFUL GIVING**

Our church needs your support more than ever. Every donation, big or small, helps us follow Christ's teachings and serve our community. Your contributions keep our church running, aid those in need, and offer a welcoming space for all. Please consider increasing your giving to the church!

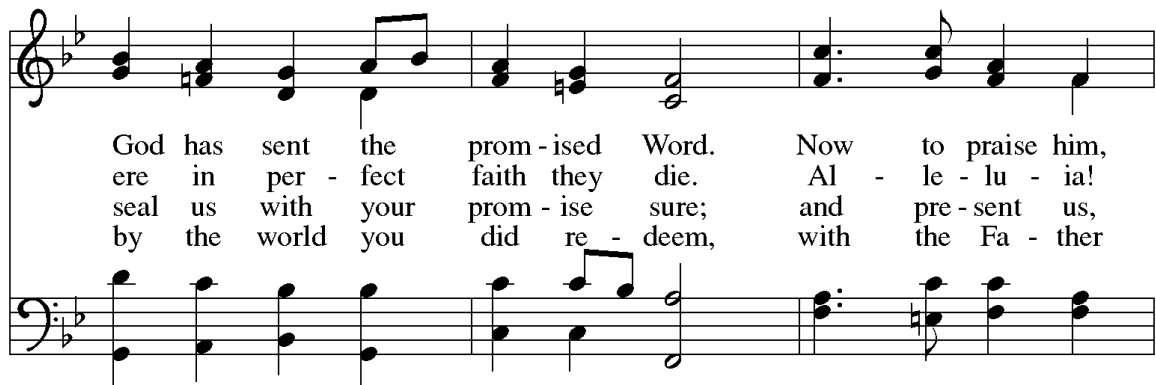
## GATHERING HYMN "In His Temple Now Behold Him"



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -  
2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -  
3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,  
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,  
hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,  
weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,  
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,  
ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,  
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!  
in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.  
and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

## VALENTINES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our STiC group has potted plants, gift bags, and Valentine's Day cards for our homebound members. Please stop by the Gathering Room to sign our "Valentines."

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
“Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

## WELCA PET FOOD AND BLANKET DRIVE

St. Paul's Women of the ELCA are sponsoring a blanket and animal food drive to support our local SPCAs and Red Creek Wildlife Center. Please bring clean, used (but not knitted or crocheted) blankets and dry or canned dog and/or cat food to our choir room prior to rehearsals on Wednesday nights and/or prior to our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. Donations will be accepted from Sunday, January 12 through Sunday, February 9.

*Please help us help those who have no voice!*

For more information, please contact, Tina Butler, Sue Reier, Cindy Ritschel, or Sue Schenck

## PTO SHOE DRIVE

Blue Mountain Elementary East PTO is organizing a "Shoe Drive" to raise funds and support families in developing countries. Justin Durkee, a member of our congregation, is collecting and delivering donated shoes.

Please bring new or gently worn shoes (any type) when you come to worship. A donation box is in the narthex. The deadline is Sunday, March 1. Thank you for your support.

## COMMUNION HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten"



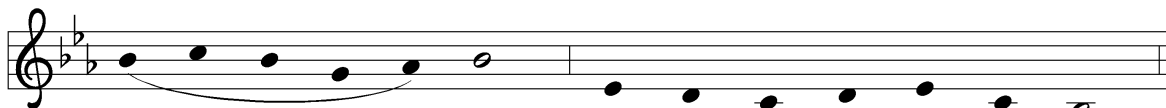
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Evangelism Committee has set the date of Saturday, February 22, 2025, for a "progressive" dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Lafko. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Gathering Room for those who would like to attend.



# SENDING HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

## LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God!

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