

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 9, 2025

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

M. Hayes

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

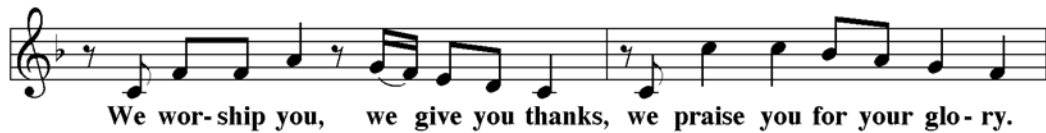
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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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

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and angels and saints stand in awe of you. Open our eyes that we may see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

A WORD WITH OUR YOUNG ONES

WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

(Isaiah 6:1-8)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138 (read responsively)

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

**When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

The LORD will make good his purpose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

A READING FROM FIRST CORINTHIANS

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

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.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”

⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. (Luke 5:1-11)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Calls Us”
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THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Read in Unison)

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.

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.

Enlarge our vision so that we may recognize your saving power at work in your Son and herald your life-saving word. Strengthen our faith so that we may share this vision with others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bless us with the mind of Christ so that we may welcome others into the wide net of your mercy and forgiveness. May our actions reflect the love and compassion that Christ has shown us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal your splendor in sunrises and sunsets. Teach us to recognize you in the beauty of our natural world. Inspire us to be stewards of your creation, caring for the earth and all its inhabitants. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Come to those who are separated from your love and the love of family and friends. Help them walk on the path of understanding, forgiveness, and peace. Heal and restore their broken relationships. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Stretch out your hands to those who suffer, especially everyone on our prayer list. Comfort the lonely, free the oppressed, and embrace all who cry out to you. Bless them with your peace and hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith: Enable us to recognize and use the many gifts you have given us for the common good. Unite us in purpose and mission, so that we may serve you without reservation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us patience and perseverance until you come again in glory. Help us to look forward to the day when you will call all your children to join you and the heavenly hosts. 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)

"Jesus Calls Us"

V. Thompson

ANTHEM (10:30 AM) "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

C. Gabarain

OFFERTORY HYMN “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”



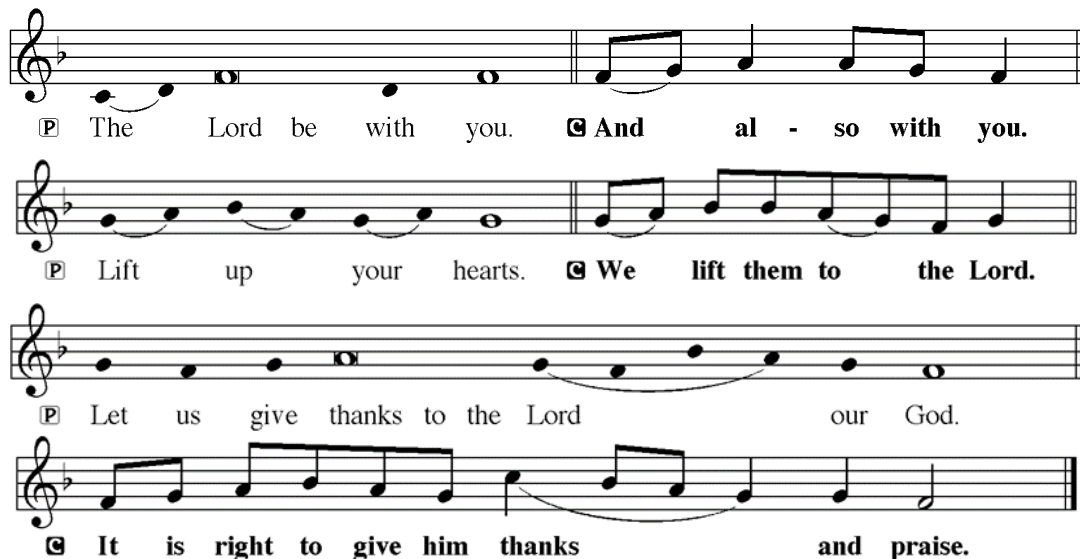
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

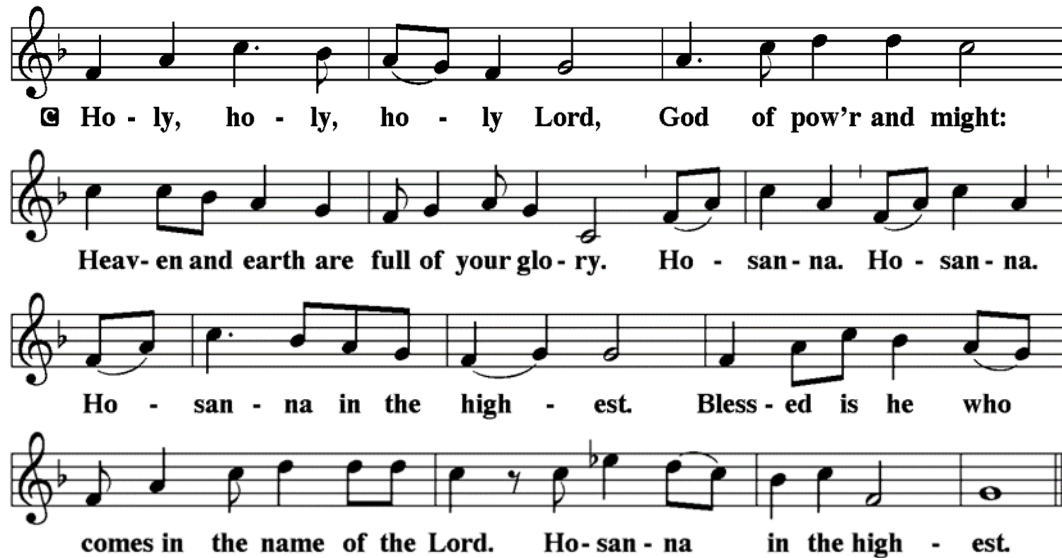
GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ 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!

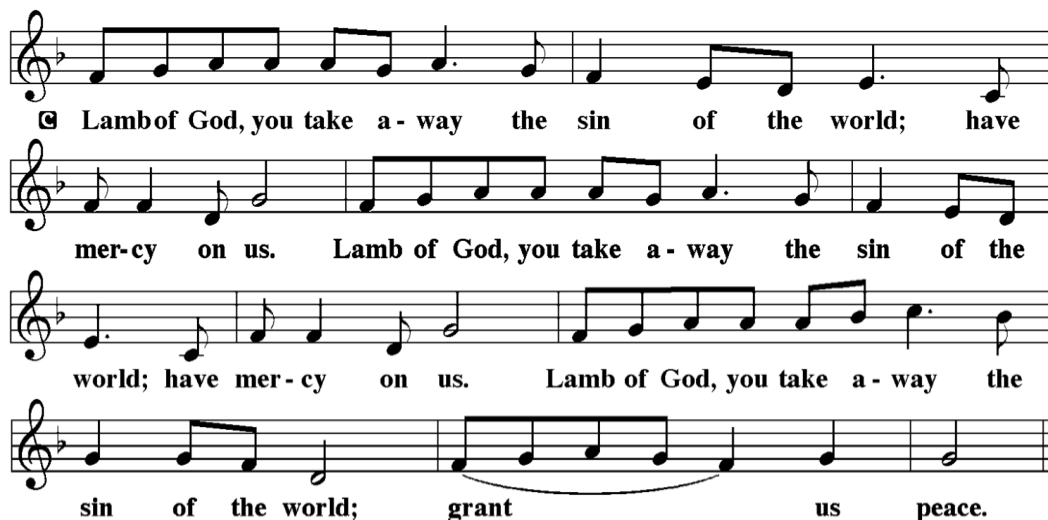
INSTRUCTIONS

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

“Here I Am, Lord”
[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

“Lead On, O King Eternal”
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THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"The Call to Serve"

T. Kendall

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Introduction to the Day: The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God’s glory. “Who will go for us?” God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn’t catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

Altar flowers are presented in memory of Tom Wertman by Faith, Cody, and Kendra

Bulletins are presented in honor of our son’s and brother’s birthday, Kurt’s, by Sue and Juli Schenck.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of Tom Wehr’s birthday by his wife, Gwen.

“SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our next Second Sunday School class will take place TODAY 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.

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| THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S |
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| 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 |
| Tuesday, February 11 | 10:00 AM | Rainbow Friends |
| Wednesday, February 12 | NOON | Crafters' Guild |
| | 6:00 PM | Bell Choir |
| | 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir |
| Saturday, February 15 | 5:30 PM | Worship |
| Sunday, February 16 | 8:00 AM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship with Holy Communion Annual Congregational Meeting following our worship service |

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. If there's bad weather or an emergency, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday at the same time. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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!

SERVING THIS 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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (2/16/25)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Connie Teter
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Connie Teter

10:30 AM

GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Diane Brobst; LECTOR: Pat Kunkle
COMMUNION ASST.: Deb O'Connor
ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel
COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

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."

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!

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.

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.

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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. to 12 NOON

GATHERING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Calls Us”

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

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

sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me”:
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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!

COMMUNION HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
 3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send??
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send??
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send??

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

SENDING HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!