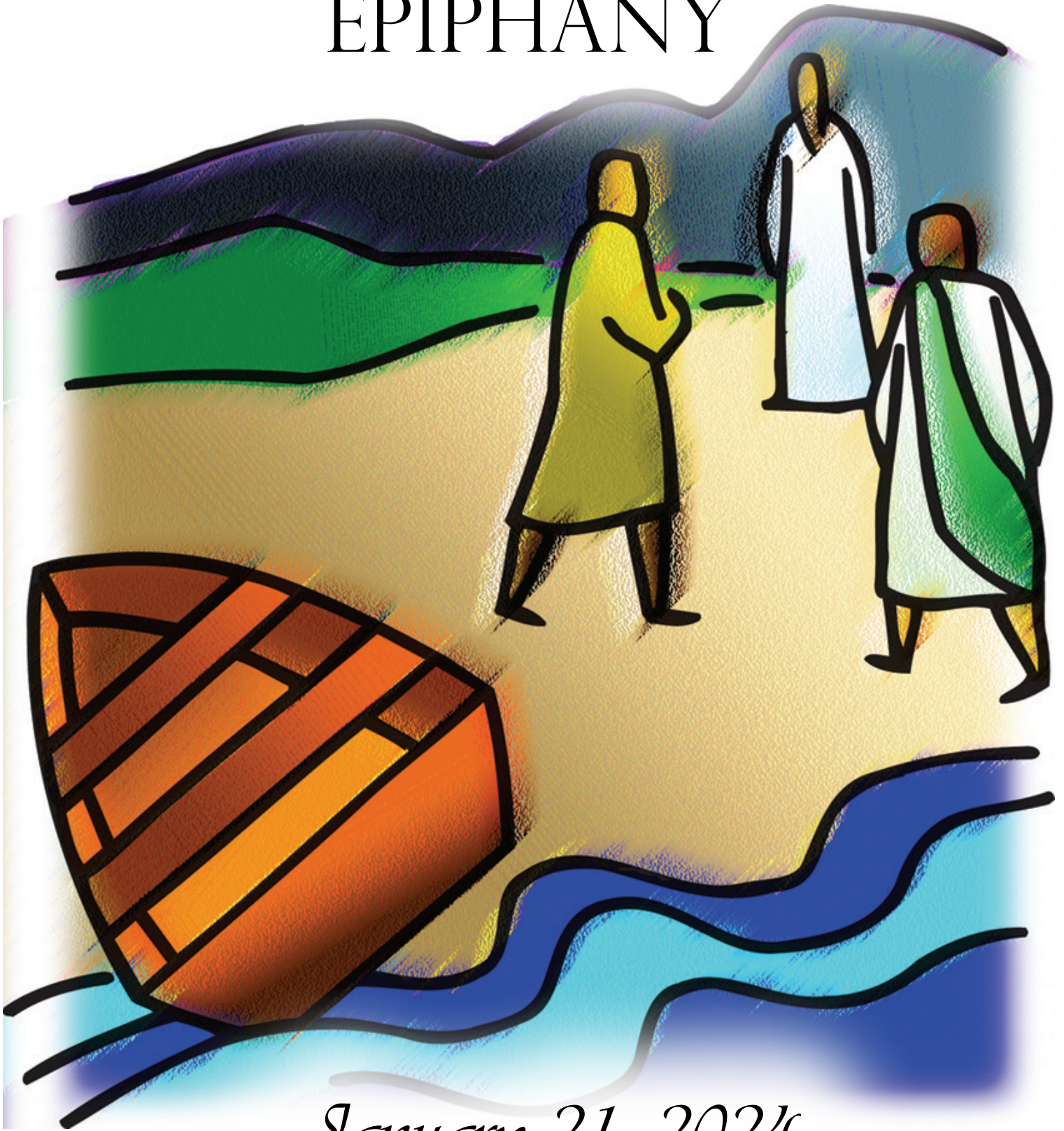


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



January 21, 2024

10:00am

GATHERING

Prelude

Following Yonder Star
Pacibells

by Sharon Elery Rogers

Land Acknowledgment and Invocation

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

We gather on the traditional homelands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota peoples.

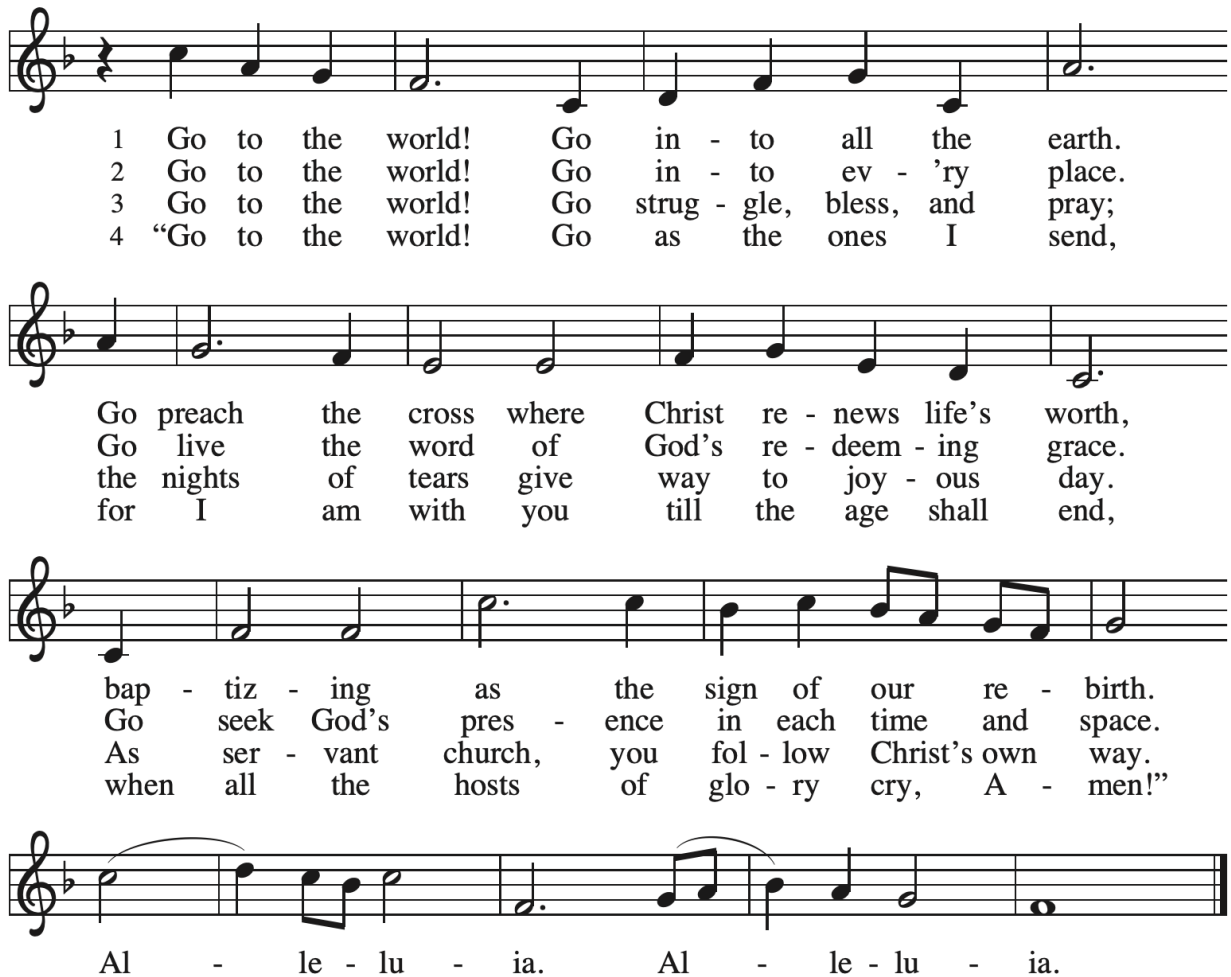
We acknowledge that through our Maker we are all related.

The roads that brought us here today were places where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land, and still do today.

We gather to honor the Creator, and all creation—human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky—that belong to God.

Opening Hymn

Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

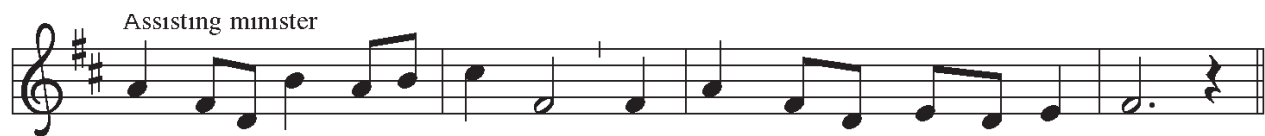
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Apostolic Greeting

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message with Noisy Offering for World Central Kitchen

The First Reading is from Jonah, chapter 3

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Mary MacDonald

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessing all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love.

The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 7

In our second reading Paul believes Jesus is coming back any day. Therefore, Paul about how other important things might distract his people. He them to live in the present with intense hope for Jesus' immediate return. Two thousand years later, we might ask what we should do with his counsel, since the world has seemed to go on unaltered for two millennia.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel for today comes from Mark 1:14–20

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was handed over, Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The opportune time is fulfilled, and God’s great transformation has come. Turn around and courageously trust in the good news.”

And going along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting nets in the sea, ‘cause they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I’ll make you into fishers for people.” And immediately leaving their nets they followed him. And going ahead a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother in the boat preparing the nets. And immediately he called them. And leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired hands, they went off after him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the Church

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

... God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

As With Gladness

by Sharon Elery Rogers

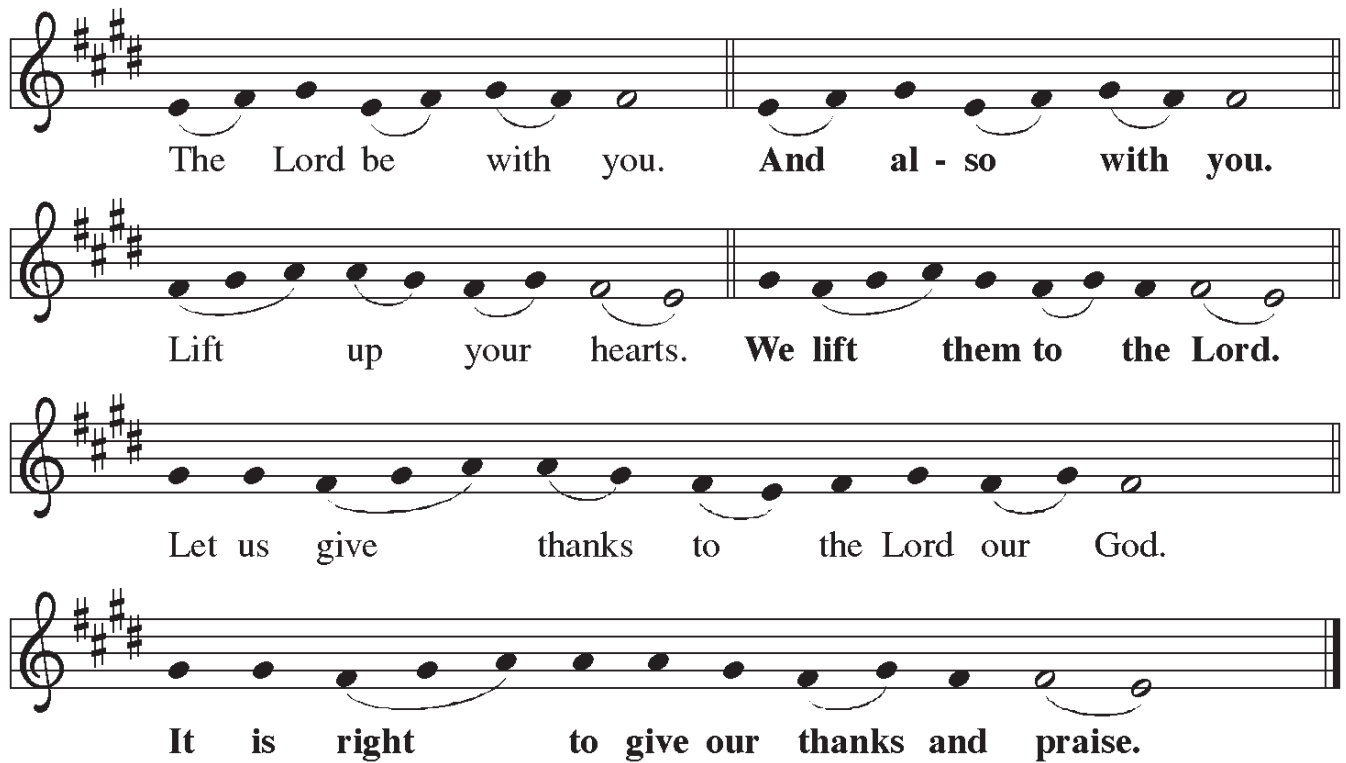
Pacibells

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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

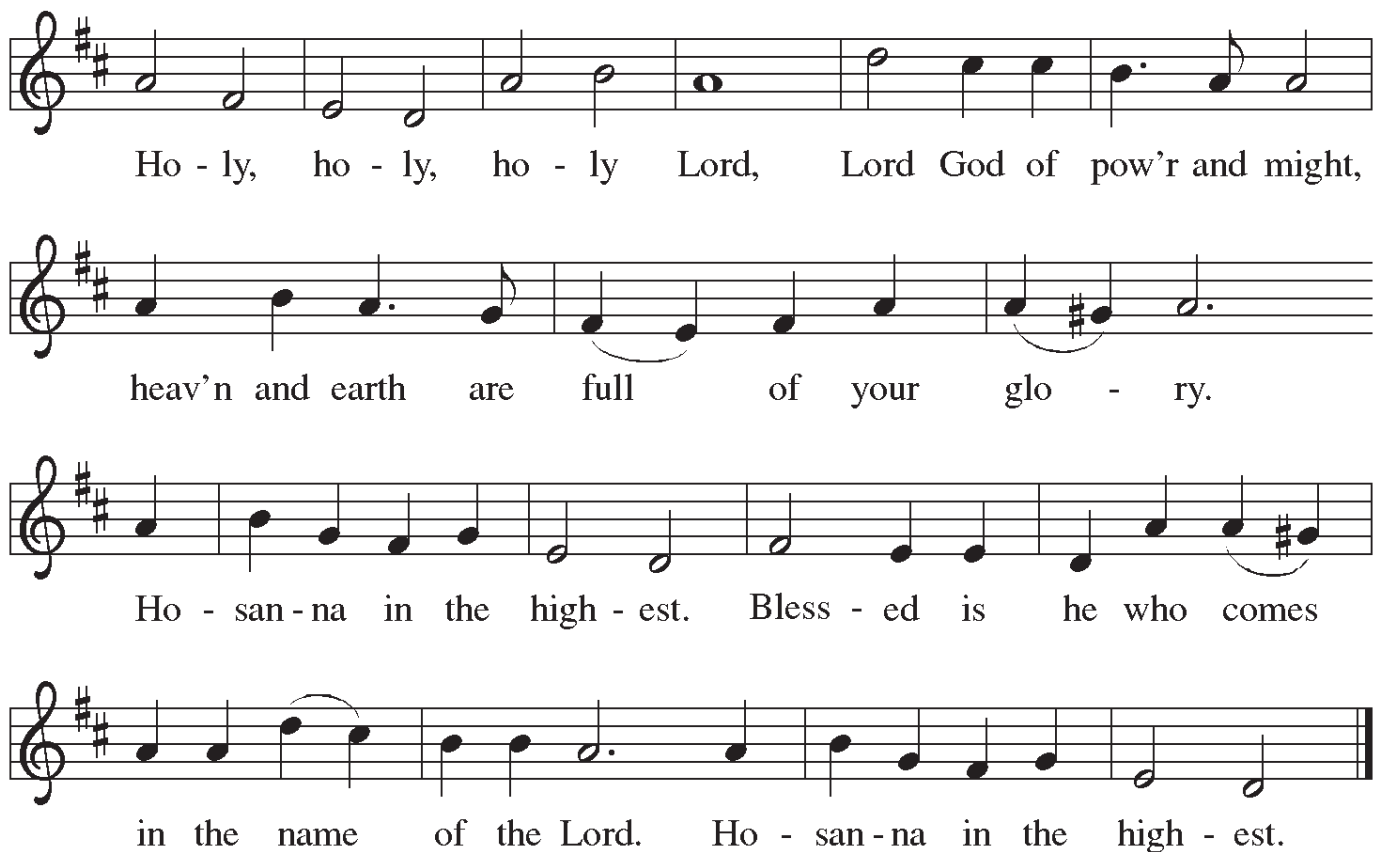
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This block contains the first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are written below each staff.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

This block contains the second system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are written below each staff.

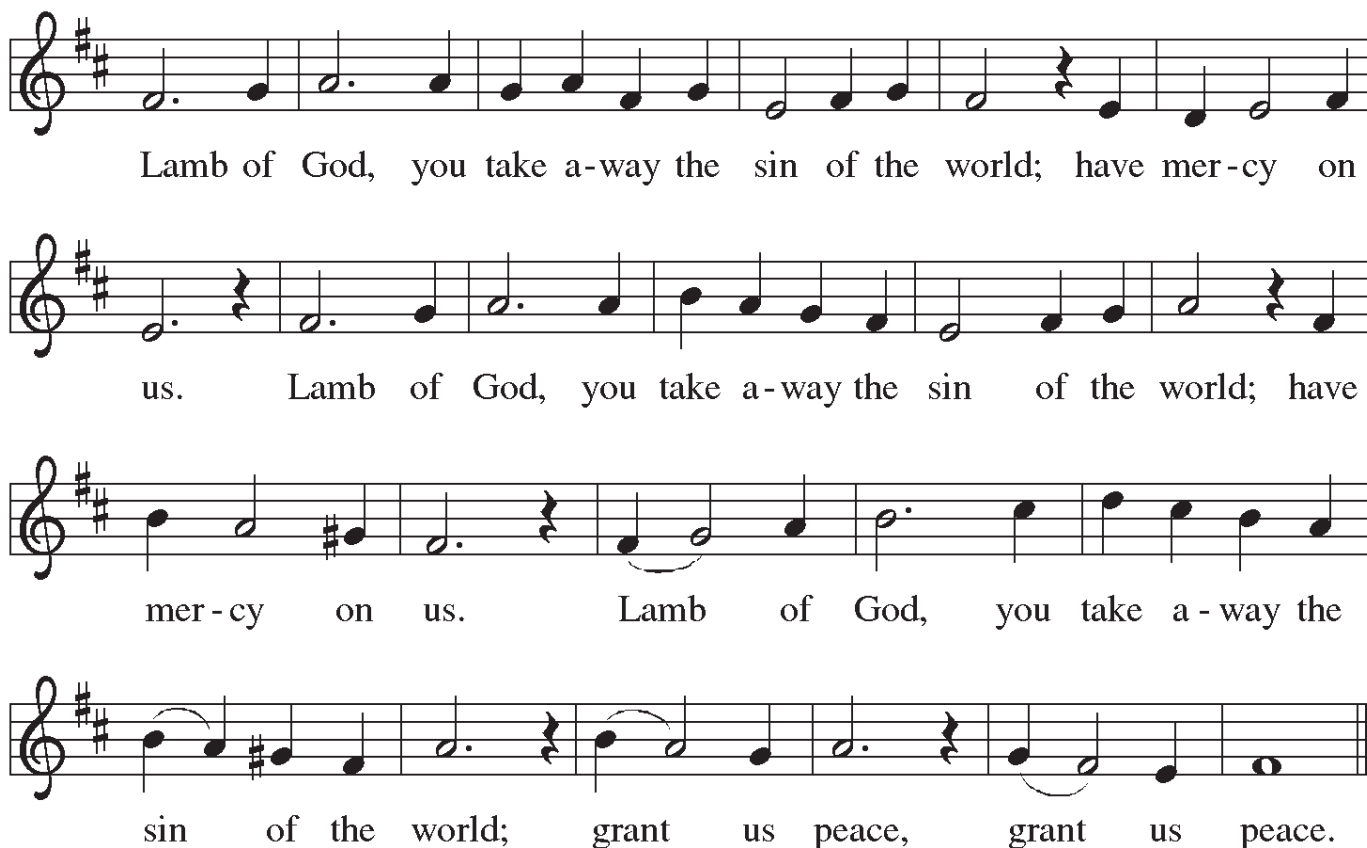
Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



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, grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sine Nomine (Go to the World)

Jan Bender

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Reader: Arthur Grothe

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (21st)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

TUESDAY

Synod Anti-Racism
Training – 9am
Strong Bodies – 1pm

THURSDAY

Strong Bodies – 1pm
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am
Text Study – 12pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

SUNDAY (28th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, ADRC, Theater Guild, NW Synod of Wisconsin – ELCA

Annual Meeting and Ministry Reports

Grace Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting will be held on February 4th at 11am after the regular worship service. Please plan on attending so we can have a voting quorum.

If your ministry still needs to turn in their report for the annual meeting packet, please do so as soon as possible.

Brrr, It's Cold Outside!

The Mission Outreach Ministry is coordinating a hot breakfast to be served on Thursday, January 25 for our brothers and sisters staying at Sojourner House. We are looking for volunteers to make egg bake casseroles and to provide juice and bread, peanut butter, and jelly. Here are the items that we need:

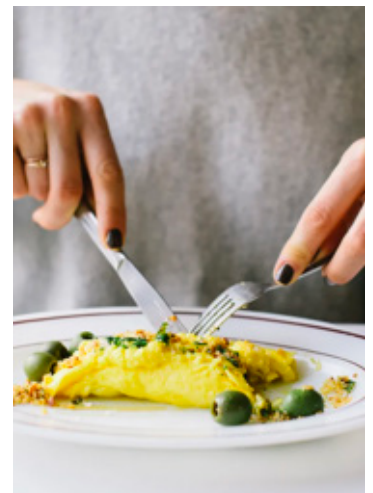


- 6 Egg Bake Casseroles: Recipes may be picked up at the Lighthouse in the narthex or call Deb or Carla for the recipe. These are very simple recipes requiring few ingredients; 2 of the recipes will be meatless. Please make in a 9x13 disposable pan. Bake the casserole and cover with aluminum foil. The casseroles will be reheated by the staff.
- 6 Cartons of Orange juice
- 8 Loaves of White Bread (Aldi's have great deals on bread)
- 3 Jars Peanut Butter (Creamy only)
- 3 Jars Jelly

Please deliver these items to Sojourner House on Wednesday, January 24 between 2:00–4:00. Madison, the coordinator will be there to collect the. If you are unable to deliver, please call Deb and she will arrange delivery to Sojourner House for you.

Call Deb Heath (715-590-3566) or Carla Reppert-Lokken (715-225-2574) with any questions

Let's help our friends at Sojourner House start their day with a hot breakfast!



Sunday School

Classes will be held during the worship service following the children's message on the following dates:

- January 21
- February 4
- February 18
- March 3
- March 17
- April 7
- April 21
- May 5
- May 19

Noisy Offering: Make a Joyful Noise

Time to ring in the new year by bringing your coins for the Noisy Offering on January 21. The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. Of course paper money and checks are welcome in any season! Our special offering will go toward World Central Kitchen (WCK).

WCK is the world's foremost provider of emergency meals, serving meals worldwide in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. WCK has provided more than 300 million fresh and nourishing meals since it was founded in 2010. From the fires in Maui to the recent tornadoes in Tennessee to Ukraine and to Gaza and Israel, WCK has provided meals in over 45 countries around the world. Charity Navigator give it a 4 star, 100% rating.



World Relief

Many of you may have seen the media reports about refugees who will be settling in our area through the work of World Relief. The voices that are best informed about the process have often not been included in the reporting. Pastor Phil and the education ministry have invited Jodi Jewell, World Relief's Community Engagement Specialist, to help us understand the process from a social and biblical perspective. She will also indicate ways we might consider assisting in this work. Please join us for a forum on January 28th after the worship service in the Parable Chapel to learn more about this ministry welcoming people into our area.

Family Choir

The family choir will be rehearsing and singing during the worship service on the following dates:

- Rehearsal: January 21 & 28;
- Rehearsal: March 3 & 17
- Rehearsal: March 31; April February 11 & 18
- Sing: March 31 (Easter service)
- Sing: May 12 & 19
- Sing: May 26 (Music Sunday)
- Sing: February 25

Phat Tuesday Talent Show

Diana would like to host the second annual Phat Tuesday Talent Show in the Parlors on 02/13/24 to highlight the various, as yet undiscovered, talents of our congregation! Before making it official, we need to assess interest from the congregation. Please either email Diana at gracechoirec@gmail.com or call Andrew

in the office and pass on the message to let her know if you're interested in either attending or sharing a talent. Let her know by February 1st at the latest.

Perhaps you enjoy playing the ukelele or the singing saw? Do you juggle, do Elvis impressions, recite poetry, like to do improv, sing or dance? We'd love to highlight your talents! Even the simplest hobbies and talents are encouraged to participate. You could even set up an amateur art show or display of photography. This event would also provide an opportunity for fellowship before we enter Lent and the time to share a warm evening potluck meal. This event could also serve as a pre-Valentine's Day Date Night! If enough of you show interest, Diana might also be convinced to make her lasagna for everyone, so please make sure to share your feedback as soon as possible before February 1.

Thank you!

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org> go to "Our Ministry."

Bulletins can also be found at <https://grace-church.org/> under the "Our Ministry."

Recordings of worship services are also broadcast on:

- Televised on Sundays 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

If you missed one of our services, they are posted at "Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin" YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uck3CdLQ1sDO6esaa3zUMKCQ>

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713