

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 25, 2026

*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

# Weekly Update

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**VISITORS:** It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. For more information, you can fill out a visitor form in the narthex, speak to an usher, or scan the QR code to the right.



**FAMILIES:** Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

## WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

### OUR CONGREGATION

Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler | Joy Caveney  
Joel Flegal | Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson | Reed Morgan | Mike Muller  
Craig Reichow | Jeremy Shoop | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow

### RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)  
Randy and Shirley Beamer (friends of Pam Darby)  
Debbie Bowman (niece of Betty Skelton)  
Joy Brown (friend of Kate Flegal)  
Symphony Calvillo & her two boys (friend of Kate Flegal)  
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)  
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)  
Jason Greenwalt (friend of Cheryl Smith)  
Madilyn Gross (cousin of Desirae Peral)  
Matt Kim (friend of John & Tammy Breene)  
Georgia Kirby and Cain Mason (friends of Cherie Weatherhead)  
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)  
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)  
Dale, John, and Jeff MacPherson (friends of Jared Lem)  
Sue Mason (sister of Pam Darby)  
Sharon Massen & Dorie Miller (friends of Craig Reichow)  
Lisa Nolf and Laizu (friends of Jared Lem)  
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)  
Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott)  
Tracy Radican (daughter of former HCLC pastor, Pastor Harper)  
Dylan Roe (nephew of Mark and Jo Roe)  
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)  
Nancy Swancutt (sister of Lynn Russo)  
Steven Swancutt (brother of Lynn Russo)  
Dianna and Bill Tilton (friends of Jared & Nannette Lem)  
Diana Todd (friend of the Russos)  
Pastor Luis Velasquez (Lunch for the Soul)  
Michelle White (friend and coworker of Kate Flegal)  
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

### THOSE IN MOURNING

Nan and Jared Lem's friends, the Tiltons, upon the passing of their granddaughter.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Supply Pastor:	Rev. Pam Mitcham
Director of Music and Liturgy:	Jeremy Shoop
Sound Technician:	Bob Thompson
Video Technician:	Sylvia Moran

### **Serving January 25<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Assisting Minister:	Diana Virgo
Reader:	Jo Roe
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Jo Roe

### **Serving February 1<sup>st</sup>: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Assisting Minister:	Anne Geiger
Reader:	Craig Reichow
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Jared Lem

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: JAN 25 – FEB 1

SU 25	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – Third Sunday after Epiphany
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	11:30 am	Stephen Ministry Training
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
TU 27	6:30 pm	Bldg. Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12
W 28	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	7:00 pm	ELL ~ Education Wing
TH 29	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
F 30	9:00 am	LINK Food Distribution Prep, 9 am-9 pm
SA 31	7:30 am	LINK Food Distribution, 7:30 am-11 am
	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
SU 1	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	11:30 am	HUGS ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH



### LINK MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Holy Cross is hosting a LINK Food Distribution Event to support 300 families in the Herndon area on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Lots of help is needed with unloading and packing the food on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Additional help is



needed on Saturday with directing traffic, moving food bags from inside the church to the front walk, and loading bags into clients' automobiles. To sign up to help, go here: [tinyurl.com/LINK-Mobile-Food](https://tinyurl.com/LINK-Mobile-Food).

### Time slots include:

Friday, 1/30 | 9 am-12 pm, 3-5 pm, 7-9 pm

Saturday, 1/31 | 8-11 am

### LUNCH FOR THE SOUL – FEBRUARY 4

We need your help to serve our neighbors in need through this caring ministry! Holy Cross provides lunch on the first Wednesday of every month, and your support in cooking, serving, or cleanup is always welcome. Our next opportunity to serve is on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us! You can sign up at: [perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717](https://perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717) or scan the QR code.



### OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING – FEB 8

The Outreach Committee will hold its biannual meeting immediately following service on Sunday, February 8. Outreach Ministry program leads and participants will be invited to share information about their ministries and other pertinent updates. If you are interested in outreach and would like to learn more, please join us in the Fellowship Hall!

### Scout Sunday – February 1

Calling all Scouts to wear your uniform to church on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> for Scout Sunday! Troop 12 will be handing out bulletins and presenting the 2026 charter to Holy Cross. Gold Award and Eagle Scouts will be recognized during the service.

## January Quest Crossword Puzzle Winner! Congratulations Nan Lem!

Check it Out!

Congratulations to Nan, our January Quest crossword champion and winner of a \$25 Panera gift card!

Pick up a hard copy in the narthex or electronically to fill out the [February Quest](#) crossword for your chance at the next surprise gift card!



### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 17 ~ 6:30 – 8:00 PM

You are invited to our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras celebration!** Pancakes with all the toppings you can imagine, sausage, king cakes, and more will be hot and ready for you to enjoy. *(GF and vegan options will be available.)*

Stick around for some lighthearted fun as we play **Pancake Flip Relay, Toppings Toss, and Shrove Tuesday Trivia**—games for all ages and skill levels! We are excited to report that **The Royal Flush** will again be in attendance. A Mardi Gras parade around the Fellowship Hall to “*Oh, When the Saints Come Marching In*” will bring the evening to a joyful close.

Questions?

Jeremy ([MusicDir@HolyCrossHerndon.org](mailto:MusicDir@HolyCrossHerndon.org))

Cecilia ([YouthChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org](mailto:YouthChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org))

Beverly ([FellowshipChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org](mailto:FellowshipChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org))

### TREASURERS REPORT – DECEMBER 2025

December 2025	Year to Date – 2025
<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>Operating Fund</b>
Income: \$ 49,406.66	Income: \$ 388,377.77
Expenses: \$ 29,387.16	Expenses: \$ 391,497.07
Net Balance: +\$ 20,019.50	Net Balance: - \$3,159.30

## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL!**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.



We welcome you, and you are safe with us...  
 Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage;  
 Whatever your relationship status;  
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression;  
 Whatever your socio-economic status;  
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance;  
 Whatever your physical and mental ability.  
 You are a beloved child of God, you are valued, and you are welcome here.

## **What to Expect in Worship**

Worship services can be intimidating for newcomers. While we try to make worship as accessible as possible for everyone, we know that some aspects can be confusing. Feel free to ask an usher or someone near you for help if you have any questions today. We are happy to help and want all voices to be included in praise to God.

Our worship style is traditional at Holy Cross. A full liturgy is used to focus our praise and prayers to God. Notes are included in the side gutter of the bulletin to explain why we use the various liturgical elements. Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Holy Cross. The table (altar) is not our table, but Christ's table. Just as Christ welcomes all, all are welcome to receive communion at Holy Cross. Pastor will give instructions on how we celebrate communion at that part of the service. Written instructions are also included at that point in the bulletin.

Throughout the year we emphasize each liturgical season differently to mark the passage of time. Liturgical texts change to reflect aspects of that season, some elements are removed or added to reflect the mood of that season, and colors used to decorate the chancel are changed to provide visual reminders of the current season.



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

*Transforming the world & ourselves, together in community, fellowship, and faith.*

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM

*In Year A, the Sundays after Epiphany explore the narratives of Jesus' early ministry and preaching for their meaning for Christian faith and life.*

*As part of our continuous efforts to make worship more inclusive and sensory friendly, we ask that you refrain from applauding during worship and after the postlude.*



**WE GATHER**



### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

Joyful Ringers

by Cathy Mokelbust

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Mighty God, lover of justice,  
 Assembly: **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.**

*Today's Gathering Hymn was the first hymn that came to mind after reading this morning's lectionary. There is a comfort in each stanza that God knows what we are capable of and never asks anymore from us. If we are faithful and follow God's ways, we will always have the tools to accomplish God's work.*

Pastor:

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.

Assembly:

Amen.

# GATHERING HYMN

(ELW #574)

## You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

*Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 Tú	has	ve - ni - do_a	la_o - ri - lla,	no_has bus -
1 You	have	come down to the	lake - shore	seek - ing
2 You	know	full well what I	have, Lord:	nei - ther
3 You	need	my hands, my	ex - haus - tion,	work - ing
4 You	who	have fished oth - er	wa - ters;	you, the



ca - do	ni_a	sa - bios	ni_a	ri - cos;	tan só - lo
nei - ther	the	wise	nor the	wealth - y,	but on - ly
trea - sure	nor	wea - pons	for	con - quest,	just these my
love for	the	rest of the	wea - ry—	a love that's	
long - ing	of	souls that are	yearn - ing:	O lov - ing	



quie - res	que	yo	te	si - ga.
ask - ing	for	me	to	fol - low.
fish nets	and	will	for	work - ing.
will - ing	to	go	on	lov - ing.
Friend, you	have	come	to	call me.



Se - ñor,	me_has	mi - ra - do_a	los o - jos;	son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord,	you	have looked in - to	my eyes;	kind - ly smil - ing,



has	di - cho	mi nom-bre.	En la_a-re - na	he de - ja - do	mi
you've	called out	my name. . . .	On the sand	I	have a-ban-doned



bar - ca;	jun-to_a	ti	bus-ca - ré	o - tro	mar.
small boat;	now	with you,	I	will seek	oth - er seas.

**GREETING**

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

Assembly: **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

(Setting 12)

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

(Setting 12)

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*The prayer of the day is inspired by #966 in the seventh-century Gregorian Sacramentary. Not only before our baptism, but daily, God's goodness, made known in the cross of Christ, surrounds and upholds us.*

*As is sometimes the case, the reading provides the Old Testament passage that is cited in the gospel. Along with Matthew, Christians have seen in Jesus Christ the great light that the prophet anticipates and the salvation God promised. Most of this passage is appointed also for Christmas Eve. On this Sunday, the passage stresses the light of Jesus' ministry.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Assembly:** Amen.

*Please sit.*



## LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EARS

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1- 4

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

**Reader:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

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

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

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

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

**Reader:** Word of God, word of life.  
**Assembly:** Thanks be to God.



*In today's semicontinuous reading of 1 Corinthians, Paul writes that baptism is about the death of Christ and the power of God, not about identification with quarreling groups of Christian believers. The twenty-first-century church, with its myriad denominations, humbly hears Paul addressing our current fractured situation.*

## PRELUDE

*Blessed Assurance*  
Joyful Ringers

by Sandra Eithun

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the  
Corinthians:

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

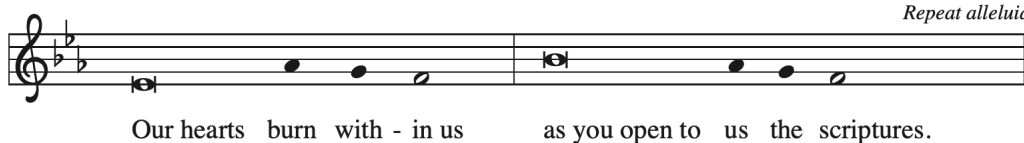
<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.  
Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Setting 12)



*Matthew refers to Jesus as the great light and stresses the immediacy of the fishermen's obedience to Jesus' call. Jesus' call is to repentance. Over the centuries, Christian theologians have variously understood what Matthew means by "the kingdom of heaven."*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

Pastor: The Gospel according to Matthew the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
 Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
 have seen a great light,  
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
 light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

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

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

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
 Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

*“Christ, Be Our Light” reminds us that we are called to be God’s hands and do God’s work. Each stanza of this hymn begins with God’s people longing for signs of God’s kingdom. In the second half of each stanza the lyrics ask God for support and guidance as we carry out the work of God’s kingdom on Earth. While the stanzas are in a sad sounding minor key (while singing about hunger, darkness, homeless, etc.), the stanzas change to a joyful sounding major key as we sing about Christ shining through our hearts, bringing light to the world through our actions.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

(ELW #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.



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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## APOSTLES' CREED

Assisting Minister: With the whole church let us profess our faith,

**Assembly: 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 INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: 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.

*We pray for the greater church.*

Assisting Minister: Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*We pray for creation.*

Assisting Minister: Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*We pray for justice.*

Assisting Minister: Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority. Merciful God,  
**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*We pray for those in need.*

Assisting Minister: Holy Lover, you care for the vulnerable: young children, frail elders, and any who are sick, including those we name before you now (*the assembly offers names*). We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,  
**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*We pray for this community.*

Assisting Minister: Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,  
**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

*We pray for the saints.*

Assisting Minister: Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,  
**Assembly: receive our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,  
**Assembly: Amen.**

*The sharing of THE PEACE is an ancient ritual that puts us right with our neighbors before we offer our gifts to God.*

### THE PEACE

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

### OFFERING

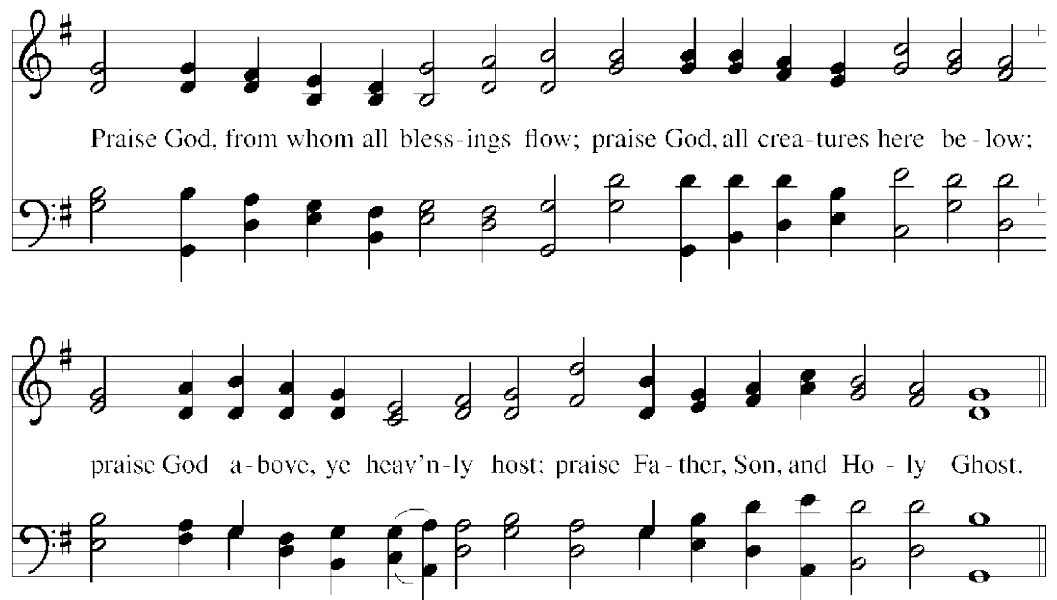
### MUSICAL OFFERING

*What Feast of Love*  
 Sanctuary Choir

arr. Brian Wentzel



## OFFERTORY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: 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.

**Assembly: Amen.**



**WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE**



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Assembly: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

Pastor: It is our duty and delight.... and join their unending hymn.

# SANCTUS

(Setting 12)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Jesus was always the guest.

In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest.

At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished.

This is the table where we who are broken are made whole. So, come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

On the night in which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus gave thanks, took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me.

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and said, "This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me."

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, call us from the folly of this world, until in wisdom, we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Assembly:**

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Assembly:** **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

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

**Assembly:** **Thanks be to God.**

## DISTRIBUTION

*This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites **all** who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet. The ushers will direct you forward at the appropriate time. Communion will be by station. Red wine and white grape juice are available in individual cups. Bread served is Gluten Free. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat by the side aisle.*

## AGNUS DEI

(Setting 12)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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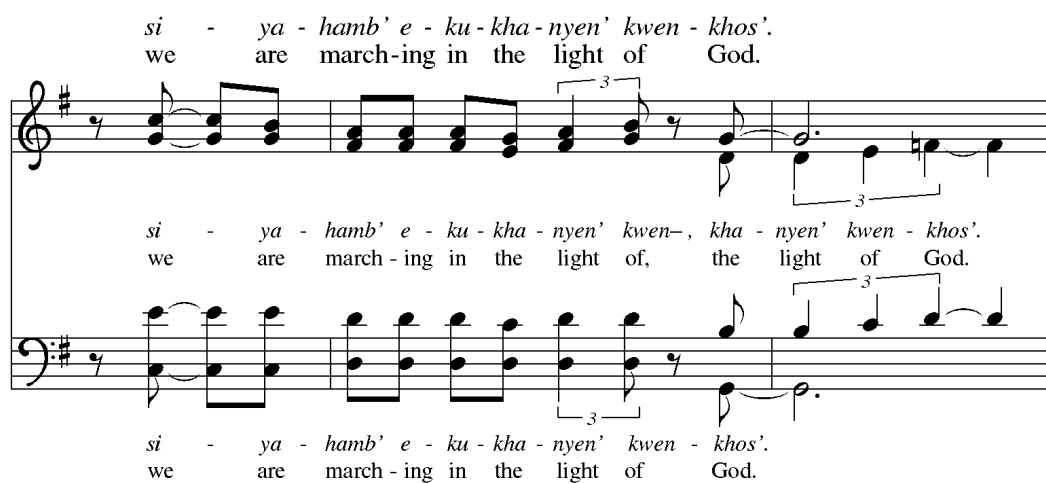
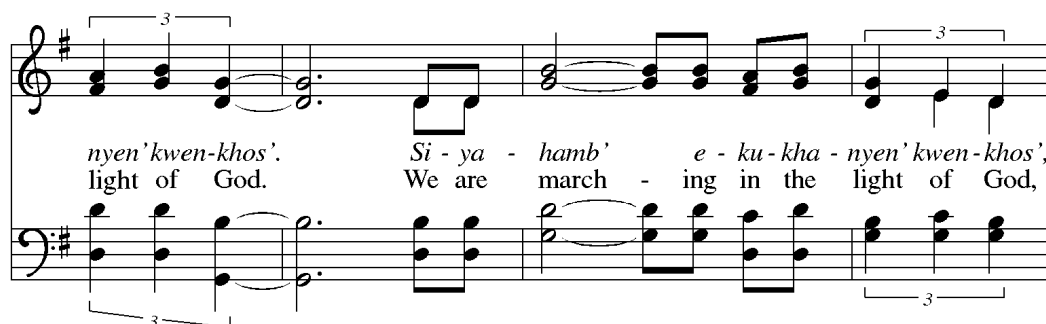


## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

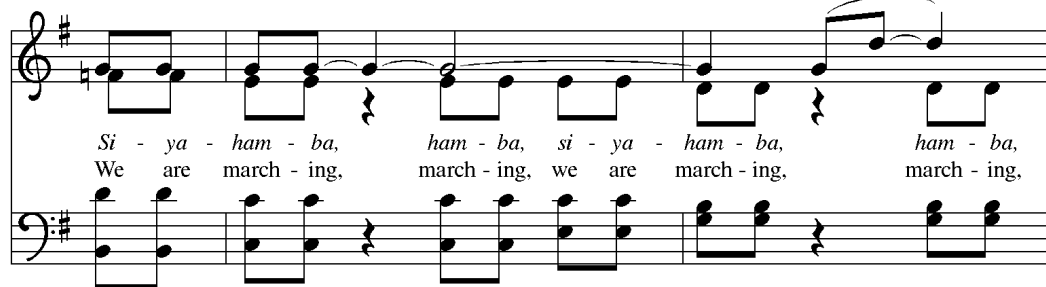
(ELW 488)

# We Are Marching in the Light of God

## *Siyahamba*



Si - ya - ham - ba \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_  
We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_





*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen—, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.

*Si - ya - ham - ba* \_\_\_\_\_ *oo* \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are march-ing \_\_\_\_\_ *oo* \_\_\_\_\_

*Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,*  
 We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
 Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*  
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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(ACS 976)

## Come and See

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing 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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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
 Assembly: Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: 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.  
 Assembly: Amen.



## WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



*It is particularly appropriate that “I Love to Tell the Story” is our sending hymn this morning. One of the most important parts of responding to Jesus’ call to Peter, Andrew, James and John is not only watching and learning from him but also going out into the world and proclaiming the Good News.*

*The hymn’s author, Katherine Hankey wrote the following, “Many people sing this hymn vigorously but do little to go out and ‘tell the story’ beyond the church walls.” Katherine startled England in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by the unheard-of thing of starting a Bible class for working girls in London. She also served as a nurse in South Africa, turning over all proceeds from her writings to Christian missions. She definitely lived what she wrote!*

### SENDING HYMN

(ELW 668)

### I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

**Pastor:** May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Assembly:** **Amen.**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## **THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS**

### **Conversion of Paul**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

### **Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries**

**Monday, January 26, 2026**

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

### **Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

### **Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274**

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

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## FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

*[Marguerite d'Oingt, trans. Richard J. Pioli, in Medieval Women's Visionary Literature, ed. Elizabeth Alvilda Petroff (NY: Oxford, 1986), 292.]*

The saints will be within their Creator just as the fish are in the sea. They will drink all they want, without becoming tired and without lessening the amount of water. The more they receive of this sweetness, the more will be their hunger for it. For just as the waves all go toward the sea and all come back, just so the beauty and the sweetness of our Lord, even though they are poured forth everywhere, always return to him. And for that, they can never diminish.

—Marguerite d'Oingt

*The nineteenth-century French artist James Tissot, after a career of scenic and portrait painting, experienced a profound religious re-awakening in later life, and he dedicated his last seventeen years to the project of illustrating the Bible. He journeyed to the Middle East to learn the land and study its inhabitants, so as to portray biblical scenes with accuracy. His painting Calling of Saint Peter and Saint Andrew illustrates this Sunday's gospel.*



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