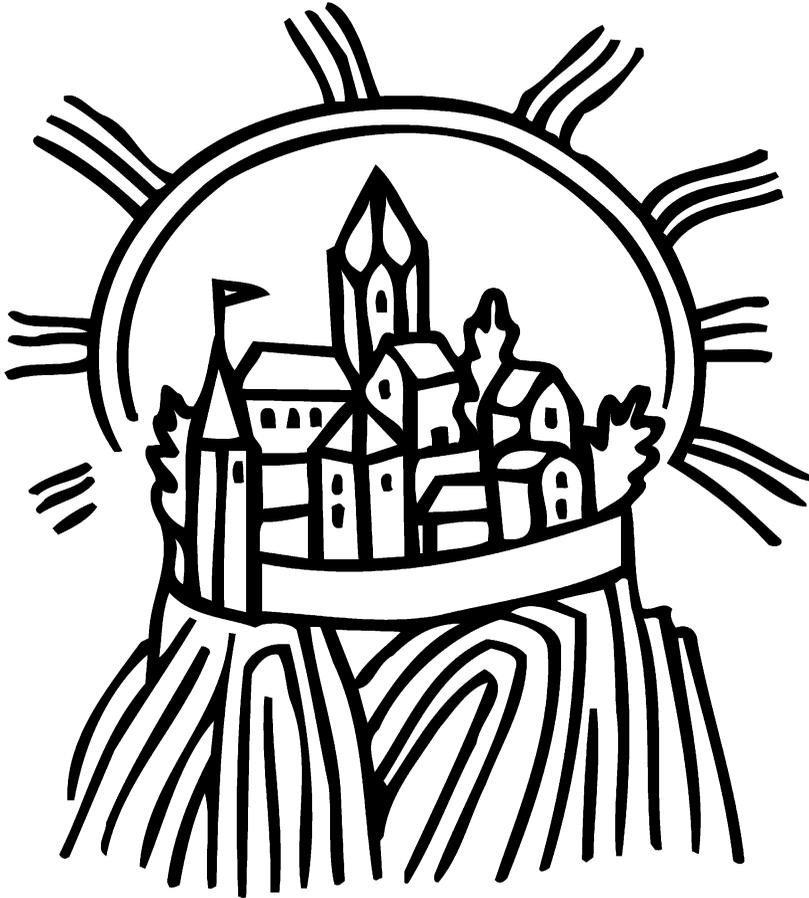




# Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church

LIGHT OF CHRIST \* ST. JOHN'S WINDISH \* ST. PETER'S



## **5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

*Saturday, February 4th, 5 PM at St. Peter's*

*Sunday, February 5th, 10 AM at St. Peter's*

## **WELCOME TO BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

Thank you for joining us today! We are a group of three churches who joined together to form a brand-new community of Christ. Our congregations are led **Pastor Mike Button** (the interim pastor of Light of Christ and St. Peter's). Today's organist is: **Marisa Deshler**. **The ministers are all the members of our parish.**

We follow an ancient pattern of worship that we call **liturgy**. It sounds fancy, but we're just imitating the first followers of Christ who (1) **gathered** to read the (2) **word of God**, (3) **share a meal**, and encourage one another before (4) **sending** each other out into the world to share God's love.

### **If you need help, here are some hints:**

- text in **bold** is spoken by the congregation (including you!).
- A "Δ" at the beginning of a section is an invitation to stand if you wish and are able. A "∇" at the beginning of a section means the congregation is seated.
- Some hymns can be found by using the **red hymnal** in your pew and going to the **hymn number** listed for the day.
- **If you get lost, ask a neighbor for help!** We're glad you're here.



### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *Prelude Sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie -- Durufle*

**ΔTHANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the  
gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the  
waters

**and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through  
the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making  
us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise  
you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

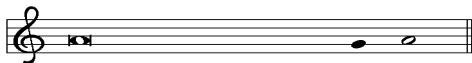
**GATHERING SONG** *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)

## 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.**

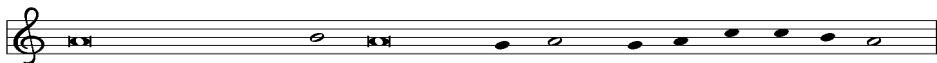
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: *Isaiah 58:1-9a*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your  
fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your  
house; when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

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

<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will  
answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say,  
Here I am.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: *Psalm 112:1-10*

*The psalm for the day is sung responsively.*



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- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup> God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup> in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup> will be blessed.**
- <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup> in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup> last forever.
- <sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup> for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup> ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup> fairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- <sup>1</sup> er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup> ing remembrance.**
- <sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup> evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup> will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- <sup>1</sup> on their enemies.**
- <sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast  
forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup> head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and  
<sup>1</sup> pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed will perish.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

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

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

<sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

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

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

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.

### **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 5:13-20*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

<sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your

righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

## **THE BAPTISM OF TORRIN JAMIK JONES**

### **PRESENTATION**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT BAPTISM**

*After the baptism, the assembly responds with  
the Celtic Alleluia, ELW 174*

### **Gospel Acclamation** *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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## WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and  
into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming  
word to all the world.**

*As the baptismal party returns to their seats, the congregation sings Blessed Be God Who Chose You, ELW 215.*

### Blessed Be God, Who Chose You

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics 'Bless - ed be God, who chose you in Christ.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'Live in love as Christ loved us.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Bless - ed be God, who chose you in Christ.

Live in love as Christ loved us.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands experiencing natural disasters, especially those communities recovering from floods and winter storms. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, so that workers are treated fairly. Throughout the world, inspire nations to seek your will and leaders to heed your call to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth.  
Give us delight in your commandments, that we  
are generous with those in need. Make us  
steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible  
we are generous with those in need. Make us  
steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible  
mercy and compassion for our neighbors.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

The cross and resurrection bring redemption  
from sin and death. We praise you for all  
whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in  
their witness. Keep them in our remembrance  
and bring us with them into the kingdom of  
heaven. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God,  
trusting your wisdom and power revealed in  
Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *When We Are Living – Arranged by Hal Hopson*

**OFFERTORY:** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**  
*Offering Song*



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 dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

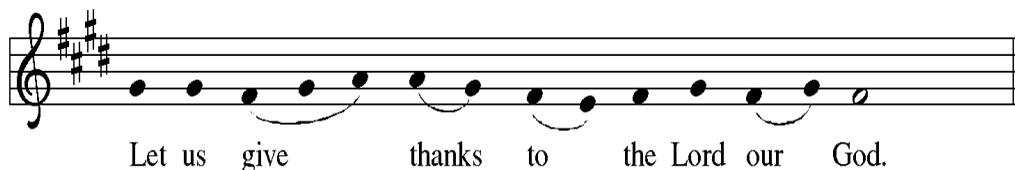
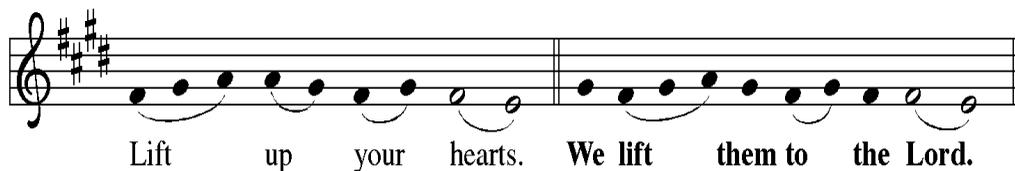
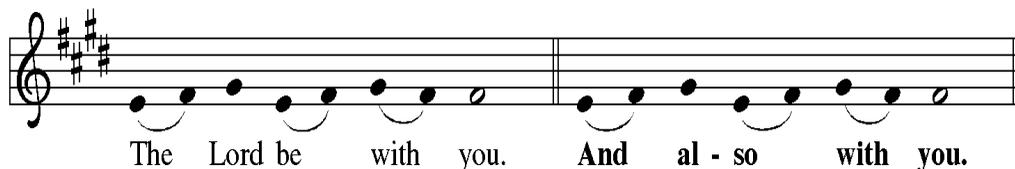
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray ... Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and  
freedom. You we magnify and adore,  
through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

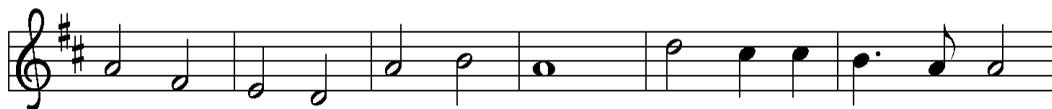


## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and  
merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the  
way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of  
your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only  
Son, so that everyone who believes in him may  
not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the  
world to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink  
from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will  
come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Come and taste the joy of God!

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Jesus, Come! For We Invite You (ELW 312)*

*My Lord of Light (ELW 832)*

## TABLE BLESSING

The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION (ELW 313)

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Rise, Shine, You People!* (ELW 665)

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE** *Blessed Assurance – J. Bert Carlson*

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

### Salt and Light

What we believe about ourselves has the power to shape our behavior in profound ways. If we believe we aren't good enough or are unwanted, that will likely show up in the way we carry ourselves, in the way we interact with others, and in the opportunities we seek out or don't. On the other hand, if we know that we are loved or if we feel like we belong, we will probably bring more assurance to our interactions with others, and will be more likely to take risks and to reach out and engage with our communities.

Similarly, our identity as disciples of Jesus has the power to shape the way we live. It all starts with who Jesus says we are. "You are the salt of the earth," Jesus tells his disciples. "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14). Salt preserves food and adds flavor. Used masterfully, it brings out the best in the other flavors of a dish. It can pull other elements together to help create a new thing. Light nurtures life. It can comfort, energize, and help make things clear. Together, salt and light sustain, nourish, and welcome new life in the world around them.

What kind of people would we be if we really believed we were the salt of the earth and the light of the world? Nurturers, sustainers, co-creators with God in making all things new? What fears could we let go if we simply trusted that we are who Jesus says we are? What risks would we take? How would we show up in our communities? As we gather for worship today, we are invited to hear anew this identity we are given in Christ. Then, nourished by word and sacrament, we are sent forth with the promise that Christ is forever at work in us, keeping us as salt and light in all times and places.