



Saint Martin Lutheran Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026, 10:30 am

The Day The gospel of Matthew today reflects the message of good news from Isaiah, which we also heard this Christmas: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light....on them light has shined.” Matthew takes this one step further and proclaims that “on them light has dawned.” We can’t have dawn without the coming of the Sun each new morning. We as Christians have a new dawn each day through God’s only Son. On us light has dawned, and this is Good News for all the world.

PRELUDE

Please silence electronic devices during this quiet time of preparing our hearts for worship.

Stand

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

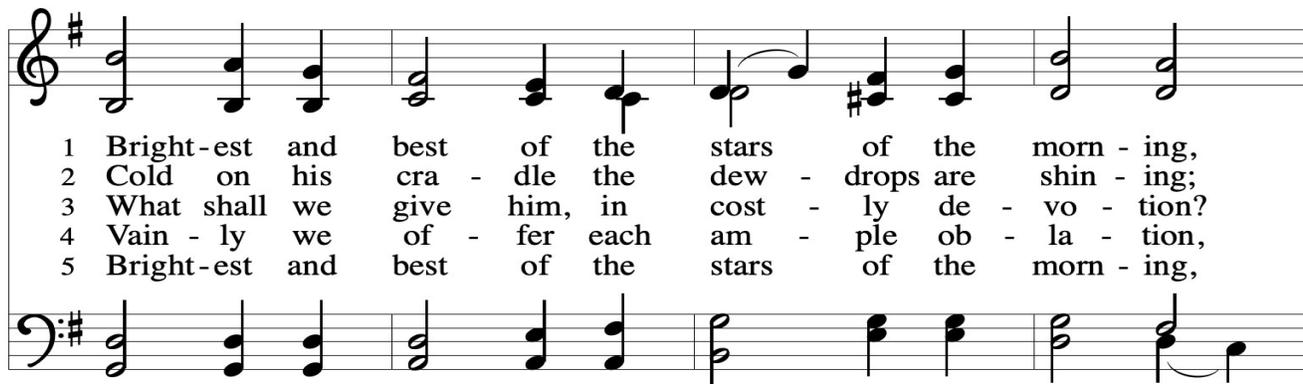
C **Amen.**

The Procession begins.

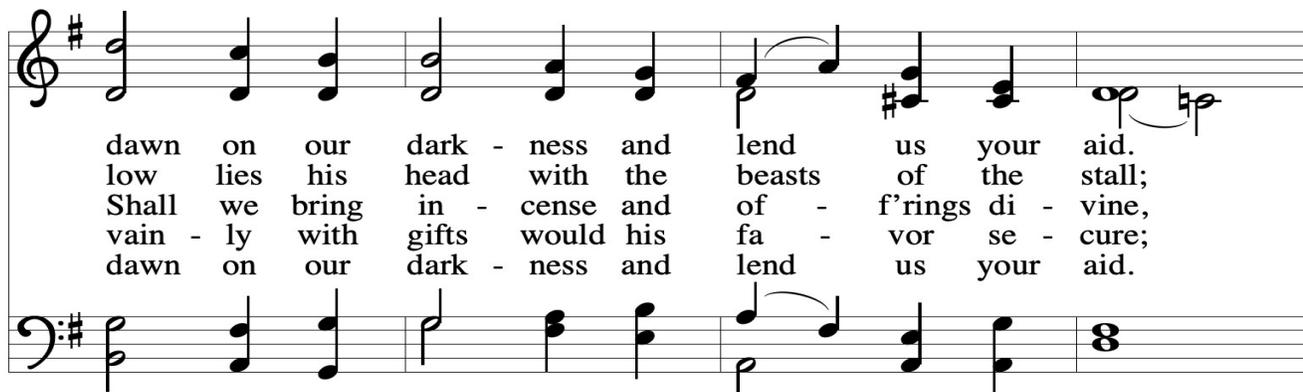
GATHERING HYMN

ELW #303

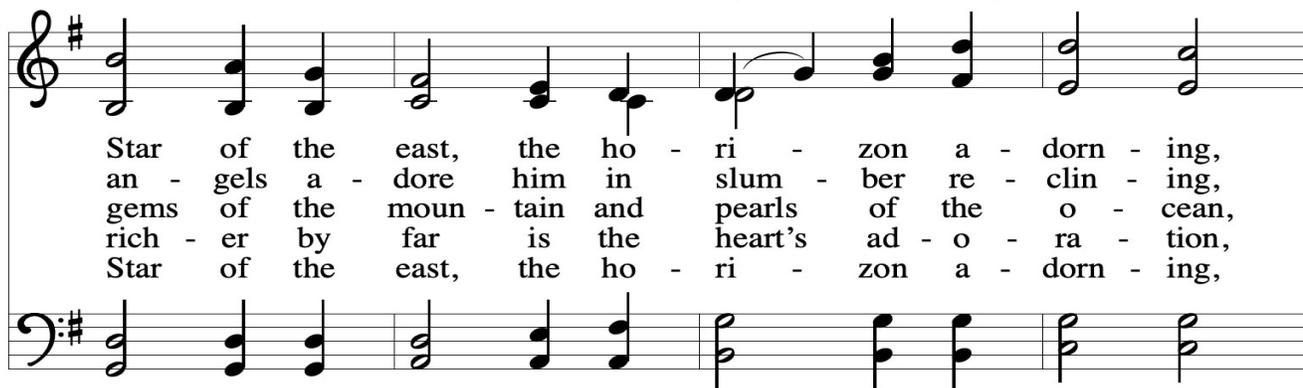
BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Beatty

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

L A reading from the book of Isaiah, the 9th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 27:1;4-9



¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be
afraid?

⁴ **One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God | in the
temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- |
on a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround
me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of
rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the Lord.**

⁷ Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.**

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- |
vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

L A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 1st chapter, beginning at the 10th verse.

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter, beginning at the 12th verse.

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

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸ While walking 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 fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ And he went throughout all

Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

“Light has Dawned”

Pastor Beatty

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY **ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!** **ELW #314**

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

INTERCESSIONS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P/A Lord in Your Mercy, C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, You gather Your church by the work of Your Spirit and dwell in our midst by Your Means of Grace. Open our mouths to tell of Your name and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A** Merciful Lord, graciously allow Your Church to enjoy unity of faith and a spirit of harmony in the work that You have given her to do. Prosper this work, and supply us with faithful Bishops, Pastors, Deacons and church workers. We pray especially for our own Pastor Mark. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless Saint Martin with Your grace and protection, that we might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** O God, grant peace to the nations especially Venezuela, Ukraine, the Middle East, Africa and all the war-torn regions of the world. Give good and faithful leaders in our land especially our President Donald and our Governor Brian. Grant them wisdom and integrity for the good of all people, that justice may be served in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Holy Lord, Your Son welcomed the sick, the afflicted and those oppressed by evil, and He healed them. Have mercy upon all whom we bring before You in prayer, especially those named in our bulletin and those we name before you now. *(after silence count to 10)*. Deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Almighty God, Your kingdom is at hand wherever Jesus, our King, dwells. Bless those who receive Your Holy Supper today, that they

may rejoice that the King draws near with His body and blood for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Gracious Lord, be present with the lonely. Work through us, that they may find welcome and consolation within the fellowship of God's people. Grant that those who sorrow may not despair but find hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord God, heavenly Father, You raised Your Son, Jesus, from the dead as the first fruits of Your new creation. In reverence, we glorify Your name for the hope and promise of life everlasting. We give You thanks and praise for all those who have departed from this mortal life in faith. Preserve us also in Your Word and faith until we come to the fullness of Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. R Peace be with you.

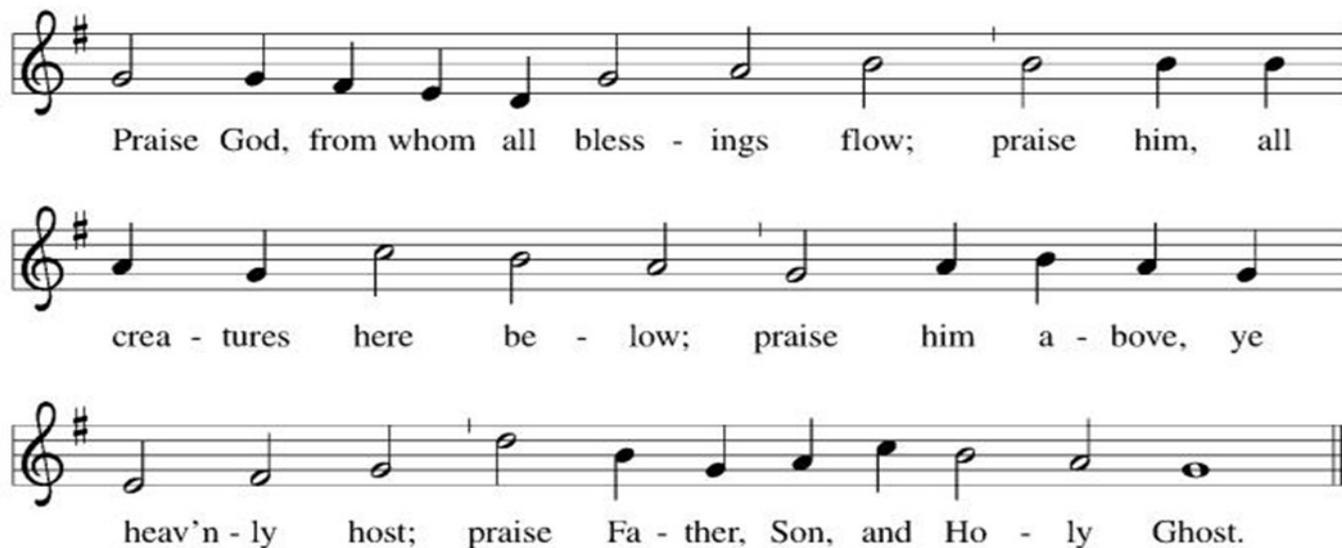
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OFFERING

The Ushers collect our gifts of tithes and offerings, the ministers make ready the bread and wine.

Stand

OFFERTORY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

A The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

A Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ,
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,
 and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.
 And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us together to pray.

C **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.**

Sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 HYMNS

WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING, LORD

ELW #617

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in
bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

ELW #543

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen + you and keep you in God’s grace.

C Amen.

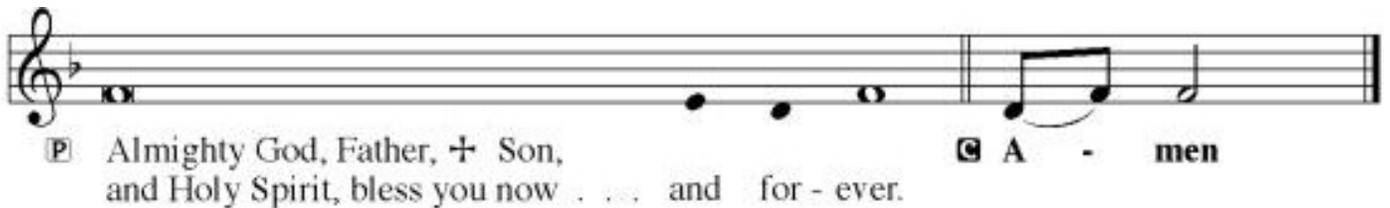
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

A Let us pray: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

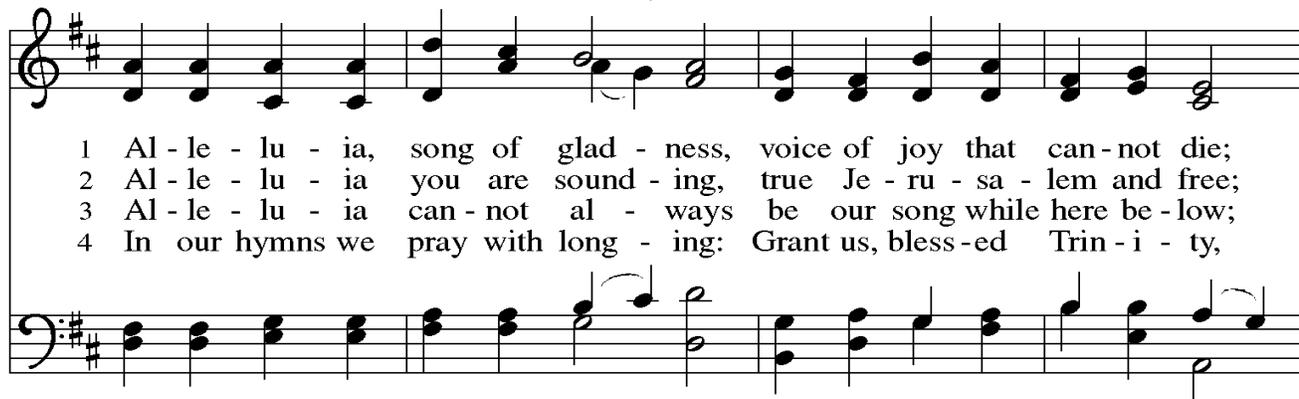
C Amen.

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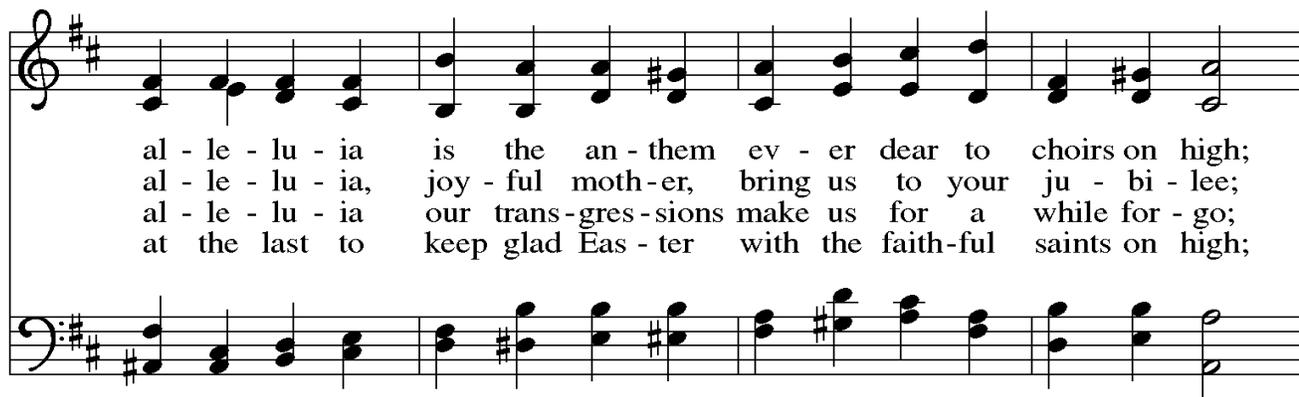


Almighty God, Father, + Son,
 and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. **A - men**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

DISMISSAL**A** Love The Lord!**C** Live The Mission!**Together!****POSTLUDE**

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