

**RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 16, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

## **WELCOME!**

*Welcome to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here!*

*If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor and feel at home among us. In this bulletin, words in bold print are spoken by the assembly, non-bolded words are spoken by a leader. Two abbreviations used for hymns and service elements: ELW stands for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, which is the red hymnal in the book holder attached to the pew in front of you, and ACS is All Creation Sings, which is the blue songbook.*

*Following the worship service, please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall, downstairs. An usher can direct you to the elevator.*

### ***COMMEMORATION IN THE WIDER CHURCH***

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025, Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546**

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

### ***INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY***

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## **OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*“Houston” (I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light)*

Wayne L. Wold

*At the ringing of a bell, the assembly stands and faces the font.*

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**GREETING** (ELW p. 98)

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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** (ELW 99)

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (ELW p.102)

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

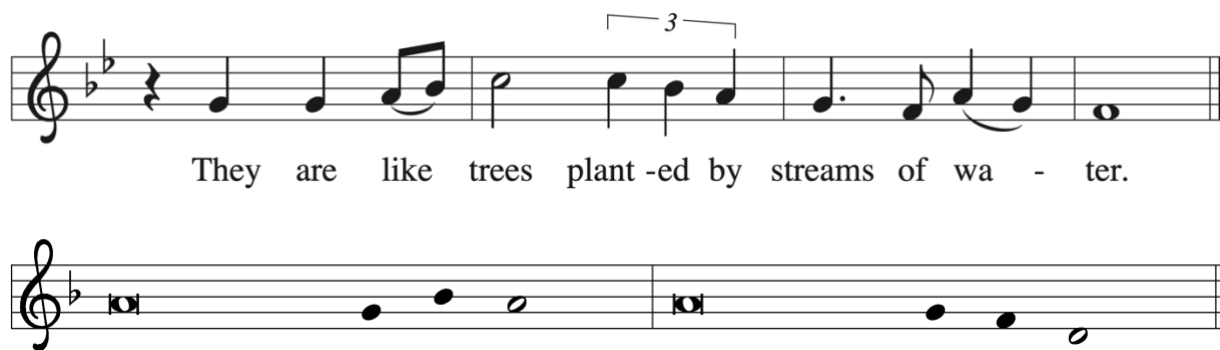
<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 1**



<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>|</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>|</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching <sup>|</sup> day and night. R**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with  
leaves that <sup>|</sup> do not wither;  
everything they <sup>|</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> **It is not so <sup>|</sup> with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind <sup>|</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>|</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council <sup>|</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD knows the way <sup>|</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall <sup>|</sup> be destroyed. R**



**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that God raised Christ—whom God did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW p. 102)

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. All sing the Alleluias, the cantor sings the verse, the Alleluias are repeated.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

Rejoice, and leap for joy,\* for surely your reward is great in heaven.

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:17-26**

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the dominion of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son-of-Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

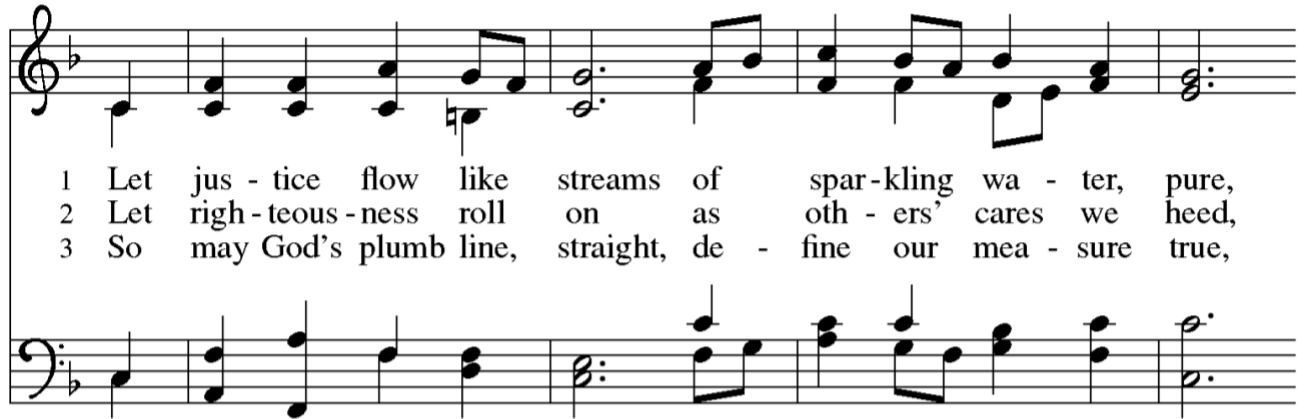
**YOUTH MESSAGE**

Pastor Harry Therwanger

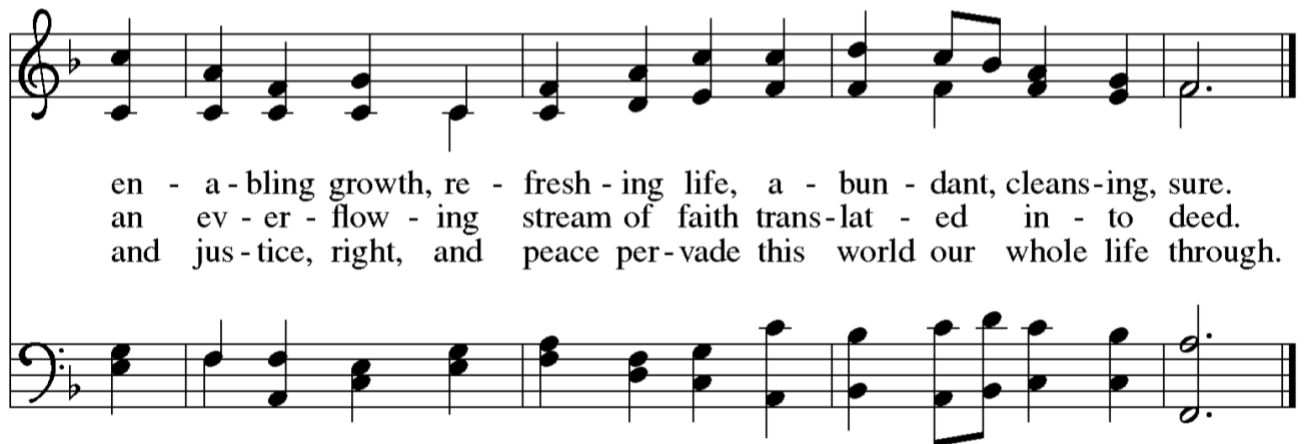
**SERMON**

Pastor Harry Therwanger

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Let Justice Flow Like Streams (ELW 717)**



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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***Apostles' Creed* (ELW p. 105)**

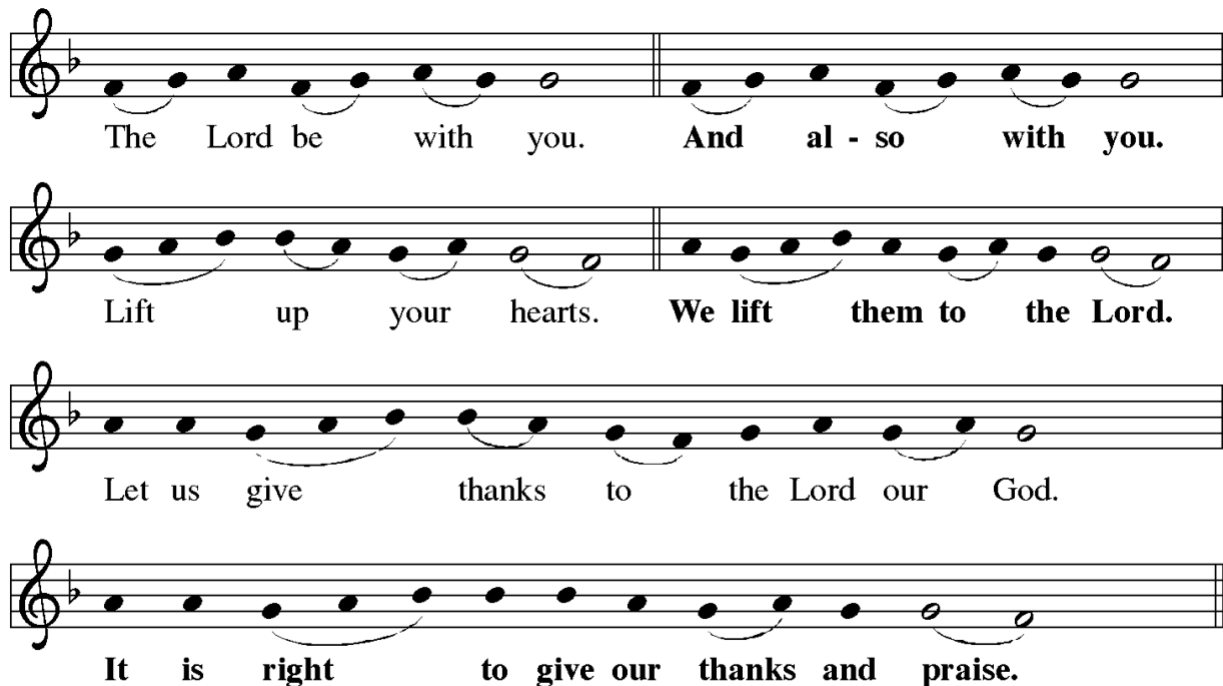
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**



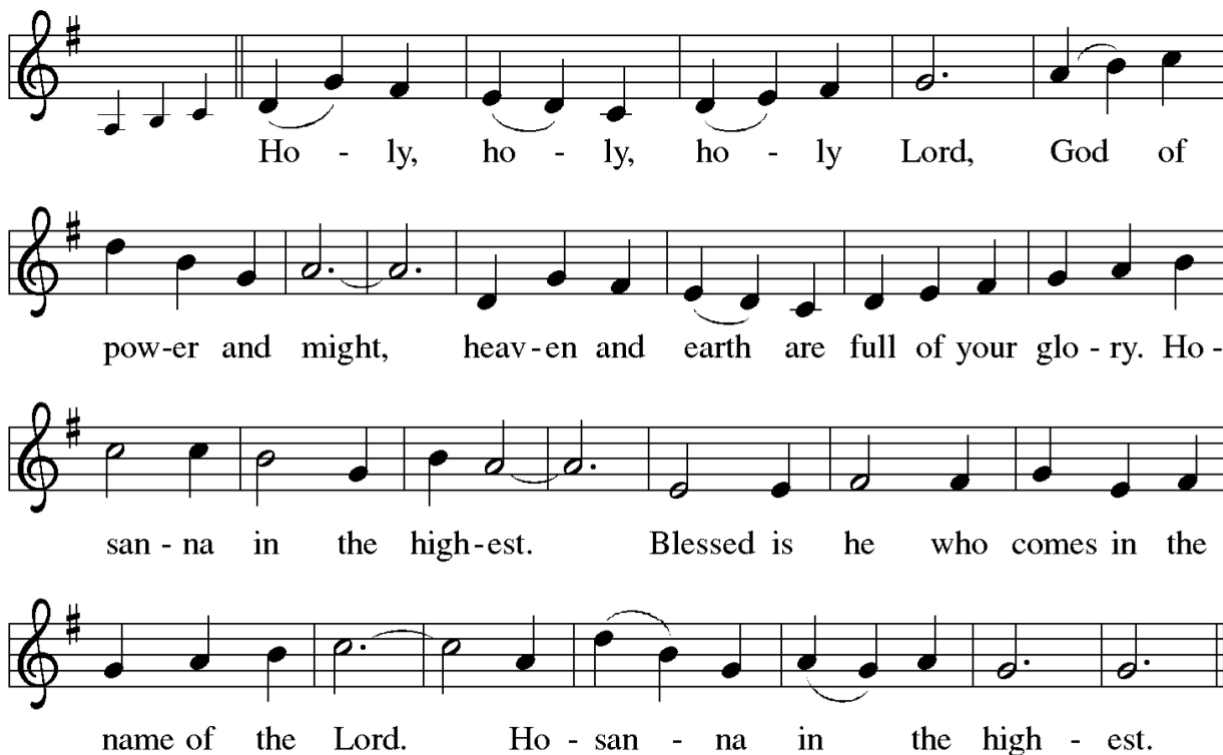
**GREAT THANKSGIVING:** (ELW p. 107)



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.

*The Thanksgiving continues with the Preface for the day; the assembly responds:*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (ELW p. 108)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (ELW p. 108)

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.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.



### ***LORD'S PRAYER*** (p. 112)

And now, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*The assembly may be seated. At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up. To receive the wine, hold a small cup firmly, the assisting minister will pour wine from the common cup. Please do not dip the bread into the wine. Gluten free hosts are also available. Return to your seats by the side aisles. You may elect to commune by receiving the bread only or you may elect to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

### ***COMMUNION***

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

“The body of Christ, given for you,” and “the blood of Christ, shed for you.”

*Each person may respond,*

Amen.

**LAMB OF GOD** (ELW p. 112)

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.

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION: We Come to the Hungry Feast** (ELW 479)

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,  
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay  
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (ELW p. 114)

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

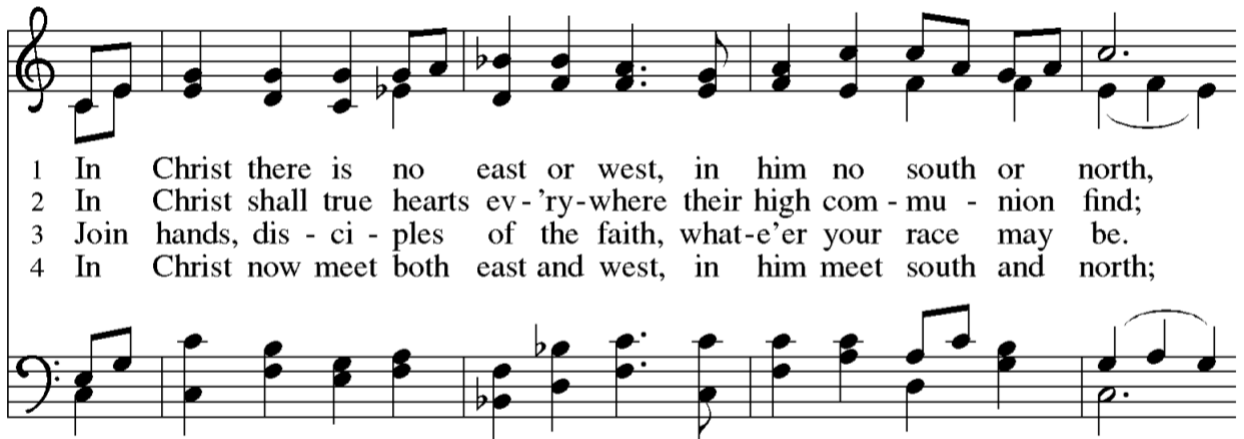
**BLESSING** (ELW p. 114)

The Spirit of the triune God

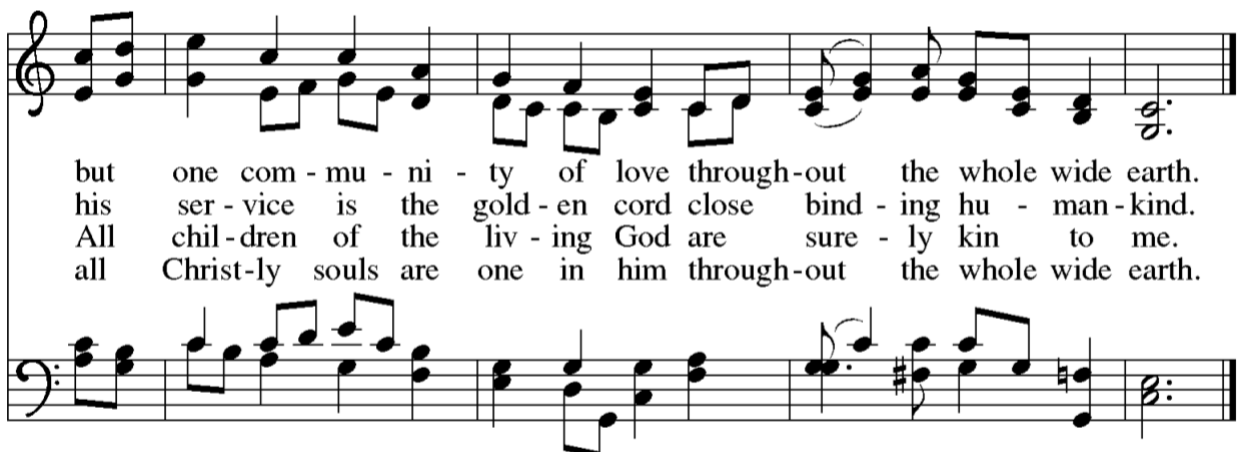
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: In Christ There is No East or West** (ELW 650)



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

**DISMISSAL** (ELW p. 115)  
Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Postlude on “RATISBON” from Epiphany Suite

Charles Callahan

*Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall, downstairs.  
An usher can direct you to the elevator.*



**Readings for February 23**

**Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

*Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.*

**Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40**

*The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)*

**1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

*In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the “resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.” Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.*

**Luke 6:27-38**

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

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### Notes on the music for today

HYMN OF THE DAY: Let Justice Flow Like Streams ELW 717

Text: Jane Parker Huber (1926- 2008)

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

Jane Parker Huber was born in China but grew up in Hanover, Indiana where her parents, Albert & Katharine, were the college president and first lady for 29 years. She married her Hanover born childhood sweetheart, Bill Huber, who was founding pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis where they lived for 33 years before retiring in 1988 to Hanover.

Her hymn writing began in 1975 when planning a United Presbyterian Women's gathering at Purdue. Starting in 1976, Huber wrote new hymn texts, mostly set to familiar hymn tunes. Two books with over 125 of her hymns were published in 1987 and 1996. Eleven hymns made their way into the Presbyterian hymnal published in 1990. She wrote about 200 hymns, for special celebrations & conferences, to update with more inclusive language, and to fill in gaps in the hymnody about Pentecost and baptism or provide more emphasis on God's beautiful creation, the equality of God's people, and our peacemaking mission as Christians.

She also wrote studies for *These Days* and articles for *Horizons* magazine, and a column titled "Ask Jane" for that publication for several years.

ST. THOMAS is actually lines 5 through 8 of the sixteen-line tune HOLBORN, composed by Aaron Williams (1731-1776) and published in his *Collection* (1763, 1765) as a setting for Charles Wesley's text "Soldiers of Christ, Arise". The harmonization is by Lowell Mason. Williams was a singing teacher, music engraver, and clerk at the Scottish Church, London Wall. He published various church music collections, some intended for rural church choirs. Representative of his compilations are *The Universal Psalmist* (1763) – published in the United States as *The American Harmony* (1769) – *The Royal Harmony* (1766), *The New Universal Psalmist* (1770), and *Psalmody in Miniature* (1778). His *Harmonia Coelestis* (1775) included anthems by noted composers.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** Have You Heard God's Voice, Frederick Chatfield (1950)

Frederick Chatfield has arranged this haunting tune and lyrics by Jacqui Jones into an anthem for our time. He has served as Director of Music and Organist of Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering, Ohio, a position he held for thirty years. Mr. Chatfield holds a Bachelor of Music in Organ from New England Conservatory in Boston and a Master of Arts in Religion (Music and Worship) cum laude from Yale University where he was named the 1985 Hugh Porter Scholar. One of his great enjoyments is his 1982 BMW R100RS motorcycle which he restored in the spring of 2006.

*Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred? Are you still prepared to follow?  
Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and narrow?  
Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent?  
Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent?*

*Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow?  
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?  
Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be different?  
Will you share your views using words of grace? Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?*

*In your city streets will you be God's heart? Will you listen to the voiceless?  
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless?  
We will walk the path that will cost us much and embrace God's love and sorrow?  
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** "Houston" (I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light), Wayne L. Wold (1954)

The Voluntary this week is an arrangement by Wayne Wold of Kathleen Thomerson's hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light", written in the summer of 1966 during a visit to Houston, Texas, the location providing the tune name "Houston". Wayne is Director of Music at First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, MD, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Music (organ) at Shenandoah University.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Postlude on "RATISBON" from *Epiphany Suite*, Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

This piece is based upon the hymn tune RATISBON (Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies). Charles Callahan was a delightful, quirky, reclusive composer living in remote Vermont with a mission to write organ music for services that was accessible for organists and meaningful to congregations.

**February 16, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Harry Therwanger  
Vicar Jessica Zurcher  
Chris Schoen  
Debbie Howell  
Debbie Howell and Glen Mason  
Eleanor Jacobson  
Glen Mason**

**Presiding Minister  
Assisting Minister  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Communion Assistants  
Cantor  
Lock-Up, starting February 16**

*The flowers in the chancel are given  
by Helen Chaale in memory of my mom, Anissi Chaale.*

**Attendance February 9, 10:00 a.m., 71**

**Live Stream Views, 15 Views after Streaming, 29**

Our worship service is regularly video recorded and posted online.  
Printed scripture readings and weekly announcements are available from the ushers.

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