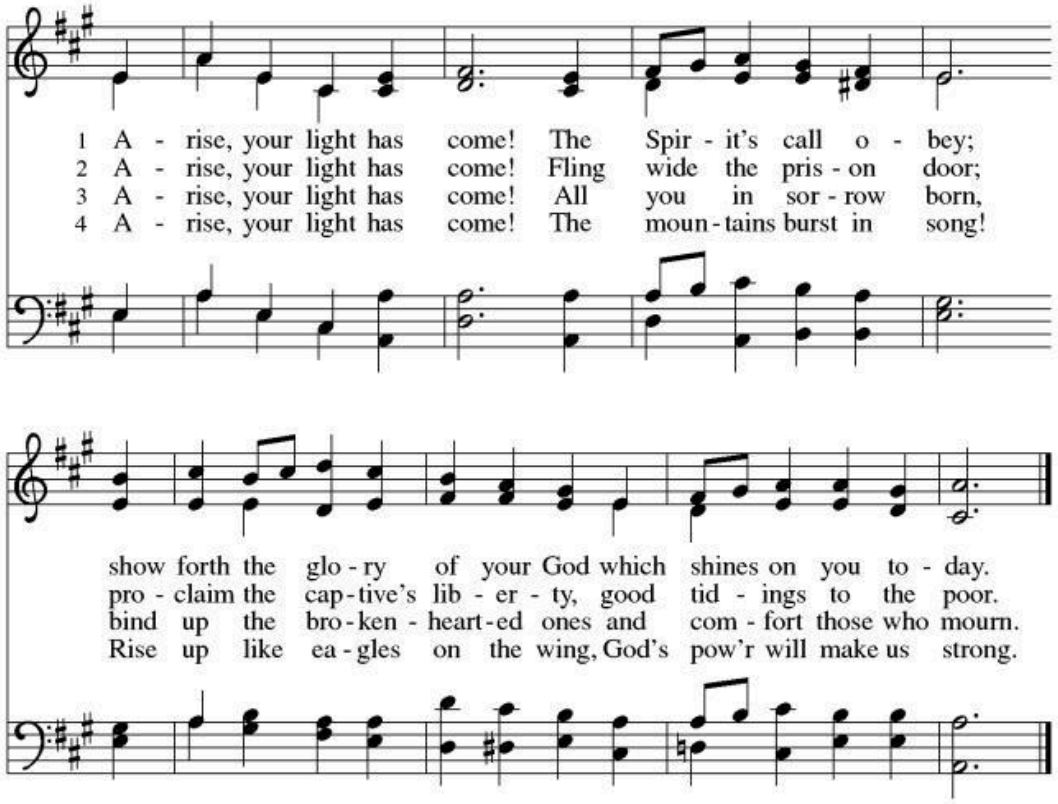
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE
10:30AM, JANUARY 18, 2026

Prelude Scott Schroeder

Welcome and Announcements

The Box Juniors Explore leave following
(children ages 4-5 through middle school)

Processional Hymn "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" Hymnal 314



Greeting
Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
People: The light has shined on the nations.
The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as of God.
Jesus Christ is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid.

Confession and Forgiveness
Assistant: In Jesus Christ our Savior the grace of God has appeared, bringing light to us all. With confidence and joy, let us confess our sin.

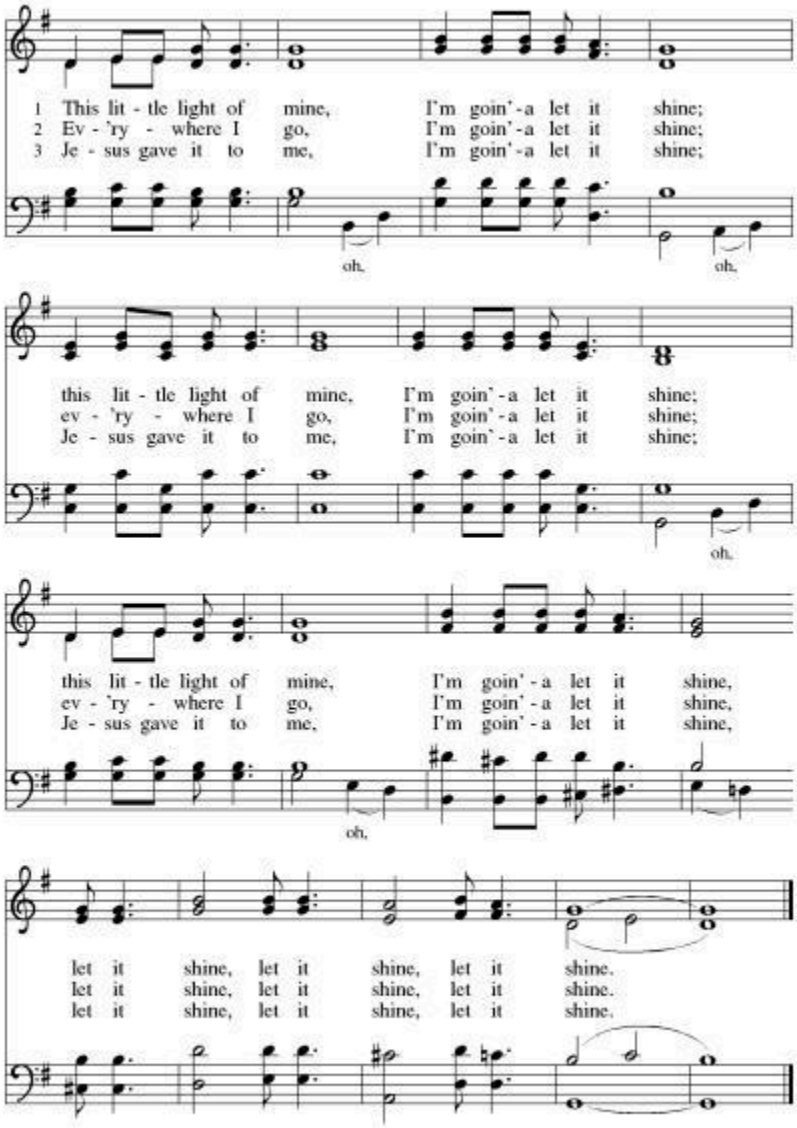
Great and glorious God, through Jesus Christ our Savior you have shown us that the blessed age of grace has appeared and the hoped-for time of salvation has come. Yet, we cling to the glories of the present age - worldly passions and impious pursuits, self-indulgent, crooked, and ungodly ways. We choose to walk in darkness, unwilling to see the evil your light exposes. Cleanse us and free us; break the yolk we choose to carry through Christ, who gave himself for us, so that we might be your people, holy and whole. Amen.

Pastor: Hear this good news of great joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**
Glory to God in the highest, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

<u>Sharing of the Peace</u>
Pastor: The peace of God be with you all. **And also with you!**

At Zion we share the ASL/universal sign for peace, or other non-physical contact to greet one another.

<u>Praise Hymn</u> "This Little Light of Mine" Hymn 677



Prayer of the Day

Assistant: Holy God, **our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Isaiah 49:1-7

[1] Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I
was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. [2] He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.
[3] And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." [4] But I said, "I have
labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord
and my reward with my God." [5] And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his
servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the
sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—[6] he says, "It is too light a thing that you
should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give
you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." [7] Thus says the
Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-11

[1] I waited patiently for God;
God inclined to me and heard my cry.
[2] God drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
[3] God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in God.
[4] Happy are those who make God their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
[5] You have multiplied, O my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.
[6] Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
[7] Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
[8] I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

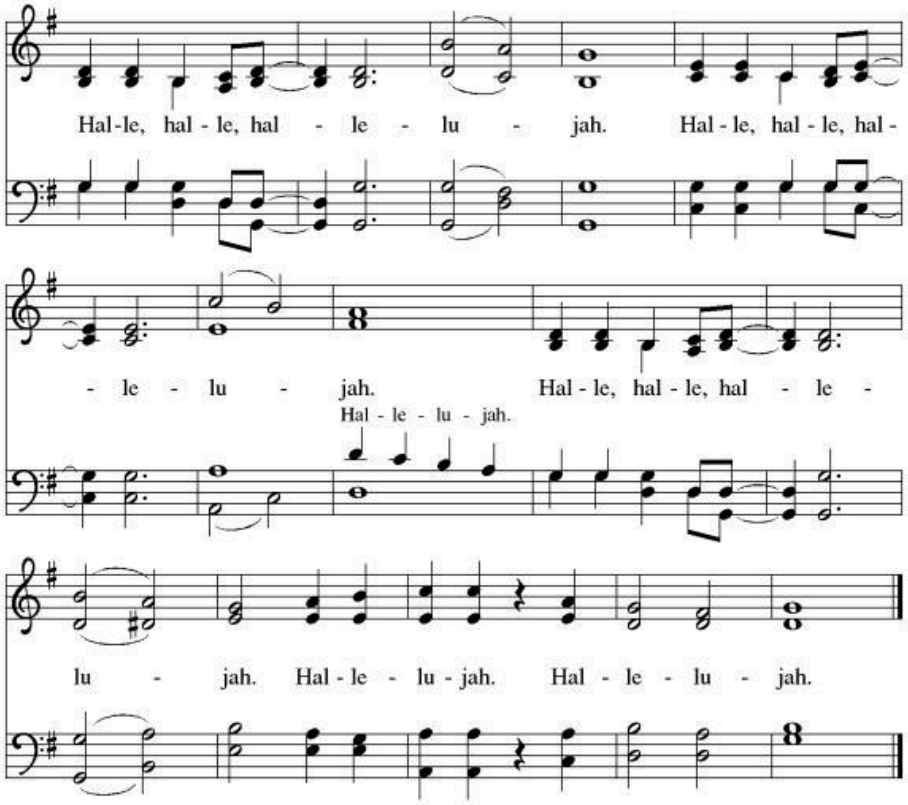
[9] I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O God.
[10] I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
[11] Do not, O God, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

<u>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</u>

[1] Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, [2] To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: [3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— [6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— [7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

<u>Gospel Acclamation</u> "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (Hymn 172)



John 1:29-42

The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O God.**

[29] The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world! [30] This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me
because he was before me.' [31] I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this
reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." [32] And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from
heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. [33] I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to
baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who
baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' [34] And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen
One." [35] The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, [36] and as he watched Jesus
walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" [37] The two disciples heard him say this, and
they followed Jesus. [38] When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you
looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"
[39] He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained
with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. [40] One of the two who heard John speak
and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. [41] He first found his brother Simon and said to
him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). [42] He brought Simon to Jesus, who
looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated
Peter).

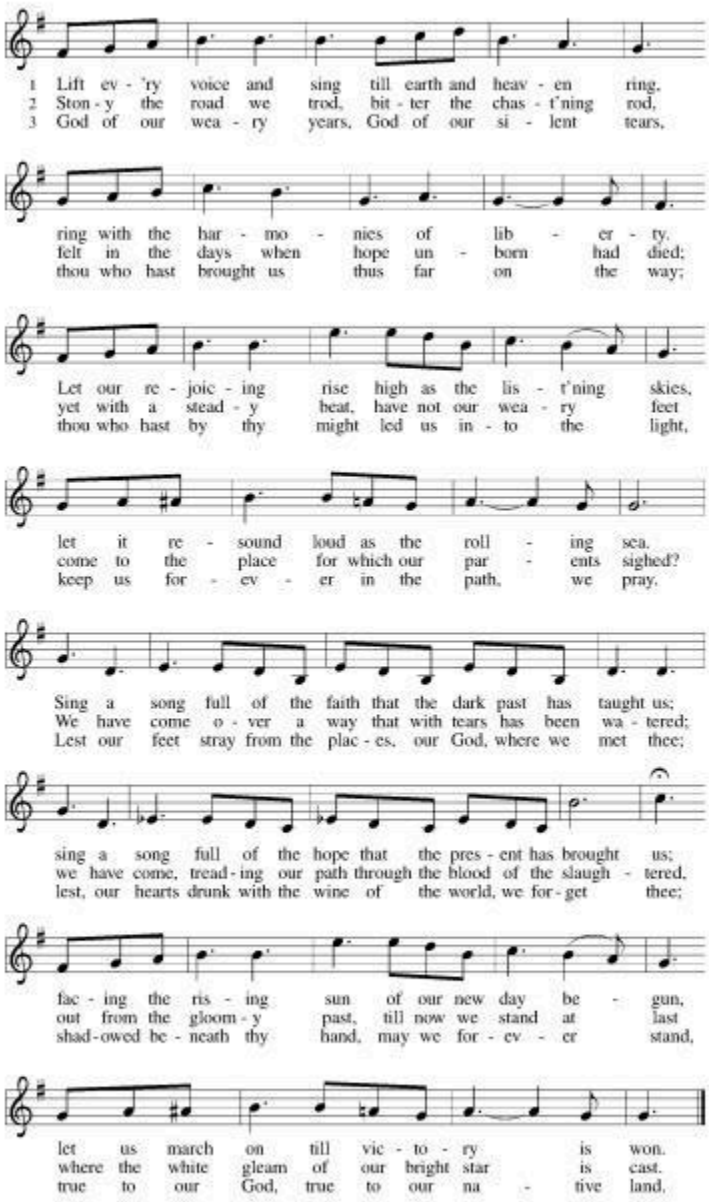
The Gospel of the Living One. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

Special Music "Holy Spirit" Chancel Choir

Sermon Pastor Matthew Bode

Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Hymn 841



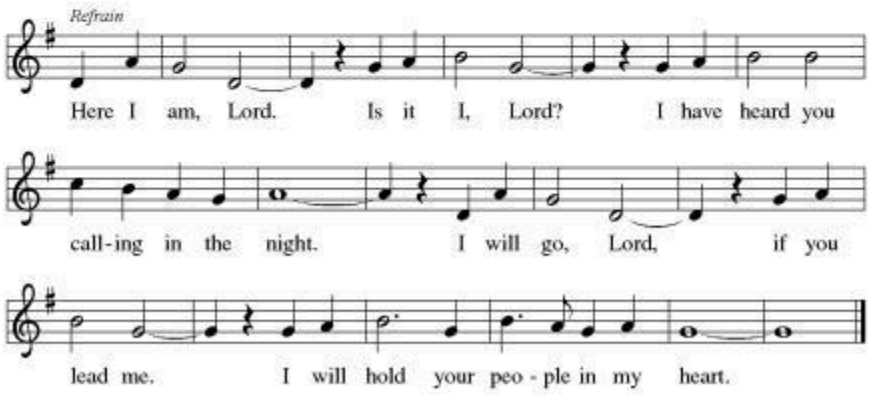
Apostles' Creed

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 to the dead. 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant: 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.

Here I Am, Lord (Refrain) (Hymn 574)



Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here I Am, Lord

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness, especially those we bring to you now... Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here I Am, Lord

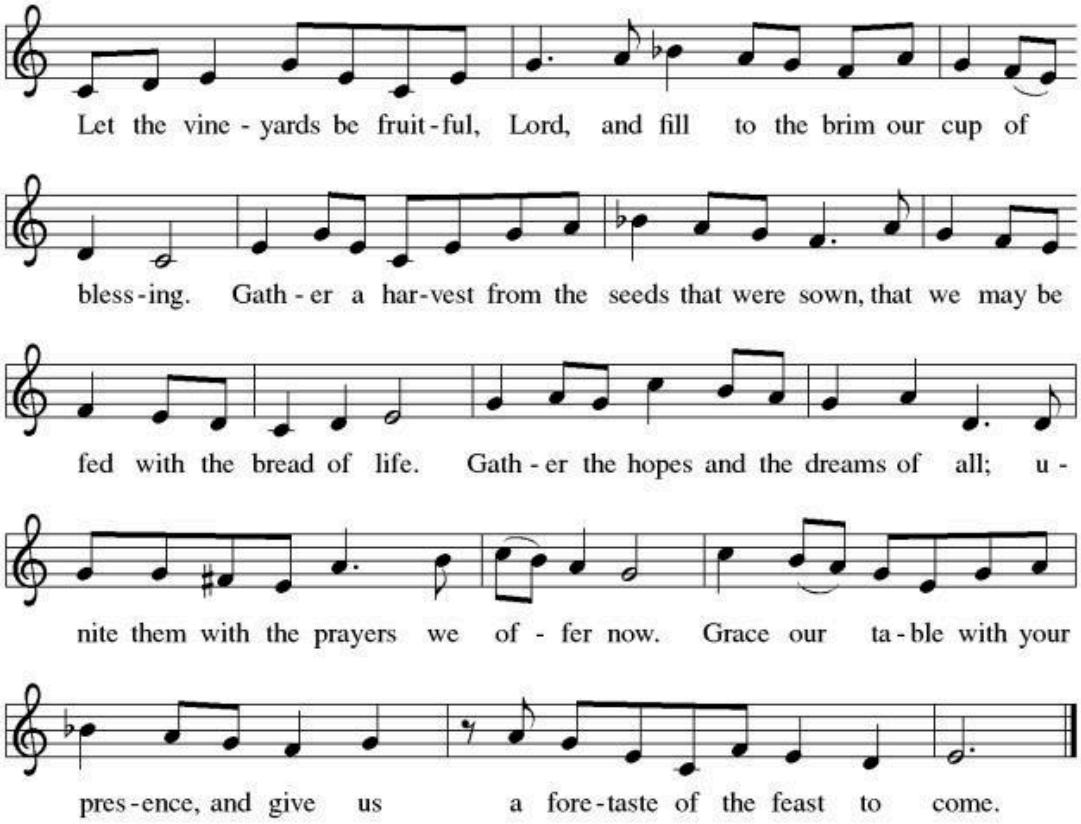
Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

Here I Am, Lord

Pastor: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

<u>Offertory</u> "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" Hymn 182



<u>Offertory Prayer</u>:

Pastor: Let us pray, **We give you thanks, Holy One, for the world of wonder you have made - forest and field, sea and sky, and for the gift of grace that you have given - a little child, lying in a manger. Receive these gifts of tenderness and love, of gratitude and praise, and use them for your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ, the child of Bethlehem, we pray. Amen.**

Ways to give -

- *Venmo @ZionFerndale (confirmation code 7498)*
- *Vanco mobile app (code VHLXGH)*
- *www.zionlutheranmi.org*
- *Offering plate located in the middle of the center aisle*
- *Mail to church mailing address*

<u>Eucharistic Prayer</u>

Pastor: God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is good to give you thanks, O God, source of abundant life; through Jesus Christ your eternal Word who creates all things by the working of your Spirit. For he is the reflection of your glory, the very imprint of your being. In him you have become one with us that we might become one with you. And so we raise our voices with saints and angels and all creation in joyful praise to you singing:

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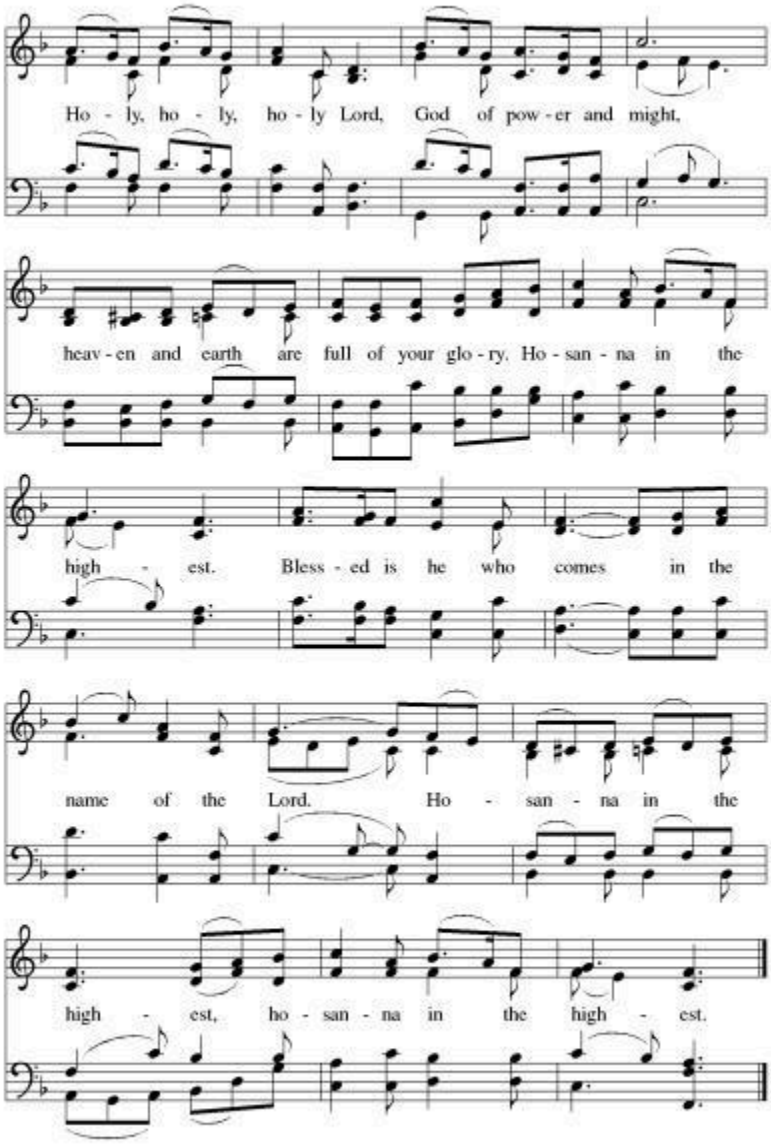


Holy and wondrous God, long ago you spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways. And in these last days you have spoken to us in your Word made flesh, Jesus, who proclaimed your dream of peace. He gave himself for our weary world, accepting death so that we might live, and held our darkness deep within until through cross and grave and empty tomb he set us free for love.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Savior Christ 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:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Recalling his death and resurrection, and longing for his coming in glory we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Pour out your Spirit upon us that we might be a people of grace and truth, bearing good news of joy in every season.

And bring us at the last with Mary and Joseph and all your saints to that vision of eternal splendor for which you have created us. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. **Amen**

Holy One, remember us in your reign and teach us to pray:

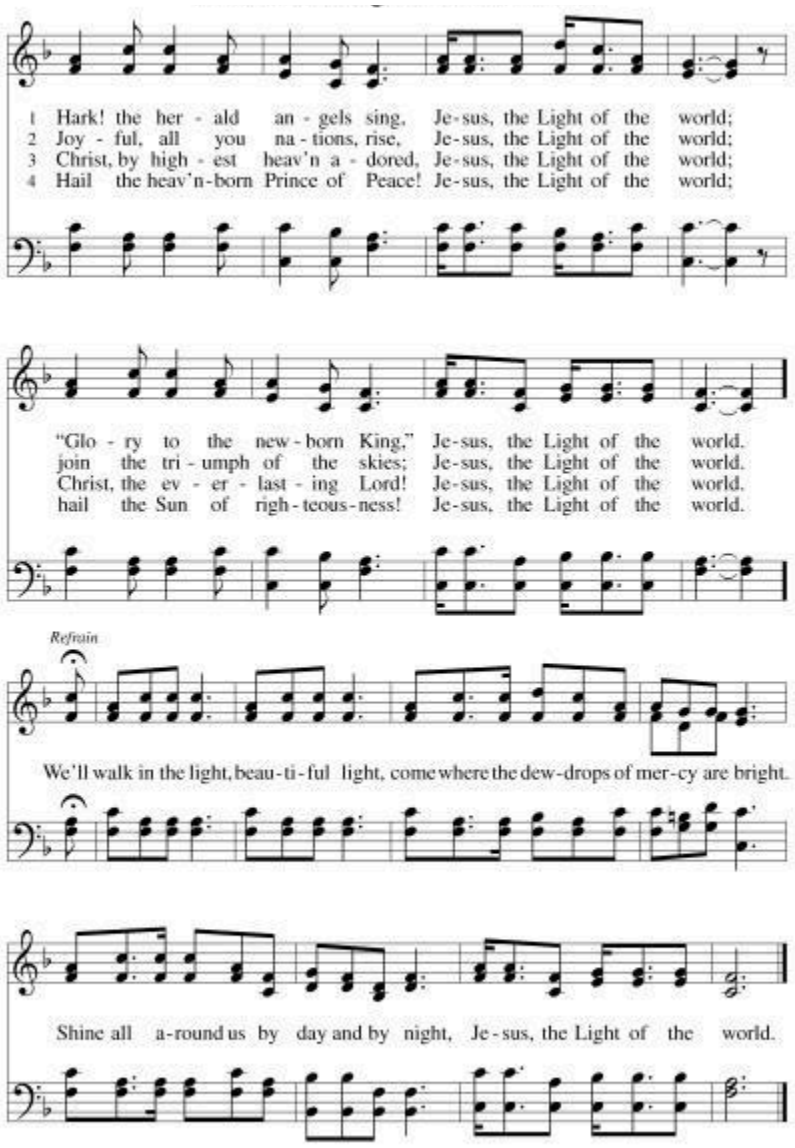
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

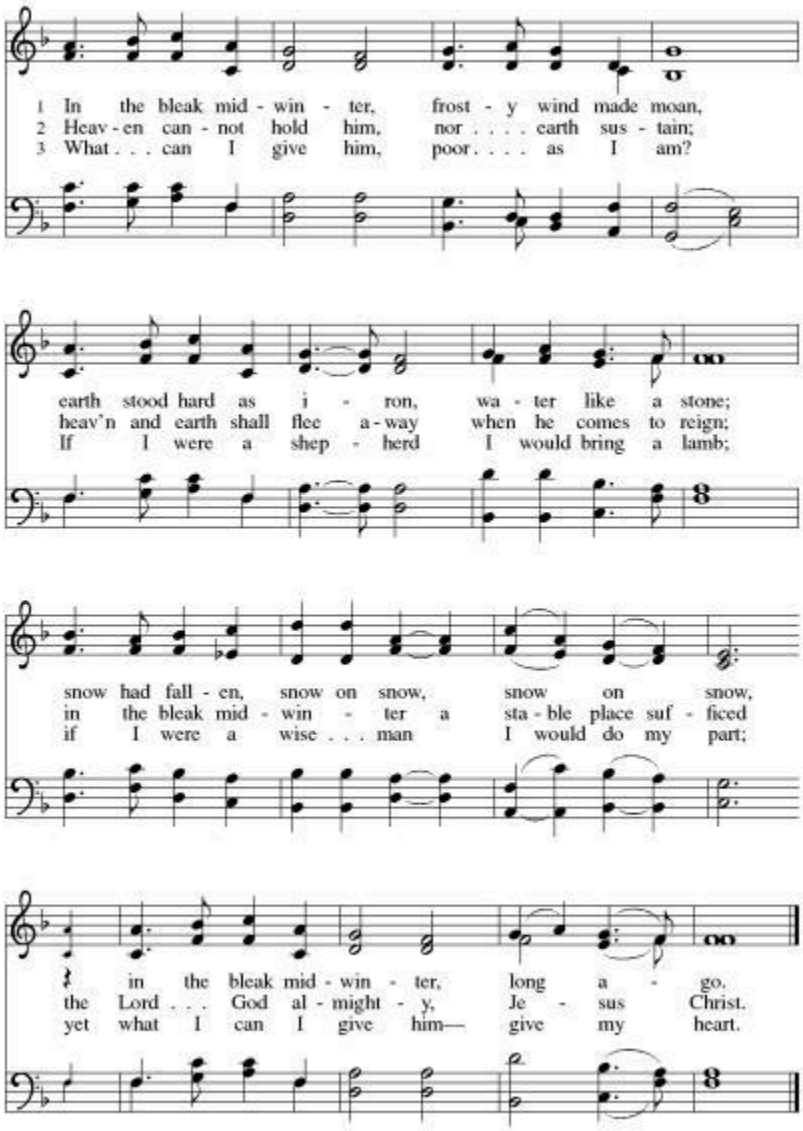
<u>Distribution</u>

Zion welcomes and encourages those of all faith backgrounds to communion. We believe that the death and resurrection of Christ makes us all worthy and needing of the sacrament regardless of background, age or any other factor.

Communion Hymns "Jesus, the Light of the World" (ACS 914)



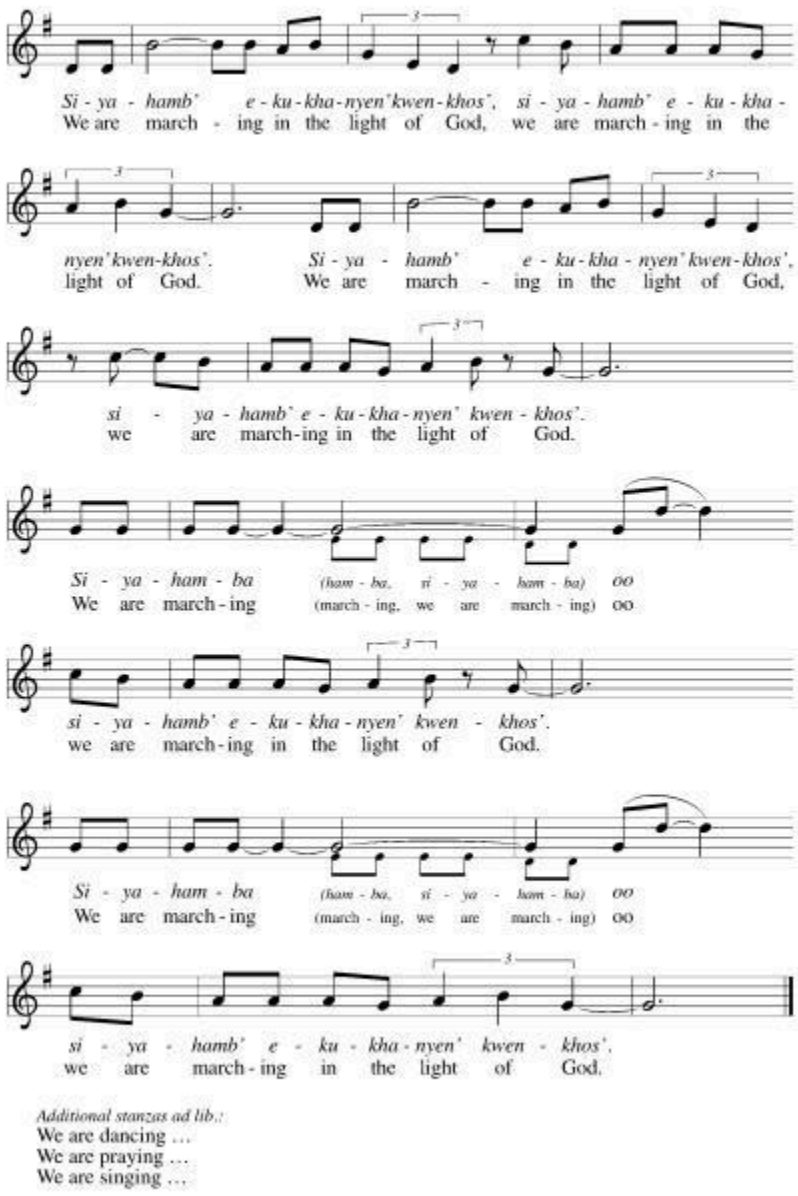
“In the Bleak Midwinter” Hymn 294



<u>Post-Communion Prayer</u>

Pastor: Now may this the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in his grace, now and forever. **Amen**.

Recessional Hymn "We Are Marching in the Light of God" Hymn 866



Benediction

Pastor: Go forth to sing and bless God's name.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

For great is our God, and greatly to be praised!

Alleluia! Praise our God!

God looks upon you with favor and grants you peace.

Dismissal

Assistant: Go in the peace of Christ and be living grace. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Scott Schroeder

Today's Worship Leaders:
Assistant Minister: Judy Arthofer
Lector: Russ Ayers
Cantor: Joyce Stearnes Thompson
Cross Bearer: Ethan Schroeder
Juniors Teachers: Cecelia Mac-Smith/Eric Podolsky

Staff:
The Rev. Matthew Bode, Pastor
Office Manager: Stacey Jamison
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Chancel Choir Director: Roger Smith
Organist: Scott Schroeder
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