

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

ELW Holy Communion Setting One



**Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

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## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

*The music offered during the Prelude helps us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may comment briefly upon the service of the day, and then leads the assembly in confession.*

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

*The service continues with gathering hymn*

**Gathering Hymn**

***O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!***

**ELW 308**

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and  
light,  
aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,  
our Lord and Savior, you have won  
our hearts to serve you only!  
Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious,  
all victorious,  
rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 Come, precious diamond, light divine,  
and deep within our hearts now shine;  
there light a flame undying!  
In your one body let us be  
as living branches of a tree,  
your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily  
earth's deep sadness  
may perplex us  
and distress us,  
yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.
- 3 Lord, when you look on us in love,  
at once there falls from God above  
a ray of purest pleasure.  
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
You are our dearest treasure!  
Let your mercy  
warm and cheer us!  
Oh, draw near us!  
For you teach us  
God's own love through you has  
reached us.
- 4 Almighty Father, in your Son  
you loved us, when not yet begun  
was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
to live in him here and above:  
this is your great salvation.  
Alleluia!  
Christ the living,  
to us giving  
life forever,  
keeps us yours and fails us never!
- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation! Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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## GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *Gloria in Excelsis*



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

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

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 and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- <sup>4</sup> 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."
- <sup>5</sup> 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—
- <sup>6</sup> 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."
- <sup>7</sup> 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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 40:1-11

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the Lord,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> **The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- <sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**
- <sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none  
can be compared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can  
count.
- <sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not  
required.**
- <sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- <sup>8</sup> **'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'**"
- <sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- <sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your  
faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**
- <sup>11</sup> You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

- <sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother  
Sosthenes,
- <sup>2</sup> 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:
- <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been  
given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech  
and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened  
among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be

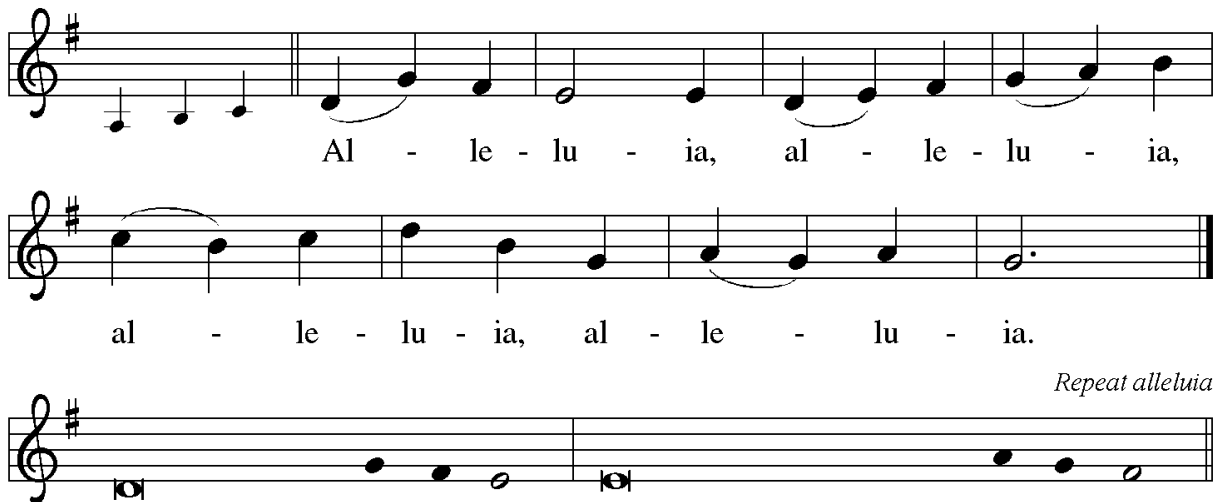
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*based on Col. 3:15, 16*

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



*Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule<sup>1</sup> in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell | in you richly. Alleluia.*

#### GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

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

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”<sup>33</sup> 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.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> 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?”<sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> 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 Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Sarah Hess**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

**ELW 696**

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Together we confess our faith:

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*An assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

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.

*A brief silence.*

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 (*current situations may be named*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

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*). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community (*local ministries may be named*). Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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.**

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.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

Let us offer to God what he has first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

**Amen**

*An offering is received for the work of the Church, including the care of those in need.*

## OFFERTORY SONG

*ELW 184*

*We rise to sing as the offering is brought forward.*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

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## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead the following prayer.*

Let us pray together.

**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.**

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

## **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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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**

*Isaiah 6:6 & Psalm 118:26*

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**

*On behalf of the assembly, the presiding minister offers a sacrifice of praise and thanks.*

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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:

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

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.

**Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

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

**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**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in the words of John 1:29:*

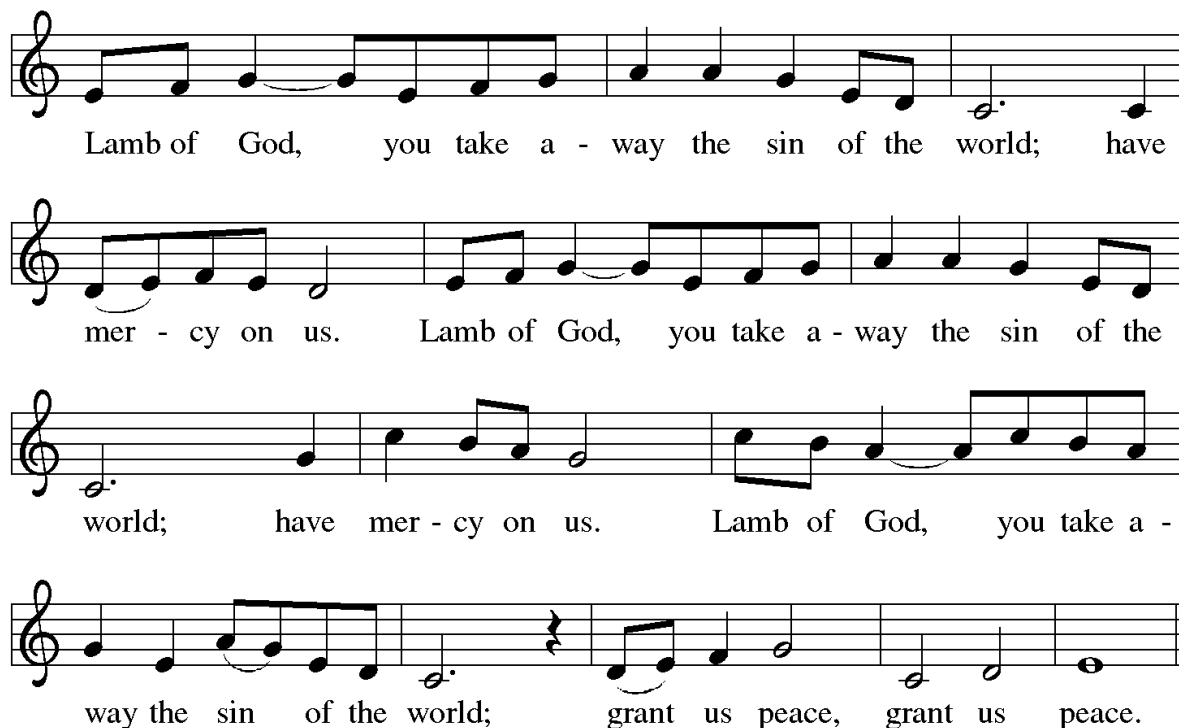
Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**Come to the table; taste and see.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## CANTICLE: LAMB OF GOD

*based on John 1:29*



## COMMUNION

*We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to his table. To learn about being baptized, speak to a pastor.*

*You may eat the Body and drink the Blood from the cup, or you may dip the Body into the Blood before consuming them together. Alternatively, you may cross your arms in front of your chest to ask for a blessing instead of either or both elements. Those who refrain may do so trusting that Christ is fully present according to his promise.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*A hymn may be sung or the organ may play quietly as the assembly comes forward to share in the Meal.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*The presiding minister blesses those who have shared in the meal.*

The true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his most precious Blood strengthen you and preserve you unto everlasting life.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads prayer after communion.*

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.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

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| 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,<br>among us with your grace,<br>that evil may not harm us<br>nor we to sin give place.             | 4 Abide with richest blessings<br>among us, bounteous Lord;<br>let us in grace and wisdom<br>grow daily through your word. |
| 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,<br>among us with your word<br>and thus now and hereafter<br>true peace and joy afford.             | 5 Abide, O faithful Savior,<br>among us with your love;<br>grant steadfastness and help us<br>to reach our home above.     |
| 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness<br>among us, precious Light;<br>your truth direct and keep us<br>from error's gloomy night. |  |

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588-1632; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923

### **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Liturgical Elements**

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