



# Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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**Presentation of Our Lord**



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



**Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:**

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

**With Regard to Holy Communion:**

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

**To the Parents of Children:**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

## **PRELUDE: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**



### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

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.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: We Are Marching in the Light of God**

*South African Traditional*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. \_\_\_ We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. \_\_\_ We are march-ing, march - ing, we are march-ing oo \_\_\_ we are march-ing in the light of God. \_\_\_ We are marching, march - ing, we are march-ing oo \_\_\_ We are march - ing in the light of God. \_\_\_".

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are  
march-ing in the light of God. \_\_\_ We are march - ing in the  
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marching, march - ing, we are march-ing oo \_\_\_ We are  
march - ing in the light of God. \_\_\_

**GREETING**

**Pastor:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

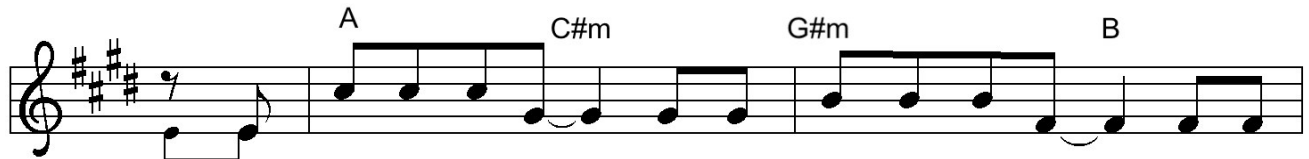
# THE KYRIE



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



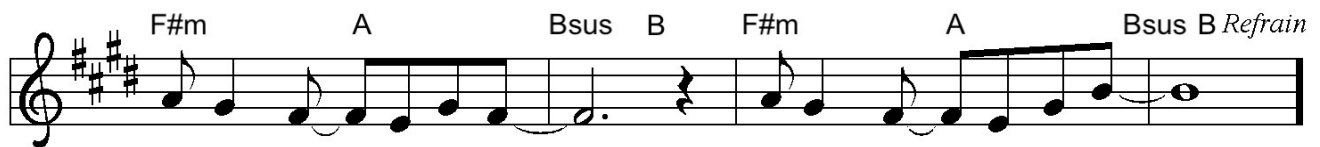
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# THE GLORIA

*Refrain* F (ped) Gm/F F Eb/F F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

F Cm/F Bb/F Ab/F F Eb Db Ab Eb/G

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

Eb Ab Bb7 Eb Cm Ab

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Fm Ab Bb *Refrain* F (ped) Gm/F F Eb/F

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -

F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F

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

F Eb Ab Eb Ab

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Cm Bb2 Bb F Eb Ab

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Bb Db Cm Fm/Db Eb

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

Ab Bb7 Eb Cm Db Bbm/Db Fsus/C C

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain* F(ped) Gm/F F Eb/F F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F Ab

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

Fm Eb Cm Db Bbm C

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

single Eb Db/Eb Eb Ab Db Eb Fm Db

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Bbm C Ab Fm/Db Eb/C Eb

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Db Bbm Eb Cm Db Fm/Bb Bb/C C

A - men. A - men. A - men.

F2 *Final refrain* Bb/F F Bb/F F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

Bb/F F Bb/C C F Gm

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -

F/A Bb Amaj Dm Gm Bb Gm/C F2

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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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### FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

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### PSALM: Psalm 84

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>6</sup> **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup> They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> **LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>9</sup> Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

<sup>10</sup> **For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather stand  
at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;  
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

<sup>12</sup> **O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!**

## SECOND READING: 1 Hebrews 2:14-18

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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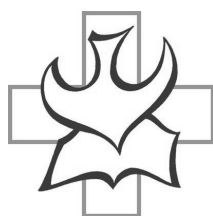
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, C/E, Dm, C, C/A, Bb, C, F, F/A, Bb2, 8va, F/A, Bb2, Gm7, C7, F, Bb2, F/A, Bb, 8va, F/A, Bb2, Am, Dm, Bb/C, Fsus, F.



## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40**

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**



## HYMN OF THE DAY: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

**HOMILY:** Pastor Paul

### CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

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.



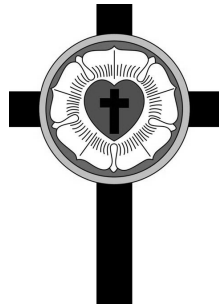
**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** Response: Hear our prayer.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Alex Alcaida, baritone saxophone: "February 2nd"

**OFFERING**

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C Am Em Bb/F Dm

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

G C Em Am

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

Bb Dm G Dm F/G G C

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Em Am Em Amaj D G Amaj

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

D Am D G Am Em

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

Bb/F Dm G C Em F C/G Bm Emaj

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

**ALL:** God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer ....

**People: Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

A 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, Lamb of God.



# DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



## COMMUNION HYMN: I Received the Living God



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.





## COMMUNION BLESSING

**Pastor:** May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

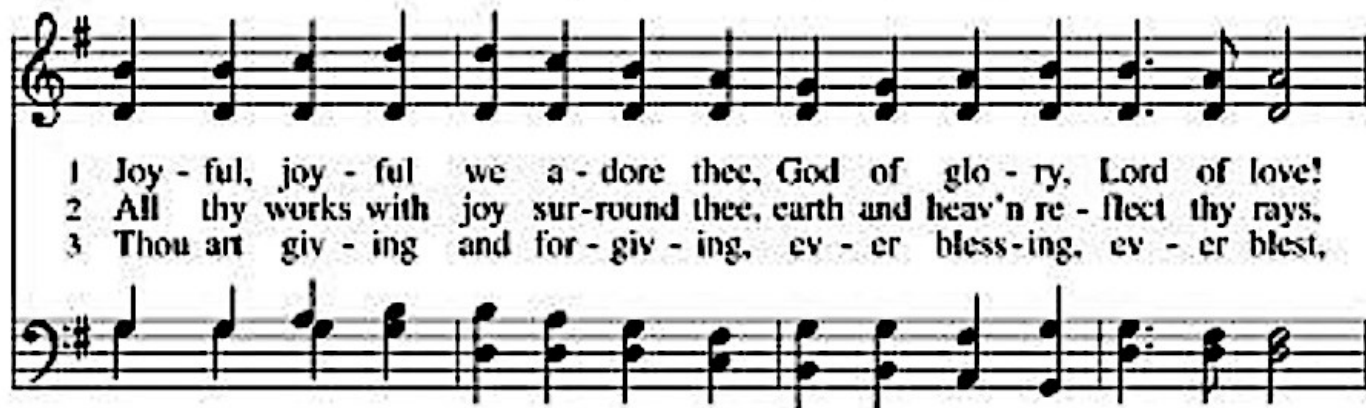
**Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

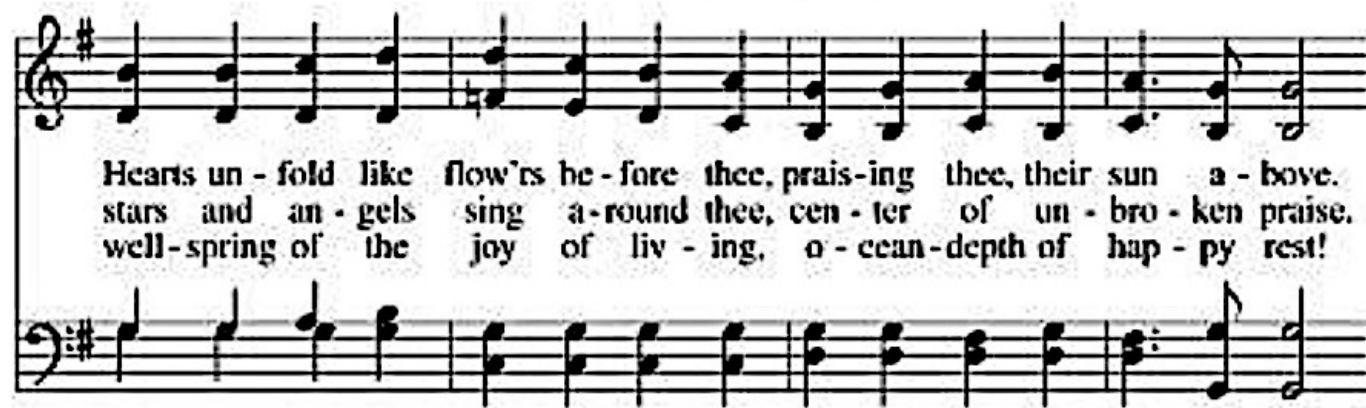
### BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



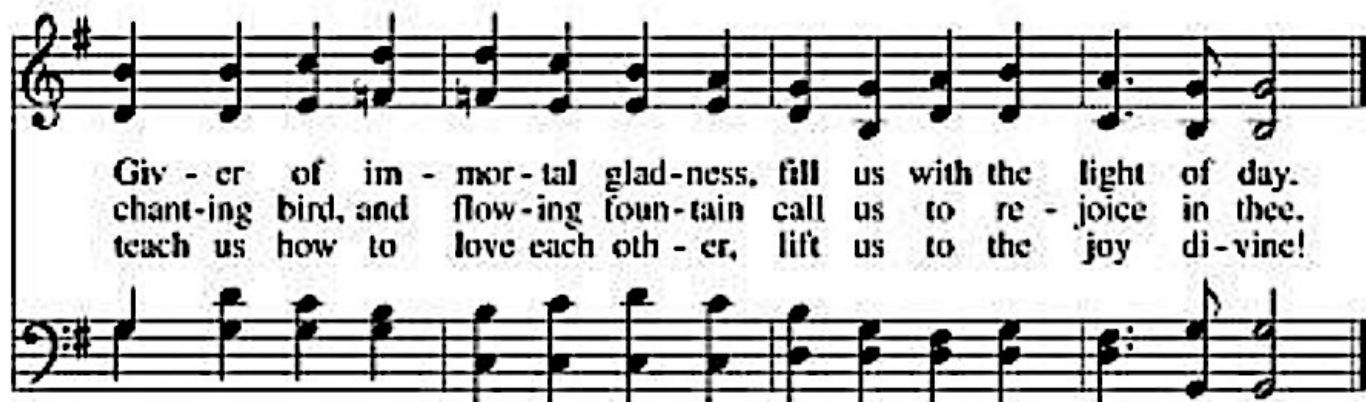
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flashing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope..

**Thanks be to God.**



*Go Now  
in Peace*



## SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Feb 2	Vicki Coyle	Susan Conrad	Ed Moderacki
Feb 9	Sally Leara	Vicki Coyle	Rick Henly
Feb 16	Susan Conrad	Brenda Heydt	Antoinette Walder

## FLOWERS

Feb 2	For:	
	From:	
Feb 9	For:	Niece's Birthdays
	From:	Maggie Harrer
Feb 16	For:	For Our Children's Birthdays on February 10 & 12
	From:	Paul & Lorraine Miller

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 2	Sunday School
Feb 16	Sunday School
Feb 17	President's Day: Church Office Closed
Feb 17-21	School Closed: Winter Break
Feb 18	Council Meeting: 7:30pm

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