



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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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: Cindy Day: What Wondrous Love Is This



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: Cares Chorus

Cares Chorus

Kelly Willard

C Gsus Am
I cast all my cares up - on You.

C/G F C/E Dm7
I lay all of my bur - dens down at Your

Gsus G C C/Bb Am
feet. And a - ny-time that I don't know what to

Fm/Ab C/G Gsus F C
do I will cast all my cares up-on You.

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

(CONGREGATION SINGS THIS AFTER WORSHIP BAND SINGS EACH VERSE)

Gm C7/E Fsus F F/A F/Bb C Dm Gm C7/E Fsus F Bbmaj7 Csus C
Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on me;

Gm C7/E Fsus F F/A F/Bb C Dm Gm C7/E Fsus F F/Bb C F
Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on— me.

THE GLORIA

REFRAIN:

D G D G D B m
Glo-ry to God in the high - est. and peace
E7 A A7 D G D D
to his peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
G D B m E m D *to verses*
high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

VERSE:

F#m D B m D7 G
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
E m A F#m D F#7 B m
Lamb of God: - You take a - way the sin of the world;
B m G E m A A7 D F#7
have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
B m D7 G E m D A A7 *to Refrain*
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ 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.

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

¹⁰ 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.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



PSALM: Psalm 1

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

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

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

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

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

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



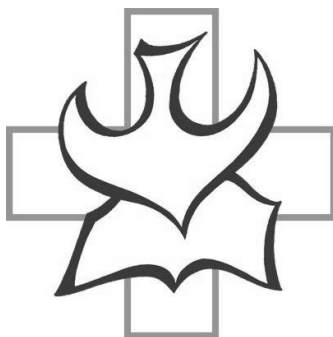
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A D E F#m A7 D

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

A F#7 Bm7 E7 A Bm7 E A

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - - - ia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ [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. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

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

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

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

²⁵ “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.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Blessed Are You

Blessed Are You

words & music by Bret Hesla



1 Bless-ed are you, the meek and low - ly, bless-ed are you, the
2 Bless-ed are you who mourn in sor - row, bless-ed are you who
3 Bless-ed are you de - fus - ing vi - o - lence, bless-ed are you de -
4 Bless-ed are you who of - fer mer - cy, bless-ed are you who
5 Bless-ed are you who thirst and hun - ger, bless-ed are you who
6 Bless-ed are you, the poor and down-trod, bless-ed are you the



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you shall in - her - it the earth.
com - fort shall come to you.
you are the face of hope.
mer - cy will al - ways be yours.
you shall be sa - tis - fied.
yours is the reign of God.



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: Brenda Moderacki

OFFERING

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Church of the Savior
643 Forest Avenue - Paramus, NJ 07652 OR Use the
QR code on right for your offertory giving.



A musical score for offertory giving, consisting of six staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bles - sing. Ga - ther a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Ga - ther the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: E, F#7, B, E, A, E, A, E, A, E, F#7, B, E, A M7, G#m7, A, E, B, E, F#7, B7, E, A, E, F#7, B7, E7, A M7, G#m7, B m7, A, E.

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.

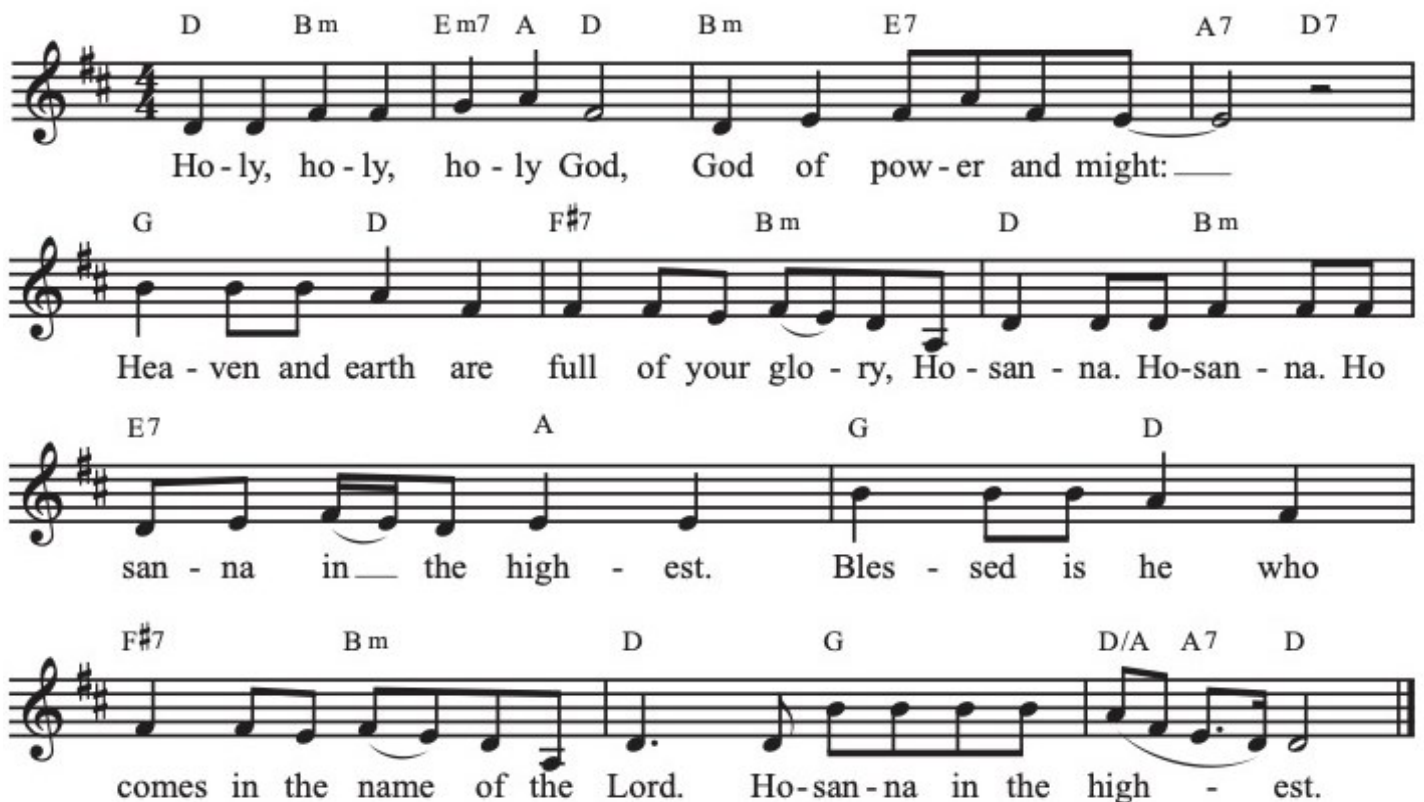
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



D Bm Em7 A D Bm E7 A7 D7
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of pow - er and might: —

G D F#7 Bm D Bm
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho

E7 A G D
san - na in — the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

F#7 Bm D G D/A A7 D
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

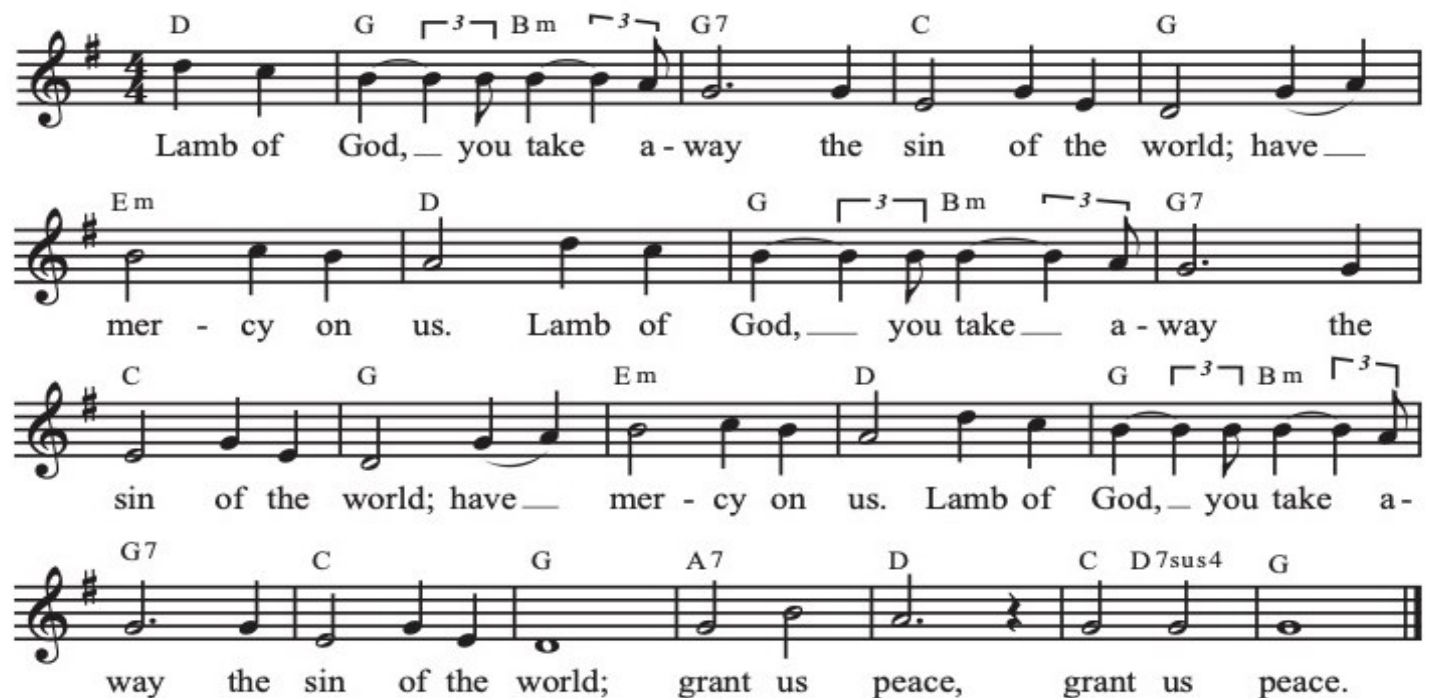
...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

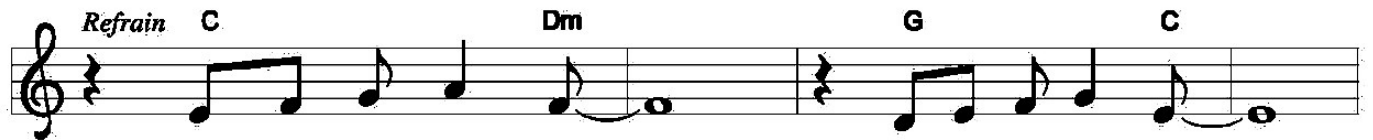


Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

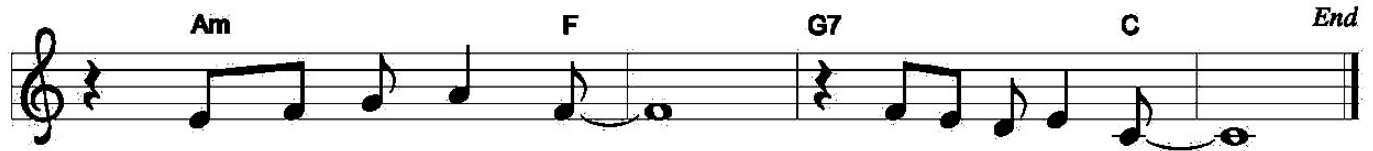
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COMMUNION HYMN: Change My Heart, O God



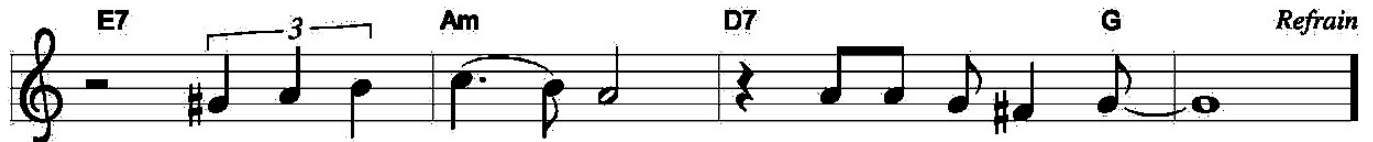
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.



COMMUNION BLESSING

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

G D/F# Emin Bmin
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give
 C G/B Emin F Dsus4 G
 thanks, — be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a
 D/F# Emin Bmin C
 grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, be-cause He's
 G/B Emin F Dsus4 Bmin Emin
 giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 Amin7 D7 G CMaj7
 strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has
 F Dsus4 Bmin Emin Amin7
 done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the
 D7 G CMaj7 F
 poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for
 Dsus4 G Amin/G D G
 us. Give thanks! — Give thanks! — Give thanks! —

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

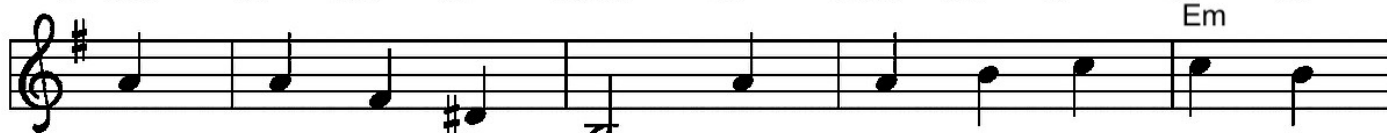
BENEDICTION

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Oh, Sing to the Lord (Cantad al Señor)



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope..

Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Feb 16	Susan Conrad	Brenda Heydt	Antoinette Walder
Feb 23	Ed Moderacki	Maggie Harrer	John Leara
Mar 2	Dave Johnsrud	Laurie Feingold	Ed Moderacki

FLOWERS

Feb 16	For:	For Our Children's Birthdays on February 10 & 12
	From:	Paul & Lorraine Miller
Feb 23	For:	Blessings on the Duffy Family
	From:	Marge Duffy
Mar 2	For:	John & Jonathan Roessler's Birthdays
	From:	The Roessler Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Mar 1	Men's Breakfast
Mar 2	Sunday School

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