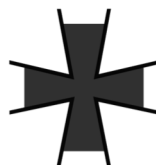


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**Prelude:** "Thy Strong Word" - Behnke / Hobby

*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Welcome

## Gathering Hymn: "Thy Strong Word" ELW #511



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!

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## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

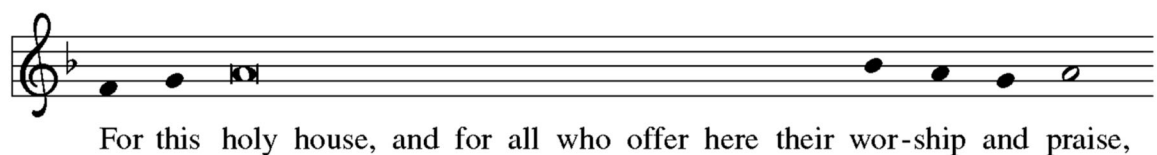
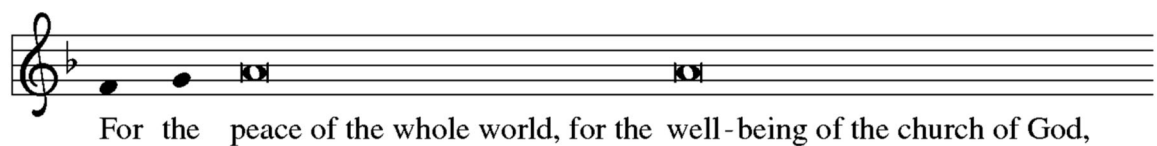
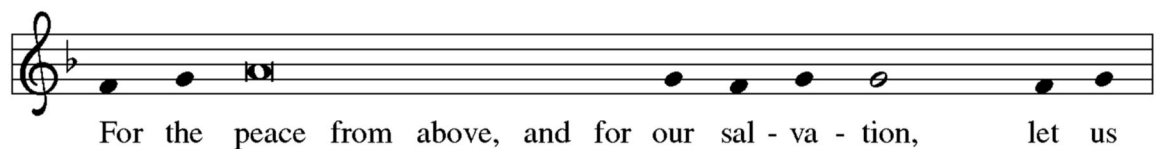
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

Thus says our God:  
"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."  
God's mercy makes us new.  
We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

# Kyrie



# Glory to God



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



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



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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



2 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.



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



3 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.  
*Refrain*  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

*Lector: Judi Twedt*

- <sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
- <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
- <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
- <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Music Voluntary:** "How Great Our Joy" - Anne Krentz Organ  
*Memorial Handbells*

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

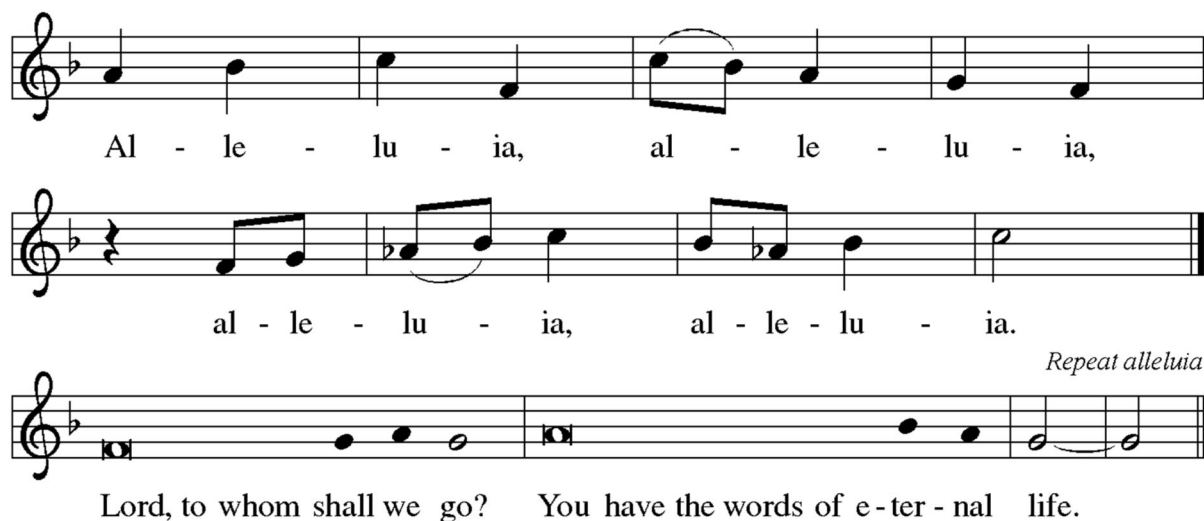
*Lector: Judi Twedt*

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23**

The Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* ELW #798



1	“Will	you	come	and	fol -	low	me	if	I	but	call
2	“Will	you	leave	your -	self	be -	hind	if	I	but	call
3	“Will	you	let	the	blind -	ed	see	if	I	but	call
4	“Will	you	love	the	you	you	hide	if	I	but	call
5	Lord,	your	sum -	mons	ech -	oes	true	when	you	but	call



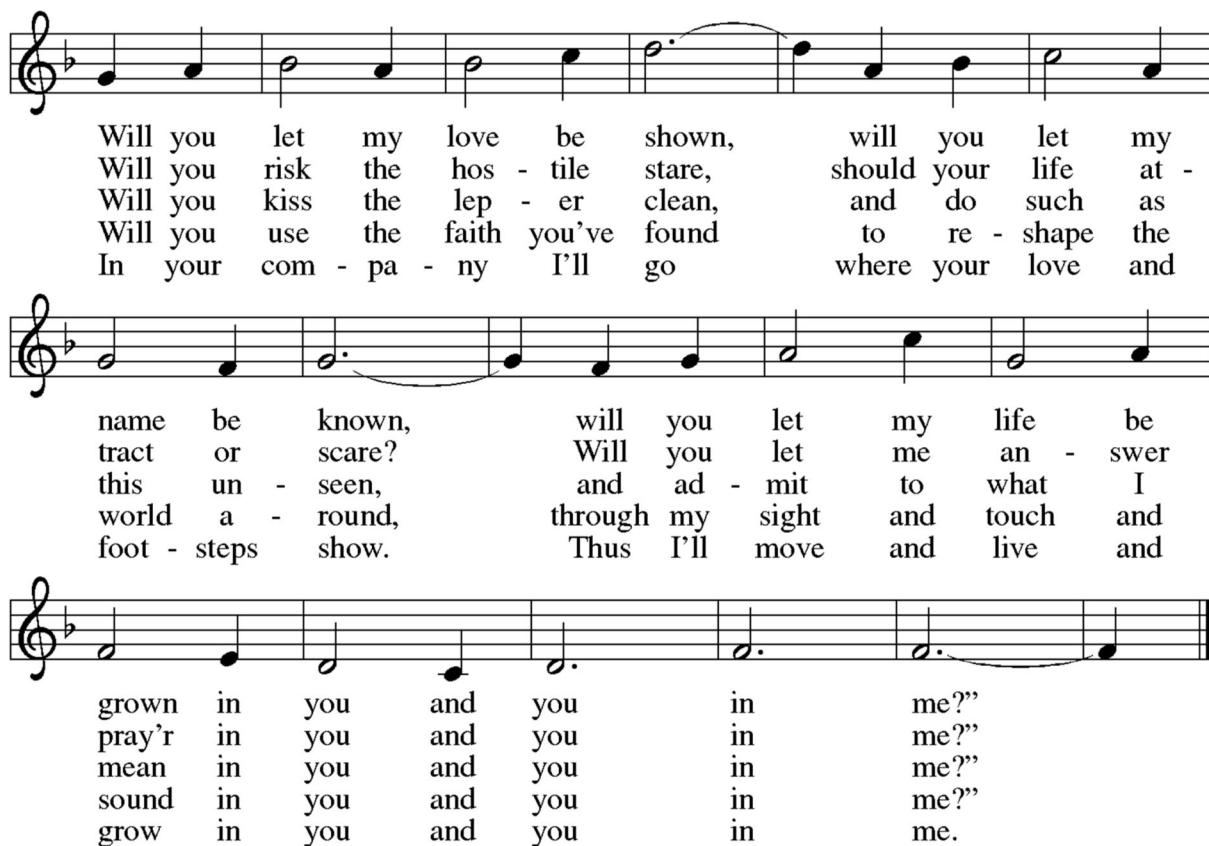
your	name?	Will	you	go	where	you	don't
your	name?	Will	you	care	for	cruel	and
your	name?	Will	you	set	the	pris -	'ners
your	name?	Will	you	quell	the	fear	in -
my	name.	Let	me	turn	and	fol -	low



know	and	nev -	er	be	the	same?
kind	and	nev -	er	be	the	same?
free	and	nev -	er	be	the	same?
side	and	nev -	er	be	the	same?
you	and	nev -	er	be	the	same.







Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## 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 power of 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**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Response:*

*P: "Merciful God,*

*C: receive our prayer"*

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## THE MEAL

### Offering

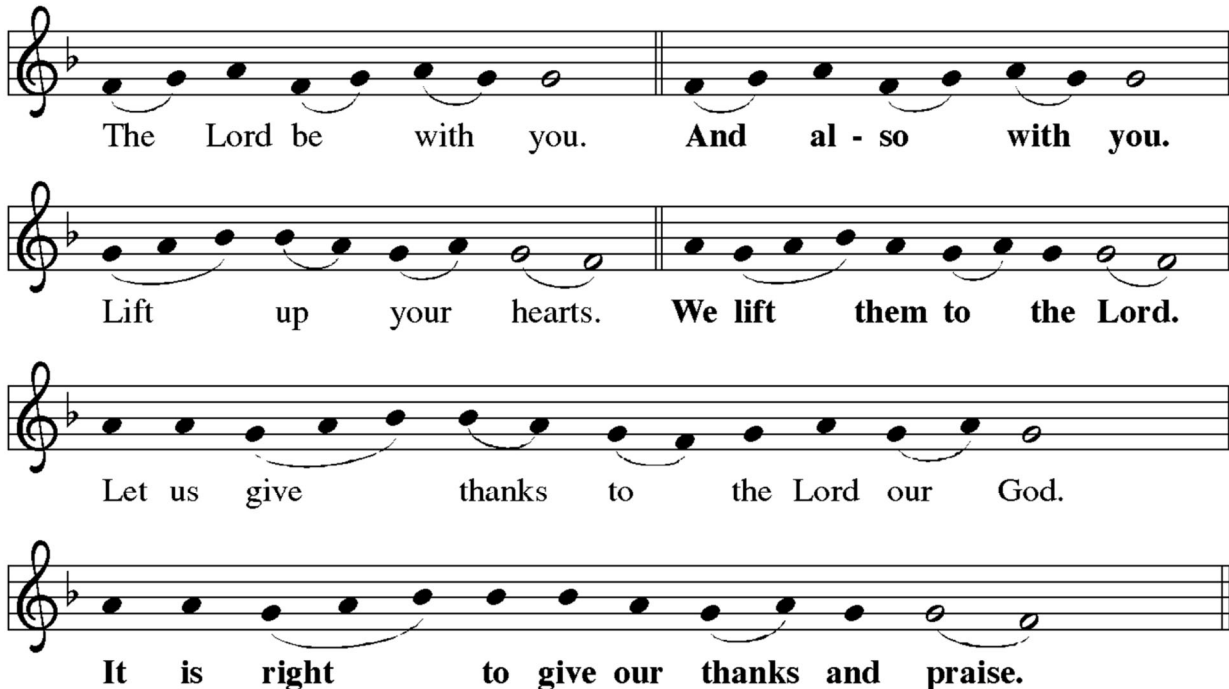
**Music Voluntary:** *"Be Thou My Vision"* - Karen Thompson

*Memorial Handbells*

### Offering Prayer

Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving



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.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

It is indeed right... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

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

Come and taste the joy of God!

## Communion Hymns: "Lamb of God" ELW Setting 2

"I Come with Joy" ELW #482

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" ELW #696

## Lamb of God



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.

# I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

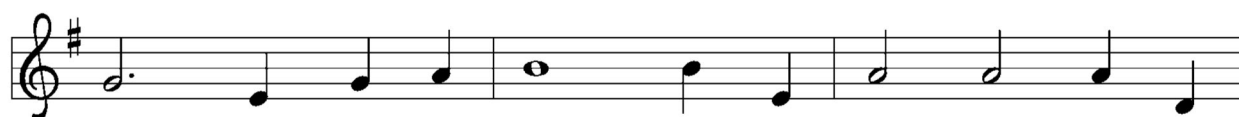
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## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

### Prayer After Communion

Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

### Announcements

### Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: "Light Dawns on a Weary World" ELW #726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"Thy Strong Word"* - Kevin Hildenbrand

*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

*Prayers for Judy and Kip Farthing following the death of their son, Wade Farthing.*

*Prayers for Susan Radke and family following the death of her husband, Jerry Radke*

*Prayers for Betty Davis, Dan Bappe, and Shari Dobson  
following the death of their brother Larry Bappe*

*Prayers for the family of Rev. Don Rothweiler following his death*

*Prayers for Teresa Krebs and family and friends  
following the death of Teresa's husband, Kim Krebs*

Carol Vincent	Jim Dalthorp	Jami Tharp
Cassie Harrell	Connie Krupp	Fred Samuelson
Jean Smith	Randy Matthews	Larry Christian
Ken Borwick	<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	Jaylee Bartleson
Maddie Dunham	Family and friends of	Sheila Collingwood
Judy Johnson	+Max Carey	<i>mother of Lyndsey</i>
Annette Dalthorp	<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	<i>De Vos</i>
Ellie Lynch	Jackie Byers	Judy Coverdale
Ernie Ruhde	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Family and friends of
Sierra Parr	Donna See	+James Stephens
<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	Katie Brockmeier	George Forsyth
Janet Jacques	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth</i>	Janeen Driscoll
Easton Farrington	<i>Brockmeier</i>	Lynn Harris
Janice Hartz	Norma Dannan	Julie Sutherland
	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>	Jan Cook
	Michael Neal	



## **Announcements**

### **Thank you for your generosity!**

As 2022 year-end statements are being sent out, we want to thank you for your giving of donations, time, and talents over the past year. This church and its mission exist and thrive due to your continuing support. *Thank you!*

### **Meals for the Lotz Family**

A sign-up is now available to provide a meal for the Lotzs during Pr. Kathleen's maternity leave. Sign up online here: <https://bit.ly/3vWeGWi> or call the church office. Meals may be brought to the Lotz's at 728 9th St., Nevada between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM on the day of your sign-up. Thank you so much!

### **Faith Time: Nachos, Food at First food prep, and Valentine card making!**

All ages are encouraged to join us for Faith Time this Wednesday, January 25th. We'll enjoy some tasty beef nachos, help with Food at First food prep, and make Valentine's Day cards.

What: Faith Time Service Night

When: Wednesday, January 25th

5:45pm: Nachos

6:30pm: Food prep and card making

### **Donations Needed for HUGS Project at St. Patrick's**

St. Patrick's is collecting hats, underwear, gloves, and socks to be donated to Harmony Clothing Closet. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to Memorial by January 31st and we'll make sure they get to St. Patrick's / Harmony. Thank you!

### **Now Accepting Lawn Care Proposals**

It's hard to imagine, but Spring will be here before we know it and Memorial is now accepting lawn care proposals from companies and individuals. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the church office.

### **Offering Envelopes Coming Soon!**

For everyone who has received offering envelopes in the past, they will be arriving on your doorstep very soon! We are working with a new company and very much appreciate your patience. In the meantime, generic offering envelopes are available for pickup in the Narthex.

This year, envelopes will be in a weekly format and will be mailed out quarterly for the upcoming quarter. We also now have the ability to make quick changes to addresses or to add people to the list, so please let us know if you have an address change or would like to start receiving envelopes.

## Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/give> or by scanning the QR code. **You can now begin giving to MLC's "A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place" project!**



## *Save the Date*

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### **Beer & Theology**

*Join us for fun and fellowship at our monthly outing to Old Chicago!*

When: Thursday, February 2nd, 6:30pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

### **Celebration for Ewan Peter Lotz**

We will be celebrating the arrival of Ewan Peter Lotz (born January 5th) some time in late February or early March. Please stay tuned as we finalize details in the coming weeks!



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