Second Saturday after Epiphany

January 13, 2024
5:00 pm
St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Pre-Service Music: Adam Schmidt

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen.

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

God, our rock and refuge,

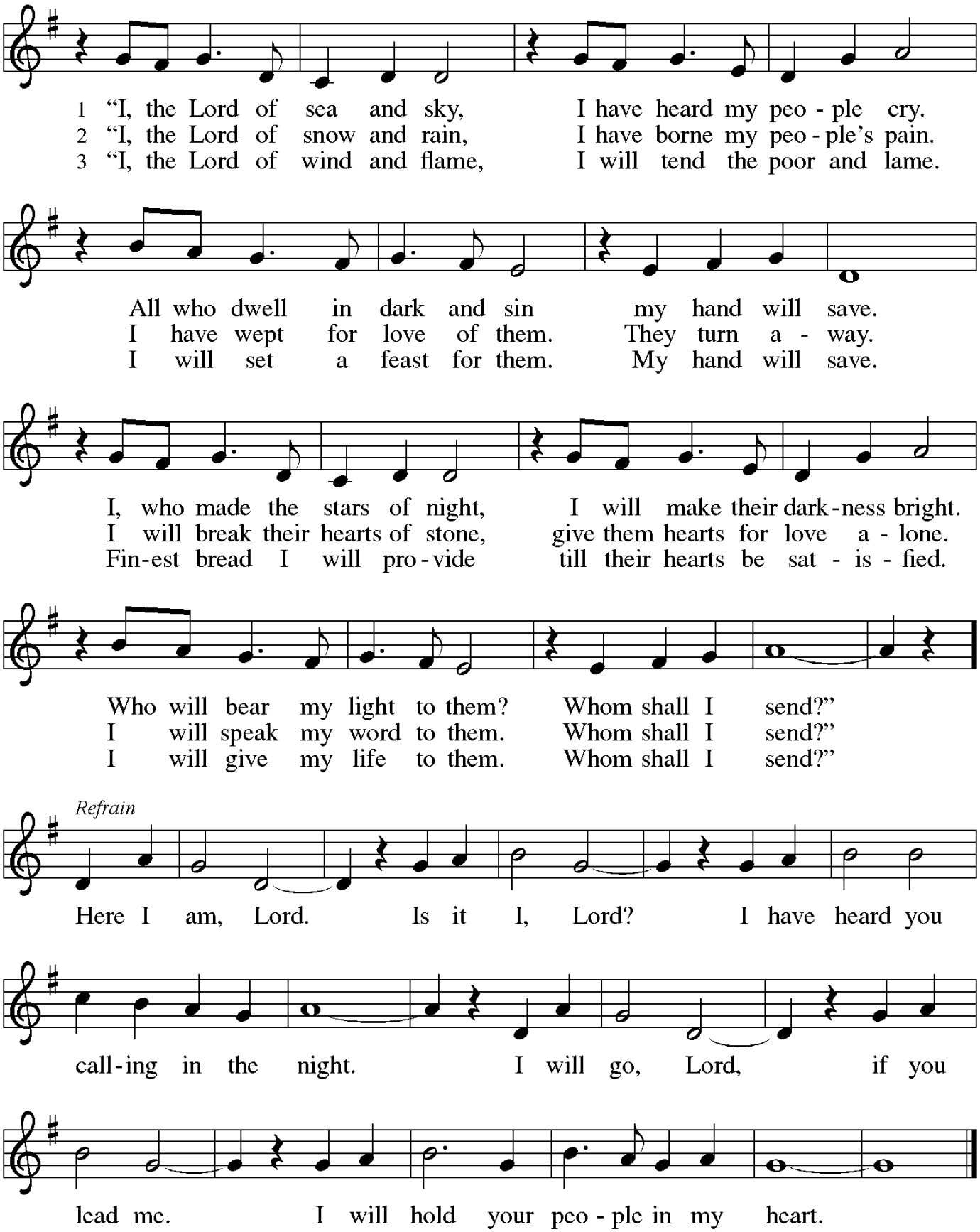
C we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. Because of the love of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: WOV 752

Here I Am, Lord



Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

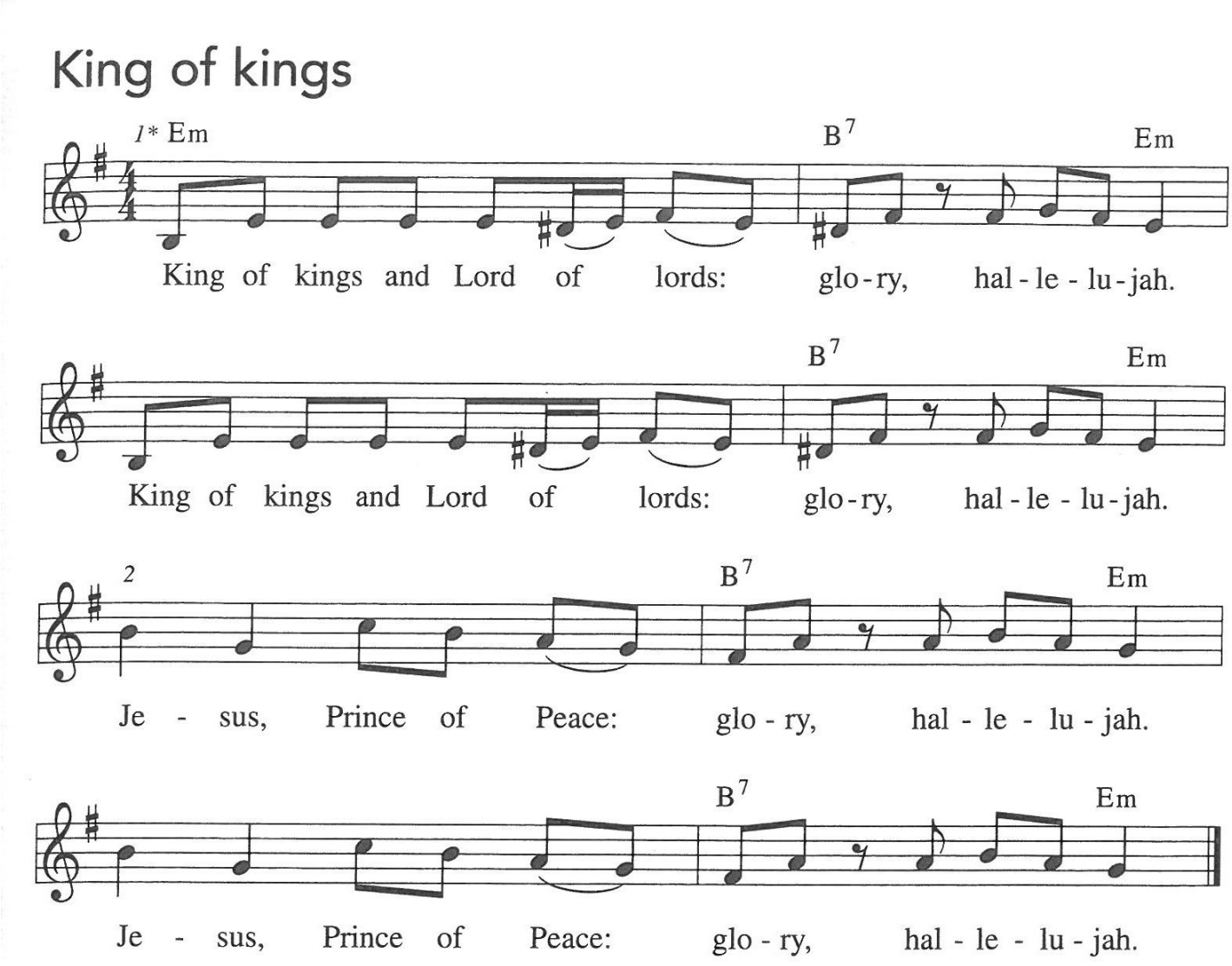
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Praise Hymn: W&P 80



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Today's Reader: Lynn Endres

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

A This is the Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God.

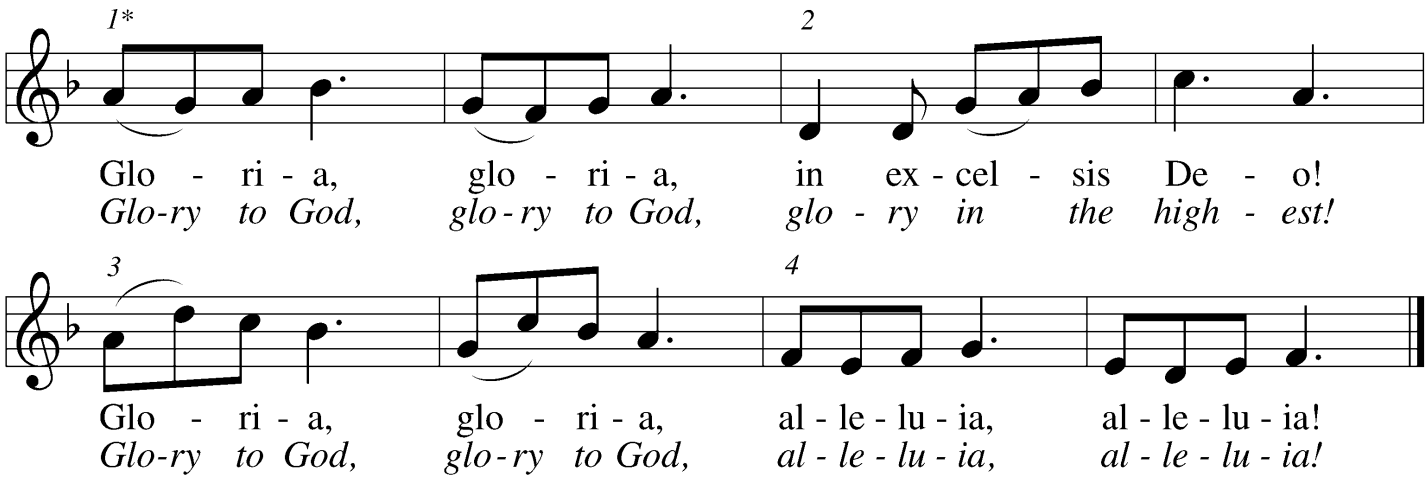
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (read responsively)
You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

A LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.
C You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
A You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
C Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
A You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
C Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
A For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
C I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
A My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
C Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.
A How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!
C If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

A This is the Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: WOV 640

Gloria



**May be sung as a round.*

P The Holy Gospel according to John the First Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:43-51

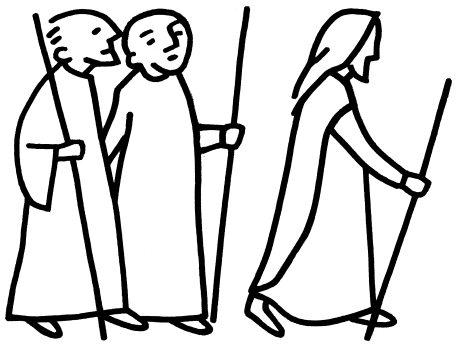
In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

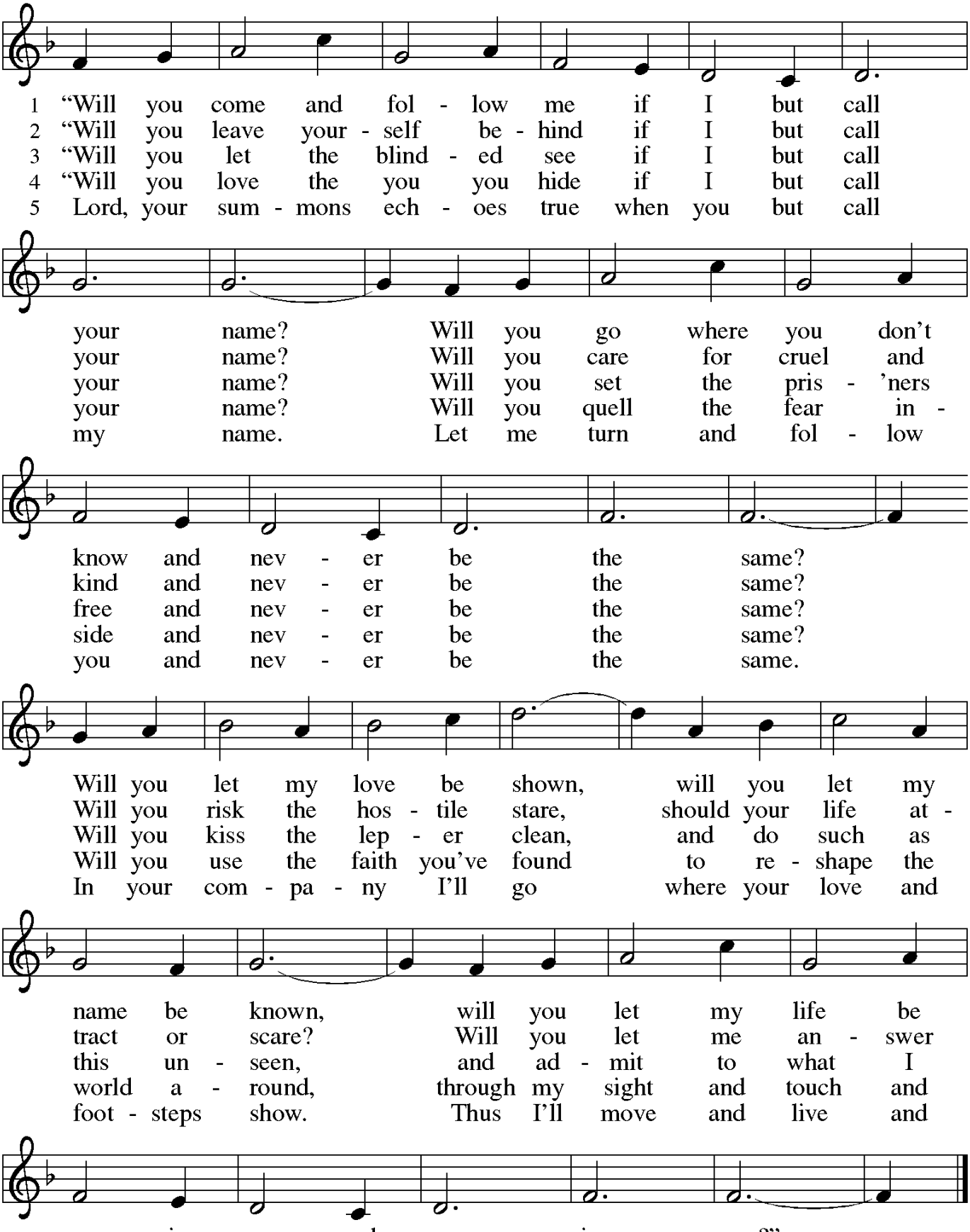
Sermon



Sermon Hymn: ELW 798 (on the following page)

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



Apostle's Creed

P Let's join to proclaim our faith in the Apostles' Creed:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 into hell. 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 the Church

P As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. (Please be seated.)

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now either silently or aloud. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints, especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Offering Hymn: W&P 19 (on the following page)

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

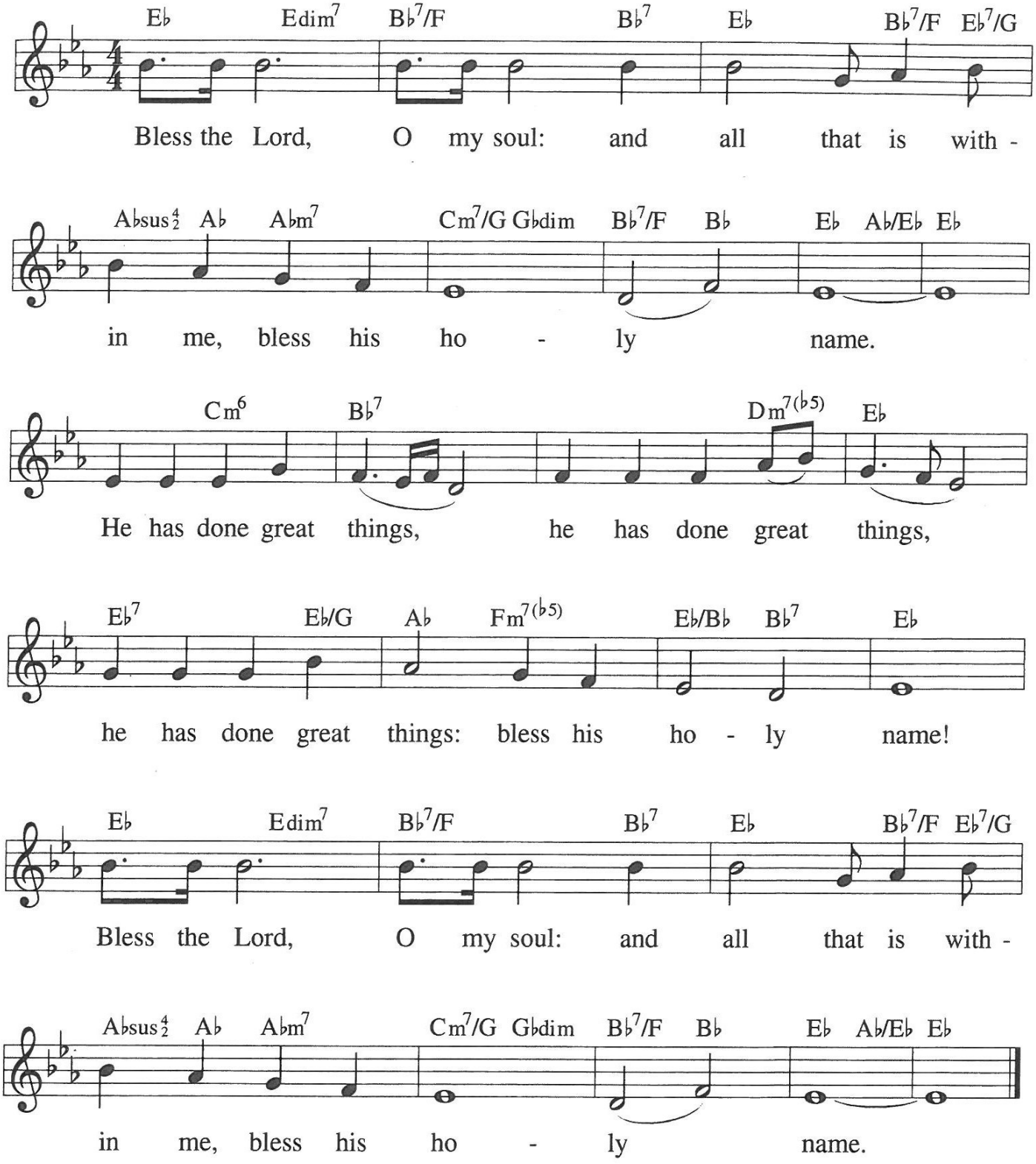
C **God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence, and your love. Amen**

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

Here are a couple of options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- **In-Person Worship**: Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- **Giving by Mail:** If you are not able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's - 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate. The website is: https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/

Bless his holy name



Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

Sanctus (spoken)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

Lord's Prayer

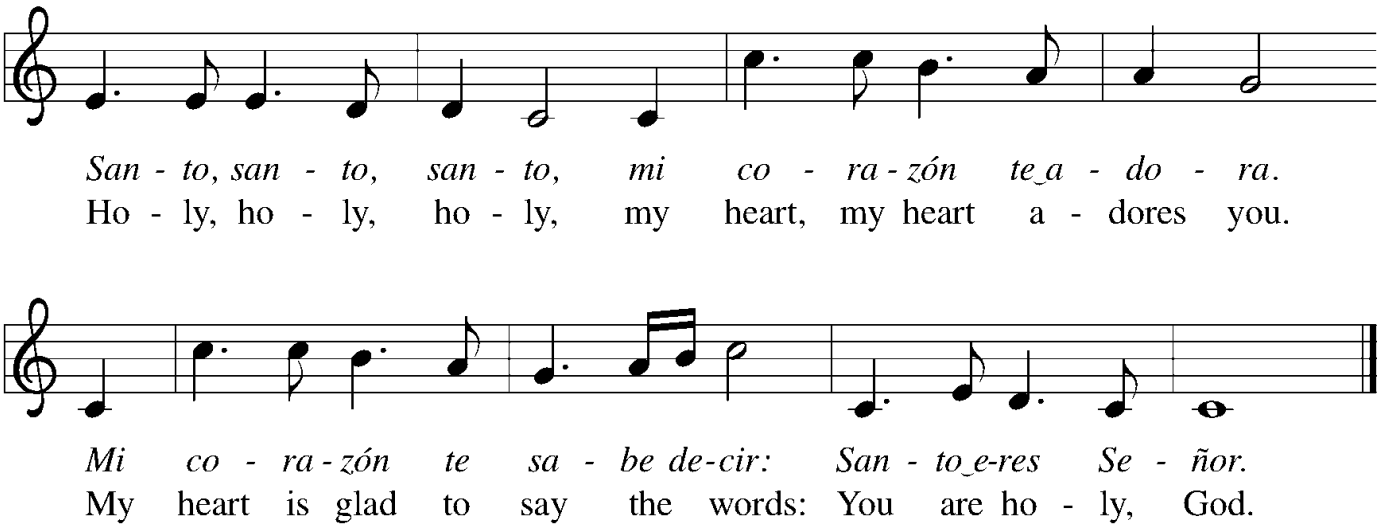
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C **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**

Communion Hymn: W&P 62

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo

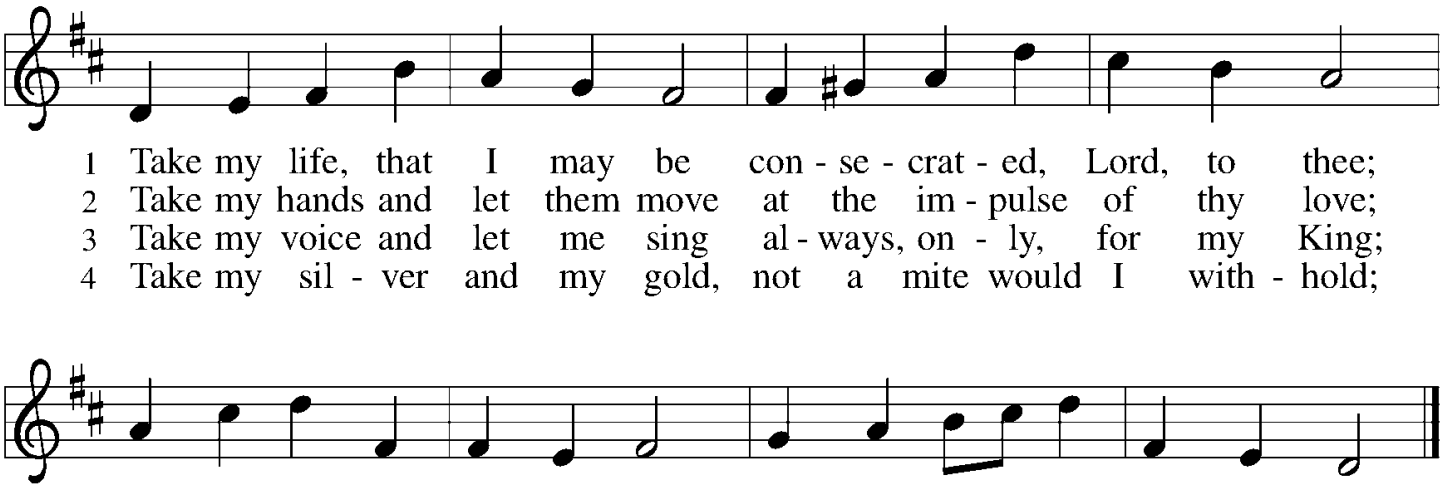


Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

<u>Holy Communion at St. Paul's</u>: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all.
Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the Assisting Minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

Distribution Hymn: LBW 406

Take My Life, That I May Be



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...

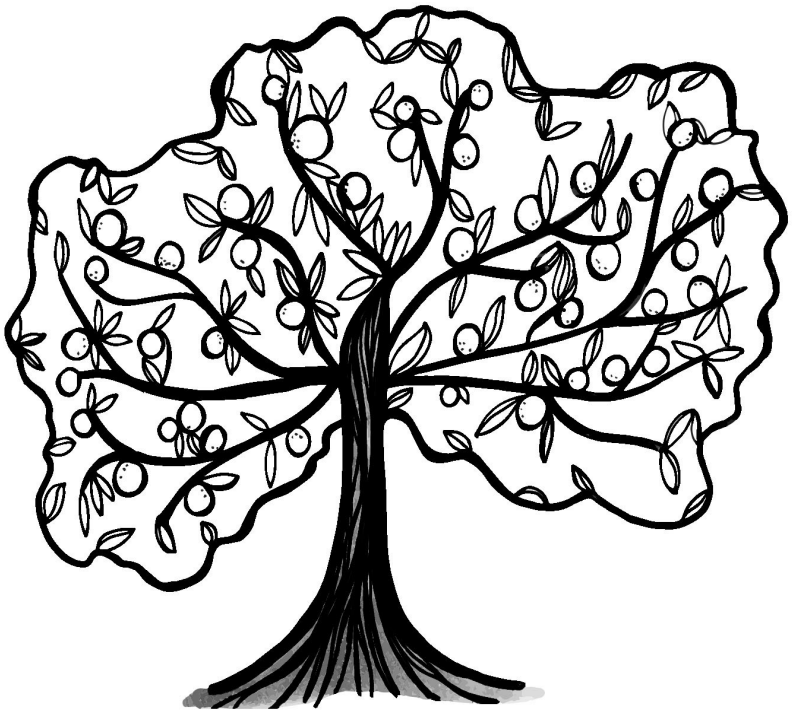
C Amen

Closing Hymn: WOV 652 (on the following page)

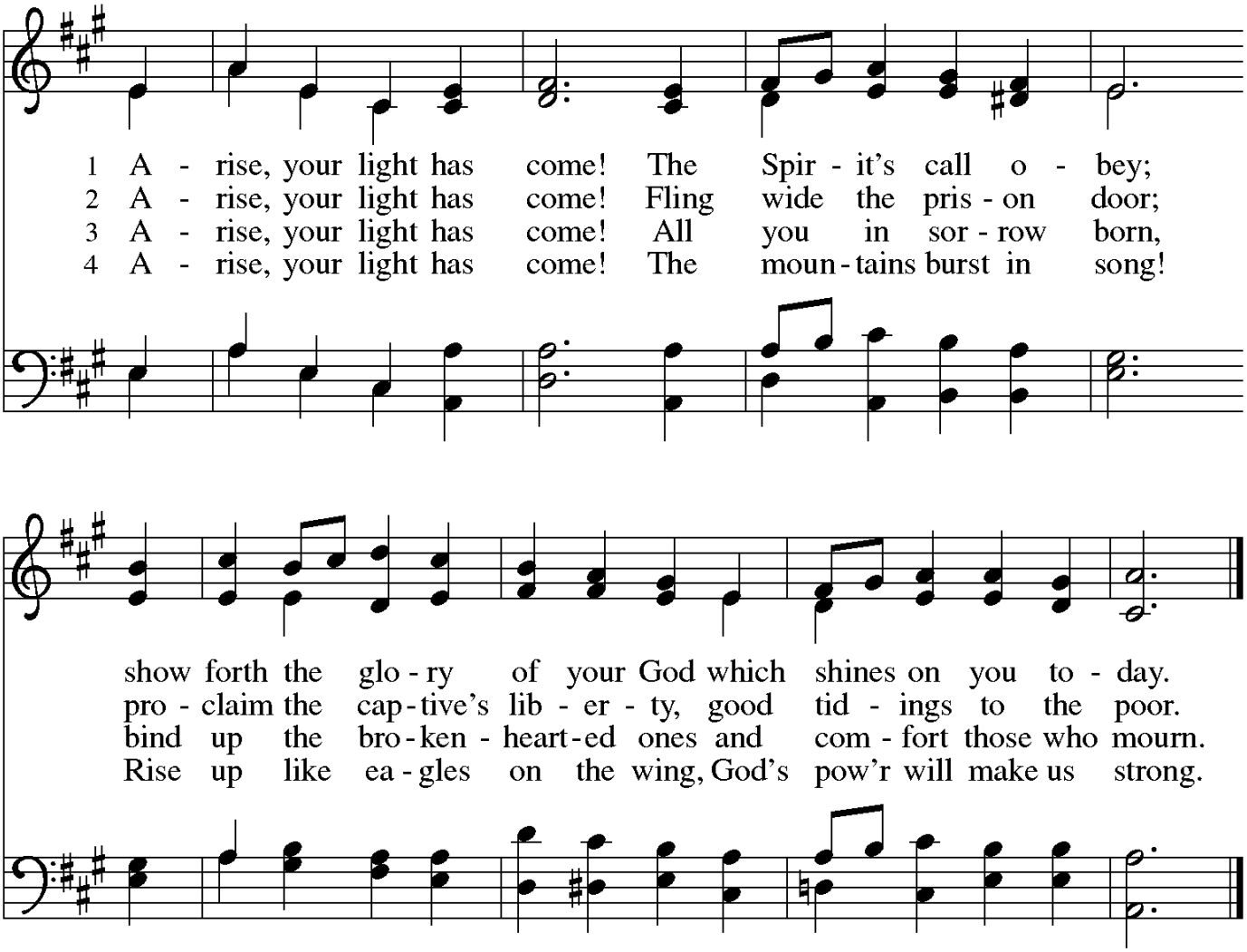
Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.



Arise, Your Light Has Come!



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: January 14-21, 2024

Sunday: 8:50-9:30 am: Adult Forum Returns
9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Sunday School
11:00 am: Snowball Golf Classic Meeting
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Monday: 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study
1:30-3:30 pm: GriefShare Meeting
5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
6:00 pm: Burrito Project

Wednesday: 6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group
8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II

Friday: 4:00 pm: Adult Retreat Weekend Begins at LCLC

Saturday: Adult Retreat Weekend at LCLC
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Prayer List: Shut-Ins (indicates new names or changes added this week)*

Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221
Neal DeLeo: Bristol Village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032
Marilyn Emerson: 33 Northfield Drive, Snyder, NY 14226
Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004
Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580
Dave Lampe: Ashley Woods, Room 8, 400 YMCA Way, Penfield, NY 14526
Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068
Ralph Mast: 150 Bissel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211
Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Basset Park, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221
*Marion Niblock: Beechwood Rehab, 2235 Millersport Highway, #714, Getzville, NY 14068
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051
Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221
Jane Woodward: Brothers of Mercy Rehab, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: We share our sympathy and prayers with Debra Davern (Tiger's Den volunteer) and her family in the passing of their mother; Thomas Maier

Bulletin Prayer List : Names will appear in the printed Bulletin for three weeks and then be moved to the Prayer Team list for continuing prayers. In this way, we will be able to continue praying for each person and provide specific requests for each one. If you are interested in becoming part of the Prayer Team, please see below.

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In-Person Worship: *St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Lutheran Campus, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.*

Church Unleashed: *If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.*

ALC Book Club: *Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 8, 2024. at 7:15 pm. In January and February, stormy weather months, please be sure to check your email late on the day of the meeting in case of cancellation, or call me if you have any questions (716-689-6365 or karinej@roadrunner.com.) Thanks for your enthusiastic participation in book club which always enriches, enlightens and broadens my reading horizons. Karin*

Prayer Team Ministry: *The Prayer Team Ministry is up and running. Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please contact Heidi at: Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com*

Daily Bread Food Truck: *The 2023-2024 Monday Meal Share is underway. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com*

Tigers Den Food Pantry: *The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The remaining pantry hours for January are: Thursday 1/18 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm; and Saturday 1/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for January: spaghetti sauce, canned peaches, and canned pineapple.*

GriefShare began Tuesday, January 9th GriefShare is a national grief recovery support group. There are 13 weekly sessions, and each week we will watch a video with experts in the field, and have time for reflection and group discussion. Topics include our personal grief journeys, how our grief impacts our relationships with others, loneliness, fear, anger, questions for God, and more. We will also talk about hope and resilience and learn practical tips for navigating grief. Join us and others who understand what you're going through. You can register via the office or the GriefShare website but it is not required. https://www.griefshare.org/groups/180632/registrations/new

Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30

If you are able to donate a basket for the Winter Golf Classic, it would be greatly appreciated.

Suggested ideas are: sports related, wine & beer, gift cards, entertainment etc.

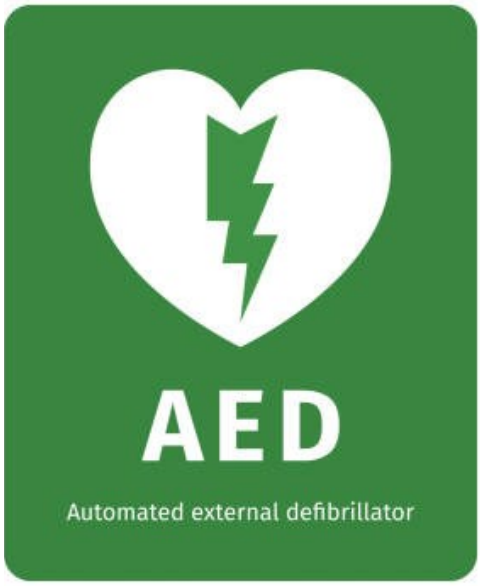
Please drop off to the church by February 1. Pam Wunderlin will shop for anyone if you prefer giving a cash donation. Thank you for your generosity for the Daily Bread Food Truck fundraiser.

AED Informational Training

Sunday, January 28 following the 10:00 am service

This training will allow you to learn how—and when--to use an automated external defibrillator (AED). Anyone responsible for or involved in St. Paul's ministries (to include deacons, ushers, Tiger's Den, etc.) is asked to attend this training or send an alternate. AED training is different from CPR training in that CPR is a procedure to keep the blood pumping when the heart stops, while an AED is a machine that will get the heart started again after it stops.

(Note: Completion of this informational training will **NOT** provide you with AED certification.)



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To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.
We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives, and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.

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