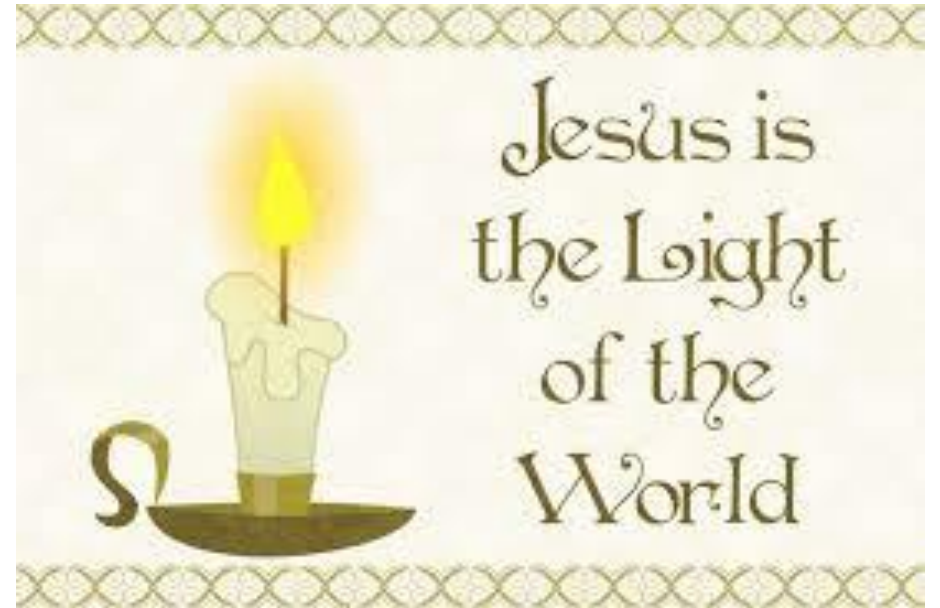
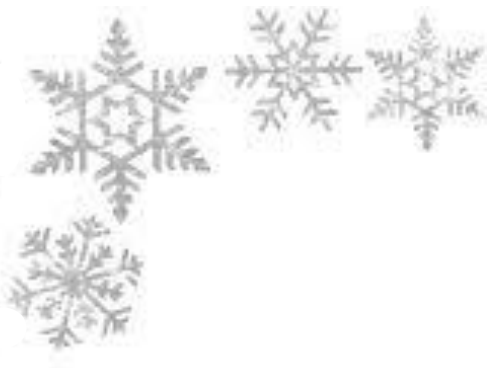


Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9:30 am

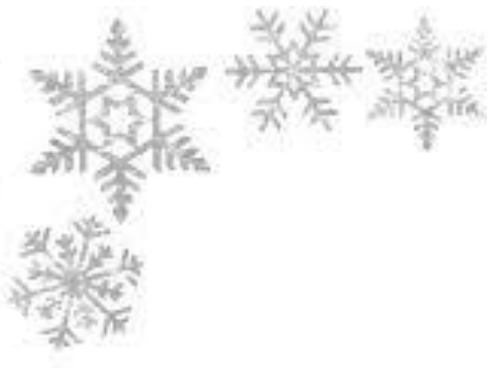




PRELUDE


WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS




P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
the eternal voice from heaven, the
anointed and beloved one, the Spirit
moving over the waters.

C: Amen.



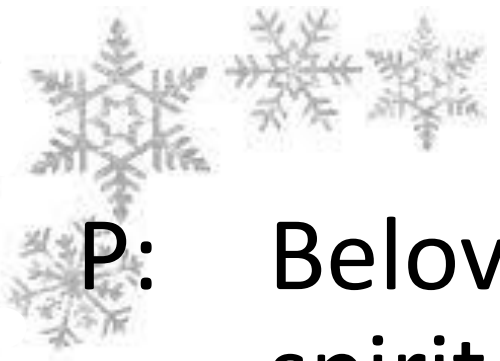
P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen. *(A brief silence.)* God who searches us and knows us,



C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have not been just in our dealings with others.



**We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves instead of
walking humbly with you. With what shall
we come before you? Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation in the face of
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**



P: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child: + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C: Amen.



OPENING SONG *“Gather Us In”*

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**



**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

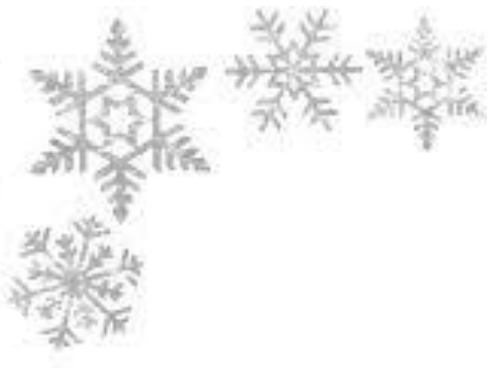


**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**



**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away--
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**



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

C: Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

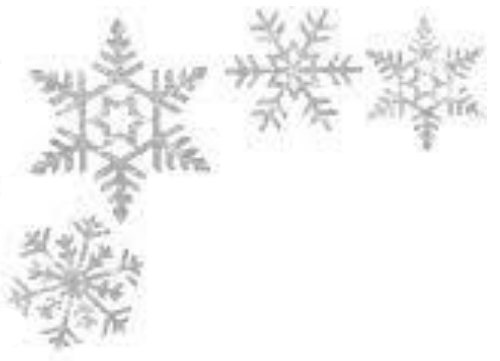
C: Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Lord God,

C: **with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



Children's Church

I Am a
Child
GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:6-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 58th chapter.

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?
Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds
of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the
oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not
to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the
homeless poor into your house; when you see the
naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from
your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



A Responsive Reading From Psalm 112

R: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.





R: Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

**C: Light shines in the darkness for the
upright; the righteous are merciful and
full of compassion.**





R: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

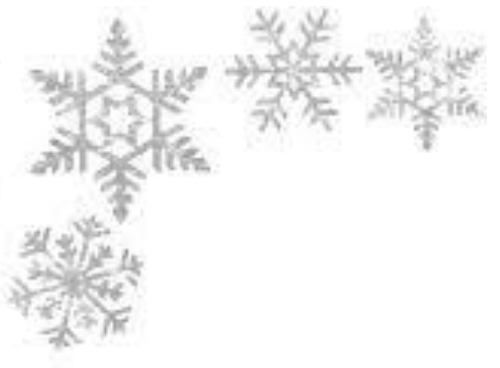
C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.





R: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**C: Their heart is established and will not
shrink, until they see their desire upon
their enemies.**



R: They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

C: Amen.

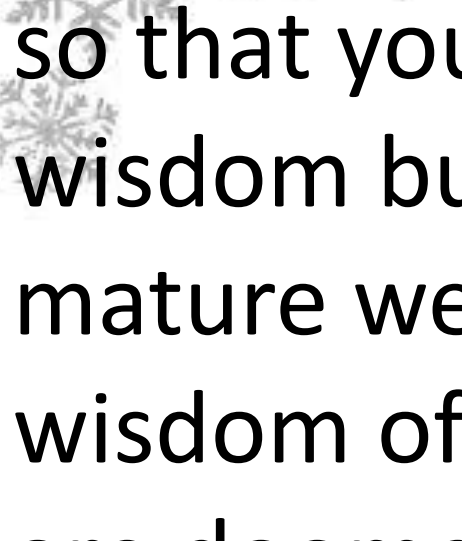


SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-7

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 2nd chapter.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,





so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



“ALLELUIA”



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others,

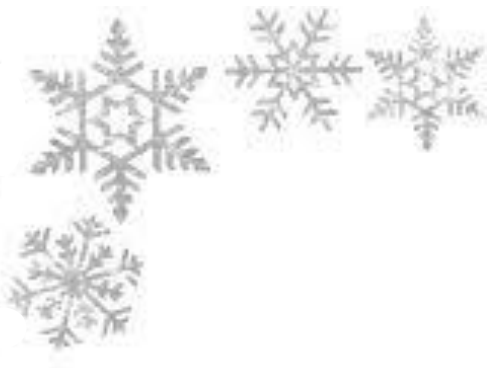
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON
“Keep Your Lights On!”



HYMN OF THE DAY *“Christ, Be Our Light”*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

**Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

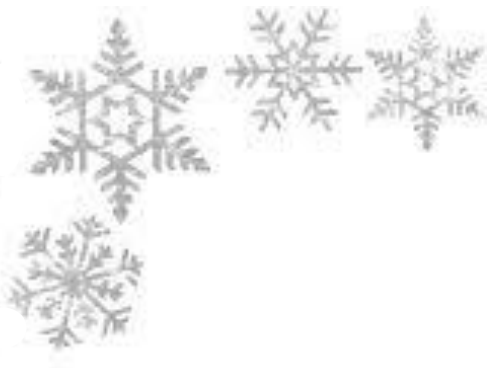
Refrain: Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.



**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***



Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.



**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain***



Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.



**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain***



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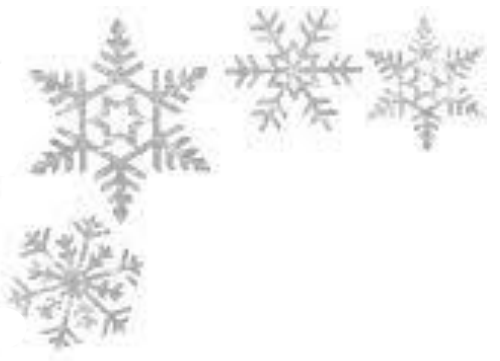
Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.



**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***



Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.



THE 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.***

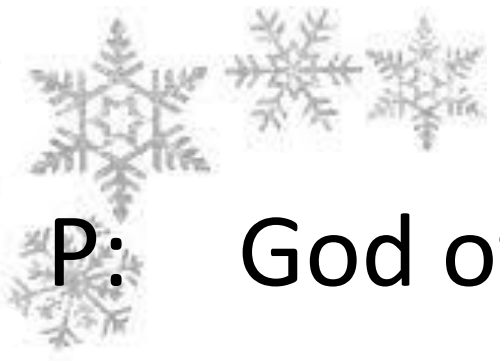


PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



P: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *(A brief silence.)* Holy God, it is your desire that all people might come to know you intimately. Lead our communities into deeper relationship with you. May your church radiate your righteousness to all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: God of creation, you quench the dry ground, bringing water that sustains life. Satisfy the needs of all the earth, so that all living things bear witness to your verdant grace and continue to shout your praise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

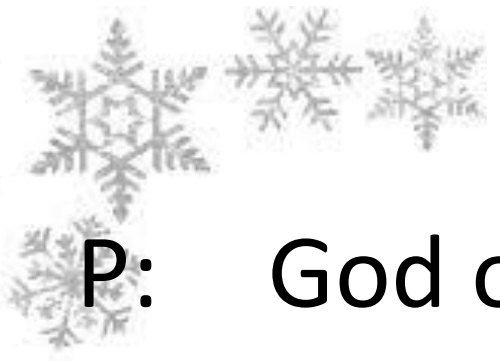


P:

God of glory, during your time here on earth you were crucified by powerful rulers who did not understand you. Grant leaders in our day wisdom and discernment, that they may recognize you in the lives of the people they serve. Hear us, O God.

C:

Your mercy is great.



P: God of justice, you free us from the oppression that binds us and exhort us to serve one another. Liberate us from all fear, bigotry, and greed, and set our hearts and minds on love, equality, and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: God of life, you reveal your saving love to us through the power of your Spirit. Bless those among us who are preparing to encounter your invigorating will in a new way, especially those preparing for or affirming baptism (*name/s*).

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

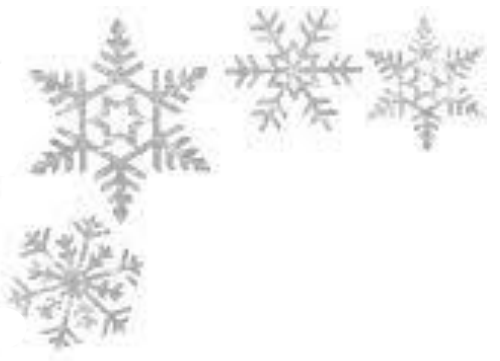




P: God of all eternity, we give you thanks for the lives of the saints who have pointed us towards faithfulness in you (*especially*).

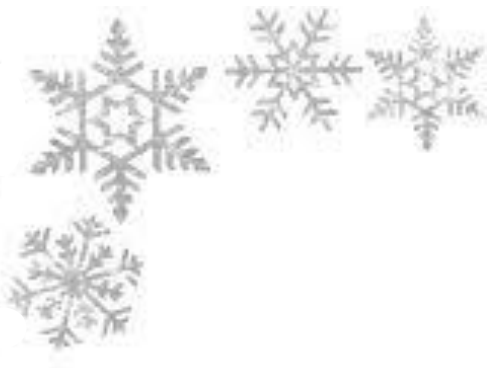
May we trust in your endless mercy and grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



SHARING PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**



VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY

“This Little Light of Mine”

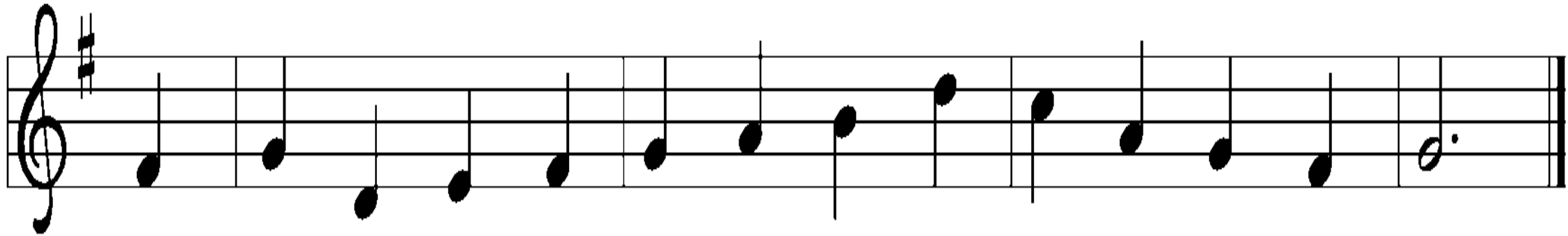
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OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,




all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.





OFFERING PRAYER



P: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our savior and Light.

C: Amen.



DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

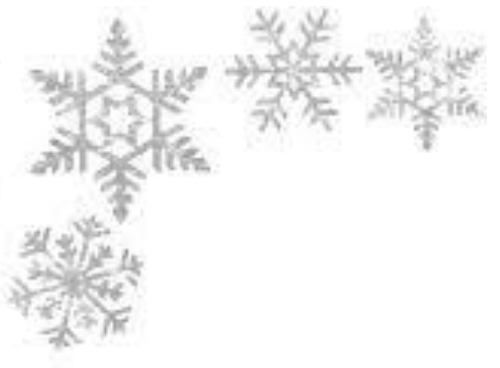
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks and praise
to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE 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.



~ **COMMUNION** ~

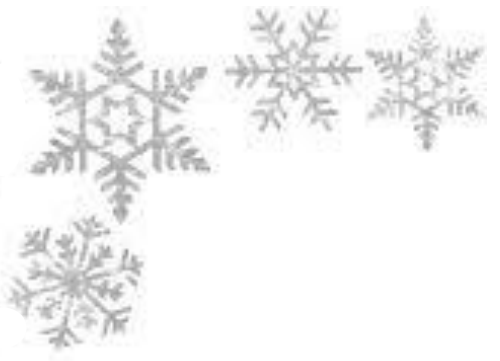


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



P: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.



BLESSING

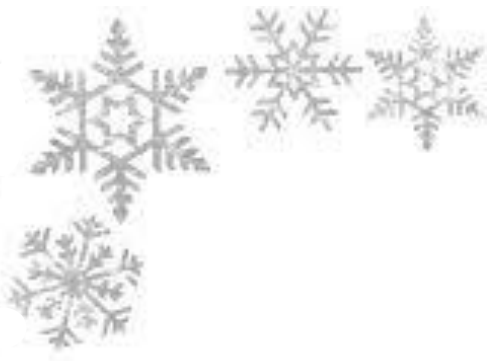
P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN *“Choral Benediction”*

**May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.**



**May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say.
May the love of God live in us today.**



**May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways.
May the peace of God be with us today.**



DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.













