

# **Faith Lutheran Church**

***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ***

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**9:30 am**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

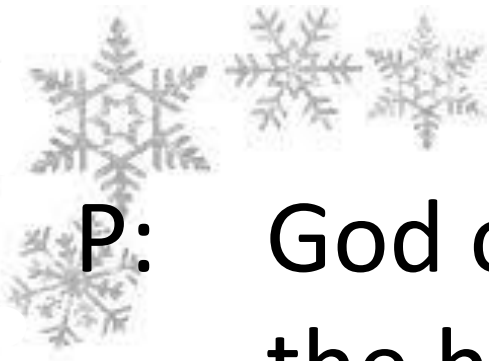
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of  
the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.


**C: Amen.**




P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**





**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**





P:

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



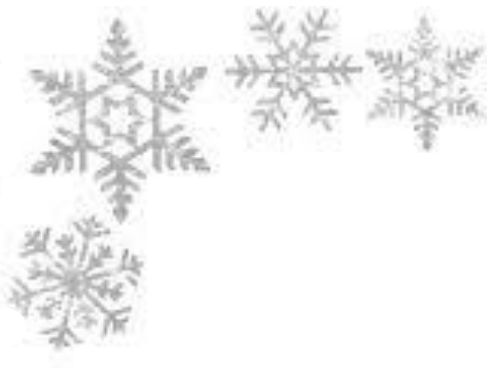
# **OPENING SONG**

## ***“All Are Welcome”***

**Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**





***Refrain***

***All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.***



**Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

***Refrain***

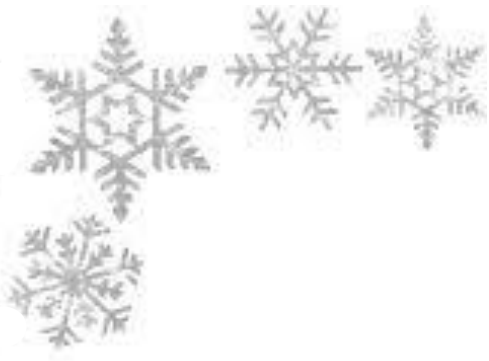
***All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.***



**Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

***Refrain***

***All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.***



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:** The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



COME JOIN US TODAY

# children's CHURCH



## **FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

A reading from Nehemiah, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.



He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands.

Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**


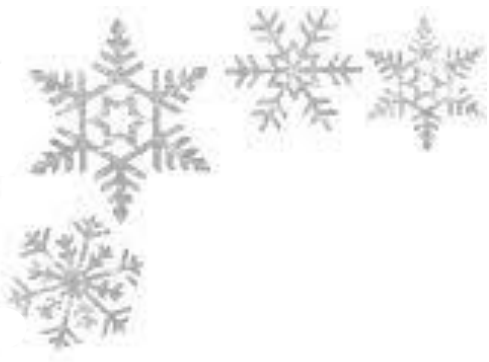


## **A Responsive Reading From Psalm 19**

R: The heavens declare the glory of God, and  
the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**C: One day tells its tale to another, and one  
night imparts knowledge to another.**





R: Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**C: their sound has gone out into all lands, and  
their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**



R: It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**C: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**





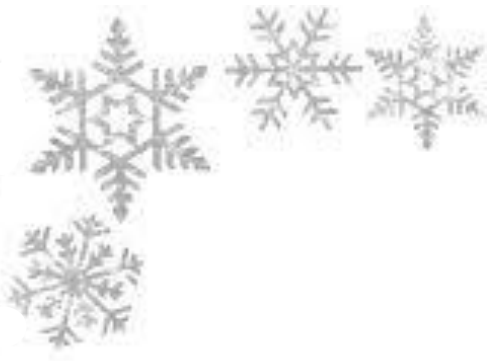
- R: The teaching of the LORD is perfect and  
revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD  
is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- C: The statutes of the LORD are just and  
rejoice the heart; the commandment of  
the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**



R: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**C: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**





R: By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**



R: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers;

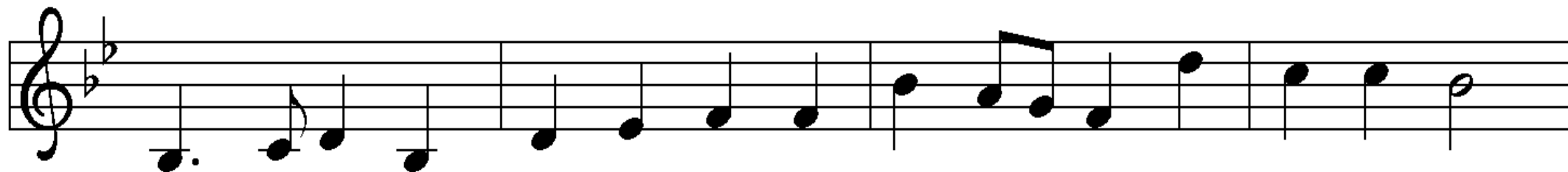
then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

R: Word of God, word of life.

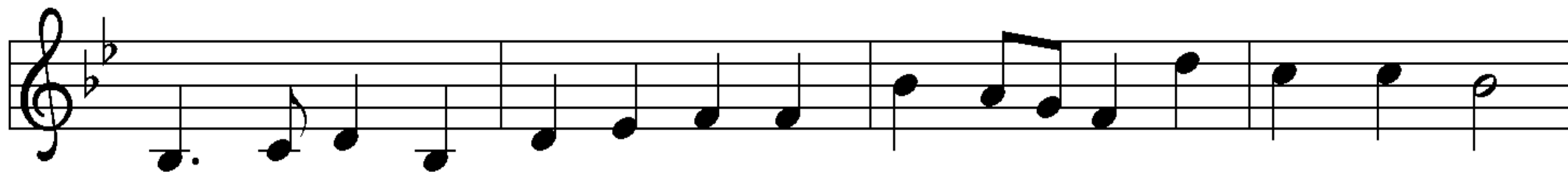
**C: Thanks be to God.**



## “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: Luke 4:14-21**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

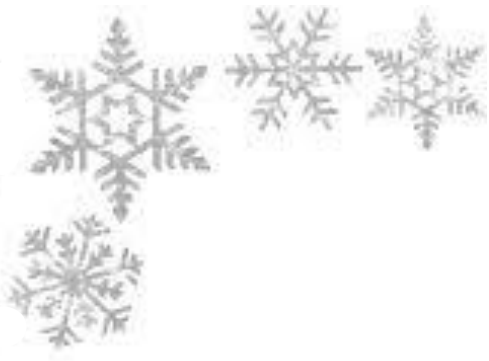
Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom.

He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

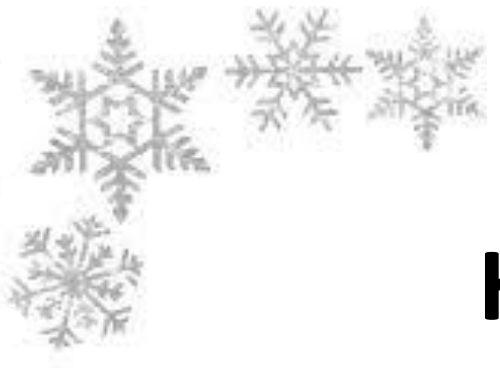
P: The gospel of the Lord.

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



# **SERMON**

**Pastor John Heins**



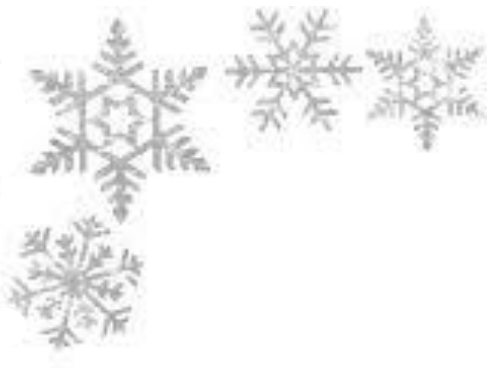
## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“Let Justice Flow like Streams”***

**Let justice flow like streams  
of sparkling water, pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life,  
abundant, cleansing, sure.**



**Let righteousness roll on  
as others' cares we heed,  
an ever-flowing stream of faith  
translated into deed.**



**So may God's plumb line, straight,  
define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade  
this world our whole life through.**



## **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.**



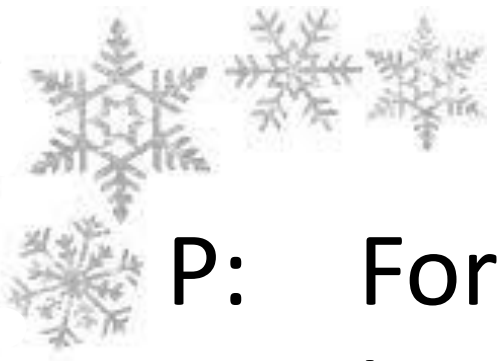
***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

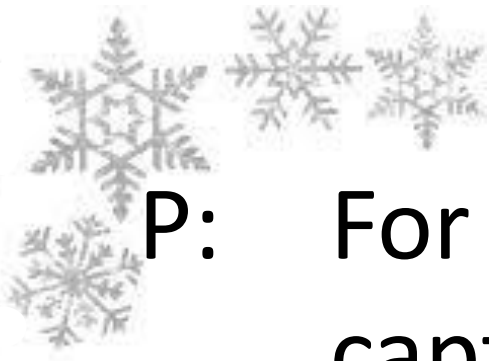
P: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *(A brief silence.)* We pray for the church. Empower bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, evangelists, and all members of Christ's body with your Spirit. Open our hearts to hear your word of life and respond in lives of service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



P: For the earth. For all creatures of the land, air, and water. Heal environments damaged by disaster or pollution. Make us wise stewards of all you have entrusted into our care. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



P: For the nations. Liberate us from our captivity to fear and ways of violence. Free those who are unjustly imprisoned and those who are imprisoned for working for freedom. Give us vision to seek the pathways of peace.

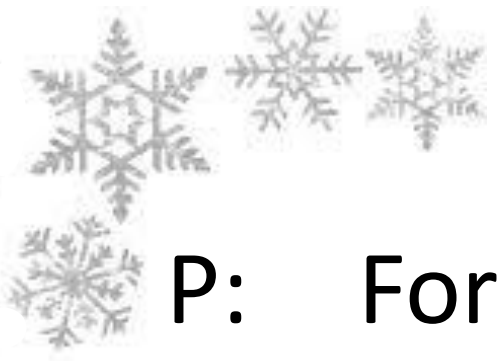
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



P: For those in need. Rescue those who suffer abuse or neglect. Bring an end to hunger and greed. Accompany those who are alone or vulnerable. Comfort those who grieve and all who are ill *(especially those we name out loud)*. Lord, in your mercy,

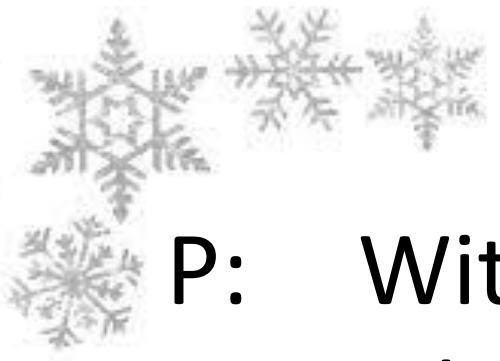
**C: hear our prayer.**



P: For this assembly. Bless those who proclaim your word and those who teach. Bless those whose talents are not recognized, and teach us to honor the gifts of all your people.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

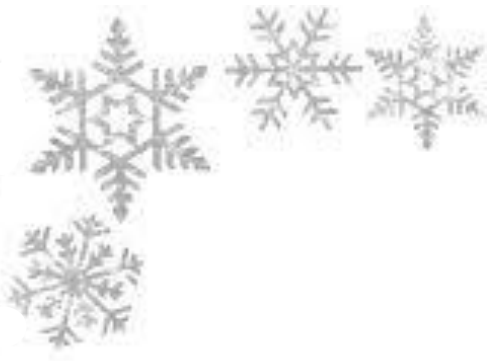


P: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have gone before us in the faith (*especially Boyd Miller*). Wipe away all tears and bring us with them into the joy of the resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**





P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

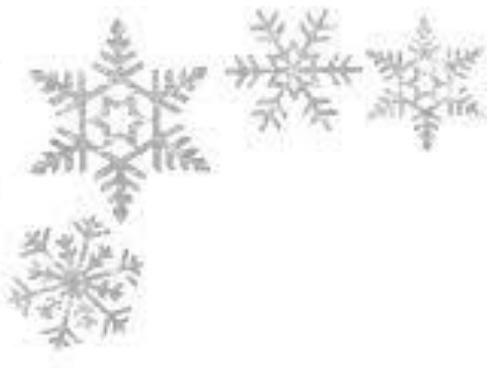
**C: Amen.**



## **SHARING PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**



**VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY**  
***“All I Need”***  
**by Switchfoot**



## 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 all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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:** We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banquet table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**



## **BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**



## **CLOSING HYMN**

***“God of Grace and God of Glory”***

**God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.**

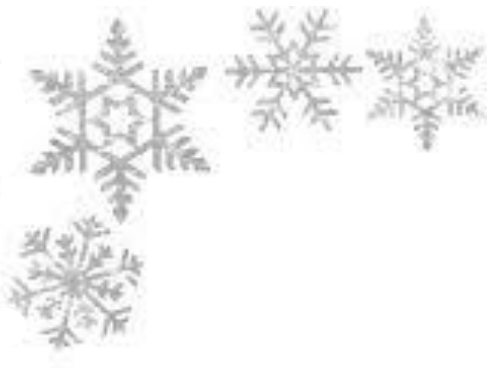
**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**



**Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,**



**Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
let we miss your kingdom's goal.**



## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**





