

Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Baptism of Our Lord ~ 9:30 am



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Special Thanks and Warm Welcome
to Pastor Karl Otto for leading us in
worship during the month of January***





CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. 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.

(A brief silence.) Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.



**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have
done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by
your Spirit, so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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 HYMN -

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”



**Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**



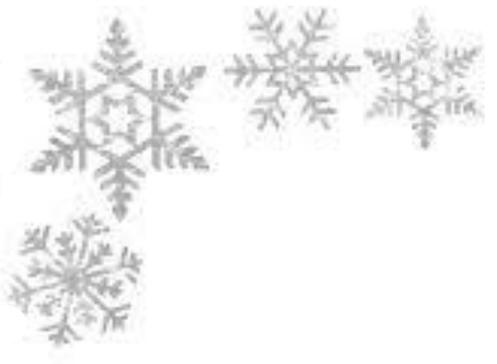
**Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**



**Manifest in making whole
weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**



**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.**



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



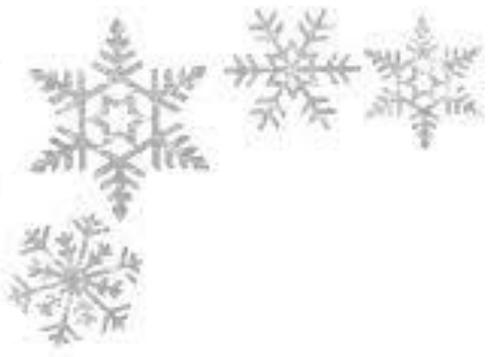
INTRODUCTION

P: In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations.



In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

C: Amen.



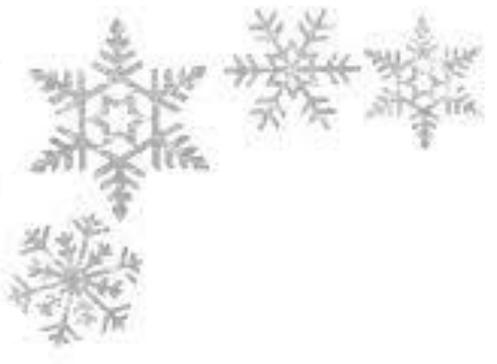
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

C: **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.**



Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH



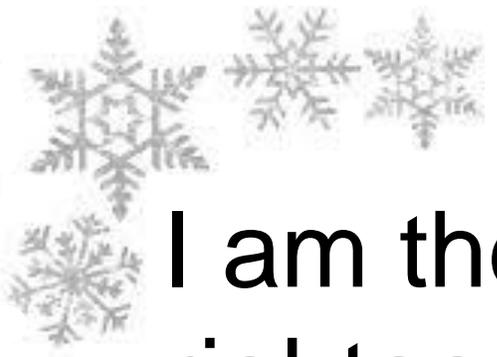
FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 42nd chapter.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.



He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:



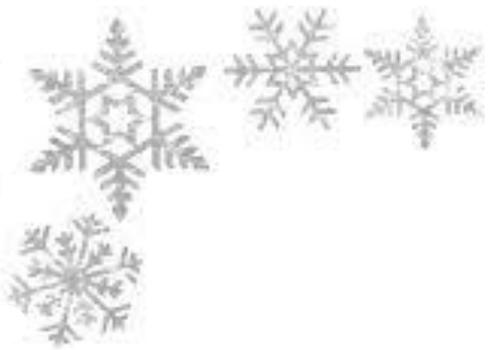
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name;



my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

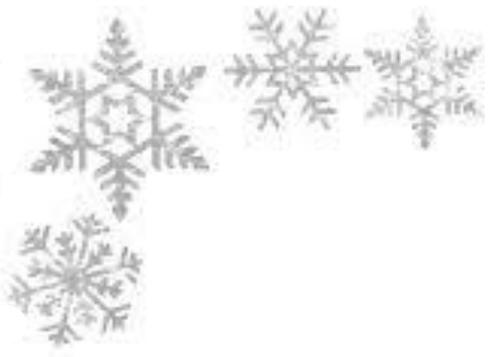


PSALM 29 – A Responsive Reading

R: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

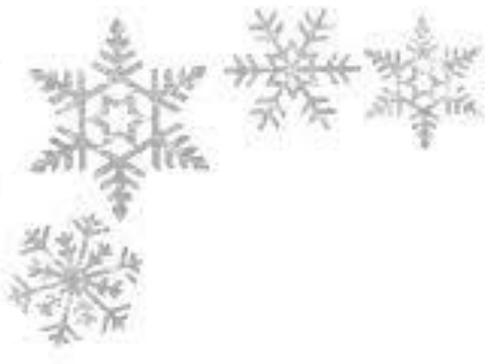
C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.





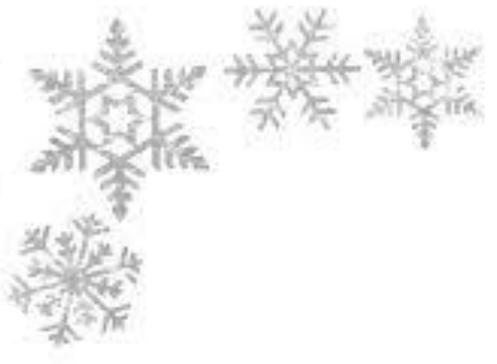
R: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.



R: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.



R: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.



R: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

R: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.



SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts, the 10th chapter.

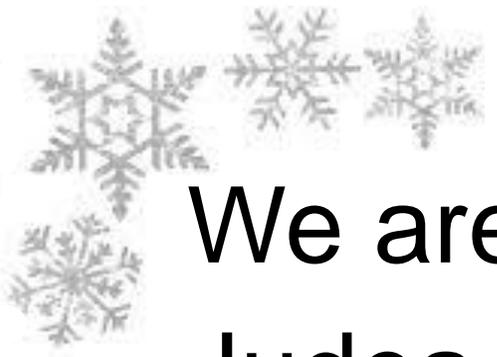
Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.





You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.





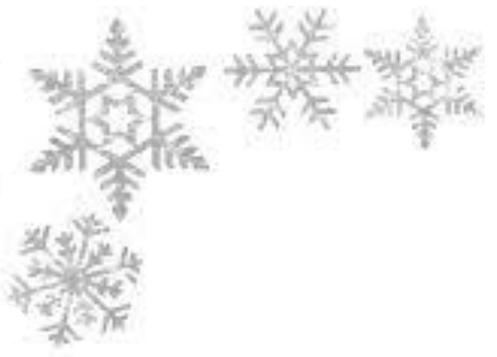
We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.



He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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.



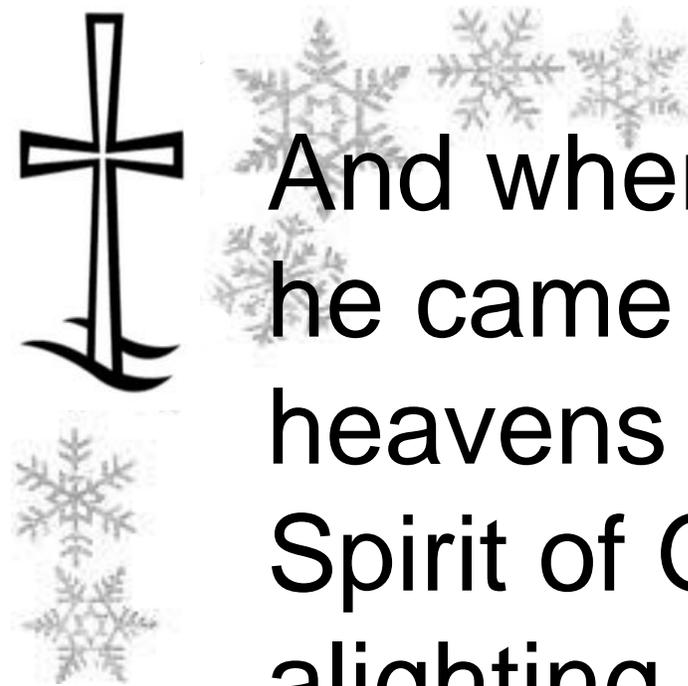
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

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



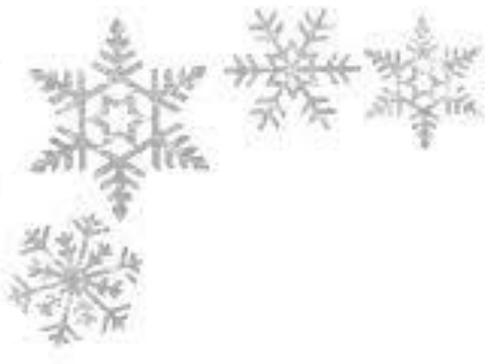
Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.



And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

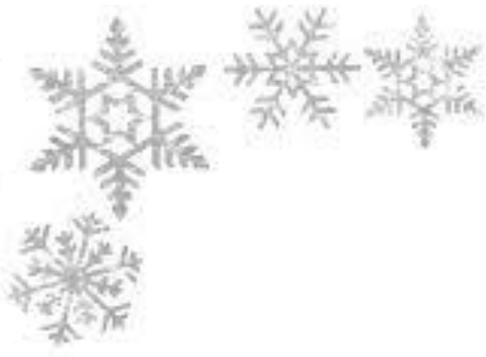
P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



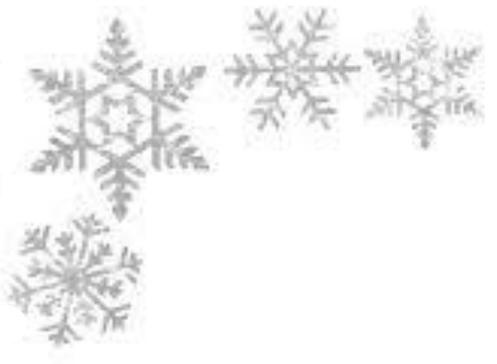
SERMON

“MARKED FOR A PURPOSE?”

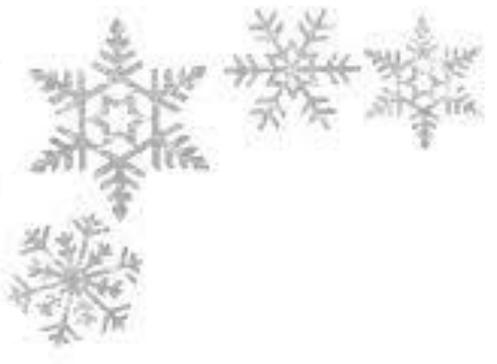


HYMN OF THE DAY - *“Baptized in Water”*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**



**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**



**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

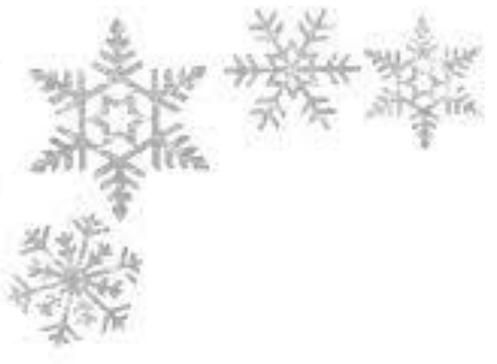


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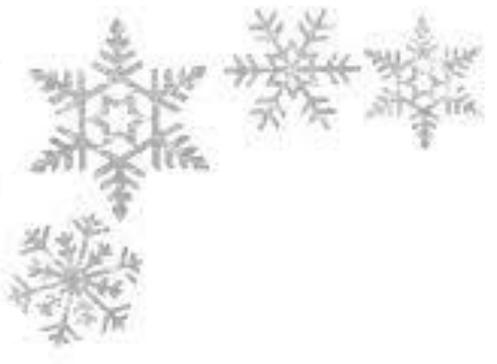
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

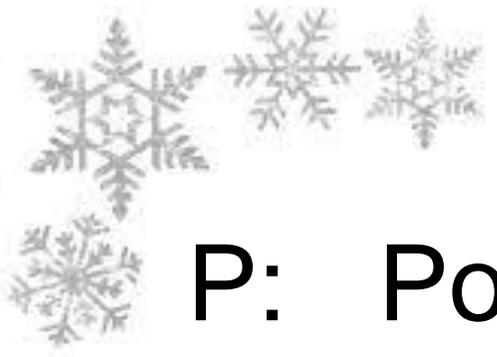


PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.
(A brief silence.)

Pour out your Spirit of unity, triune God. Renew our lives in the promises of baptism. Hold us together in the oneness of the body of Christ. Empower us to be one as you are one. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Pour out your Spirit of life, eternal God. Move over polluted waters. Breathe on barren fields. Strengthen ancient cedars and oaks. Engage us in your care of sea, land, and sky. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Pour out your Spirit of wisdom, holy God. Guide politicians and military officials as they wrestle with complex situations. Grant them courage and compassion to work for peace in every nation (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**



P: Pour out your Spirit of justice, gracious God. Heal the pain of all who are victims of crime. Be present with all who are imprisoned. Reconcile broken relationships within communities. Comfort the sick and their caregivers (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**



P: Pour out your Spirit of love, glorious God. Sustain all who knit prayer shawls, sew quilts, and provide housing for our neighbors who are homeless. Surround those who seek warmth and shelter with grace-filled advocates. Hear us, O God.

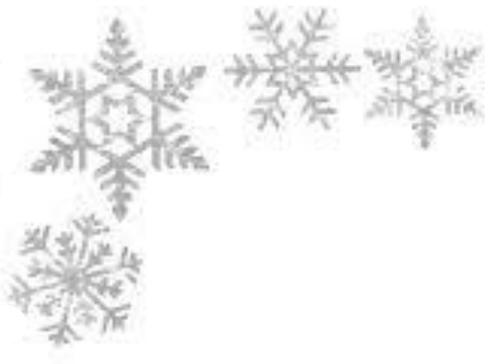
C: **Your mercy is great.**





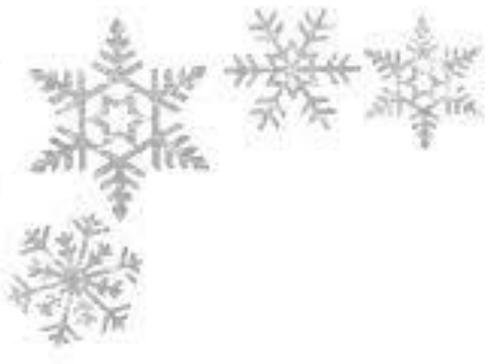
P: Pour out your Spirit of peace,
resurrecting God. Bring all who grieve
into a community rooted in you. Uphold
them with your grace and keep us all
grounded in your promise of life eternal.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

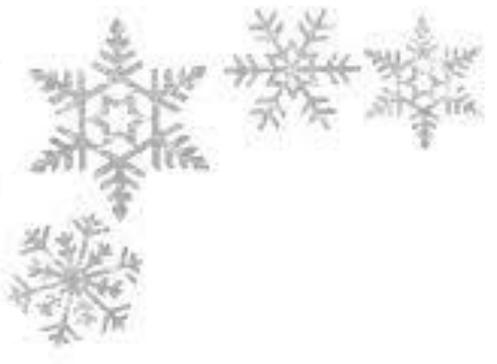
C: Amen.



PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

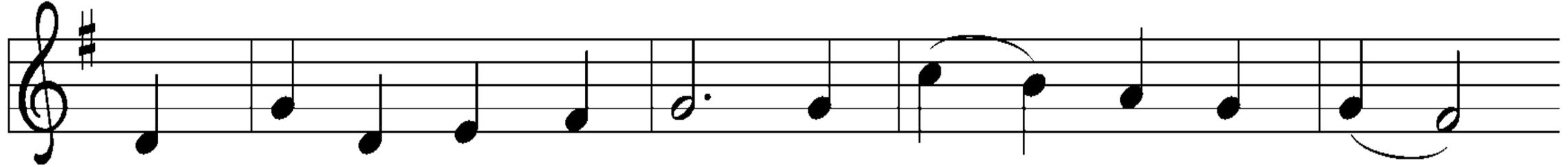


~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

“My Story” by Big Daddy Weave



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: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.



DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.



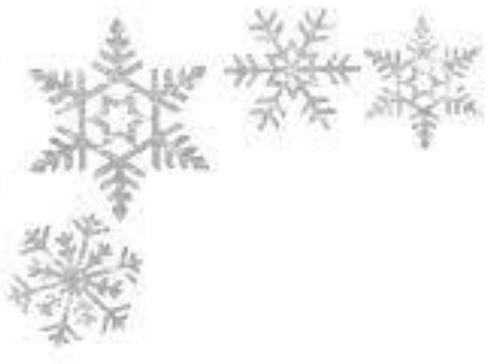
C: And also with you.

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.

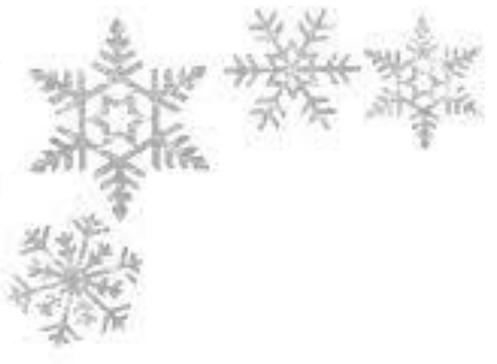


WORDS OF INSTITUTION



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: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest reassurance. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen.



BLESSING



P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✚ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

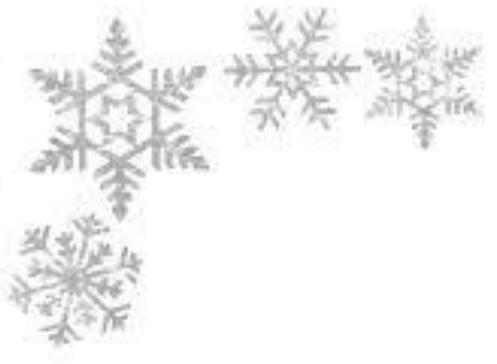
“CHORAL BENEDICTION”

May the light of God shine on us today.

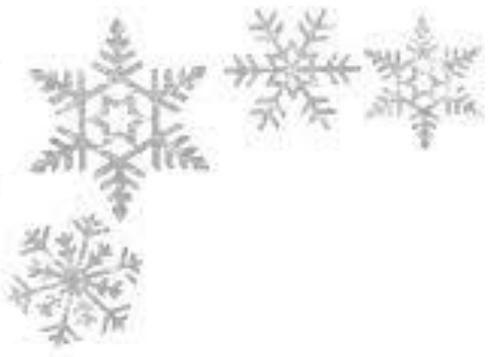
May the light of God shine on us today.

**May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.**

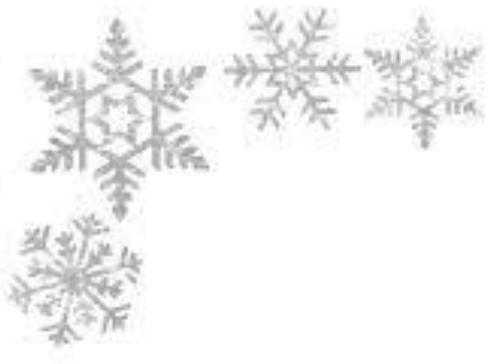
May the light of God shine on us today.



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 in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

