

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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We find today that as Jesus is the light that shines in the dark places of this world, the principle of darkness continues to manifest itself; but Jesus continues to vanquish it at every turn.

Pick up your communion wafer/cup as you enter the sanctuary. There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site, facebook page or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)



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GATHERING

The bell is rung to announce the beginning of the service as we light the candles.

PRELUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Pastor James M. Capers

Music: African American spiritual

THE WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
Who spoke light into creation,
Who calls us to listen and follow,
Who sends us to shine like stars.

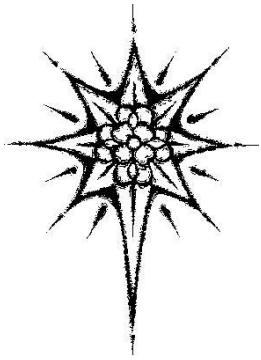
All Amen.

P Let us come before God, confessing our sin.
Holy and merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned
Against our sisters and brothers
And against you
We cherish the values of this world
We cause others to stumble.
The earth is wounded by our excess
Have mercy, O God
Forgive us, renew us.
And raise us up on eagles' wings
That we may do your will
With courage and delight. Amen.**

P Hear the voice from heaven:
"You are my own, my beloved."
God gives power to the weary
And strengthens the powerless.
Be cleansed, be healed,
For in the name of ✙ Jesus Christ,
I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins
And the revealing of God's reign.

All Amen.



CALL TO WORSHIP

P Arise, shine for your light has come.

All The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

P Lift up your eyes and look around;

All all gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

P Your sun will never set again.

All The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P Your moon will wane no more.

All The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P Your days of sorrow will end.

All The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P Whom shall we fear.

All Whom shall we fear?


**The Lord is the strength of our life;
whom shall we fear?**

OPENING HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your

2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is

3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,

4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain

peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.

still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.

ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.

way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

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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.

All And also with you.

KYRIE

[L] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [L] For the
 [C] Lord, have mer - cy.
 peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.
 [L] For the peace of the whole
 [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

THIS FAR BY FAITH Setting Two

Music: Liturgy of Joy, James M. Capers

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world, for the well - be - ing of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of

all, let us pray to the Lord. L For this ho - ly

C Lord, have mer - cy.

house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. A - men

Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men

Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God *All sing the refrain.*

Refrain

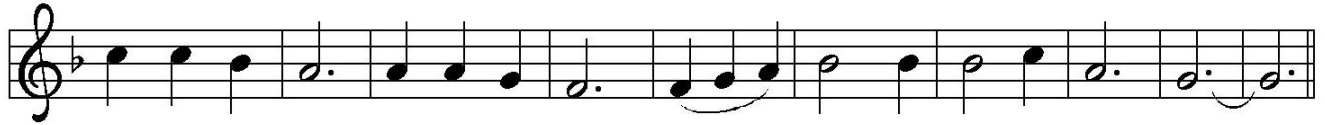
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

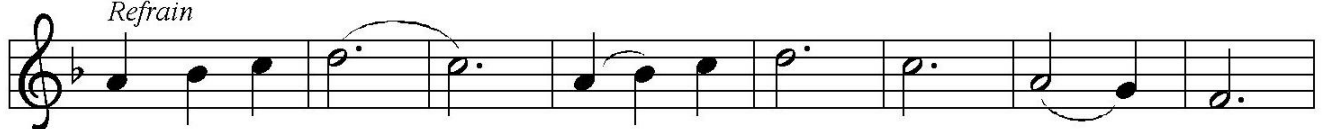
high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty 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. 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.

Refrain

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of nine staves of music. The first three staves form the 'Refrain' and contain the lyrics: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.' The next three staves contain the lyrics: '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.' The final two staves form the 'Final refrain' and contain the lyrics: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est. A - men, a - men.' The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, half notes, and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line at the end of the piece.

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

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

A ¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

All ²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

A ³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

All ⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

A ⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

All ⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

A ⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure

All ⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

A ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded
your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

All ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL

P The holy gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 1:21-28

P The gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor James M. Capers

HYMN

Satan, We're Going to Tear Your Kingdom Down

This Far by Faith 207



- 1 Sa - tan, we're going to tear your king-dom down.
- 2 Sa - tan, we're going to pray your king-dom down.
- 3 Sa - tan, we're going to sing your king-dom down.
- 4 Sa - tan, the cross has torn your king-dom down.



- Sa - tan, we're going to tear your king-dom down.
 Sa - tan, we're going to pray your king-dom down.
 Sa - tan, we're going to sing your king-dom down.
 Sa - tan, the cross has torn your king-dom down.



You've been build-ing your king-dom all o-ver this world;



- Sa - tan, we're going to tear your king-dom down.
 Sa - tan, we're going to pray your king-dom down.
 Sa - tan, we're going to sing your king-dom down.
 Sa - tan, the cross has torn your king-dom down.

Text and Music: Traditional

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THE CREED

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All 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

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
 To live among God's faithful people,
 To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
 To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
 To serve all people, following the example of Jesus
 And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

All I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Responses after each petition:

God of grace,

All 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.

All Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

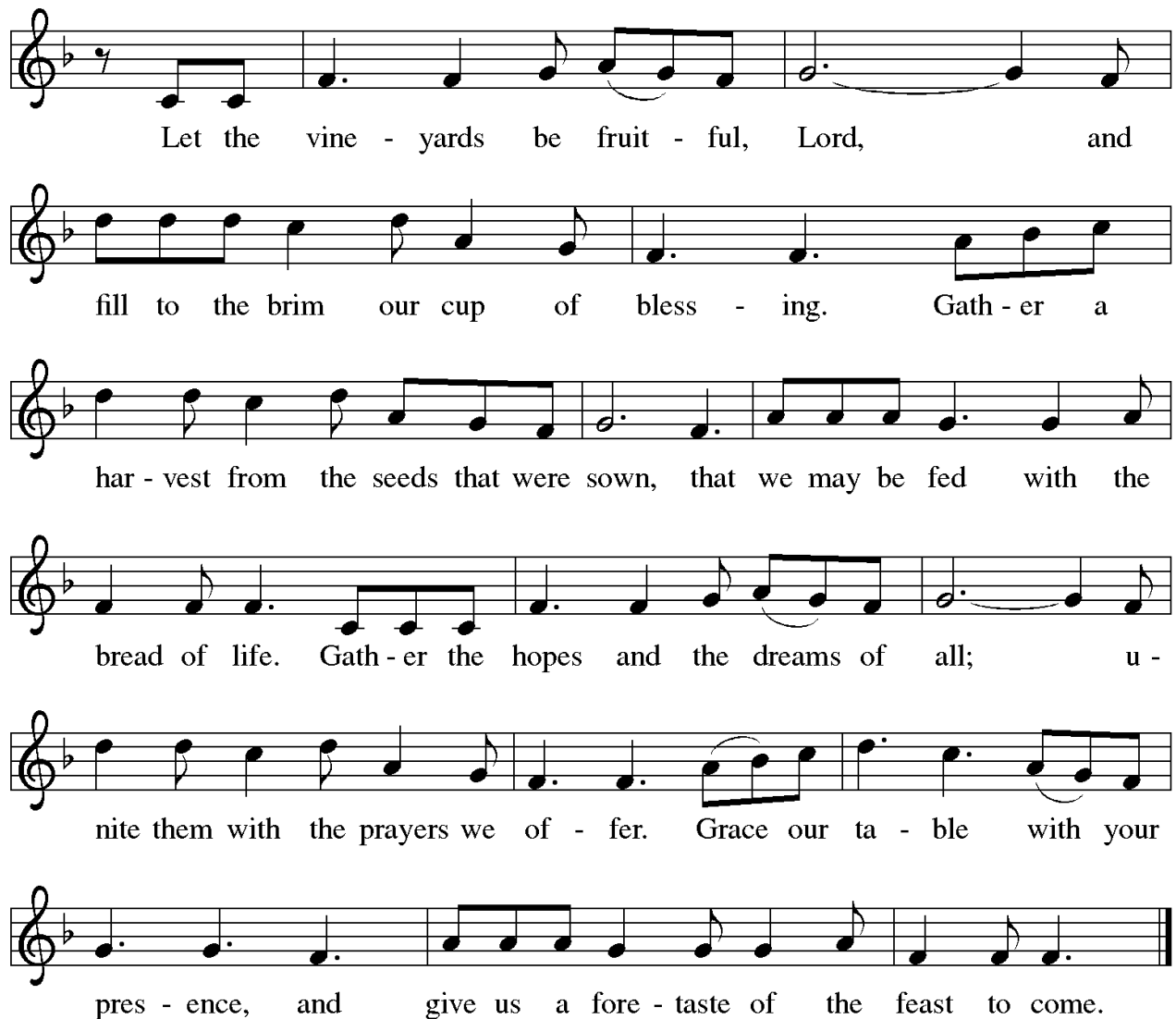
All And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ELW 183



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and

fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a

har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

(Communion preparation)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P You are indeed holy Almighty and merciful God you are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so love the world that you gave your only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering therefore his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you O Lord God almighty; not as we ought but as we are able.

We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving; and with your word and Holy Spirit to bless us your servants and these your own gifts of bread and wine so that we and all who share in the body of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

And receiving the forgiveness of sin may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you O God Father Son and Holy Spirit be all honor and glory in your holy church now and forever.

All Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Ecumenical version)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

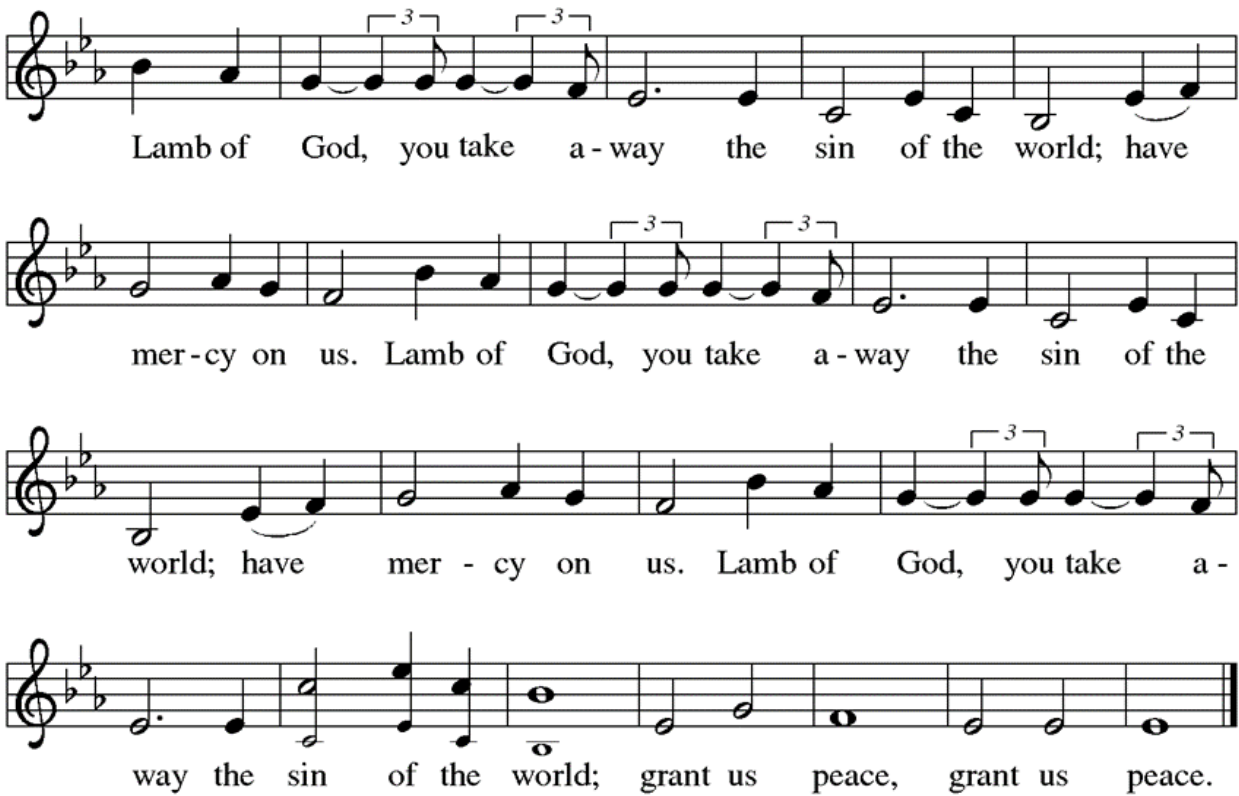
Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

COMMUNION HYMN



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, grant us peace.

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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

CANTICLE

ELW 205



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

REPEAT

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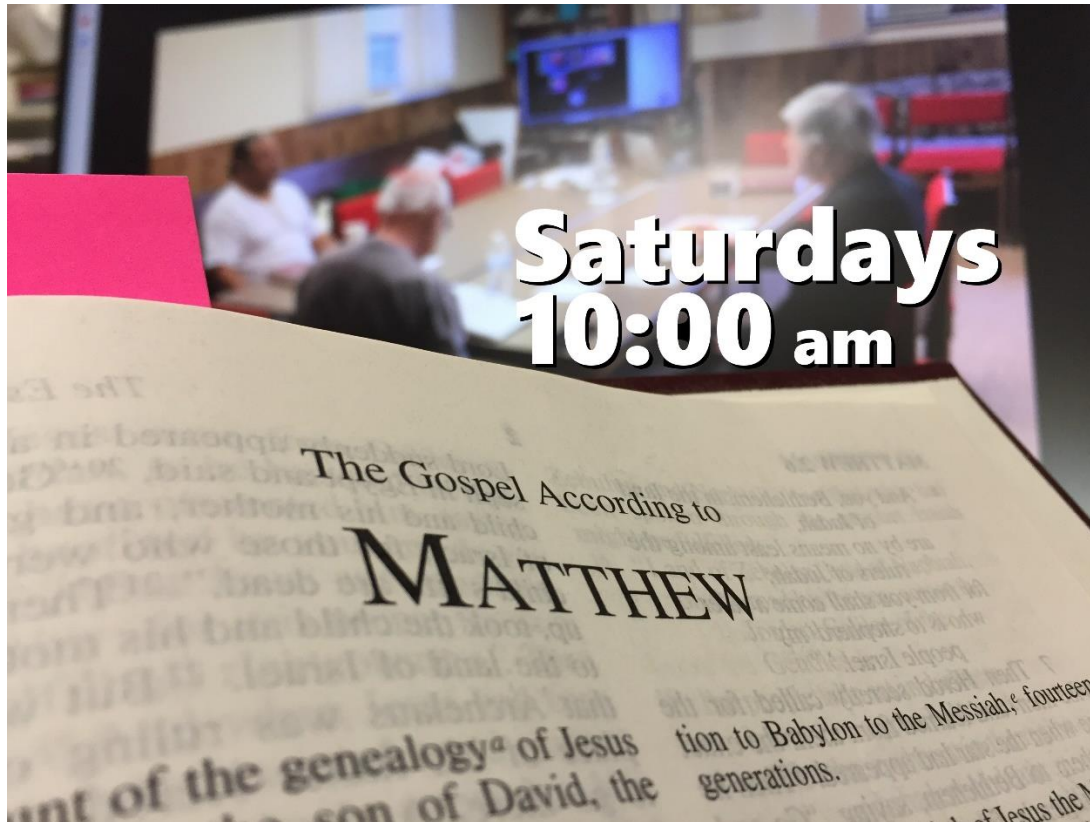
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SENDING

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

SENDING SONG

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661


1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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