

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

Salem Lutheran Church 4700 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where the Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi presides over this service of scripture, prayer, music and Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served at the rail. (You may kneel or stand). Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link to the online page.](#)



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**P Presiding Minister**

**A Worship Assistant**

**All Congregation**



## **GATHERING**

*The bell rings to announce the start of the service.  
We light the candles.*

### **Prelude**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**Pastor James M. Capers**

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**The Welcome**

Laura Morgan

# Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**All Amen**

**P** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*(Silence for Reflection)*

**P** Mighty God, lover of justice,

**All you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

**P** The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✙ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**All Amen.**



## Opening Hymn

### *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

**ELW 669**



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king-dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

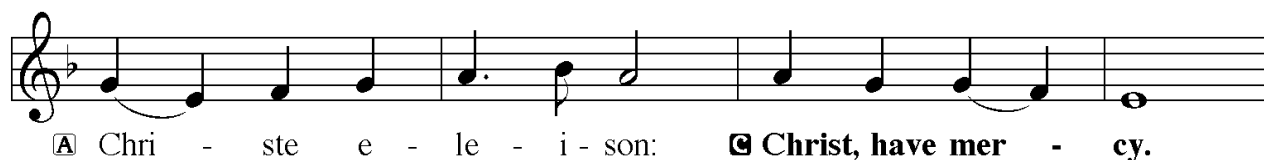
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# Greeting

**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



With One Voice, Setting 5 *Bread of Life*

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# Hymn of Praise



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**I** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



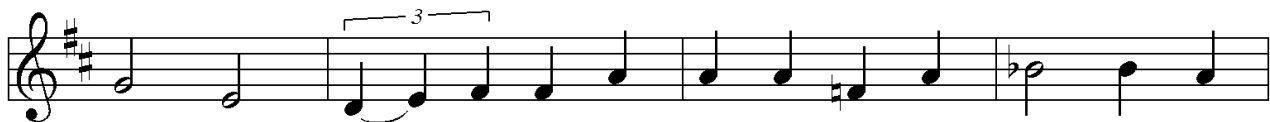
**G** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



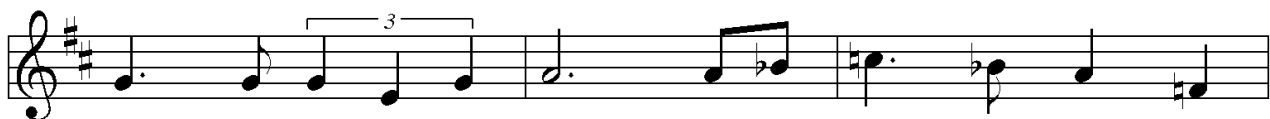
glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



**II** 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.



**G** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

**I**  
**II** 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, A - men.  
**3** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,  
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Holy God you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All** Amen.

# WORD

## First Reading Micah 6:1-8

**A** The word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 15

**A** <sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**All** <sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

**A** <sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue,  
they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**All** <sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those who fear the Lord.  
They have sworn upon their health and  
do not take back their word.**

**A** <sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**A** The word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**





## The Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

With One Voice, Setting 5 *Bread of Life*

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**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.  
**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

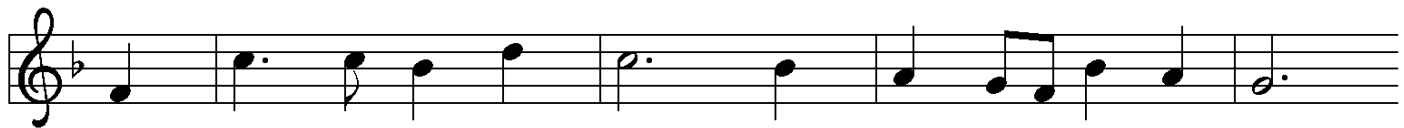
**P** The gospel of the Lord.  
**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon      Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi

## Hymn

### *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power*

**ELW 651**



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

#### *Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
the love, the word, the tide.  
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Music: William H. Jude, 1851-1922

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## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 Intercession

**P** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church,  
the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our  
home.

*Responses after each petition:*

**A** Hear us, O God;  
**All your mercy is great.**

**P** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we  
commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known  
to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

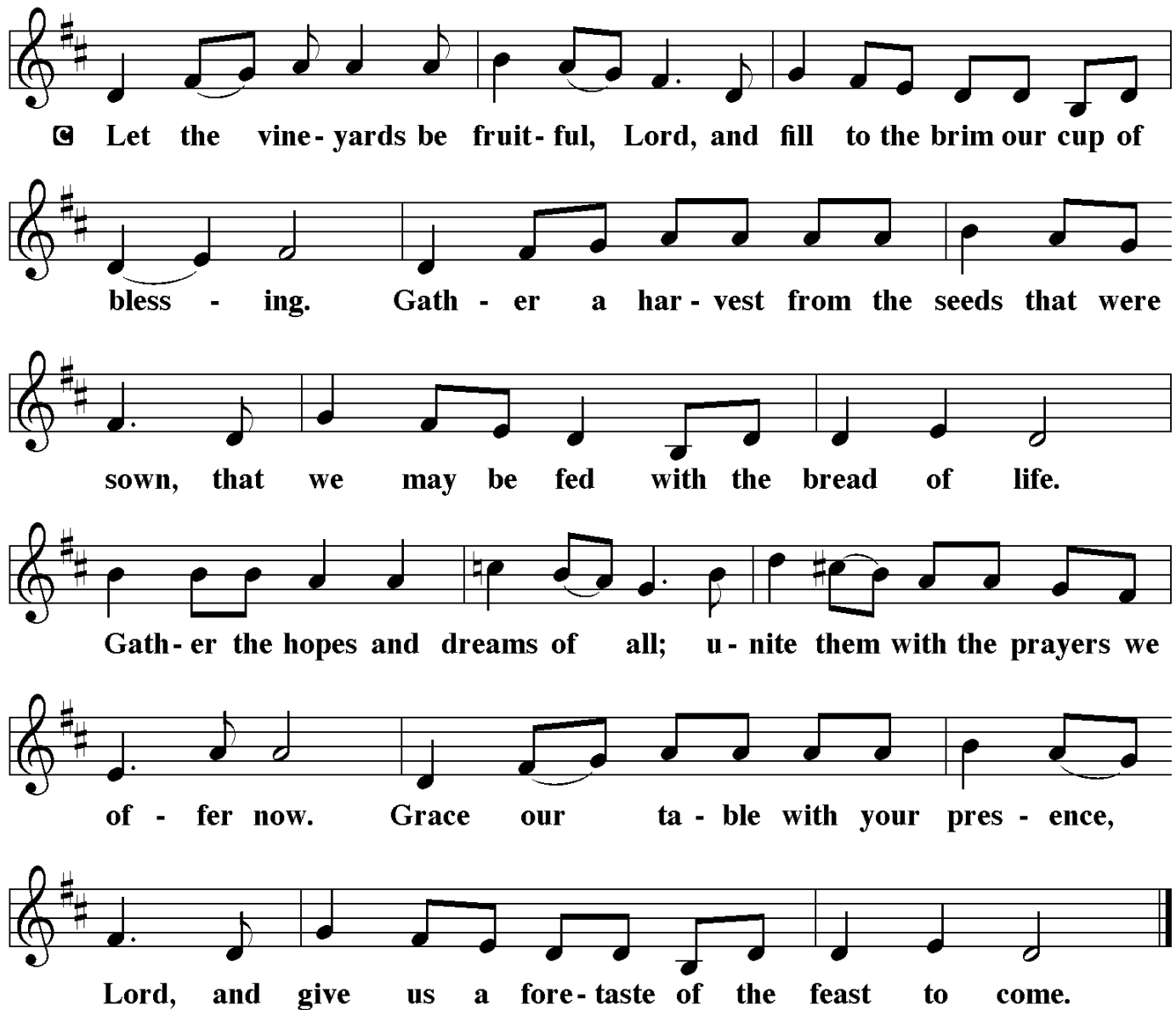
**All Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

**P** The Peace of Lord be with you always.

**All** And also with you.

## Offertory Song



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

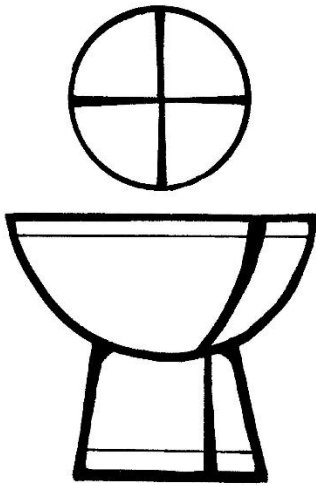
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**A** Let us pray.

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All Amen.**



## **Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right and salutary 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 join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**P** Blessed are you, O holy God:  
you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.  
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.  
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**All    Amen.**

# **The Lord's Prayer**

**All   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.**

# **The Communion Invitation**

**P   God is now in flesh appearing.  
Come to the feast of joy!**

All are welcome.



**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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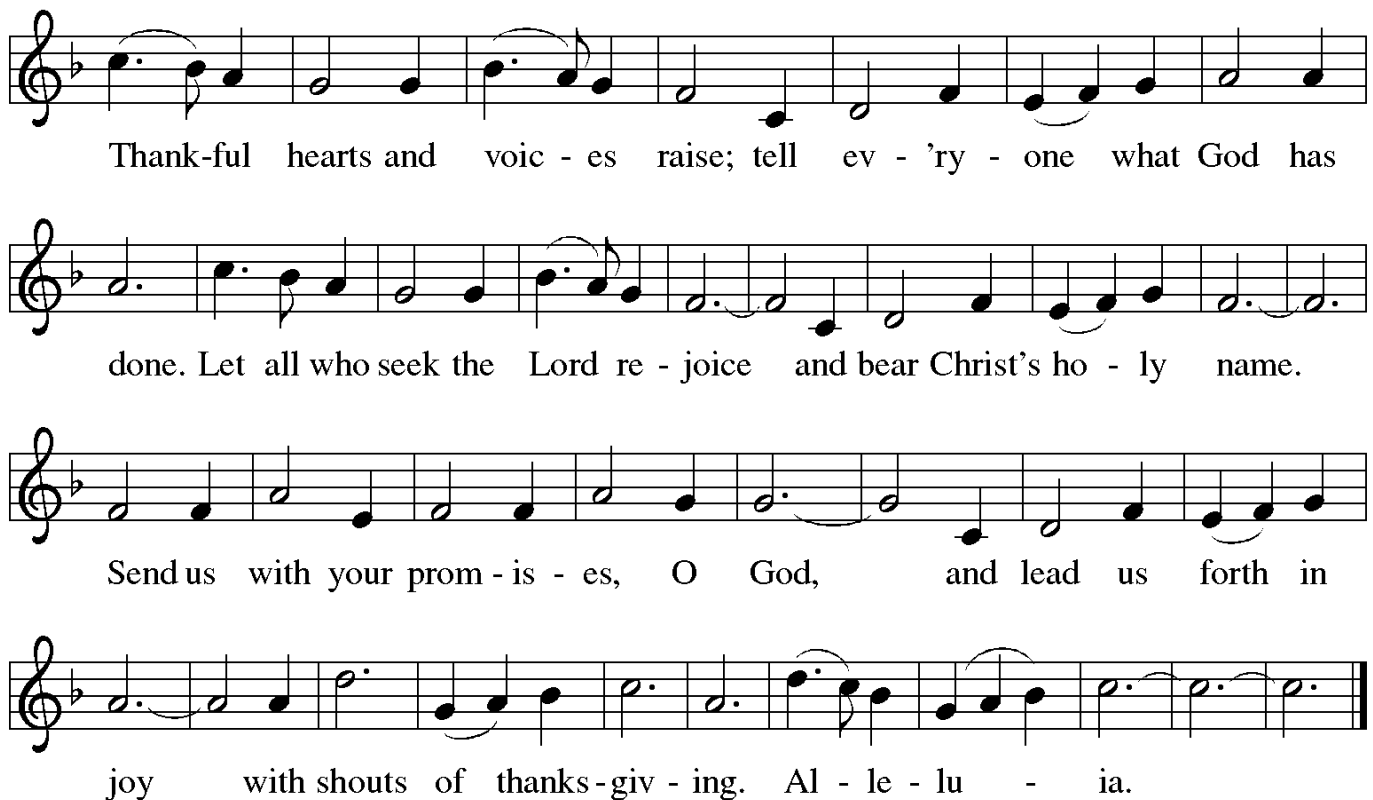
## The Communion

*Come to the rail, as directed by the usher, and stand or kneel. Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).*

## Communion Blessing

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

## Post-Communion Canticle



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has  
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young

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**A** Let us pray.

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All Amen.**

# Announcements

## SENDING

### Benediction

**P** The triune God,  
glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One,  
abiding Comforter,  
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

**All Amen.**



# Sending Song

## *Let Streams of Living Justice*

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1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;  
give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.  
The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,  
the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.  
Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;  
a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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# **Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **February 1, 2026**

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