

# *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

## **MLK Day of Remembrance Dreams, Prayers and Wishes for All**



**They chose to LOVE rather than hate.**

**January 15, 2023  
9:30am**

**Shades Valley Lutheran Church  
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# GATHERING

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

## Announcements

### Prelude

*During the Prelude, please quietly prepare yourself for worship. Conversations can wait until after the service.*

### My Lord, What A Morning!

Rebecca Rehorst, vocalist  
Traditional African American Spiritual

### Confession & Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**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.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands. The service continues with gathering song.*

## Gathering Hymns    *Come We that Love the Lord*    ELW 625

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac-cord, join in a song with  
 but chil-dren of the heav'n-ly King, but chil-dren of the  
 be-fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, be-fore we reach the  
 we're march-ing through Im-man-u-el's ground, we're march-ing through Im-

sweet ac-cord and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a-broad.  
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold-en streets, or walk the gold-en streets.  
 man-u-el's ground, to fair-er worlds on high, to fair-er worlds on high.

*Refrain*

We're march-ing to Zi-on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi-on:

we're march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain  
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

## **Call to Worship**

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Lift up your eyes and look around:

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

Your sun will never set again.

**The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

Your moon will wane no more.

**The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

Your days of sorrow will end.

**The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

Whom shall we fear?

**Whom shall we fear?**

**The Lord is the strength of our life;**

**whom shall we fear?**

## **Greeting**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie

The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a half note followed by a dotted half note. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The third staff begins with a half note followed by a dotted half note. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The fifth staff begins with a half note followed by a dotted half note. The sixth staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The seventh staff begins with a half note followed by a dotted half note. The eighth staff begins with a half note followed by a dotted half note. The ninth staff begins with a half note followed by a dotted half note. The tenth staff begins with a half note followed by a dotted half note.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of  
God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and  
praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
A - men.

## Canticle of Praise

Assisting minister

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

All

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.

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.

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.

## **Prayer of the Day**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Gracious Lord, in every age you have sent men and women who have given their lives for the message of your love. Inspire us with the memory of those martyrs for the gospel like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Denise McNair whose faithfulness led them in the way of the cross, and give us courage to bear full witness with our lives to your Son's victory over sin and death, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **Children's Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Beverly Wallace**

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 20:40-42**

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>40</sup>For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. <sup>41</sup>As a pleasing odor I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. <sup>42</sup>You shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your ancestors.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 5**

*The Psalm will be spoken responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear to my words, O Lord;  
    give heed to my sighing.

**<sup>2</sup>Listen to my cry for help, my king and my God,  
    for I plead to you.**

<sup>3</sup>In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;  
    early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

**<sup>4</sup>For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,  
    and evil cannot dwell with you.**

<sup>5</sup>Braggarts cannot stand in your sight;  
    you hate all those who work wickedness.

**<sup>6</sup>You destroy those who speak lies;  
    the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O Lord, you abhor.**

<sup>7</sup>But as for me, through the abundance of your steadfast love I will go  
    into your house; I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of  
    you.

**<sup>8</sup>Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in  
    wait for me; make your way straight before me.**

<sup>9</sup>For there is no truth in their mouth; there is destruction in their heart;  
    their throat is an open grave; they deceive with their tongue.

**<sup>10</sup>Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall, because of their schemes.  
    Because of their many transgressions cast them out, for they  
    have rebelled against you.**

<sup>11</sup>But all who take refuge in you will be glad; they will sing out their joy  
    forever. You will shelter them, so that those who love your name  
    may exult in you.

**<sup>12</sup>For you, O Lord, will bless the righteous;  
    you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

A musical score in G major, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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## **Gospel: Matthew 10:16-31**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Introduction of the Speaker**

**Roberta Stamp**

## Sermonic Hymn

## *Morning Has Broken*

ELW 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## Sermon

**Ms. Lisa McNair**

*Silence for reflection*

*The assembly stands.*

**Hymn of the Day**

***When Peace Like a River***

**ELW 785**



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

## **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**

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.*

We remember this day a martyr in the faith and one called a renewer of society, Martin Luther, King, Jr. who like the prophets before them, as Amos and others preached and spoke of Justice. May their deaths be not in vain.

**Let us pray, like those before us that “may justice roll down like water and righteousness as an every flowing stream.”**

We remember the conviction of Martin Luther King Jr. that “freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.”

**Therefore, let us pray for courage and determination by those who are oppressed.**

We remember Martin's warning that "a negative peace which is the absence of tension" is less than "a positive peace which is the presence of justice."

**Therefore, let us pray that those who work for peace in our world may cry out first for justice.**

We remember Martin's insight that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

**Therefore, let us pray that we may do nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven.**

We remember Martin's lament that "the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are."

**Therefore, let us pray that neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ's people may be silent in the face of wrong, but that we may be disturbers of the status quo when that is God's call to us.**

Let us pray for the loss of lives of those fighting for justice, those who died because of injustice, and those who continue to live, crying still for justice. We pray for the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., Lisa McNair and others we name out loud or in our hearts.

**May God, hear our prayers.**

We remember Martin's hope that "dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not so distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

**Therefore, in faith, let us commend ourselves and our work for justice to the goodness of almighty God.**

Almighty God, you did not spare your own Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant that we may walk in the way of the cross and find it the way of life, dreams, justice, and peace for us all.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. In our offerings to God, we give all that we are and have: ourselves, our abilities, and our possessions, together with the bread, a sign of our toil, labor, and human existence, and the wine, a sign of the joy and delights of life.*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High

## **Offertory Anthem**

**We Shall Overcome**

**SVLC Choir**

**Arranged by Rollo Dilworth**

## Offertory

*During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Offering Prayer

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The presiding minister continues.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are as follows:

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, 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.

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

*The presiding minister continues.*

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.  
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 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.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly .*

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*The assembly is seated.*

## Communion

*At Shades Valley Lutheran, we trust that Jesus welcomes everyone to communion. Without exception, all people of all ages may receive this free gift of God's grace. This means that you do not have to be a member of Shades Valley or even a Lutheran in order to enjoy this favorite meal of the church.*

*We offer communion by intinction. This means you will first receive the bread and then dip it into the silver wine chalice (or glass grape juice goblet) thus receiving the bread together with the wine. Upon receiving the bread and the wine, the response to each is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."*

*Come forward to kneel or stand at the communion rail. Once you have received your communion elements, you may return to your seat via the side aisle.*

*Adults or children who do not desire to receive communion at this time may remain seated or may come forward to receive a blessing. If you come for a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond Amen.*

## Communion Song

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in common time and G clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

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.

**Communion Hymn*****Blessed Assurance*****ELW 638**

- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

*The assembly stands.*

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **Charge to the People**

When we let freedom ring,  
when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet,  
from every city and every state,  
we will be able to speed up that day  
when all God's children, Black and White,  
Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholic  
will be able to join hands and sing that old Negro spiritual,  
“Free at last, Free at last!”  
Thank God almighty, we are free at last!

## Sending Interlude

## *Now Lord*

**ELW 202**

Leader

Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

All

Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All

Now, Lord, you have set your ser - vant free, free to go in peace as you have

All

prom-ised. Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

All

Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Leader or All

a light to en - lighten the nations, and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Free to go in peace as you have prom - ised.

Music: Russell Schulz-Widmar, b. 1944  
Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

# Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## *Lead Me, Guide Me*

**ELW 768**

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;  
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out ... thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME  
Irregular

## **Dismissal**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Sermon Notes**

# You Are Precious in His Sight

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



God Cares for You

N N W J W S E B Y K J R R G S  
A Q M N W O T N S C P T W R H  
B T A P U A R U I E N J Q O U  
O E S U V M F T D K R Z W U X  
V A T U K D B R H E T V Y N L  
E C E D E J S E A Y N N A D F  
O H R M S H H S R I N T T N V  
I E E F G U S P A E D Y X B T  
G R S G F J L A P R D P S M V  
F O L L O W I R A F B Z C Q Z  
W H R J R P F R O U M F Q A H  
Q A Q F Z V E O F A L L U T O  
R I H E A D U W A U P N R R W  
Q R Y A Z Y D S K F B O D Y I  
F S R C C R O S S S W S O U L

STUDENT	GROUND	FOLLOW	PENNY	HAIRS
SPARROWS	FALL	TEACHER	WORTHY	SOUL
WORTH	LIFE	HEAD	MASTER	CROSS
NUMBERED	ABOVE	SERVANT	BODY	AFRAID

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