St. Mary's Lutheran Church ~ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Saturday, January 25th at 4:00pm & Sunday, January 26th at 9:00am
Welcome to St. Mary's! All are Welcome!

- *Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.*
- *Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please stand in body or spirit.
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**
Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG Hymn #314 *"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"*
GREETING

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.

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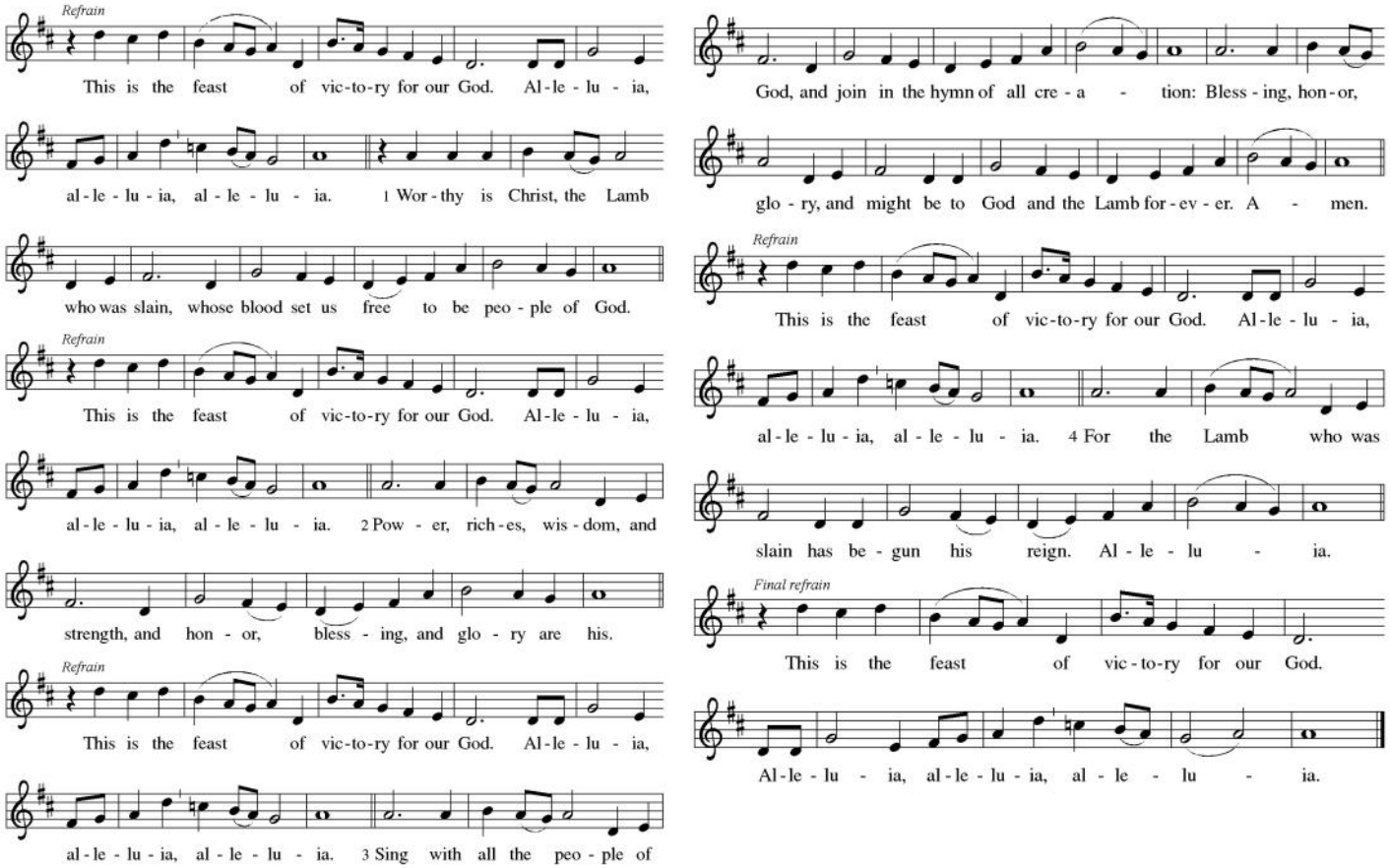
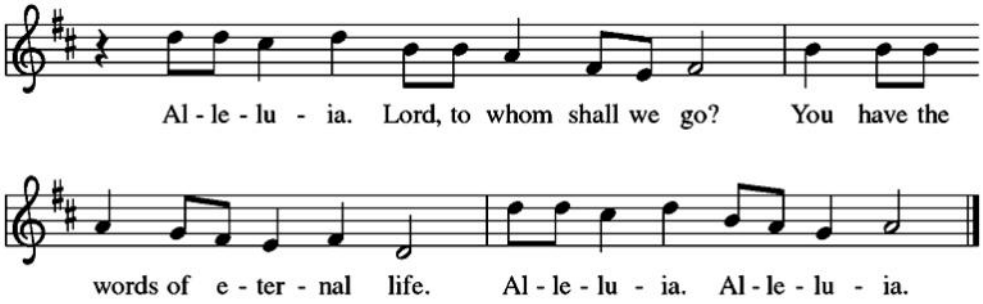

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Congregation prays along with Assisting Minister—see insert)*
PLEASE BE SEATED
WORD *(see insert)*
FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.
PSALM 19 *(read responsively)*
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand in body or spirit.*

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:14-21
The holy gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED
KIDS CONNECTION
SERMON
Please stand in body or spirit.
HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn #843 *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*
APOSTLES' CREED
With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of 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
God of grace,
receive our prayer.
We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
Amen.
PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
PLEASE BE SEATED

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING *"The Lord Is My Light" - EUGENE BUTLER*

The Lord is my light and the strength of my salvation, Whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life, Whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host encamp around me, though war arise against me,
my heart shall not be afraid, I will be confident.
He will hide me in the day of trouble, High upon a rock.
My head shall be lifted up high above my enemies, Hear, O Lord, when I cry!
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord.
Wait for the Lord, be strong! Let your heart take courage, yea, wait for the Lord!

OFFERING *Please stand in body or spirit.* Hymn #686 *"We Give Thee but Thine Own" vs. 1, 2, 4*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

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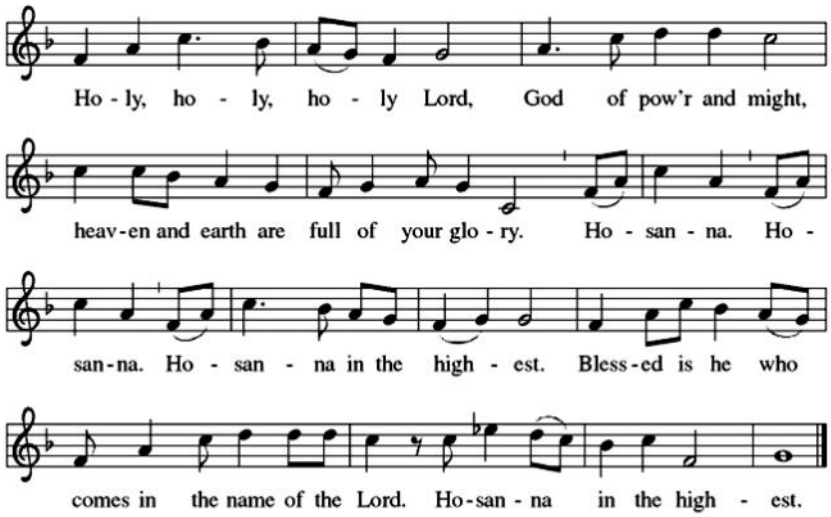

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

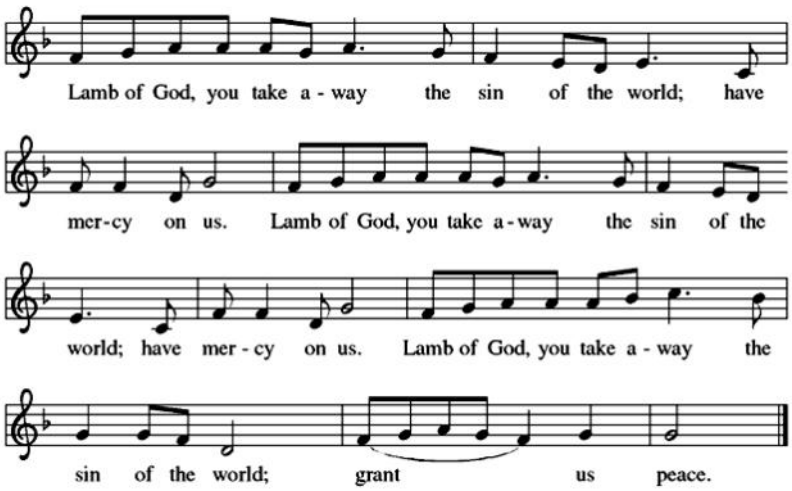
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



DISTRIBUTION HYMN Hymn #496 *"One Bread, One Body"*

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray

Amen.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Hymn #886 *"O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

DISMISSAL

We are God's People.
Followers of Jesus Christ.
Gifted by the Spirit.
Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The altar flower centerpiece is given in celebration of our granddaughter, Anya's 2nd birthday by her grandparents, Deb & Jerry Black

WORSHIP LEADERS

PASTOR: *The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick*
ASSISTING MINISTER: *Julie Schmit*
SOUND/VIDEO: *Art Kotenko*
SACRISTY HELP: *Pat Gallo & Christy Burmeister*

SATURDAY:

READER: *Pat Gallo*
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: *Kate Dischler-Noreen, Pat Gallo*
PIANO: *Willy Mueller*

SUNDAY:

READER: *Julie Schmit*
MUSICIAN: *Deb Black*
ADULT CHOIR: *Dick Sjoerdsma, Director; Deb Black, Accompanist*
KIDS CONNECTION: *Stephanie Raszkiewicz*
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: *Kay Manderfeld, Andy Schroeder, Sandy Bear*
GREETERS: *Hayley & Kris Jensen*