



*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 18, 2026*

*8:15 a.m.~ spoken*

*10:30 a.m.~ sung liturgy*

# Welcome to St. John

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# Order for Worship

Welcome

Prelude~ "Eternal Light"

Duet - Deborah Swider and Kathleen Thren

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes;  
Eternal pow'r, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.

Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see;  
Eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me:  
Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word,  
At last I come before your face to know you, eternal God.

Text: From a Prayer of Alcuin

Music: Stephen Tappe

*The assembly may rise.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: **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.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn~ "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
 Music: FESTAL SONG, 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.

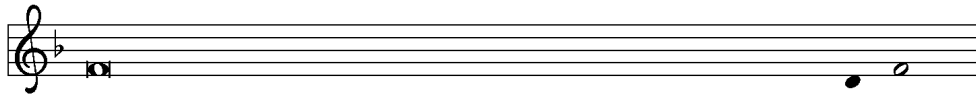
C: **And also with you.**

# Kyrie

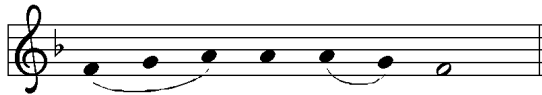
(8:15) spoken responsively; (10:30) sung



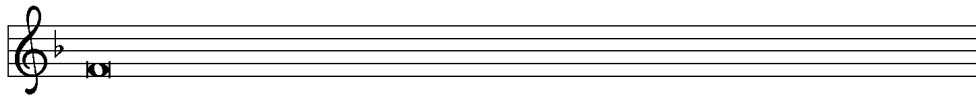
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



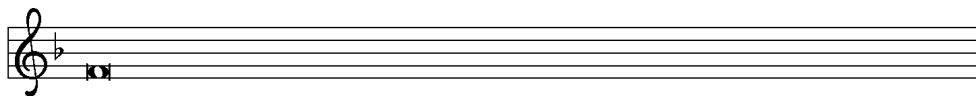
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



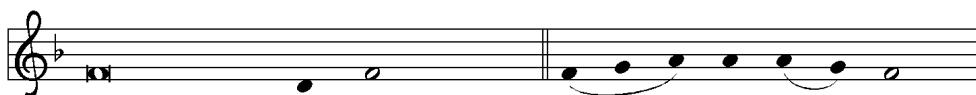
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



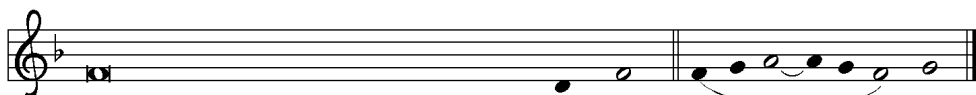
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

(8:15) Gloria

P: Glory to God in the Highest!

C: And peace to God's people on earth!

(10:30) Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



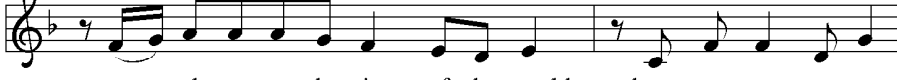
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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

P: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Children's Message

## Word

### First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

A: The first reading is from Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord  
and my reward with my God."  
And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(8:15) Psalm 40:1-11 (*Spoken responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently up- | on the Lord,  
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust | in the Lord!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be  
com- | pared with you!

**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.**

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;**

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, “Here I | am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

<sup>8</sup> **‘I love to do your will, | O my God;**

**your law is | deep within me.’”**

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O | Lord, you know.

<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and | your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup> You are the Lord; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

(10:30) Psalm 40 (Choir, then ALL)



Here am I, Lord; here am I, Lord; I  
come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the LORD  
who stooped down to me, and heard my  
cry.  
God put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. R.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. R.

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. R.

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O LORD. R.

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## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A: The second reading is from Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called  
to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given  
you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and  
knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so  
that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He  
will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may rise.*

## Gospel Acclamation



Choir: In the | Word was life,\* and the life was the light | of all people. (John 1:4)

## Gospel: John 1:29-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

P: [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

Sermon

Pastor Rachel Manke

*Following a time of silence for reflection, the assembly may rise.*

## Hymn of the Day~ “He Comes to us As One Unknown”



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark-ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926  
Music: REPTON. C. Hubert H. Parrv. 1848–1918

## Apostles' Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: **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

A: 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.

*A brief silence.*

A: Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. We pray especially for: Calvin, Roger, Patti, Maria, Carolyn, Rosemary, Angelo, Tony, Cheryl, Liz, Andy, Greg, Sivan, Joan, Corey, Kevin, Ruth, Rob, Matt, Bongchun, Bill, Jimmy, Lance, Stacey, Sean, Eleanor, Marie, Greg, Nan, Joshua, and Robert. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Pastor: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The assembly **may be seated after sharing peace.** If you have not already done so, we ask that members and visitors please take a moment to fill out the communication slips located in each pew and place them in the offering plate.*

## Meal

Anthem~ "Behold, the Lamb of God"

Chancel Choir

Behold, the Lamb of God! O thou for sinners slain,  
Let it not be in vain that thou hast died.  
Thee for my savior let me take, My only refuge let me make thy wounded side.

Behold the Lamb of God! into the sacred flood  
Of thy most precious blood my soul is cast,  
Wash me and make me clean within, and keep me free from ev'ry sin, till life be past.

Behold, the Lamb of God! All hail, incarnate word!  
The everlasting Lord, Savior most blest!  
Fill us with love that never faints, grant us with all thy blessed saints, eternal rest.

Behold, the Lamb of God! Worthy is He alone,  
That sitteth on the throne of God above,  
One with the Ancient of all Days, One with the Comforter in praise, all light, all Love!  
Behold, the Lamb of God!

Text: Matthew Bridges (1848)

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*We are grateful for your support of St. John. Here are the ways to share tithes and offerings:*

***-You may make use of the offering plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or scan this QR code to use Square.***



Scan to give an offering.

*-Simply giving - You can arrange for a regular gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly) to be deducted from a bank account. Please contact Laura Smeltzer, our bookkeeper, to arrange this. Her email address is [stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com).*

***For communion:*** *We practice a "standing station" distribution of communion. An usher will indicate to you when it is time to come up. They will have empty cups for you to take if you are to have wine, and proceed down the center aisle. First, receive the wafer from pastor, putting your hands out. Then, if you are receiving wine, hold up your empty cup to the pouring chalice to receive the wine. Grape juice is in the tray beside the cup in pre-filled cups. Younger children or anyone not receiving are welcome to come up for a blessing from the pastor. You will return to your pew from the side aisle. Christ is the host of this meal, his real presence in bread and wine, and **all are welcome at the table.***

*The assembly may rise.*

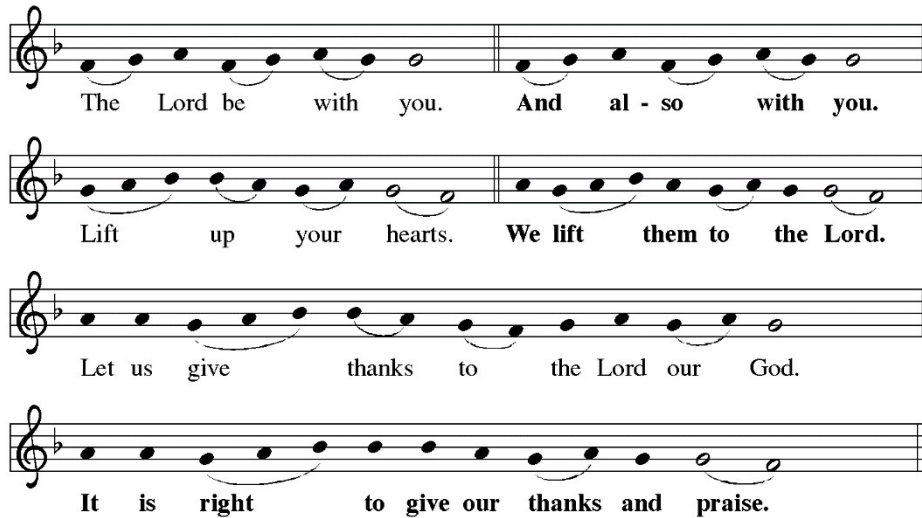
### Offertory Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

(8:15) spoken responsively; (10:30) sung



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: 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.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
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:

## Holy, Holy

(8:15) spoken; (10:30) sung



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to boldly pray:

C: **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

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Communion Canticle ~ Agnus Dei

(8:15) spoken; (10:30) sung



C: 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.

*The assembly may be seated. The meal is shared.*

## Communion Anthem~ "Lamb of God"

Chancel Choir

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God,  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris

Music: Twila Paris, arr. Kyle Johnson

## Post Communion Blessing

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

P: May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn~ "O God of Light"



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Text: Sarah E. Taylor, 1883-1954, alt.

Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God**

## Postlude~ "O God of Light"

Jacob B. Weber

## Assisting with Worship

Pastor	Pastor Rachel Manke
Director of Music	Lawrence Baker
8:15 Usher	
10:30 Usher	Ryan Antochy
8:15 Lector	Kim Even
10:30 Lector	Michelle Katzenmoyer
8:15 Communion Assistant	
10:30 Communion Assistant	
8:15 Acolyte	
10:30 Acolyte	Ryan Antochy
Video Technicians	Phil Wood, Adam Kiefski, Xavier Mitchell, & Megan Kiefski
Counters	Dan Pfeiffer and Lisa Scalise

*Our full prayer list is printed on a separate piece of paper which is available near the bulletins. Names will remain on our list for **a month and then be removed**. If you want to be sure that someone remains there, contact the church office.*

## This Week at St. John...

### Sunday, Jan 18

8:15 Worship  
9:15 Adult Class/SS School  
10:30 Worship

### Monday, Jan 19

10:00 Quilters

### Tuesday, Jan 20

5:45 Cub Scouts

### Thursday, Jan 22

12:15 Pastor's Bible Study  
6:30 Bell Choir  
7:30 Chancel Choir

### Friday, Jan 23

6:30 Boy Scouts Troop 98 [FH, MPR, YC]

### Sunday, Jan 25

8:15 Worship  
9:15 Adult Class  
10:30 Worship



Scan this QR code to see the church calendar on our website.

## *Happening at St. John*

**St. John Ladies Who Lunch** – Next lunch meet-up will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00pm at the Millers Ale House located at North Wales Road and Horsham Road in Montgomeryville. Please RSVP to Rita Stock at 610-608-1140 or [stock825@comcast.net](mailto:stock825@comcast.net).

**Free Poinsettias** – We still have Christmas poinsettias leftover in the Great Room. Please feel free to take one or more home to continue the holiday spirit! Otherwise, we'll have to throw them away!

**Giving Envelopes** - For members who make use of them - the 2026 giving envelopes are placed on a table in the Great Room. Please PICK YOURS UP!!! :) If you see a name that you might deliver to, please do!

**Heat Update** - Good news on our ongoing heating issues in the sanctuary and Troster Room - we are the schedule for repairs in the coming weeks!

**Thursday Bible Study** - Our Thursday Bible Study continues this week at 12:15 pm. Bring a bag lunch! Regular attendees take turns bringing a special treat to eat. We are studying the book of ACTS. Join us.

**Altar Flowers** - Remember that YOU can sponsor our weekly flowers for Sunday worship. They are not actually in the budget, so your sponsorship is helpful. Celebrate an occasion, remember a saint of yours, etc. \$30 is the cost. The sign-up sheet is at the base of the stairs in the Great Room.

***Bulletin Announcements & Weekly Email*** - *To request the inclusion of an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Monday of that week. To request inclusion in the weekly email, contact Katie Myers by Monday of that week.*

## *Community and Family News*

### **MLK Day of Service**

While we will not be doing a church wide project this year, we encourage you to research local food banks or other organizations that could benefit from a donation. Below are some local organizations. (Direct links to their websites can be found in our weekly newsletter.):

- Norristown Hospitality Center ([www.hospitalitycenter.org](http://www.hospitalitycenter.org))
- Manna on Main Street ([www.mannaonmain.org](http://www.mannaonmain.org))
- Daily Bread Food Pantry ([www.dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry.org](http://www.dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry.org))
- Mitzvah Circle ([www.mitzvahcircle.org](http://www.mitzvahcircle.org))

For those wishing to be part of an in-person event on the holiday, the seminary is hosting one!

Honor Dr. King's legacy through service and compassion. This event is being held at the Mt Airy Campus of United Lutheran Seminary (7301 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia). Lutheran Congregational Services and Lutheran Disaster Response, in partnership with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, will be collecting and assembling hygiene kits — a critical resource for individuals and families affected by disaster. For more info and registration:

<https://ministrylink.org/events/the-rev-dr-mlk-day-of-service/>

### **SAVE THE DATE: Chili Cookoff Fundraiser**

Mark your calendars for a youth fundraiser on **March 7, from 1:00–3:00 p.m.** A panel of judges will select one winner, and attendees will vote to determine a Crowd Favorite. We're still looking for 4–5 more chili chefs to participate and go head-to-head with Troop 98 and the other chefs already signed up. More details to come—but we wanted to get this on your family calendars now!

### **Youth Group Events** (Middle School and Older Students)

We will also be holding monthly Sunday night gatherings but mark your calendars now for upcoming special events just for our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and older.



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