

# LIVING LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Our Mission Statement

*“Living Lord Lutheran Church is a family of believers, renewed through the Holy Spirit, to be the real presence of the Risen Christ in this place, our community, and the world.”*

**PASTOR**

The Rev. Gregory Shreaves, ELCA

**MINISTER OF MUSIC**

Adria Ryan

**MUSICIAN EMERITUS**

Pamela Wilcox

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 AM

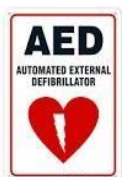
Living Lord Lutheran Church is a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ([www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).) With over 9,100 congregations and 4 million members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, we are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world.

We believe and teach that Christ’s body and blood are truly present and are really given in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. Communion at present is given in one kind – that is, the consecrated Body of Christ. It is given, along with the words spoken by the Presiding Minister, “The Body of Christ, the Blood of Christ.” Children and adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing if you do not wish to receive the Sacrament.

Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all newcomers, as well as those returning home to Living Lord today. We do not consider newcomers to be visitors. This is the church of Jesus Christ, and there is a place for you here. We invite you to join the conversation, participate fully in the spiritual life of this community, and proclaim with us the Good News to all the world. Again, welcome to Living Lord Lutheran Church. If you are visiting today, please inform an usher or the Pastor. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the lobby of the church.

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**In the event of emergency, an AED device is located in the lobby/narthex of the church. You will find it on the wall leading to the restrooms.**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Epiphany 2**



**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY!**

**Introduction to the Day** *All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because Jesus comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven” (Gen.28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.*

*As we begin in song, please silence your phones and begin your conversation with the LORD.*

**WE BEGIN IN SONG**      *The assembly remains seated...*

**Blessed Assurance**



- 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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

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



### + BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.      **C: Amen**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.    **C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God      **C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN Trust and Obey



1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a  
2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor-row we share, but our  
3. But we ne - ver can prove the de-lights of his love un - til  
4. Then in fel - lows-hip sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll



glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a-  
toil he doth rich - ly re - pay; not a grief or a loss, not a  
all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows, for the  
walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he



bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.  
frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey.  
joy he bes - tows, are for them who will trust and o - bey.  
sends we will go; ne - ver fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

## *Refrain*



Trust and o - bey, for there's no o - ther way to be



hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

## 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.      **C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

### Kyrie Mass of God's Promise

Dan Schutte

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

9  
Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Christ have mer-cy on us.

17  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY *(the assembly prays together...)*

P: Let us pray.

**C:** Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly day by day, praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The assembly is invited to be seated...*

## WORD

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



## FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

**The reading may be found at the back of the bulletin.**

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 139:1-6, 13-18 –**

*You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)*

1 LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

**2 You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

3 You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**4 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

5 You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

13 For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**14 I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

15 My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**16 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in  
your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

17 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

**18 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives  
through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of  
human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit  
lives within us.*

***The reading may be found at the back of the bulletin.***

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is invited to stand as you are able....*

# +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

# Alleluia

Seek Ye First

The musical score is written for a single voice in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words on multiple lines. Chord symbols (D, F#m, G, Em, A7) are placed above the staff at the beginning of each measure. The score ends with a double bar line.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
Man shall not live by bread alone,  
Ask and it shall be given unto you.

and His righteousness.  
but by every word  
Seek and ye shall find.

And all these things shall be added unto you.  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!

## + GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O LORD.

*The reading may be found at the back of the bulletin.*

*The gospel concludes:*

L: The Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly is invited to be seated...*

## MESSAGE

Eric Mumford

*Silence for reflection . . . The assembly is invited into quiet reflection after the message, and before the Hymn of the Day. The assembly is invited to stand as you are able...*

## +HYMN OF THE DAY

## HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

Verses



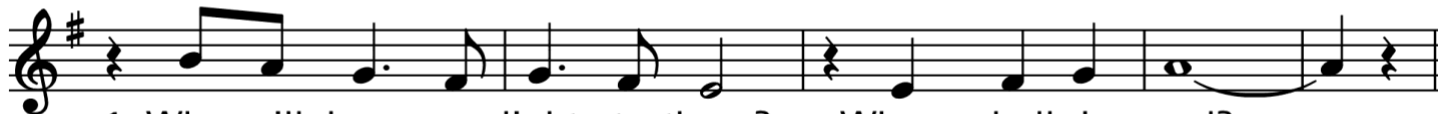
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who  
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.



## **+NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **+PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

*A brief silence. The Presiding Minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words...*

**P:** God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. **C: Amen.**

## + THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The peace is shared by remaining in place and bowing, waving, extending a hand to those around you.*

*The service continues with the Offering.*

## MEAL

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



## THE OFFERING OF THE GIFTS

*The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared. All are invited to place their offering in the offering plates in the lobby/narthex of the church either prior to entering the worship space, or on the way out of the church. All are invited into quiet reflection as the Offertory is played.*

*Our work – God's work here at Living Lord, is supported entirely by the financial generosity of this community. As an additional option to your giving today, prayerfully consider using the QR code below for a secure payment gateway on our church website. There you may designate where you'd like your offering to go. And, thanks! Simply click on the QR code here to the right...*



## OFFERING HYMN

PRAYER & DEVOTION

## I Surrender All

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1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;  
2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,  
3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;  
4 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live.  
world - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en: take me, Je - sus, take me now.  
may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy power di - vine.  
fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

*Refrain*

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,

all to thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.

WORDS: Judson W. VanDeVenter (1855-1939)  
MUSIC: Winfield S. Weeden (1847-1908)

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*The assembly is invited to stand as you are able.* 11

## **+OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## **+PREFACE**

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:

## SANCTUS

## Echo Holy

G C G G C G G D G

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, — Ho-ly, (Ho-ly, Ho-ly, — Ho-ly) Lord, God of pow-er and might;

7 G D G G C G G C G

(Lord, God of pow-er and might;) Heav-en, heav-en and earth (Heav-en, heav-en and earth)

13 G D G G D G G C G G C G

are full of your glo-ry. (are full of your glo-ry.) Sing Ho-san-na, (Sing Ho-san-na,)

19 C Am C C Am C G C G G C G C D G

Sing Ho-san-na, (Sing Ho-san-na,) Sing Ho-san-na, (Sing Ho-san-na,) Sing Al-le-lu-ia.

25 C D G G C G G C G

(Sing Al-le-lu-ia.) Bless-ed, bless-ed is He (Bless-ed, bless-ed is He) Who

31 G D G G D G

comes in the name of the Lord. (Who comes in the name of the Lord.)

35 G C G G C G C Am C C Am C G C G

Sing Ho-san-na, (Sing Ho-san-na,) Sing Ho-san-na, (Sing Ho-san-na,) Sing Ho-san-na,

40 G C G C D G C D G

(Sing Ho-san-na,) Sing Al-le-lu-ia. (Sing Al-le-lu-ia.)

*The elements have been consecrated by Pastor Greg. The Presiding Minister continues...*

P: Pastor Greg reminds us that 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.

P: And now we pray boldly as our LORD Christ Jesus taught us to pray.

### **+LORD'S PRAYER**

**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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## COMMUNION SONG

The assembly is invited to be seated for the distribution of the Sacrament.

### Lamb of God

Mass of God's Promise

Dan Schutte



Lamb of God, ri-sen for us, you take a - way the sins of the

8 world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us. \_\_\_\_\_

15 Lamb of God, ri-sen for us, you take a - way — the sins of the

22 world, O\_\_ grant us peace, O grant us last - ing peace, Lamb of God.

*As the Presiding Minister offers these words, “The body of Christ, given for you”, and the Assisting Minister offers these words, “The blood of Christ, shed for you” each is invited to respond with “Amen.” Gluten free hosts are available. Ask those presiding to provide you with one if you need it.*

*During the distribution of the Sacrament, the assembly is invited to sing below:*

# COMMUNION HYMNS    YOU ARE NEAR

Dan Schutte



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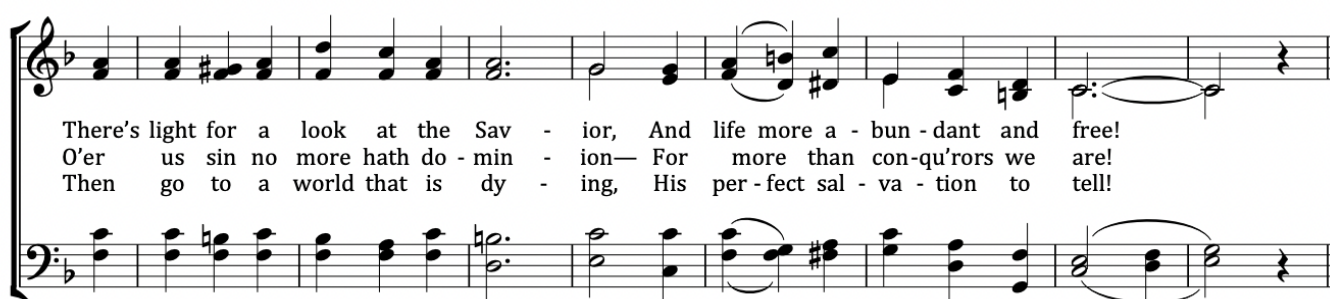


# Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:2*

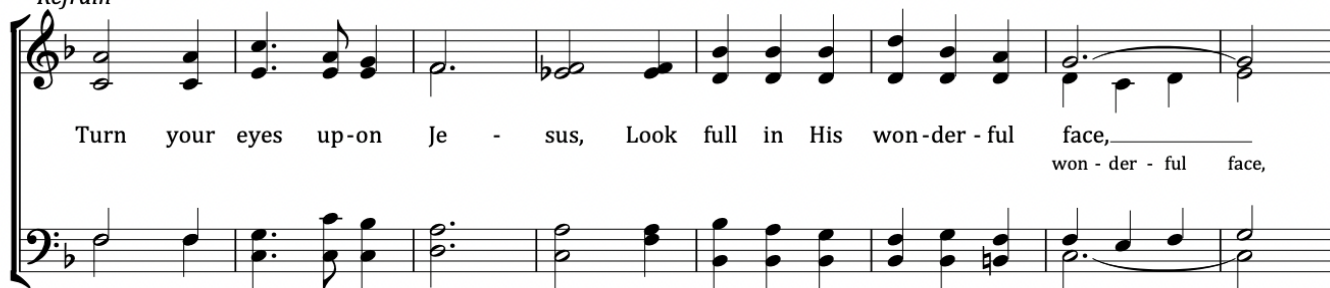


1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the dark-ness you see?  
 2. Thro' death in - to life ev - er - last - ing, He passed, and we fol - low Him there;  
 3. His Word shall not fail you—He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and all will be well:

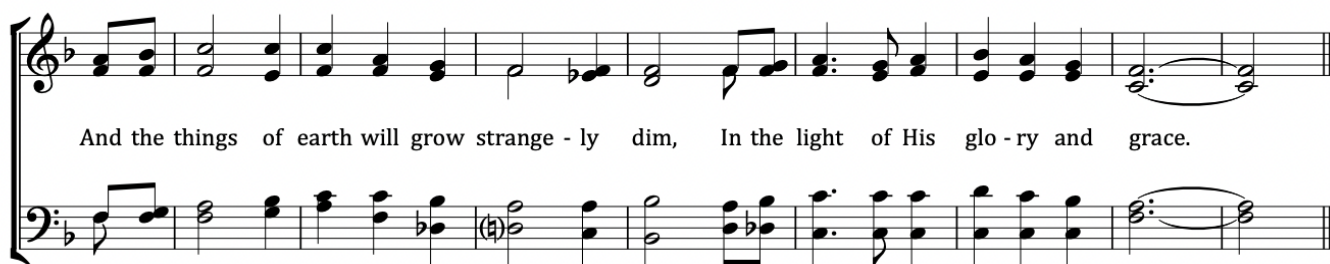


There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, And life more a - bun - dant and free!  
 O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion— For more than con-qu'rors we are!  
 Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

## Refrain



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look full in His won-der - ful face,  
 won - der - ful face,



And the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, In the light of His glo - ry and grace.

WORDS and MUSIC: "Lemmel"; Helen H. Lemmel, 1922. Public Domain.



*After the distribution of the Sacrament is completed, all are invited to stand as you are able...*

+ P: The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

### **+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. C: Amen.

### **SENDING**

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



### **+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, +bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

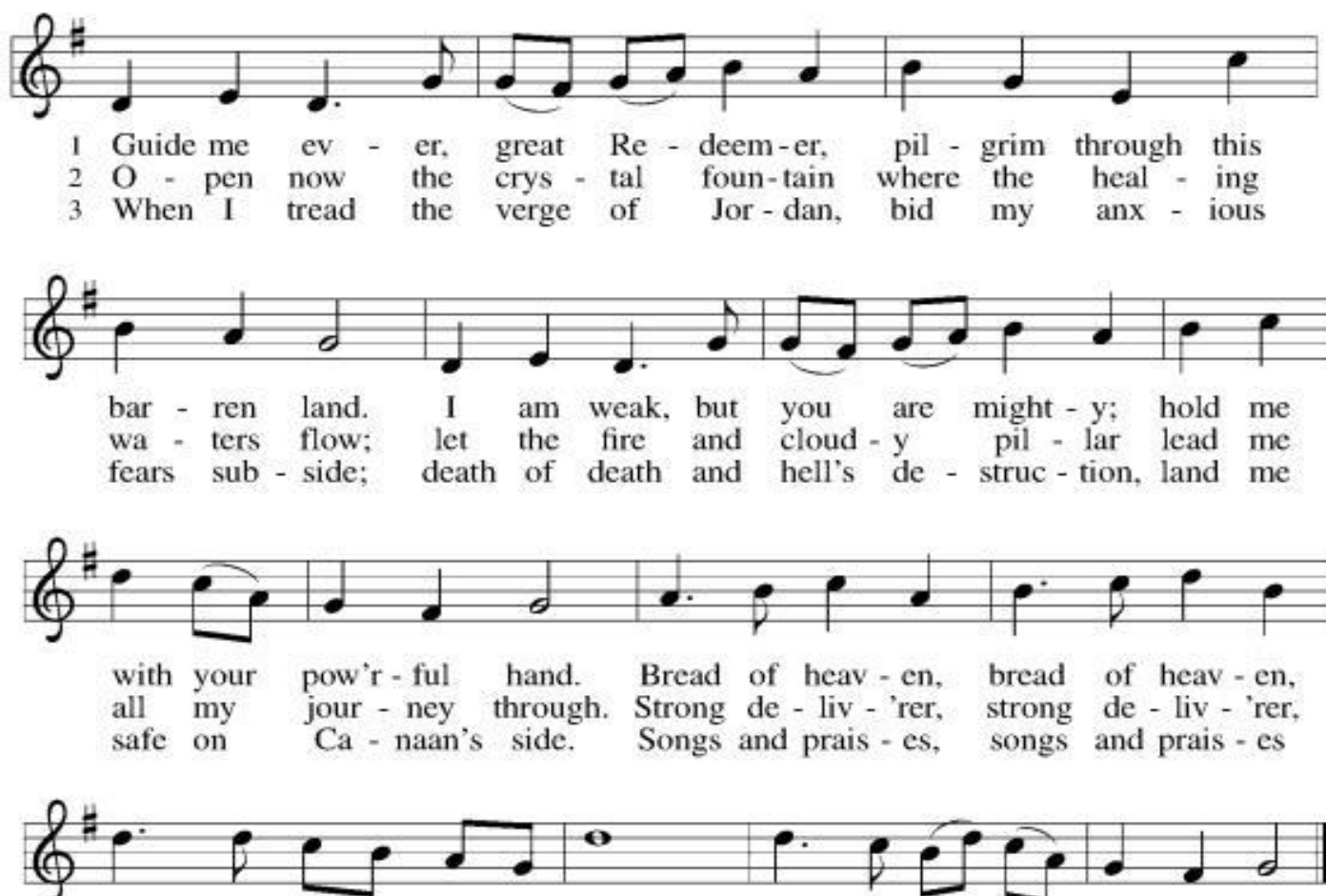
*The assembly is invited to be seated for Ministry Announcements.*

### **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly is invited to stand as you are able...*

## +SENDING HYMN

### Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in Peace. Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**January 14, 2024**

### **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

#### ***Faith, Seen and Unseen***

“Follow me,” says Jesus to Philip. Then “Come and see,” says Philip to Nathanael. Early in the Gospel of John and in Jesus’ public ministry, the movement is already spreading. This transmission of faith from person to person is something like a fire jumping from one twig to another.

Sometimes, though, it can feel as if the spark just isn’t catching—not much transmission is happening any longer. Many people lament that their children, grandchildren, or other loved ones have abandoned the Christian faith. But have they truly? Maybe, similar to Nathanael, they have not yet personally encountered Jesus. Nathanael questions and doubts the words of the witness Philip until he experiences for himself that Jesus is the Son of God. Just as the message of the good news can spread like fire from twig to twig, so can faith ignite—or reignite—when one has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. There is no miracle for pastors or others to perform; we are simply called to prepare the way, to welcome all of God’s children, and to accompany people no matter where they are on their faith journey.

To change metaphors, sometimes faith flows like an underground stream. In some limestone terrains, a stream of water might disappear from the surface and reappear farther along in a different kind of terrain. The fact that the stream can’t be seen doesn’t mean it has stopped flowing. Likewise, faith is sometimes difficult to identify, but that doesn’t mean it’s not flowing in and through someone’s life. Visible signs of Jesus at work in a person are not always where or in the form we expect to see them. They can be in Sunday worship or in daily acts of kindness, compassion, grace, and love for ourselves and for others. Only Jesus knows what is in our hearts—already burning, deeply flowing, or yet to spark.

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