



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, November 16, 2023 | 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 19, 2023 | 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

P—Pastor **C**—Congregation **L**—Leader

PRELUDE: (7:00pm & 8:00am) “O Christ Our Light, Our Radiance True”Helmut Walcha
(7:00pm & 8:00am) “O Christ Our Light, Our Radiance True”Paul Manz
(10:30am) “The Church’s One Foundation”Michael Helman

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 aid 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 Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

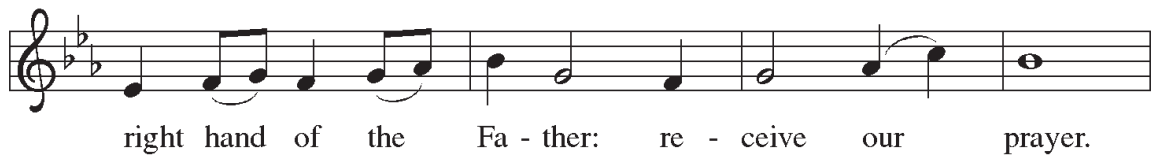
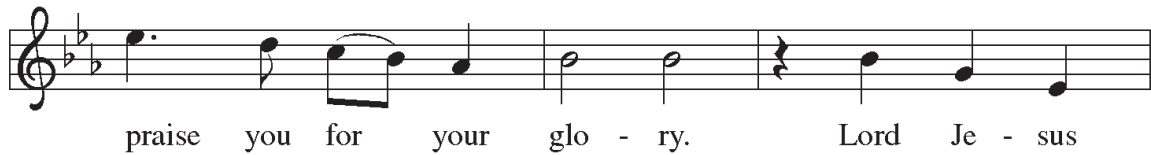
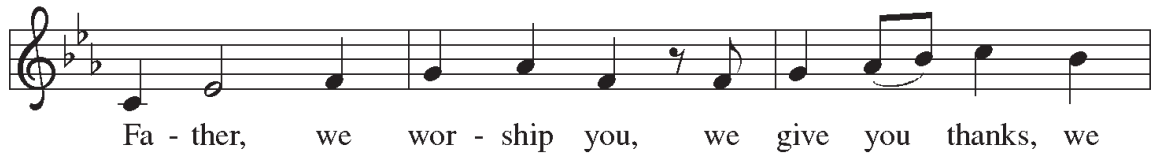
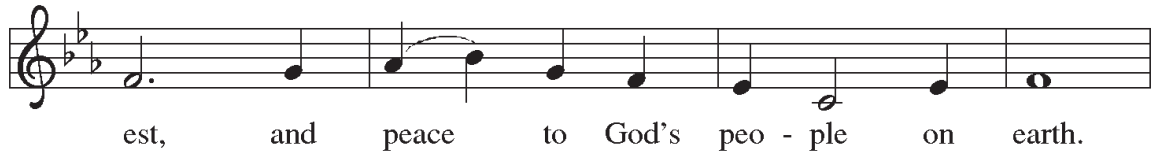
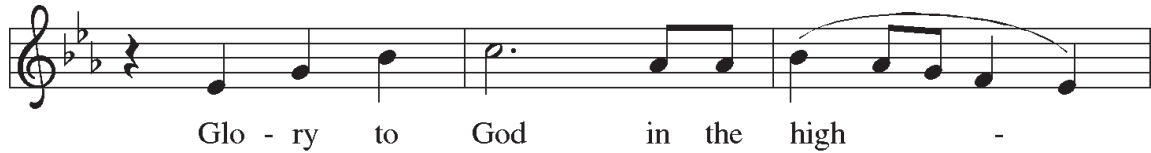
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"



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.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

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

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING.....Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.” ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

☞ The word of the Lord.

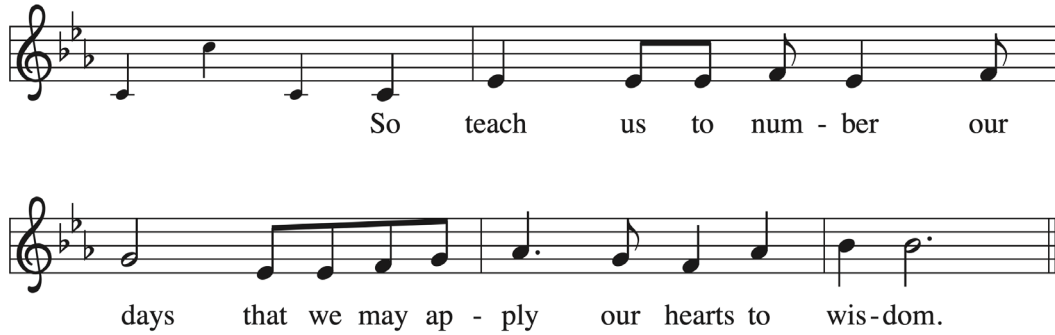
☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12

(7pm/8am) All are invited to recite the verses together.

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. ³You turn us back to the dust and say, “Turn back, O children of earth.” ⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night; ⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass: ⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. ⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath. ⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. ⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone. ¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation? ¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

PSALM 90:1-12 (10:30am) *The choir will sing the refrain, then all are invited to repeat it.
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SECOND READING.....1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Silence for Reflection

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God of the Fertile Fields".....ITALIAN HYMN

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs . . .
- P** Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

People greet each other saying: "Peace be with you."

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: (10:30am) “Will You Be Ready”Mark Patterson

People who walk in darkness, they have seen a great light. The light will shine upon them; may it shine brightly on them.

Refrain: Will you be ready for the light, ready for the light to shine upon you? Will you be ready for the light, ready for the light to shine?

Will you be watching? Will you be listening? Will you hear the angels sing? Will you be waiting? Will you be searching for our Savior and our King?

People keep watching, true light is coming, all on the coming judgement day.
Where is your treasure? Is it in Jesus? In him you'll find the righteous way.

Mark Patterson, alt.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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.

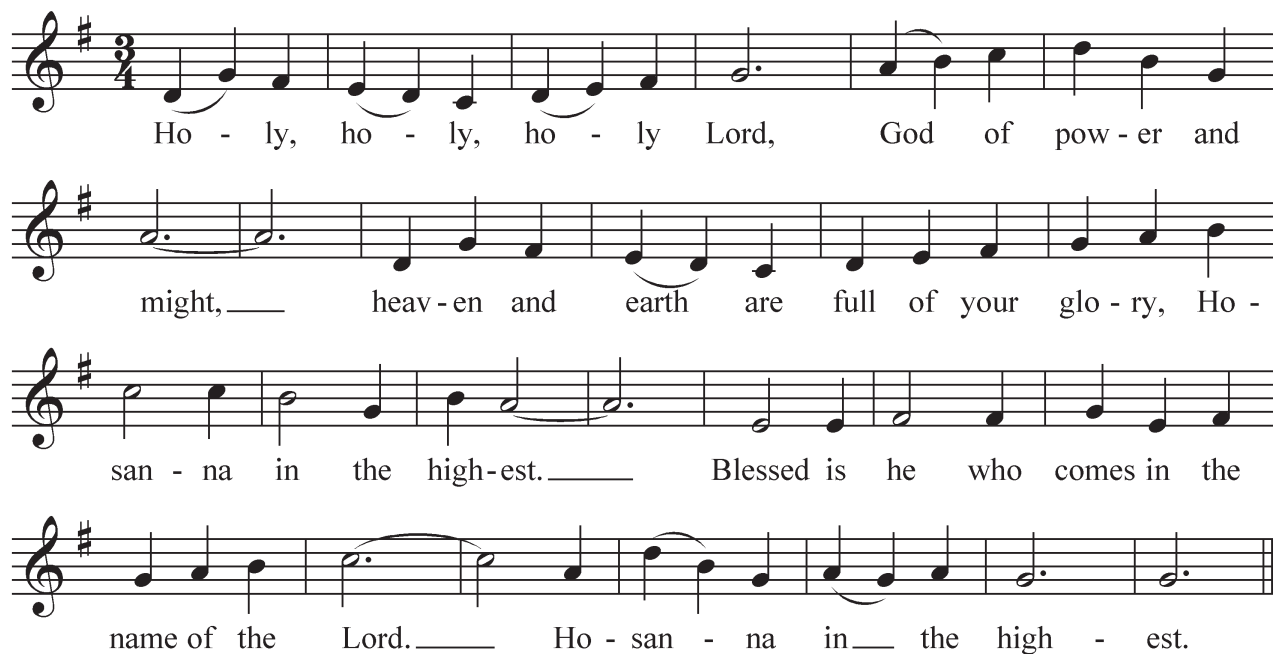
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We praise and thank you, abounding God, because you demand so much from us and at the same time give us everything you expect of us. In the glory of creation and the grace of liberation you set the contours of our journey with you.

By crafting the covenant and by renewing your people in exile you showed us the manner and purpose of your ever-flowing love. In Jesus you gave us your most precious talent. Though we buried him through our ignorance and sin, you raised him to multiply your church and spread abroad your kingdom.

And so we give you thanks with saints and angels and the company of heaven, joining their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Encouraging God, your Son Jesus died for us so that we might live together with you. He went through the deep night of betrayal, anguish in Gethsemane, trial by his own people, and scourging by his oppressors, that we might live in endless day.

Send your Holy Spirit that your people may be turned from the fear of your wrath to the anticipation of your glory. By that same Spirit of salvation and hope, sanctify these gifts of bread and wine that in your kingdom of grace they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ: who, In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

▣ Generous God, when your church is entrusted with a little, make it faithful, and when your people are sent forth to take care of much, make them wise and true and kind. As you invested your whole heart in the uncertain market of our love, show your children where to take risks, when to enter the unknown, and how to trade with your bounty.

Prepare the hearts of the flourishing and the fragile for the day of your revelation, that when all secrets are made known and all desires laid bare, your understanding and forgiving grace may see the virtue behind our clumsiness and the goodness amid our folly.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all, ever one God, Father, Son, And Holy Spirit.

▣ Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

▣ 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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

AGNUS DEI

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 ANTHEM: (10:30am) “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”Paul Manz
 Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come, sing holy, holy Lord. Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell within; rejoice on earth, ye saints below for Christ is coming, is coming soon. E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more. They need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their all.

Revelation 22, adapted Ruth Manz

HYMN:ELW 472, “Eat This Bread”BERTHIER

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
 Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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COMMUNION BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- ☑ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

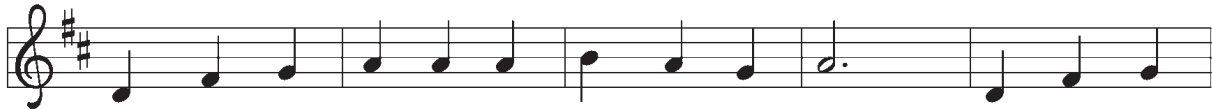
- ☐ We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

BLESSING

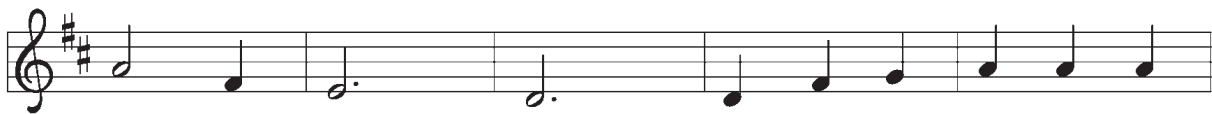
☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 815, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"HOUSTON



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”Helmut Walcha

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- + Youth Choir (10:30am); Emily Bird, Director
- + Trinity Ringers (10:30am); Shannon Hardiek, Director
- + Chrystal Dowty, Ami Jackisch, Trina Gould Liggett, Elizabeth Richey, Donna Russell;
Communion Assistants
- + Patricia Menge (8:00am), Youth Readers (10:30am); Readers
- + Special thanks to today’s Ushers, Altar Guild, Video and Audio Production Crew.

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IN OUR PRAYERS: Sharon Gerig, Jenny and Bob Hobby and Family, Kay, The Family of Cheryl Reinking, Peter, Marilyn Beery, Peter Baker, Shelly, Tom, Joe, Jack, Jill, Bruce, Norb and Rita.

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