

# Sunday, January 19, 2025 11:00 am

# GATHERING

#### WELCOME

#### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us,

we confess that we have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.



#### 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.** 

#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## <u>WORD</u>

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 62:1-5 A reading from Isaiah.

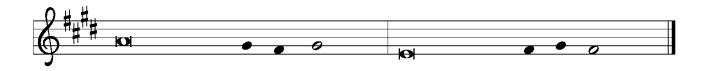
The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your and all the kings your glory; and you shall be vindication, that the mouth of the Lord will give. called by a new name <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be royal diadem in the hand of your God. termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



We feast up - on the a-bun-dance of your house, O LORD.



<sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches <sup>1</sup> to the heavens, and your faithfulness <sup>1</sup> to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like <sup>1</sup> the great deep;

**you save humankind and ani-** | **mals, O LORD. R** <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your | love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow <sup>1</sup> of your wings.

- <sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance <sup>1</sup> of your house; you give them drink from the river of <sup>1</sup> your delights.
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the <sup>1</sup> well of life, and in your light <sup>1</sup> we see light.
- <sup>10</sup> Continue your lovingkindness to <sup>|</sup> those who know you, and your favor to those who are <sup>|</sup> true of heart. R

#### **SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

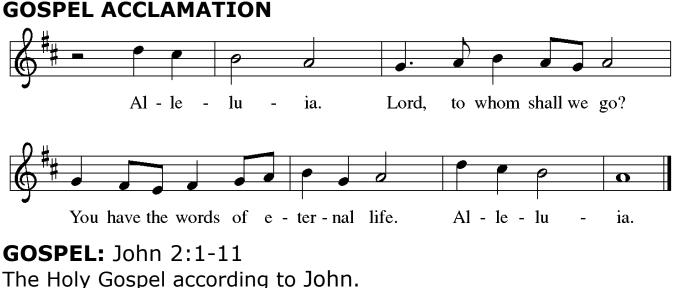
A reading from 1 Corinthians.

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

<sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.<sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### SERMON



# HOLY BAPTISM

#### PRESENTATION

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

We present Gemma Rose Riddle.

#### To the parents:

Adam and Alaina, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Gemma baptized into Christ?

#### I do.

As you bring Gemma to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Gemma may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Gemma grow in the Christian faith and life? I do.

#### To the sponsors:

Amanda and Scott, do you promise to nurture Gemma in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

To the congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support Gemma and pray for her in her new life in Christ? We do.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

#### Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning, your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea, you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### BAPTISM

Gemma Rose Riddle, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Gemma with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

Gemma, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.** 

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace, hear 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.** 

#### WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

## MEAL OFFERING

Please place offering in offering plates as they are passed, utilize our online giving tools (<u>www.hlc.church</u>), or scan the QR code to remain current in your generosity. Checks can be sent to: Hope Lutheran Church, 8070 Rowan Road, Cranberry Twp. PA 16066.



#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

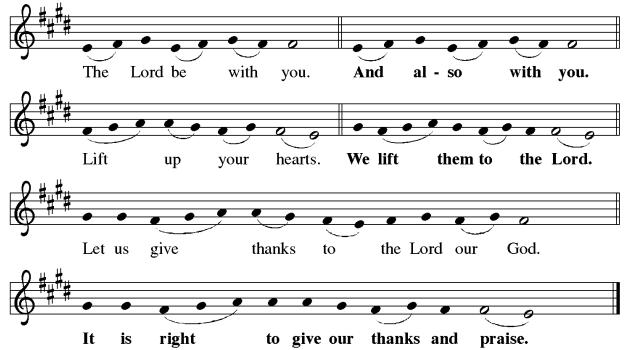
**OFFERTORY:** TAKE THESE SIMPLE GIFTS, O LORD Voice Take these sim - ple gifts, Oh Lord and use them for Your Glo ry Take our hum - ble lives, Oh Lord and use them for Your Glo ry While thy May these gifts. Thee we stand un wor bless We Your hands and We your feet In this world Your bo dy

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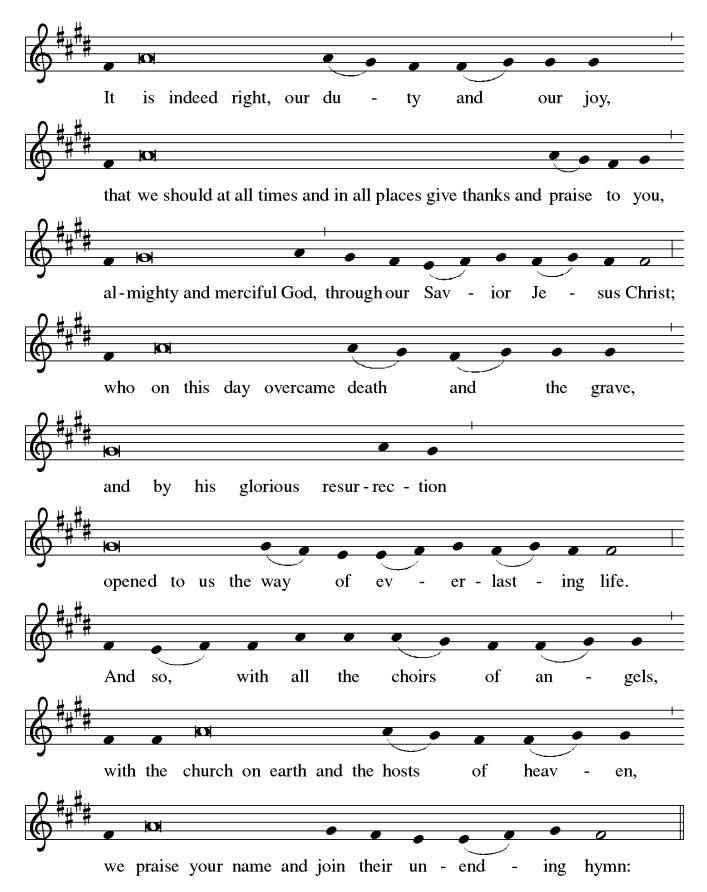
Let us pray.

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.

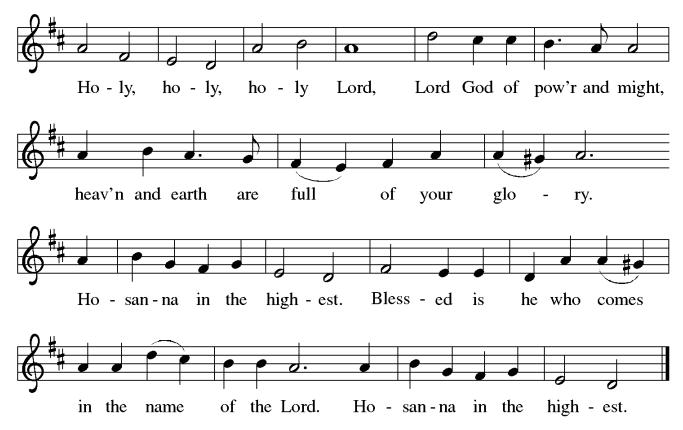
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



#### PREFACE



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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. **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.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

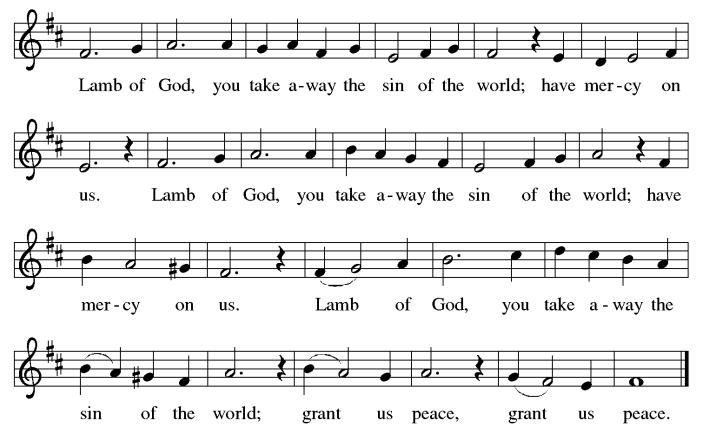
#### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

All are welcome to share in communion. Proceed forward by way of the center aisle. After receiving your wafer (please let us know if you require gluten-free), commune by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine and then eating it). Return to your seat by way of the side aisles. If you do not want to commune, but would like a blessing, please approach with your arms crossed and you will receive a blessing.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond: Amen.

#### LAMB OF GOD







#### **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.** 

## SENDING BENEDICTION

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

#### Amen.

SENDING HYMN: JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (VERSES 2-4)



### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.