

**You are my  
beloved Son;  
with you I am  
well pleased.**



**Luke 3:22**

# **Baptism of Our Lord**

## **January 12, 2025**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

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## Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

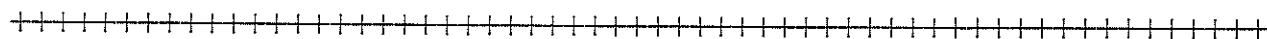
## Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

## Mission Statement

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9



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Chicago Folk Service  
\*indicates to please stand  
**Bold**-congregation responses

**PRELUDE YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL**

*Dennis Jernigan*

## **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive 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.**

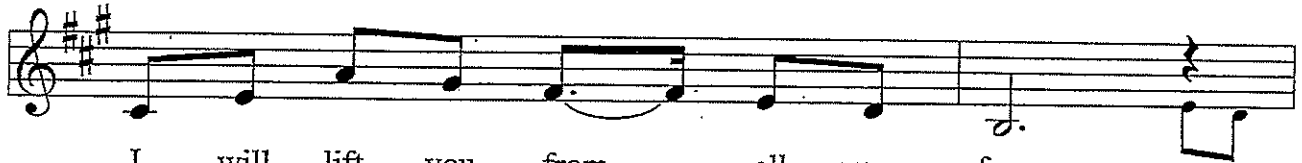
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved and in the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN You Are Mine**



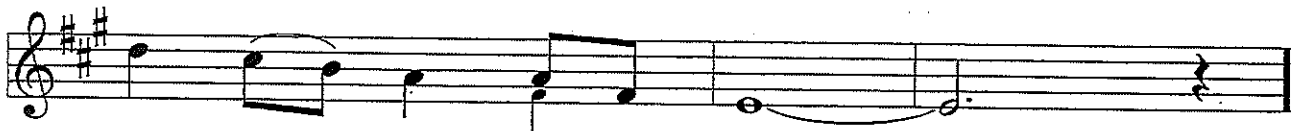
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the des - pair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom,



I will lift you from all your fear. In the  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame. In the  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (To stanza 2)  
 Come and rest in me. (To refrain)  
 all will know my name. (To refrain)  
 up, now walk and live! (To refrain)



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

To stanzas Last time

**\*WELCOME**

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.**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**\*KYRIE – “DEACONS PRAYER”**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



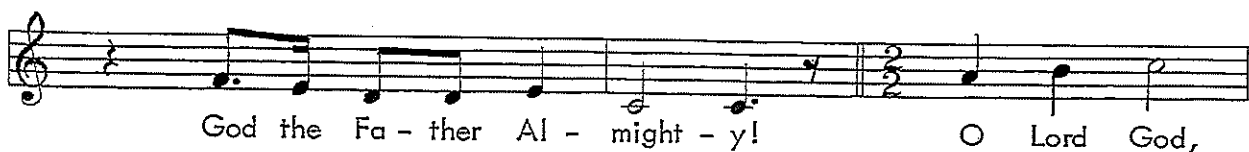
For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help save, strengthen and defend us, O God by your grace.



\*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - "SONG OF PRAISE"



## \*“GREETING” AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



Let us pray...

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. *Refrain:*
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe\*  
and strips the forests bare. *Refrain:*
- <sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.
- <sup>11</sup>The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Refrain:*



## SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from Romans, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Al-le-lu-le, Alleluia"

*Refrain*

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia! *fine*

Play mu - sic to praise his name!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia! (VERSE)

3. We sing to the glory of the Lord,  
Who set us free from our sins.

5. He came to show us how  
To live in the here and now.

## \* GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St.Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pr. Paul



# HYMN OF THE DAY    **Baptized and Set Free**



1 We are peo - ple cre - a - ted,      cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished,      filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter,      all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing,      we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly,      in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a Foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less O - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious Riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

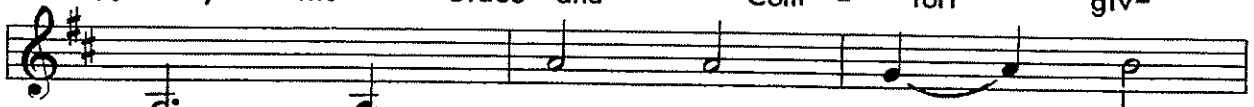
\*APOSTLES CREED – “CREED”



1. We all be - lieve— in one true  
 2. (And) we be - lieve— in Je - sus  
 3. (And) we in the Ho - ly Ghost be -



1. God — Mak - er of Earth — and Heav -  
 2. Christ, his Son our — Lord — and Sav -  
 3. lieve, who Grace and — Com - fort giv -



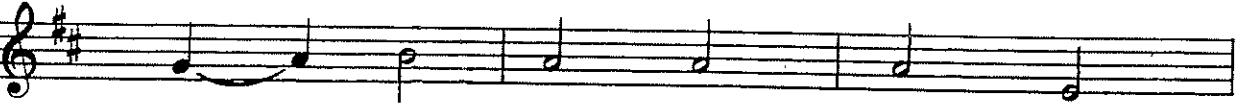
1. en, the Fa - ther who — to  
 2. ior, who with the Fa - ther  
 3. eth, and with the Fa - ther



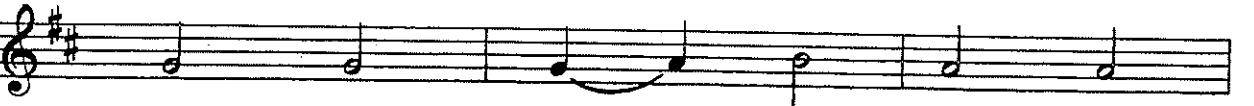
1. us in love, hath the name of  
 2. e - qual might, — hath pow'r and  
 3. and the Son in e - ter - nal



1. chil - dren giv - en, He in  
 2. glo - ry for - ev - er. Born of  
 3. glo - ry liv - eth. Who all

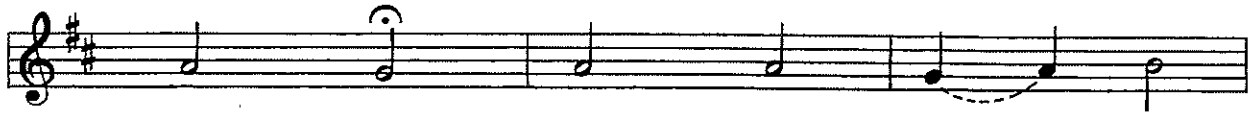


1. soul — and bod - y feeds us.  
 2. Mar - y Vir - gin Moth - er  
 3. Chris - tian broth - ers e - ven



1. All we need — his hand pro -  
 2. by the work - ing of the  
 3. keeps in u - ni - ty of

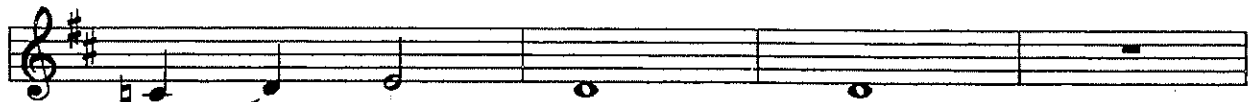
\*APOSTLE'S CREED (continued)



1. vides us, through all snares and  
 2. Spir - it, he be - came our  
 3. Spir - it, sins are tru - ly for-



1. per - ils leads us sees no  
 2. el - der broth - er, that Heav'n we  
 3. giv - en through the Blest Re-



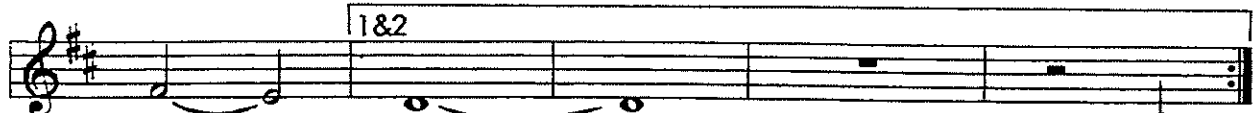
1. harm - be - tides us.  
 2. might - in - her - it.  
 3. deem - er's mer - it.



1. He cares for us by day and  
 2. Was cru - ci - fied by sin - ful  
 3. All flesh shall rise a - gain and



1. night, all things are gov - erned by  
 2. men, and raised by God to life  
 3. we shall live with God e - ter



1. His - might. And  
 2. a - gain. And  
 3. nal



3. ly.


\*"CREATE IN ME"



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O,



God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. —



Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. — Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold me with your spir - it free. — Cre -



ate in me a clean heart, O — God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. —

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you.**

*(Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.)*

**OFFERTORY** "Baptized and Set Free"

*Flautist Katie Voulgaris*

*Tune: Cathy Skogen-Soldne;; Arr: Anne Krentz Organ*



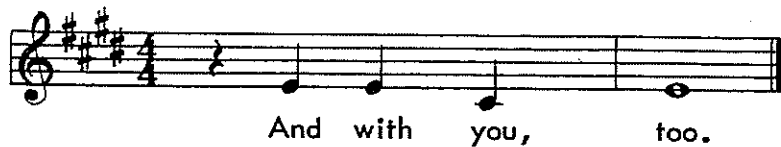
## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

\*Let us pray,

**Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*“**THANKSGIVING**”

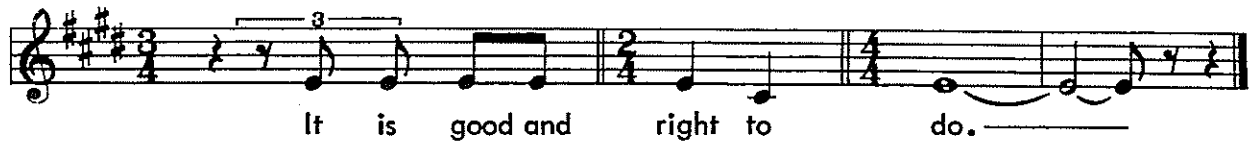
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Give thanks to the Lord.



It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising You and saying:



## \*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of  
Hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Glo - ry be to you, O Lord most high.  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. —  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -  
san - nah in the high - est! —

Father, you are holy indeed; all your actions show your mercy and love. You made us in your image and set us over your creations. Even when we had fallen under the spell of sin, you did not abandon us but offer a covenant of blessing for all people.

You rescued your chosen people, Israel, as a sign of the great deliverance to come. You sent prophets to prepare the way. And when the time had come, you sent your Son; born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In word and wonder he proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. For us he was lifted up on the cross that we might know the power of his resurrection. And that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for him, he promised his Holy Spirit to those who believe to comfort and guide us and make us children of you, his Father.

Father, through him and in his name, we ask you fill us with your Holy Spirit so that, until he comes again, we may remember him as he commanded us:

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**



1. Our Fa - ther who art in Heav -  
 2. (On) Earth as it is in Heav -  
 3. And for - give us our tres -  
 4. Lead us — not in - to temp -  
 5. (For) thine is the king - dom and the  
 6. (A-) men, A - men, it shall be



1. en, —  
 2. en, —  
 3. pass - es,  
 4. ta - tion,  
 5. pow - er,  
 6. so, —

1-6. Hal - low - ed be Thy Name.



1. Thy — King - dom come, — Thy will be —  
 2. Give us this day our dai - ly  
 3. As we for - give those who tres - pass a -  
 4. But de - liv - er us from  
 5. And the glo - ry for - ev - er and  
 6. A - men, A - men, it shall be —

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Continued)

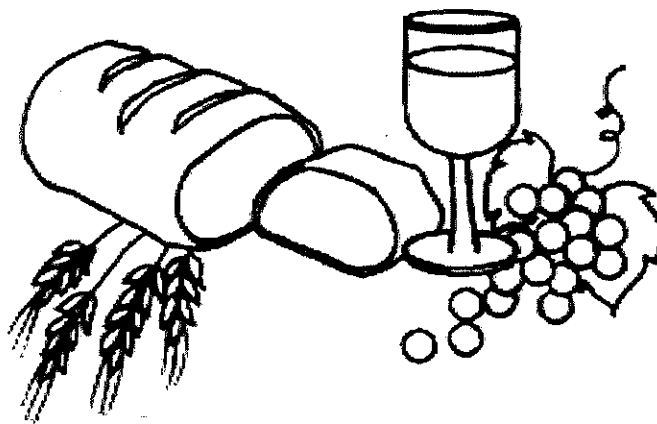


- 1. done, —
  - 2. bread, —
  - 3. gainst us, —
  - 4. e - vil, —
  - 5. ev - er, —
  - 6. so. —
- 1-6. Hal - low - ed be Thy Name.



- 2. On
- 3. 6. Name.
- 4.
- 5. For
- 6. A-

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.  
 When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.



\*AGNUS DEI – “LAMB OF GOD”



Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the  
sin of the world,— have mer - cy on us.  
Christ, O Lamb of God,  
who takes a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on  
us. Christ, O Lamb of  
God, who takes a - way the sin of the world,—  
give us your peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

Amen

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Table of Plenty

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-  
 - ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we  
 need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and  
 2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; 2 come to  
 3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you through days of  
 4. Your fields will flow - er in full-ness; your homes will

1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and  
 2. drink with - out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your  
 3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of  
 4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

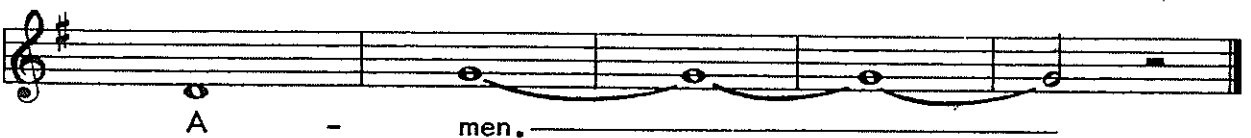
1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.  
 2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.  
 3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.  
 4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

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\*The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in His Grace.

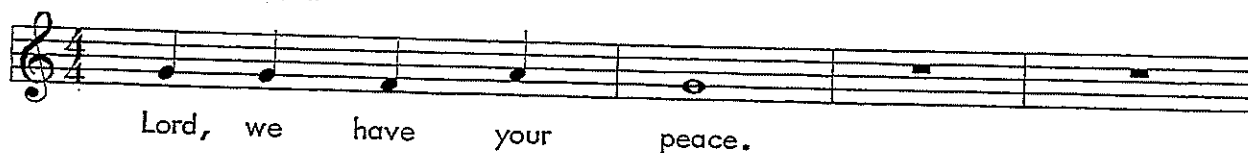
**Amen**

\*NUNC DIMITTIS – “SIMEON’S SONG”



\*"SEND US FORTH IN PEACE"

Lord we have your peace.



Lord, we have your peace.



Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your



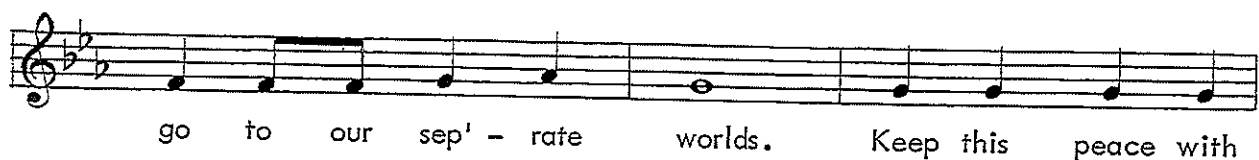
peace. Just as you said we have heard it,



Just as you lived we have felt it. Lord we have your



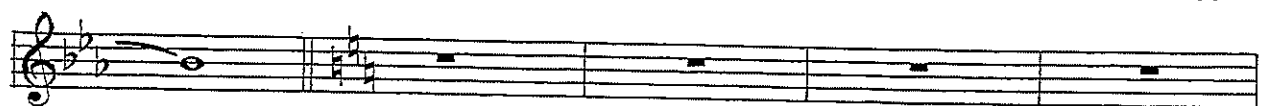
peace. Sus - tain us in your peace, O Lord, as we



go to our sep' - rate worlds. Keep this peace with



us as we try to love in our trou - bled worlds.—



Send us forth in peace.



Send us forth in peace to be a light to show your



beau - ty for - ev - er. —

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Chicago Folk Service by Art Gorman, Neil A. Kjos Music Co. Publisher Park Ridge, IL 60068

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## SERVING THE FAMILY OF FAITH

### This Week: 1/12

Reader: Renate Gray

Communion: Jerry & Zan Bramley

Fellowship: Barb Kuhn

Usher: John Humphrey

### Next Week: 1/19

Reader: Ken Schiess

Communion: Gina Schiess

Fellowship: Sandra Humphrey

Usher: Ken Schiess

**Reminder:** THANK YOU to everyone who signed up to serve  
in January and February!!

1/17 Friday, Executive Team meeting at noon

Every Wednesday at 9:30 Pr. Mark, Barb and Missy- Bible Study-  
Proverbs.

**Given to the Glory of God last week:** \$1,125