

AND WHEN THEY HAD  
BROUGHT THEIR BOATS  
TO LAND, THEY LEFT  
EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM.

LUKE 5:11

*The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany*

*First Lutheran Church*

*2-09-2025*





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The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

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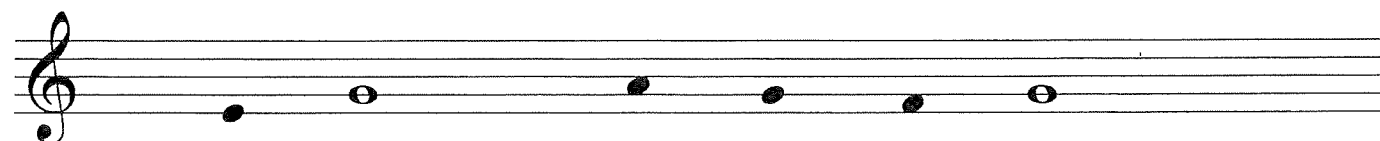
Lynn Trapp

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

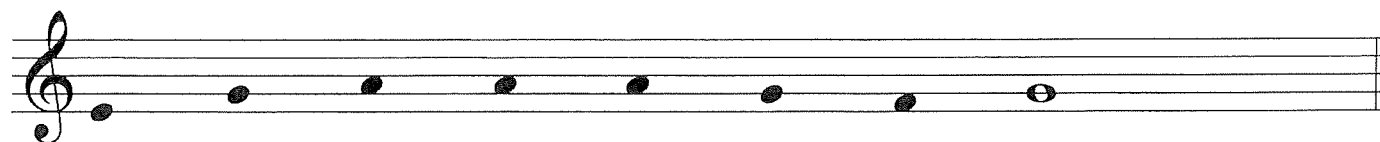
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### MORNING PRAYER

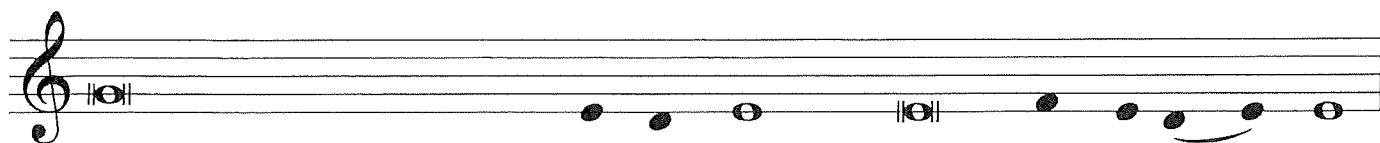
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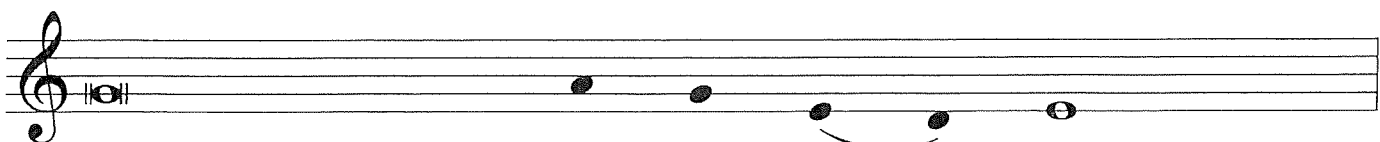
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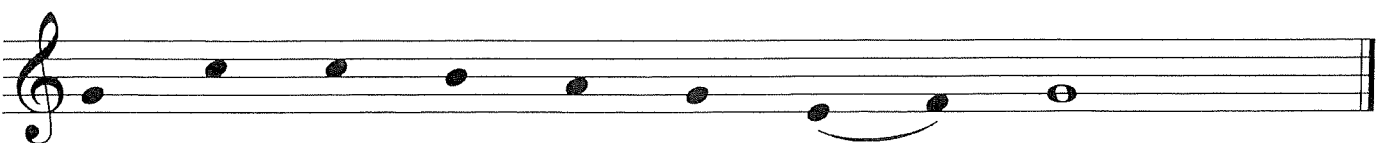
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



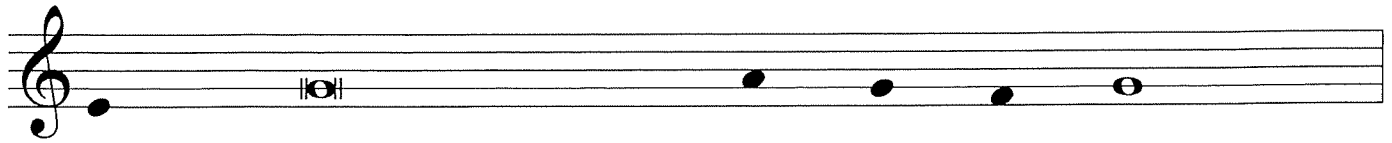
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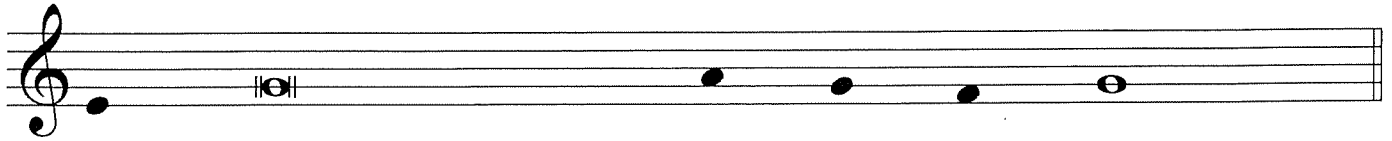
and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

# PSALMODY

## INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

**PSALM 95:1-7**



Come, Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion.

*repeat the Invitatory above*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

# **BELLS OF PRAISE**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

*Susan T. Nelson*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

**ISAIAH 6:1-13**

*R: A reading from Isaiah, the sixth chapter.*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' <sup>10</sup> Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

<sup>12</sup> until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

*R: A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.*

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*R: The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor: Jesus says, Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.  
(Matt. 4:19)*

# GOSPEL

# LUKE 5:1-11

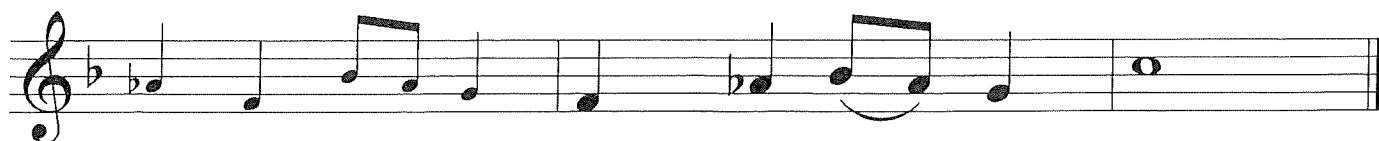
P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the fifth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore



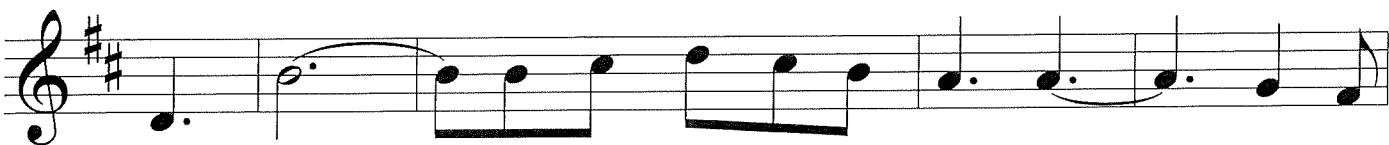
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
love for the rest of the wea - ry - a love that's  
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



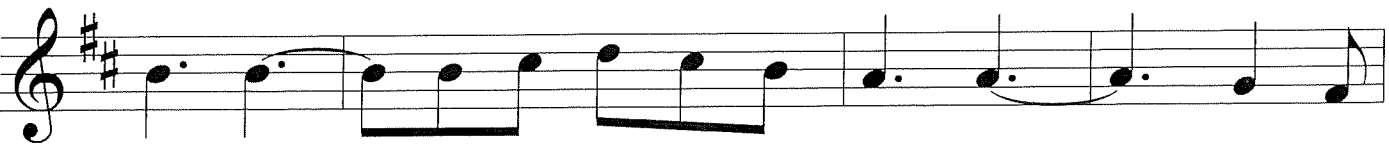
ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
fish nets and will for work - ing.  
will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
Friend, you have come to call me.



Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly



smil - ing, you've called out my name. On the



sand I have a - ban-doned my small boat; now with



you, I will seek oth - er seas.

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON**

**REVEREND MARK SCHURING**

*(Please stand)*

## **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

*Refrain*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the

dawn from on high shall break up - on us.



# **APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith  
as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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)*

# **OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

*HERE I AM, LORD*

*Janet Linker*

*Here I Am, Lord*

Char Pope, piano; Curtis L. King, organ

*(Please stand)*

# OFFERING SONG

## Here I Am, Lord



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.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



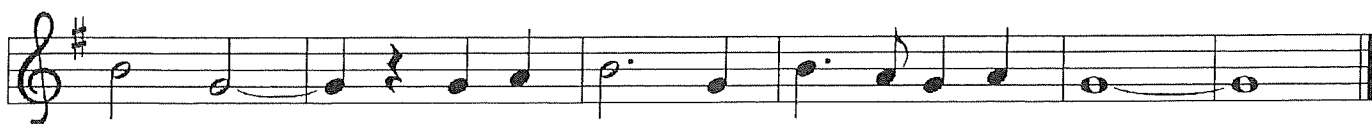
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



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.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please kneel)*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the  
church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each petition concludes:*

P: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope  
that your promise is revealed among the people.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

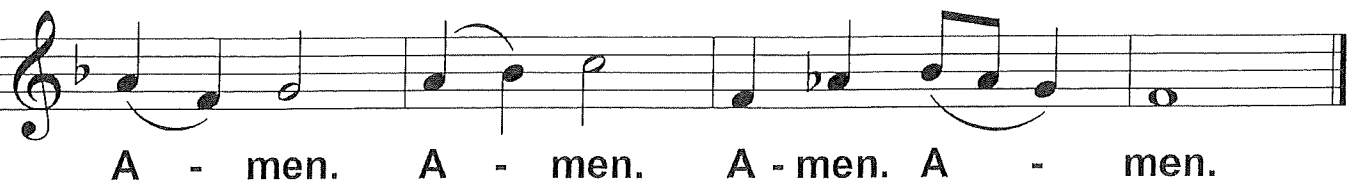
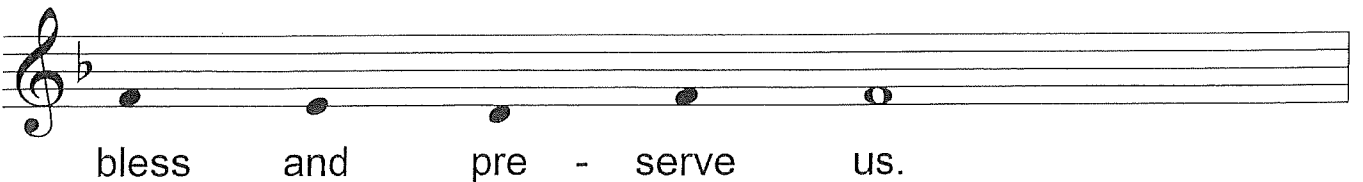
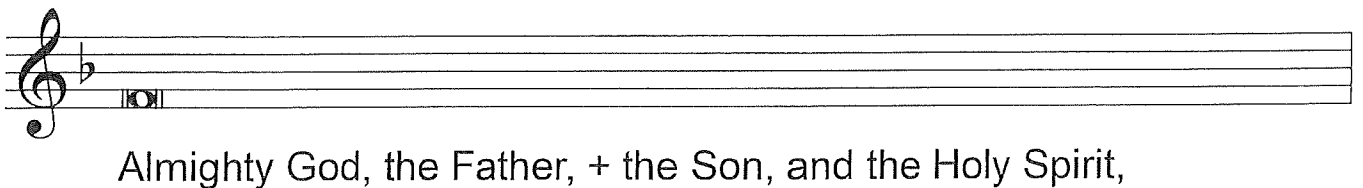
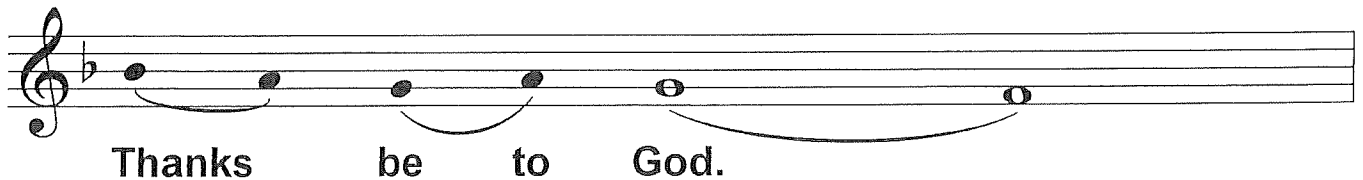
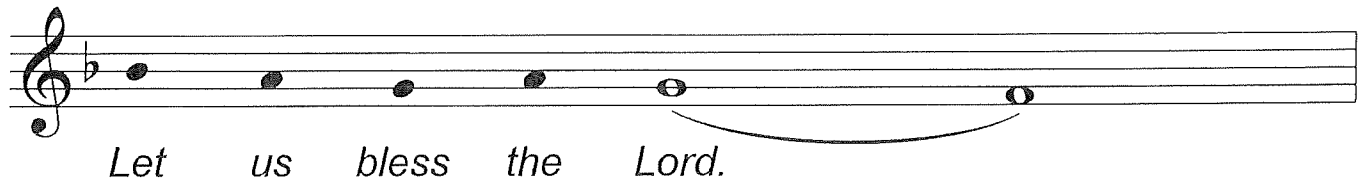
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# SENDING

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure. We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years, and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future. Bless our community of faith, bless our healing, bless the changes that are before us, bless our call process and the pastoral leaders who will shepherd us through this time of transition. We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us as we align with your will, and servant or servants you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time. Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future. In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

## BLESSING

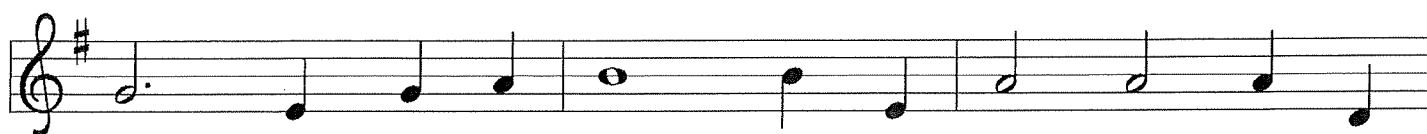


# SENDING SONG

## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

GROSSER GOTT

Paul Manz

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name, Opus 20*





*Thank you,  
Char Pope*

*for gracing us with your beautiful talent!*

## This Week's Calendar

**Sunday February 9**

**10:00AM** Church Service

**Monday February 10**

**10:00AM** Bible Study @Willows

**5:15PM** Bells of Praise

**Wednesday February 12**

**9:00AM** Piece Corp

**Sunday February 16**

**10:00AM** Church Service

**Meet & Greet Pastor Schuring**

## Events for the Month



QUILTING GROUP

The Piece Corp will be meeting **Feb 12th at**

**9:00 am**

Bookworms will be meeting  
**Feb 17th at 1:30 pm**



**GIVE  
Blood**

**Blood Mobile**

**Feb. 20th 12-6**

**Please register for  
appointment**

## Sharing Kitchen

Dates for our participation in the Sharing Kitchen are Feb. 24 & 27

There is a sign up sheet located on the wall near the Dietz Room if you would be willing to volunteer.

## Faith & Family Day

Looking Ahead!

Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Day

Sunday, March 9, 2025

We need to reserve a block of tickets for this family event now! Tickets go fast for this event so we need an idea of how many seats to reserve. A final count will be taken soon. Before the hockey game, there will be a pregame Q&A session led by Walleye players and coaches. Fans will have any opportunity to hear about their experiences with their faith throughout their careers. The game will start at 5:15. Postgame will have a free open skate at the Huntington Center in Toledo. Tickets will be \$19 each. Please contact Shelley Ross and let her know how many tickets to reserve for you [shelley.ross@sycltelco.com](mailto:shelley.ross@sycltelco.com) or

text 419-618-4653.

Thanks!

**Last day to reserve tickets**

**Feb.  
9th!!!!**



**WOFB**

**FEB. 27th starting  
at 1 pm**

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.





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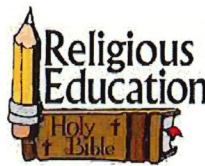
## Our Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Deb & Jonathon Nominee  
Cantor: Elijah Shiley  
Facebook Camera: Zach Shawberry  
Host: Judy Kimmel  
Reader: Shelley Ross  
Worship Assistant: Shelley Ross  
Director of Music: Curtis L. King  
Pastor: Pastor Mark Schuring

## Catechism Classes

Rick Greene and Mike Porter will be hosting Catechism Classes. If anyone is interested

Please contact either one at



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## Our Mission Statement

**“God is among us!”**

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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