



A LIGHT HAS DAWNED

MATTHEW 4:12-23

First Lutheran Church

January 25, 2026

Epiphany III

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

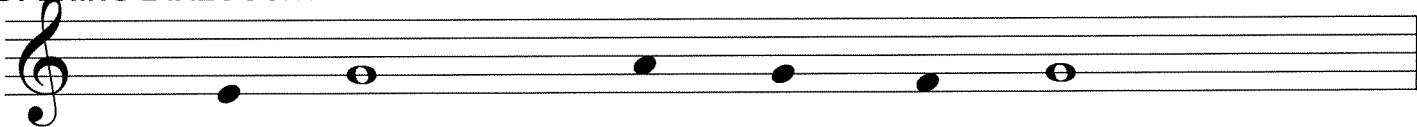
Lynn Trapp

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
Fishers of Men

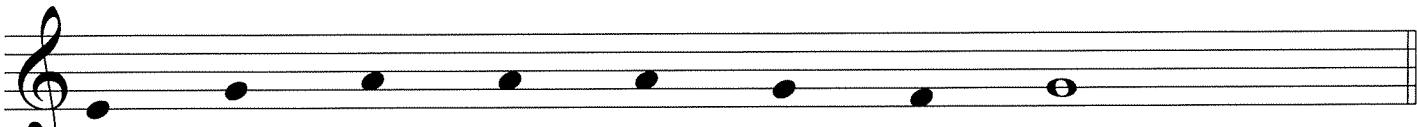
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MORNING PRAYER

OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY



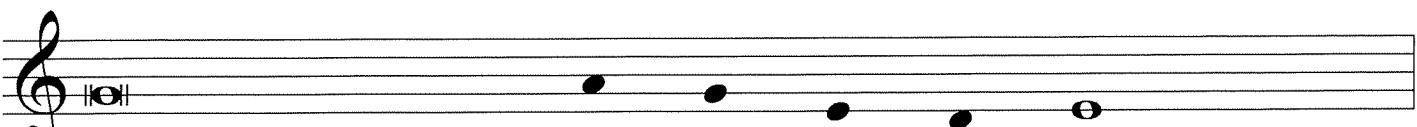
Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,



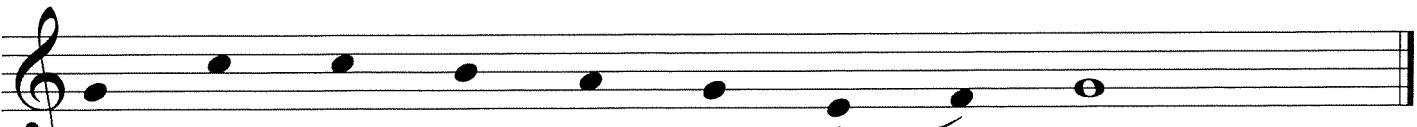
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



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



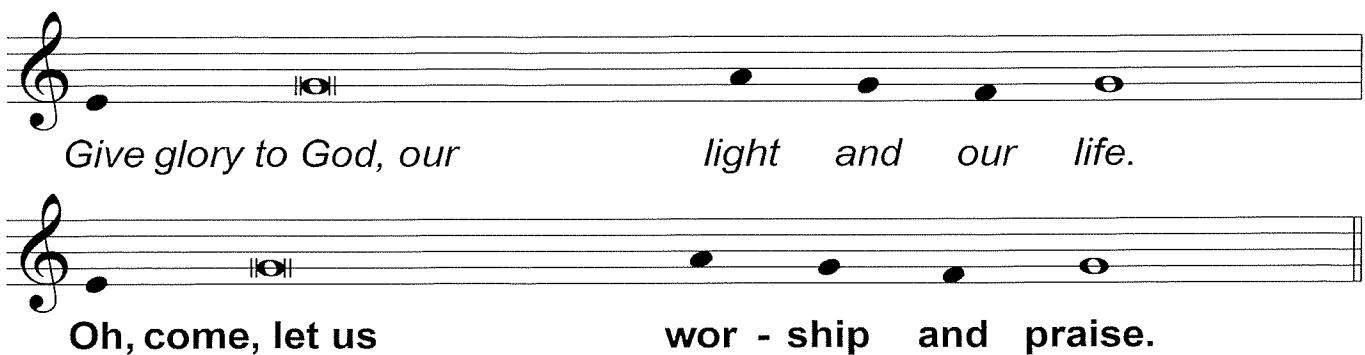
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



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

PSALMODY

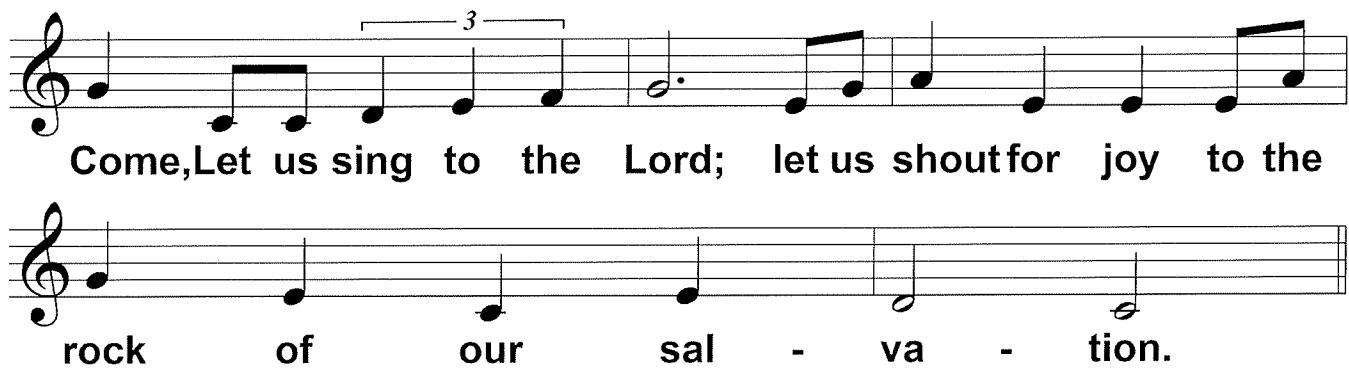
INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.
Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

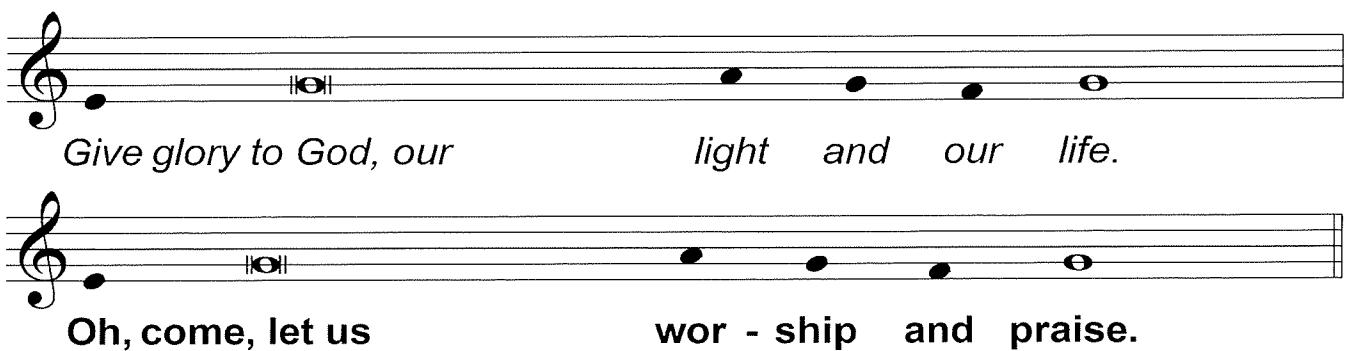
PSALM 95:1-7



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

FINAL INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.
Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth our glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who bought 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.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

BELLS OF PRAISE

KELVINGROVE

Jason W. Krug

Will You Come and Follow Me

++ Children may attend Sunday School

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

R: A reading from Isaiah, the ninth chapter.

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

R: *The word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

PEACE OF GOD

Herbert G. Draesel, Jr.

They Cast Their Nets
Elijah Shiley, bass

SECOND READING**1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18**

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

R: A reading from 1 Corinthians, the tenth chapter.

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Cantor: Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news¹ of the kingdom and cured every sickness a-¹ mong the people. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23)*

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you O Christ!

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)

(Please stand)

CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our
God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us.

Cantor will sing the verses

APOSTLE'S 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 kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church,
the whole human community,
and the well-being of the earth.

A brief silence.

L: Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to
the church in every land and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ.

P: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend
all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus
our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

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OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

GALILEE

Raymond H. Haan

Jesus Calls Us

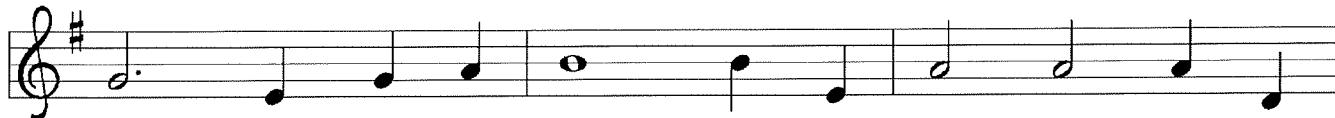
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OFFERING SONG*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

ELW # 696



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

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

God of majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

Use what we have gathered

to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

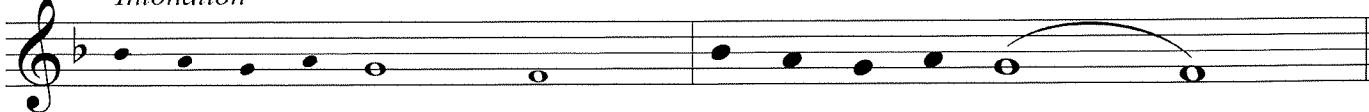
SENDING

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 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.

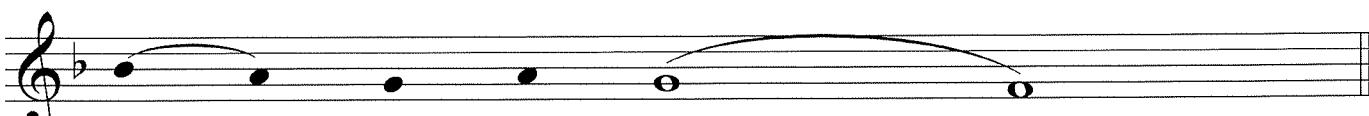
BLESSING

Intonation



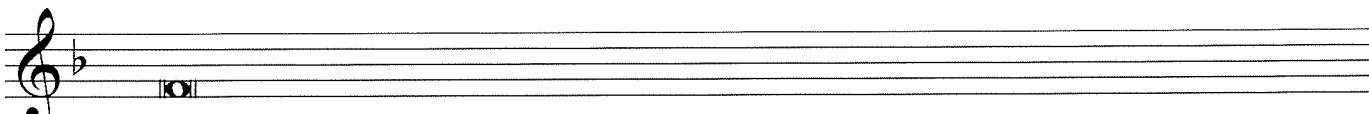
Musical notation for the intonation of the Presider's blessing, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes.

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.



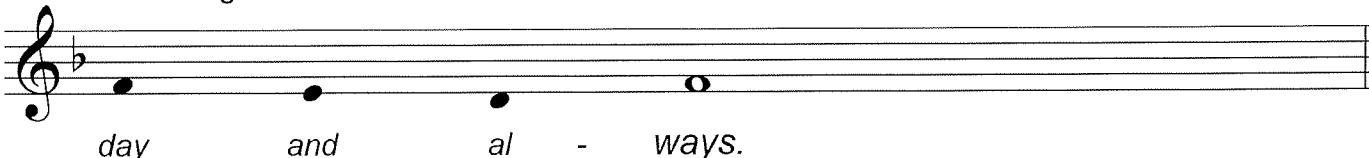
Musical notation for the "Thanks be to God" response, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes.

Thanks be to God



Musical notation for the blessing prayer, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes.

*May God who comes among us,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share to*



Musical notation for the "day and always" phrase, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes.

day and al - ways.



Musical notation for the "Amen" response, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes.

A - - - - men.

SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine

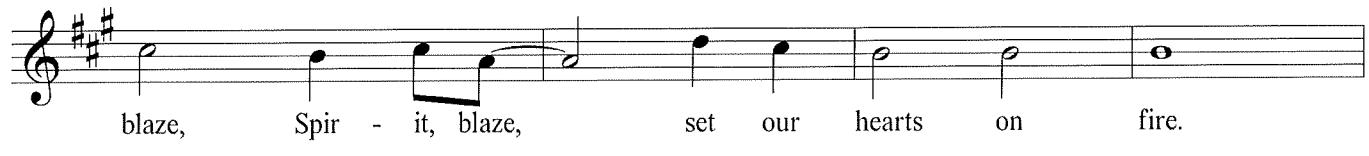
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Refrain



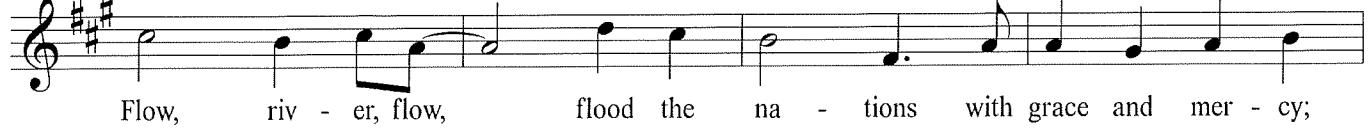
Musical notation for the first part of the refrain, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes.

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



Musical notation for the second part of the refrain, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes.

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Musical notation for the third part of the refrain, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



Musical notation for the final part of the refrain, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes.

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es, dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus,, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free, by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace.

L: Let your light brightly shine before others.

L: Go in joy.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SHINE JESUS SHINE

Jane Holstein

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Events in Review



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

<u>Sunday</u>	Jan. 25
10:00AM	Church Service
Annual Congregational Meeting w/Potato Bar	
<u>Monday</u>	Jan. 26
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Jan. 27
<u>Wednesday</u>	Jan. 28
<u>Thursday</u>	Jan. 29
<u>Friday</u>	Jan. 30
<u>Saturday</u>	Jan. 31

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	Feb 1
10:00AM	Church Service
<u>Monday</u>	Feb 2
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Feb 3
<u>Wednesday</u>	Feb 4
6:00 PM	Worship & Music Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	Feb 5
<u>Friday</u>	Feb 6
<u>Saturday</u>	Feb 7

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY!!!

After Service



Followed by a Potato Bar



Are available on the lobby table.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were given today in honor of

Our Wonderful FLC Family

By

Rick & Diane Greene



January's Monthly Scroll along with Jan-March 2026 Portals of Prayer are now available on the lobby table

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Information Board in the hallway. The time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



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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.”