



# ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People

## ELW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Below are the hymn numbers for today's service; you may use the ribbons to mark them ahead of time in your red hymnals:

#588

#696

#301

#479

#810

### PRELUDE

*(\*Please stand as you are able)*

### \*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over- the waters. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

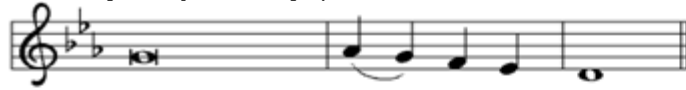
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are God's beloved. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (ELW #588) first and last verse at 8:15**

## \*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.**

## \* KYRIE (ELW p.98-99) *spoken at 8:15*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

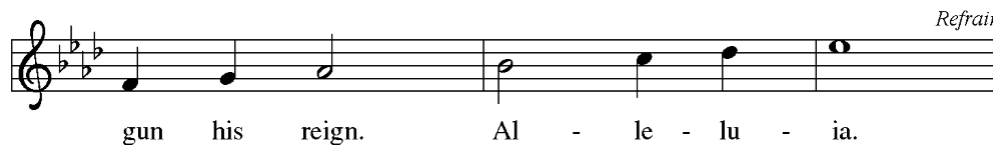
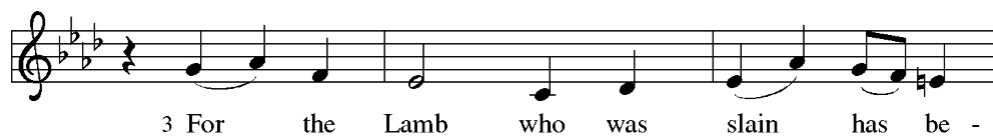
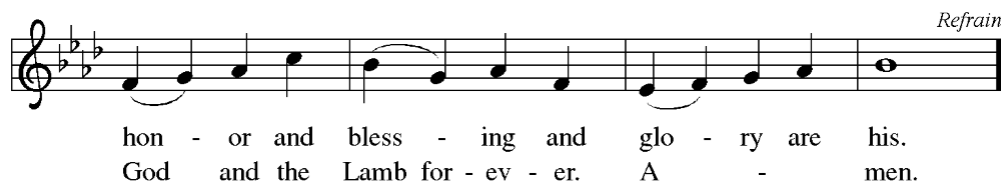


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p.101)** *spoken at 8:15*



**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Children are invited to go to Children's Church**

### **FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-15, 10**

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 62:5-12** (at 11:00)

*God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)*

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

**<sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**<sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

**<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

**<sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p.102)** *spoken at 8:15*

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

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

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**\*GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James’ son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

REV. LESLEY M. RADIUS

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult (ELW 696)* *first and last verse at 8:15*

**\*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.**

### \*THE PRAYERS

A: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

*For each petition: God of grace, **help us to hear your call.***

P. Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### GATHERING OF OFFERINGS-CHOIR ANTHEM *O Day Full of Grace* by Carl Schalk

**\*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS** *Bright and Glorious is the Sky (ELW 301) v.3*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray. **Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

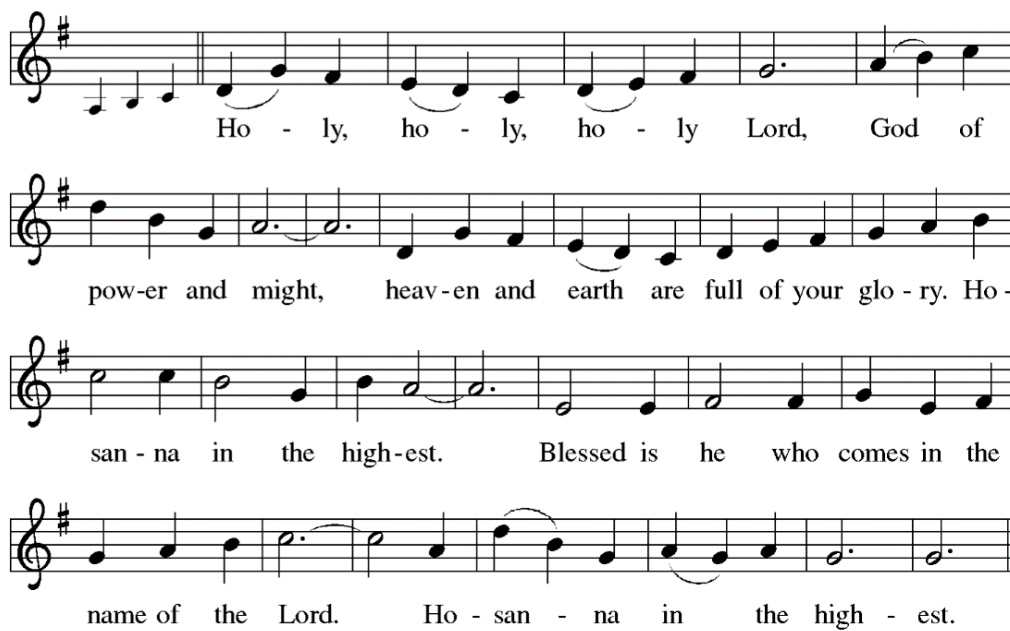
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We light them to the Lord.**

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p.112)** *spoken at 8:15*



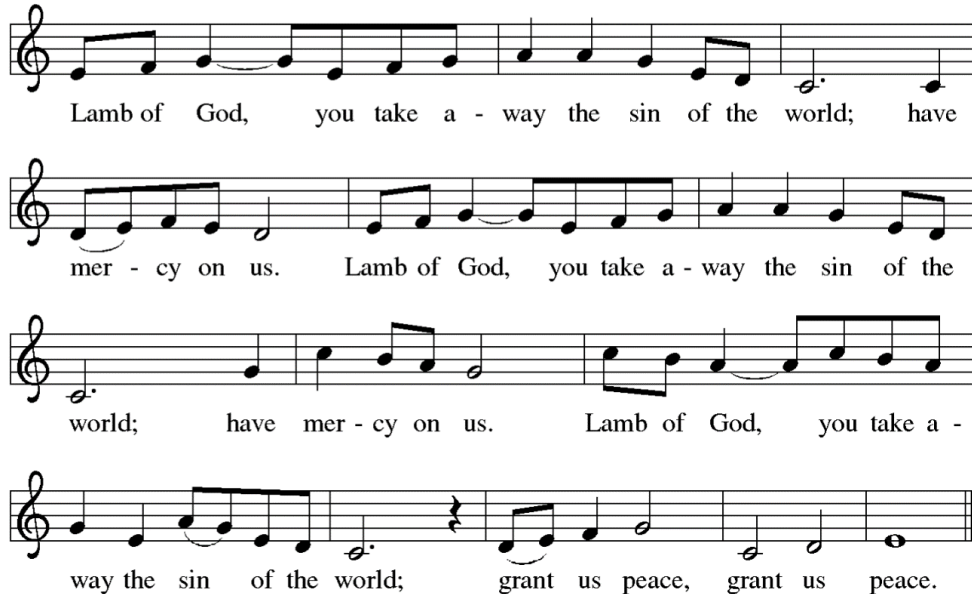
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### **\*THE 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.

### **LAMB OF GOD (ELW p.113) *spoken at 8:15***



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.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION HYMN *We Come to the Hungry Feast* (ELW 479)**

### **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (ELW p.113) *spoken at 8:15***



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

### **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *O Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810) first and last verse at 8:15*

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

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## **Serving in Worship**

### **Today, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Lesley M. Radius  
**Assisting Minister:** Steve Weis  
**Music Director:** Adam Frame  
**Organist/Pianist:** John Wolf  
**Lector:** Faye Youngblood  
**Chancel Care:** Sarah Hadfield  
**Ushers:** Sylvia Wester & Faye Youngblood  
**Videographer:** Jacob Martella  
**Counters:** Charlie Schmidt & Faye Youngblood

### **Next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Rev. Lesley M. Radius  
Charlie Schmidt  
Adam Frame  
John Wolf  
Steve Weis  
Sarah Hadfield  
Chris Dunker & Stella Hlad  
Jacob Martella  
Adrienne Frame & Marcia Boggs

***We welcome all today and are thankful you have chosen to participate in this service as you are able. We pray you are blessed by what you experience. If you have any spiritual needs or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lesley at [pastor@stmatthews-elca.org](mailto:pastor@stmatthews-elca.org) or call 817-292-1338. This service includes communion; if you are worshipping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist.***



## **THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S**

### **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**8:15 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's**  
**9:15 am St. Matthew's Adult Sunday School**  
**9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher**  
**11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's**

### **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10:00 am Women's Bible Study**  
**7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal**

### **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 pm Grief Workshop – Texas Health Resources**  
**7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

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**Congregational Meeting following**

**Pick up End-of-Year Giving Statements** Your end-of-year giving statements are available to be picked up in the narthex. If you would like to have yours mailed, please let the church office know.

**Grief Workshop January 24<sup>th</sup>** At 6:00 pm on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Christopher will be hosting the second educational and support sessions on grief led by the Rev. Ken Ramsey, head of Clinical Pastoral Education for Texas Health Resources. All are invited to attend.

**Point in Time Count January 25<sup>th</sup>** Each year, communities across the nation participate in an annual point in time count to assess the realities of homelessness in each city and the needs for housing and services. In recent years, a team from SMLC has formed a team to assist with this effort. This year's count will be Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 12:00 AM. It will include a volunteer training and then teams will canvas a region of our community to count. This is an important effort for our community to understand and respond to the needs of our neighbors, and it is a great way for SMLC to be Church in the World! If you are interested in joining SMLC's team or have questions, please contact Kelly Riddle at [community@stmatthews-elca.org](mailto:community@stmatthews-elca.org).

**Congregational Meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>** Please mark your calendars for the first congregational meeting of the year. Immediately following worship service on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing commission and committee reports and more. Potluck:

**A-J** Green, Pasta, or Fruit Salad

**K-S** Sandwiches (6-8 sandwiches cut)

**S-Z** Cookies or Brownies

Coffee, water and paper goods provided.

If you can't bring anything please come, there is plenty for all.

Thank You, The Fellowship Committee

**Nursery Care and Activity Bags** At St. Matthew's, children of all ages are welcome in worship. If parents prefer, nursery care is provided for **infants through age 4 during the 11:00 am** service. Activity bags and children's bulletins are available in the narthex for children ages 5 and older to take into worship until they go to Children's Church. Please return the bags after worship.

<p><u><b>We Pray For:</b></u> <b>Craig Bridges</b> <b>T. J. Bridges</b> <b>Annasophia Reese</b> <b>George &amp; Roberta Dennis</b> <b>Kathy Challengren</b> <b>George Wiederaenders</b> <b>Jeanne Rose</b> <b>Patti Brunnert</b> <b>Norma Morrow</b> <b>Becky Jacobs</b> Daughter of Lauren Anderson</p>	<p><u><b>We Pray For:</b></u> <b>Jane Oklat</b> <b>Florence Eckert</b> Aunt of Ruth Vinciguerra <b>Thara Bonebreak</b> Aunt of Anne Moroneso <b>Rachel Riddle</b> Mother of Dustin Riddle <b>Mae Abbot</b> Great granddaughter of Roberta Dennis <b>Colton</b> Grandson of Roberta Dennis</p>
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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**(More details to follow, but please reserve these dates in your calendars now!)**

**Every Tuesday 7 pm**—Sounds of Exaltation Handbell Choir rehearsal.

**Every Wednesday 7 pm**—Chancel Choir rehearsal.

**January 24<sup>th</sup>**- Grief Workshop

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** – Point in Time Count

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** -Congregational Meeting after 11:00 am service

## **ST. MATTHEW'S** **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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#### **ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT**

**Living in Christ through faith. Living for neighbor through love.**

***We are Reconciling in Christ, welcoming to all!***

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# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands  
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row  
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place  
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for  
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938–1984

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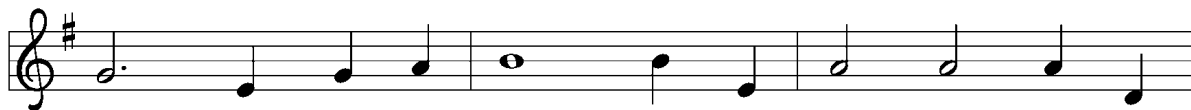
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## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



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

# Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,  
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly

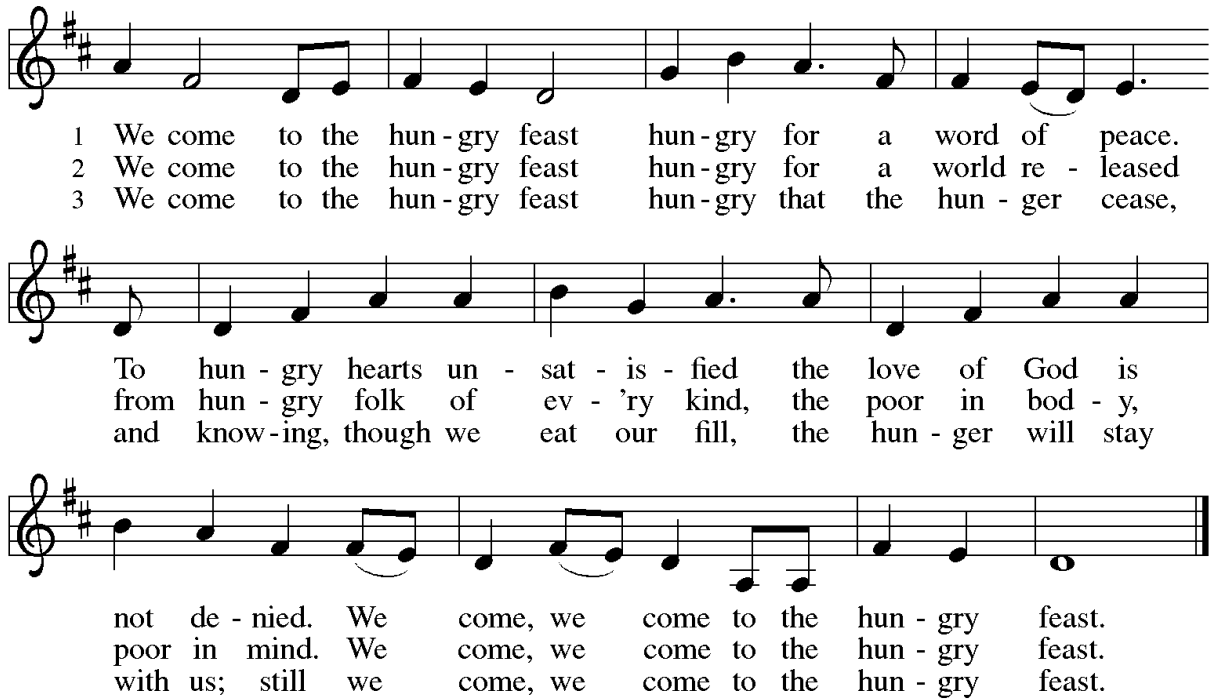


All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous  
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.  
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

# We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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# O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693