

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

10:00 AM Worship Service • January 14, 2024



*All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where – or rather to whom – we come. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and...the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.*

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

**The nursery is available**, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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## TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Here I Am, Lord*

arr. Mark Hayes

### GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.  
**Amen.**

#### GATHERING HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING  
*The assembly faces the processing cross.*

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## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.




1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on

earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assembly is seated.*

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if the Lord calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that the Lord told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that God told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let God do what seems good."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]



“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with the Lord. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st Chapter. **Glory to you O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an



Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT  
SERMON**

Pastor Tina Melusky  
Pastor Tina Melusky

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult  
GALILEE*

ELW 696

**APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The assembly is seated.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*I Dream of a World*  
Charles Robinson, baritone

Mark A. Miller

*I dream of a world where everyone is welcome,  
I dream of a place we all can call home.  
I dream of a world where justice is flowing  
with hope and peace growing, where love's work is done.*

*Make it so, make it so!  
We long for the day, make it so!  
We dream of a world where peace reigns among us,  
and love's work is done: may we make it so!  
May love fill our hearts to reach out in welcome,  
and help us to see our neighbor once more.  
Let's dream of a world where my hand joins your hand,  
working together, we must make it so.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 181

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

# MEAL

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

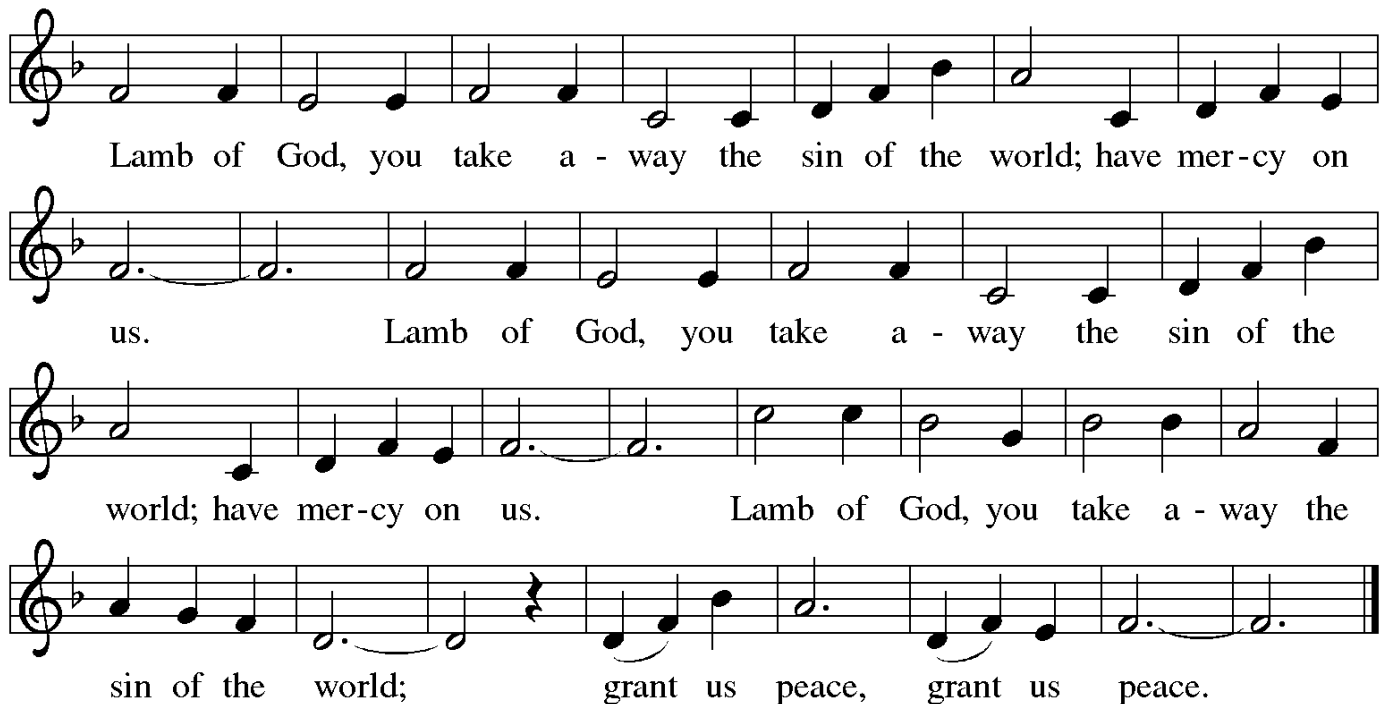
**Amen.**

## 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.

*The assembly is seated.*

## AGNUS DEI



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.

## COMMUNION

*Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil  
GOODNESS IS STRONGER

ELW 721

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall



- 1. Christ has bro - ken down the wall,
- 2. We're ac - cept - ed as we are,
- 3. Cast a - side your doubts and fears,
- 4. We will tear down the walls!



|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Christ has bro - ken down the wall.  | Let us join our           |
| we're ac - cept - ed as we are.      | Through God's love all is |
| cast a - side your doubts and fears. | Peace and love, free-ly   |
| We will tear down ev - ery wall!     | God has called us,        |

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|                   |                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| hearts as one,    | Christ has bro - ken down the wall.  |
| rec - on - ciled, | we're ac - cept - ed as we are.      |
| of - fered here;  | cast a - side your doubts and fears. |
| one and all;      | Christ has bro - ken down the wall!  |

Optional ending



wall! Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

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MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

BROKEN WALLS  
Irr.

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The assembly stands.

# SENDING

## TABLE BLESSING

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## BLESSING

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

*Here I Am, Lord*

ELW 574

HERE I AM, LORD

*The assembly turns to face the recessing cross.*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Lift Every Voice"*

Mark A. Miller



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Office Closed::** On Monday, January 15, the Church and School offices will be CLOSED for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

**RED FOOD BOX:** Please bring in items for our Little Red Food Box! Items needed are posted near the table in the narthex. Thank you for helping brighten the lives of our siblings in Christ!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Please remember to pick up your 2024 offering boxes in the church library, and save the church the cost of mailing them! If you visit any of our shut-ins, please also feel free to pick up these boxes as well and deliver them in person. And a reminder -- while we all appreciate the convenience and consistency of Vanco or other online giving, please pick up your offering boxes as well. They contain envelopes for our Lenten and Advent additional special giving, as well as other envelopes that may be used to donate to World Hunger, the school, the church scholarship fund, etc. These extra gifts help us stay on track with our budget and increase our outreach to our siblings in Christ! Thank you!

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS:** Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, Lucille Lebold, and Barbara Olson (The Chesapeake, Assisted Living Room 317); Richard Anderson, Hampton Health and Rehab, Room 226, Shirley Anderson Riverside Rehab, Yorktown, Room 1113. Shut- in at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards. Doris Moser, The Gardens at Warwick Forest, Rm. 204.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **Heike Ahlen, and the Ahlen family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Matt Adamo** (Brother-in-law of Patricia) requested by Patricia Fielding; **Matt Eggars** (Sandy's nephew), requested by the Sniady family; family and friends of **Nancy Gloss**; **Loyd Rawls**, requested by Laura Davis; **Mary Lou Hubble** (Jacob's aunt), requested by the Wessler family; **Jessica Savage**, requested by the Dail Family; **Harry Hartman and Bill Wren**, requested by Anne Obara; **Bill Selby** (uncle) and **Sherrie Strickland** (cousin), requested by Wendy Mynoymany. **Beth Eisdorfer**, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz.

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty:** James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.

## Serving the Assembly

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| <b>Crucifer</b>                        | Carl Carpenter                  |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                        | Karina Stevens<br>Elena Stevens |
| <b>Lector</b>                          | Misty Prussia                   |
| <b>Ushers/Greeters/<br/>Presenters</b> | Dave Roselius<br>Cliff Obara    |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                     | Karoline Ardis<br>Steve Quist   |
| <b>Camera/Livestream</b>               | Douglas Hill                    |

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1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

# Lift Every Voice and Sing Continued

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is  
Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is  
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.  
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

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 Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949  
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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?"

*Refrain*

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.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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