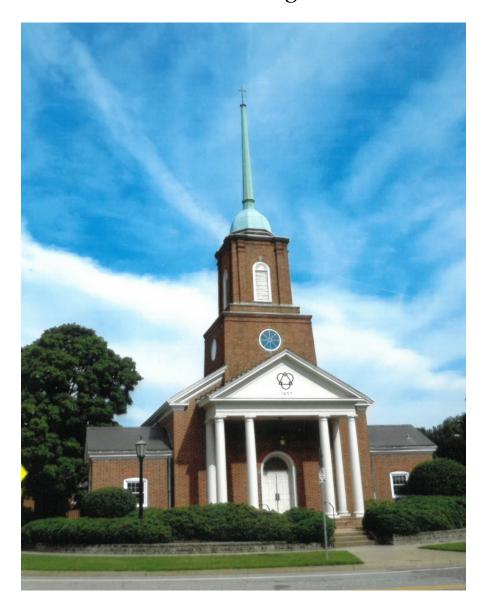
# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Third Sunday After Epiphany

10:00 AM Worship Service • January 26, 2025 ELW Setting 4



God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of 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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#### PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

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.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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#### **CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** 

One Bread, One Body

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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. Amen.

## **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







PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated

## WORD

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the LORD is your strength."

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: 19** (read responsively; sung response before and when denoted by "R")



Psalm 19:7
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The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. R

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. R

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. R

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

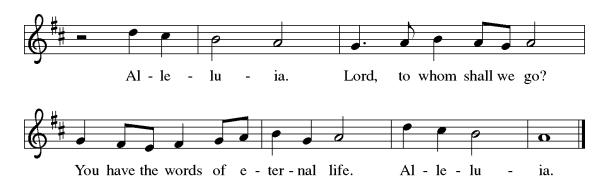
Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-21**

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding regions. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me
The Lord has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

# CHILDREN'S CHAT SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice THAXTED

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## **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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

The assembly is seated.

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

# **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Come, Share the Spirit

Robert A. Hobby

Lyrics for this anthem may be found in All Creation Sings, hymn 1045.

Please stand and join in singing the final stanza as the offertory hymn when directed.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

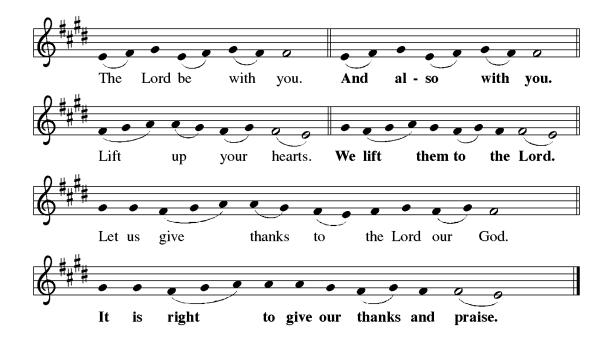
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,

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.

Amen.

# **MEAL**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

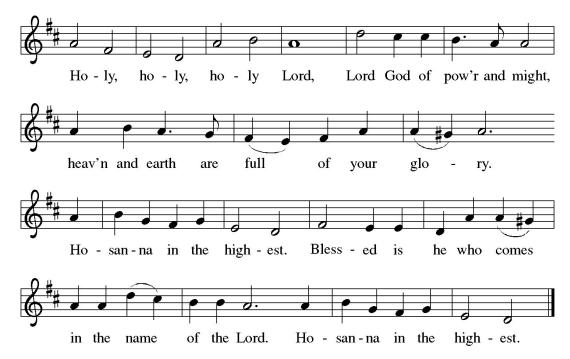


# PROPER PREFACE

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**



#### 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.

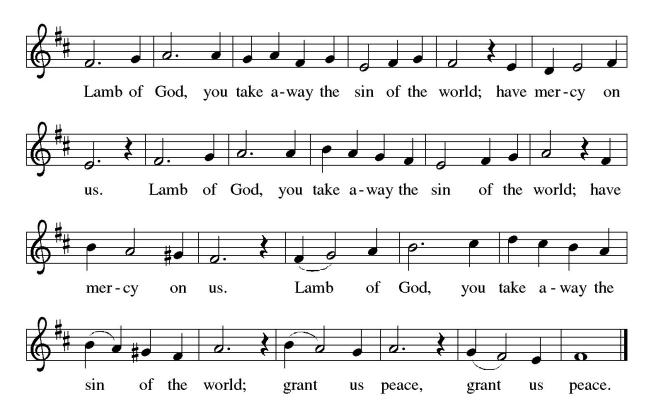
# LORD'S PRAYER

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**



#### **COMMUNION**

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

*Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.* 

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*One Bread, One Body* ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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The assembly stands.

# **SENDING**

TABLE BLESSING

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

#### BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN

O Zion, Haste ANGELIC SONGS ELW 668

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Postlude on "O Zion, Haste"

Mark Sedio



# SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

**CRUCIFER** – Mark Madler

**ACOLYTE** – Elena Stevens

LECTORS – Bill Solomon

**USHERS/GREETERS** – Karoline Ardis and John Lunsford

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Kelly Rummel

The Flowers are given today for the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul St. Pierre by: Kenny, Jeanette, and Katie Dail.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

Our 2025 offering envelope boxes are available for pickup in the church library. If you have a family member or friend who is unable to pick up their boxes, please feel free to take them as well and save us the cost of mailing.

PLEASE pick up your offering boxes even if you are using Vanco or another type of online donation. There are special envelopes in the boxes that give us additional opportunities to support our church, our community, and our world. Thank you!

# **NEW PIANO UPDATE!**

As some of you know, in October we applied for a grant to help fund a new piano for the sanctuary, as our current one is well beyond its years. GREAT NEWS!!! We received notification that we have been awarded \$25,000 towards a new piano, which is an incredible gift and a great jump start to this project. Part of the process of receiving this grant is to let them know of our intentions and plans to help fund the rest of the cost. Currently, we have already received roughly \$17,000 in pledges for this project, another great start!! We're looking at about \$16,000 more to cover the total cost. If you are willing to prayerfully consider donating to this project and helping us to provide such a memorable piece to our worship space, it would be greatly appreciated. If you choose to donate, please mark that offering as "Piano Fund," while also faithfully remembering this is a project on top of the needs of our general fund which is always in need of support and faithful stewardship.

# FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

As we look ahead to the Lenten season, we will be starting our First Communion curriculum on the first Sunday of Lent, March 9, during the Sunday School hour. Our curriculum is geared towards children ages 6 and up, and is designed for all children and families who would like to learn more about the gift of communion. Even if your child already receives communion, they are welcome to join to learn more about this precious part of worship. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tina or Karoline Ardis.

# RED FOOD BOX

We are in great need of water and protein donations! A reminder that if you donate fruit cups, please be sure they are applesauce cups only– other fruit cups attract critters! This is an important ministry for our community members, receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God! Canned goods and items that need to be cooked can be placed in the Thrive baskets next to the red food box table and outside sacristy kitchen.

# **HELP WANTED**

It is time once again to make a request for volunteers to help with ushering during the worship services. The same core group has been serving for over a year now and we would love to have some new folks join the usher crew. The work required is to open the church in the morning, hand out bulletins, collect offerings, send folks to communion, and closes the church following the service; and with enough ushers, these duties can be shared. Training will only take an hour or less at your convenience. Please contact Clifford Obara if you would like to volunteer.

## REMINDER

Just a reminder that, if you have children with you in the service, there are binders in the narthex with drawing paper and crayons, coloring pages, games, and various puzzles for them to use during the service if needed!

# **EVERYTHING I LEARNED IN CONFIRMATION...I ALREADY FORGOT...**

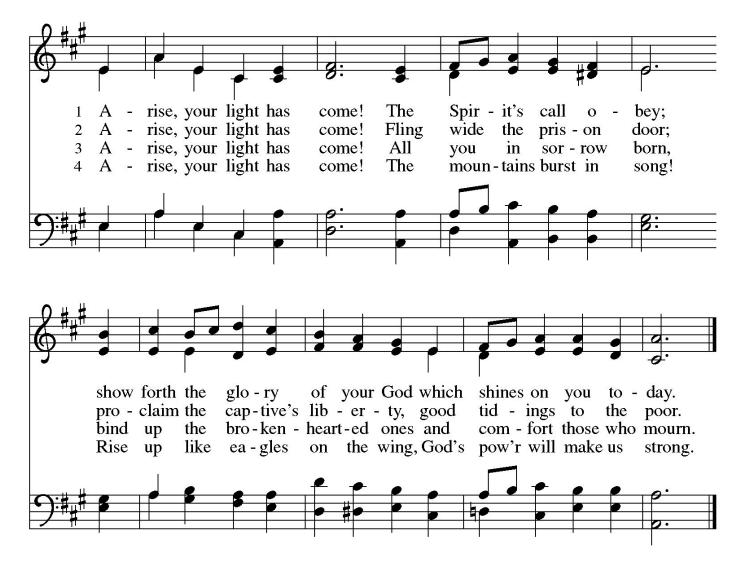
Have you ever asked, "Why do we do that?" while sitting in church? Have you ever wondered how we got to where we are? Has the Bible ever confused you? Join the club! This fall and winter we are tackling all the things we probably learned in Confirmation and then promptly forgot! Our next meeting date is January 30th. We will discuss and dive into the ins and outs of faith. If you'd like to join us, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We will be meeting in person and on Zoom.

# PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS**: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Jarvis Edwards, Warwick Forest Rehab Hospital, room 205; Shut- ins at Home: Peggy Cash, Shirley Anderson, Harlan Hamby, and Virginia Hamby.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Connie Hoover, requested by Pastor Tina; Family and Friends of Rudy Coffee, requested by Carter Recupero; Judy Wagner St. Pierre, requested by The Dail Family; Calvin Obara, Cliff's brother, requested by Anne Obara; Harlan and Virginia Hamby, requested by Pastor Tina and Katherine Harry; Nancy Sumpter, Tricia Wessler's Mom, requested by Pastor Tina; Mary Best, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; Jarvis Edwards, requested by his son, Cael Edwards; Nancy Allerding, who works with the Costa Rica mission trip, requested by Tricia Wessler; Sherry Johnston, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; The family of Carole Knopp, by Wendy Mynoymany; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, requested by Tricia Wessler; Janet Stephan, requested by the Dail Family; Amanda Griegos and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; Karen Admano and her husband Matt requested by Patricia Fielding; the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail.

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.



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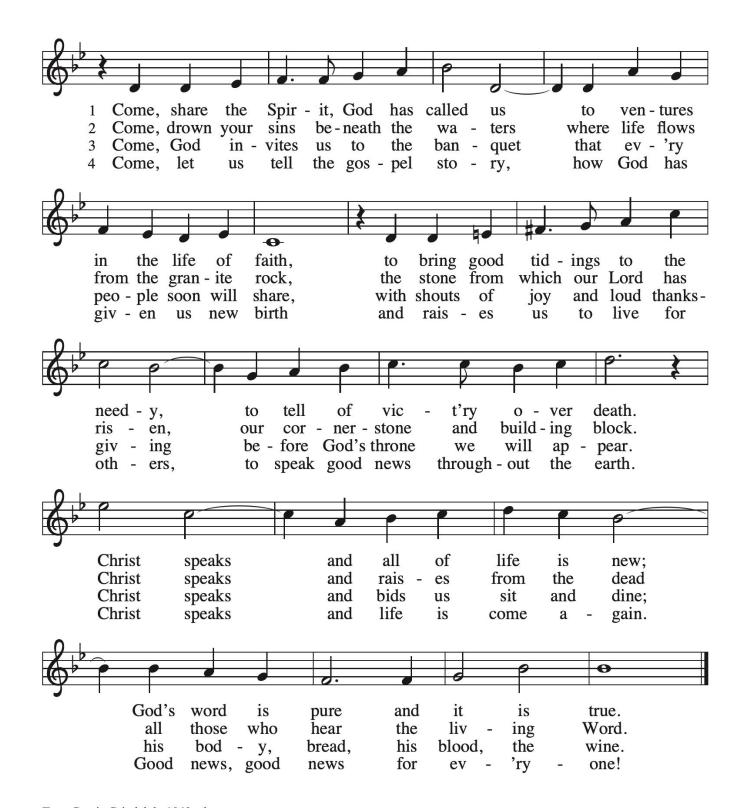
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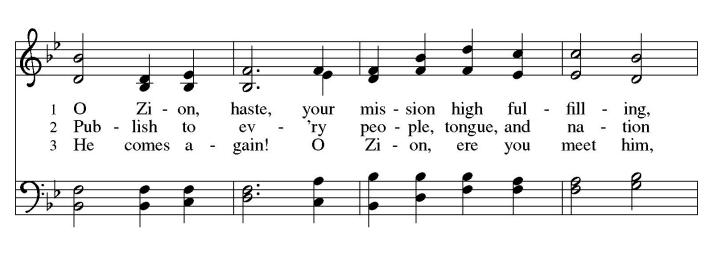


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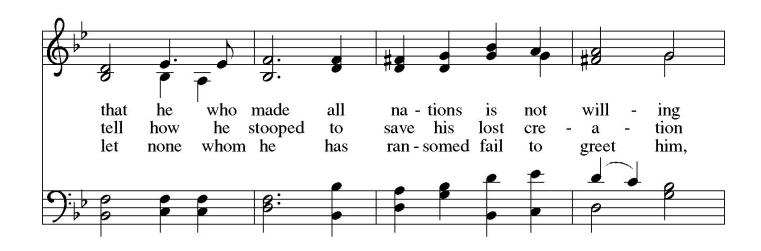
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