

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.
We repent of things we have done and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live a new life,
follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.
Amen.

God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By God's grace, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

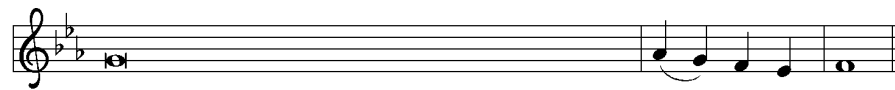
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



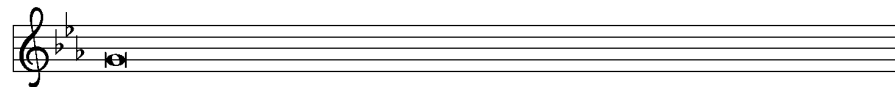
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world
That shines in the darkness. The darkness cannot overcome it.
He embodied humanity in the image of God.
In kindness, truthfulness, humility and devotion,
He suffered for the greater good.
He was and is the Son of God.
He died on the cross for us,
God's saving grace!**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The guiding light of God in our world.
Through this Spirit, God penetrates and reveals
The darkness of human sin, helps people grow and
Become the people they are meant to be.
I believe in the power of transformation,
Through God's spirit and light,
Here in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.**

To reduce contact and the spread of germs, you are invited to offer a greeting of peace to those around you with a slight bow, wave, or peace sign. Please refrain from shaking hands.

Exchange of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Offering

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Rejoice Ringers and Janet Metcalfe, clarinet

arr. Cathy Moklebust

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory

Jesus, the Light of the World

See the bright and Morn - ing Star, Je - sus, the Light of the World!
He has ris - en in our hearts, Je - sus, the Light of the World!
We'll walk in the light, beau-ti - ful light; come where his love and his mer cy are bright.
Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the World.

The definite origins of our Offertory are unclear. The music most likely came from camp-meetings (revivals) throughout the southern United States. It was first published in a collection of hymns in 1904. When it was published, parts of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" were paired with it. Contemporary poet, Ken Bible, altered the lyrics to offer a hymn more suited for the Epiphany season.

The text of today's closing hymn is by Ronald Klug, a 20th century Lutheran academic. In the early-1970s, he was approached by Augsburg Publishing House (the publishing house of the now-ELCA) to write a hymn for the Epiphany season. Klug writes that the inspiration for the hymn comes from the commonly used "light" imagery found in the book of Isaiah, which we heard referenced in today's Gospel lesson. The tune is by Dale Wood, one of the most prominent Lutheran church musicians of the 20th century.

Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of mercy. Use these gifts and our lives to bring your justice and freedom, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

after each petition, the congregation responds:
P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

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.

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW #665

Sending

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Deb Kielsmeier
Organist: Andy Jacob
Choir Director: Kathy Andrews
Readers: 8:30 Wendy Haavisto
 9:45 Jan Gunderson
Cantors: 8:30 Cece Wallace
 9:45 Rachel Larson

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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.

Our Hymn of Praise dates to early 16th century Germany. It spread rapidly throughout northern Europe along with worship practices associated with Luther's Reformation. It was brought to the United States by German and Scandinavian immigrants and was used weekly in worship by many congregations of the Swedish-American Augustana Synod, of which our congregation was a part.

Hymn of Praise

All Glory Be to God on High

All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be - friend - ed;

to us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is end - ed.

God shows good - will to one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call.

Thank God for grace and mer - cy! A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your loving kindness goes before us and follows after us. Call us into your light and direct our steps in the way of your kingdom. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Anthem	8:30	<i>Nets of Love Must Be Woven</i>	F.T. Simpson
		Agape Choir	
	9:45	<i>Touch that Soothes and Heals</i>	DeMey / arr. Keesecker
		Senior Choir	

Please stand as you are able.

Lesson

Matthew 4:12-22 NRSV

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — 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." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 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 fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 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. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

At the end of the organ introduction, please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the creator of the universe,
who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light,
setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.**

Our hymn of the day was written by contemporary hymn writer, John Bell, a member of the Iona Community in Scotland. The Iona Community is a Christian community primarily focused on justice and peace. In recent years, congregational song and the integration of global hymnody have become a major part of the Iona Community's witness.