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Presentation of Our Lord

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ELW – red hymnal | ACS – purple hymnal

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WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION. Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal of the baptized children of God our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

WORSHIP SERVICES | Saturdays at 5:00pm, Sundays at 8:30 & 10:45am.

STAFFED NURSERY | Available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

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GIVE ONLINE | Visit englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving, use the QR code, download the Vanco Mobile Faith app, or text an amount (no decimal point or dollar sign) to 855.929.1663.

HUNGRY Jar offerings in February is for Salvation Army and was chosen by our 5th Grade Sunday School class. Salvation Army provides shelter and meals, as well as case management to aid residents in their success after their time at the shelter. Salvation Army offers assistance with energy bills and food, and seasonal programming such as Angel Giving Tree, Coats for Kids, and Feed the Kids.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: In Christ, we welcome, worship and work in the world.

OUR WELCOME STATEMENT: The faith community of English Lutheran Church is rooted in Christ and committed to living life generously.

We celebrate diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, economic status, marital status, physical or mental ability.

We are united in the Holy Spirit as we embrace our differences. We welcome all as we strive to be a community equipped for God's mission in the world.

We invite you to join us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment.

Wherever you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here.

GATHERING

Prelude & Welcome to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity ... our wellspring of life. **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. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance ... live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Song ELW #815 | I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music | God is Our Refuge | Vocal Choir

WORD

Young People's Message | Pastor Becky Goche
Lessons | Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18


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

Gospel Acclamation | Unfailing Light

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse To Refrain



Your words are sweet to taste, sweet - er than hon - ey to our mouth.

Gospel | Luke 2:22-40

The holy gospel according to Luke... **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Not printed due to length.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon | Pastor Becky Goche



Hymn of the Day ELW #295 | Of the Father's Love Begotten



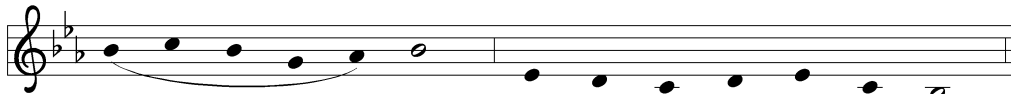
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith... **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.**
 We entrust our prayers ... among the people. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering

Offering 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.

Great Thanksgiving

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

It is indeed right and good ... join their unending hymn:



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. Bless - ed is the One who comes, who
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

During the Words of Institution, we invite you to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together. 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.



Lord's Prayer

Adagio

D G C/A G/B C G D C D

Our Fa - ther, who art - in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name, - Thy

G C/A G/B C G D C G Em

king - dom come, thy will - be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this

Bm Em Bm G D G Am

day our daily - bread, and for give - all of our sins - As we for - give

D G Em D C D G C/A

those, as Christ for - gave those who sin a - gainst us, - And lead us not

G/B C G D C D G

in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for Thine is the

C/A G/B C G D C G

king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver, A - men.

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Invitation & Distribution of Communion

This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God | Unfailing Light

4 All

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

1., 2.

world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

3.

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Communion Songs

ACS #914 | Jesus, the Light of the World



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain
 Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

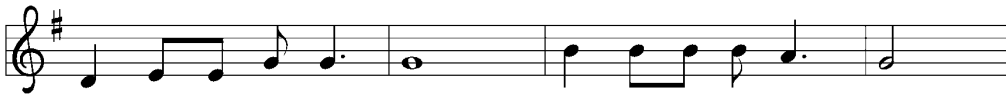
ELW #677 | This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord ... strengthen all who will receive this sacrament. **Amen.**
Hymn After Communion | Unfolding Light

All
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.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

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

Let your servant



go in peace.

Sending Hymn ELW #866 | We are Marching in the Light of God



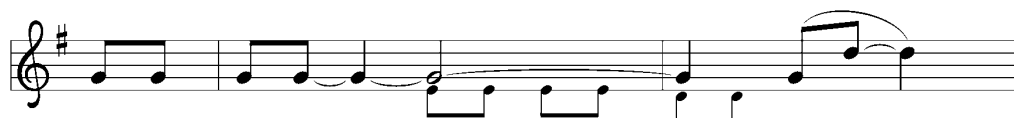
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
 We are dancing ...
 We are praying ...
 We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984
 Music: SIVAHAMBA, South African traditional
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Dismissal & Postlude

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