



De Reads!

January 28th
8:30 & 11:00

GRACE
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CHURCH

the 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

prelude

confession & forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Do not despair in the darkness of sin for God has manifested our salvation.

C: God of truth and light, you have revealed and fulfilled yourself in giving us your son Jesus the Christ.

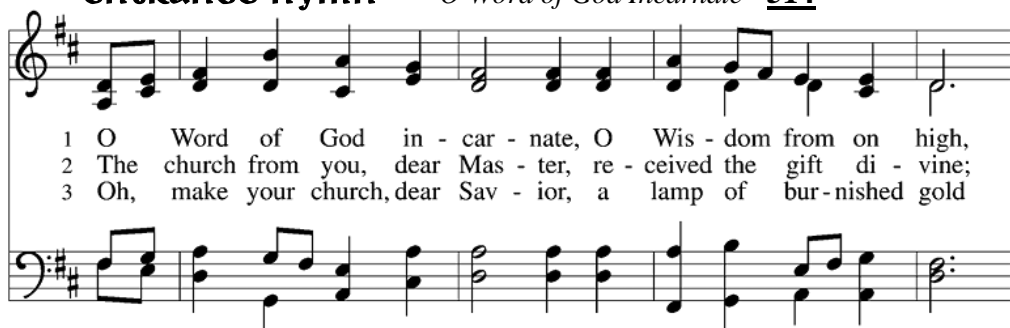
A: God now abides with us; guiding, strengthening, forgiving and renewing us each day.

C: Yet, we confess that we do not always recognize your presence in our lives. We trust in our own wisdom and strength rather than yours. We live in fear rather than in peace. We tend to despair rather than find hope. We choose the ease of sin rather than the way of faithfulness. Seeking to live by your design and not our own, we ask for the grace of your forgiveness. Do not turn away from us, but, as we turn toward you again, visit us even more intimately, becoming the catalyst for our repentance and renewed resolve.

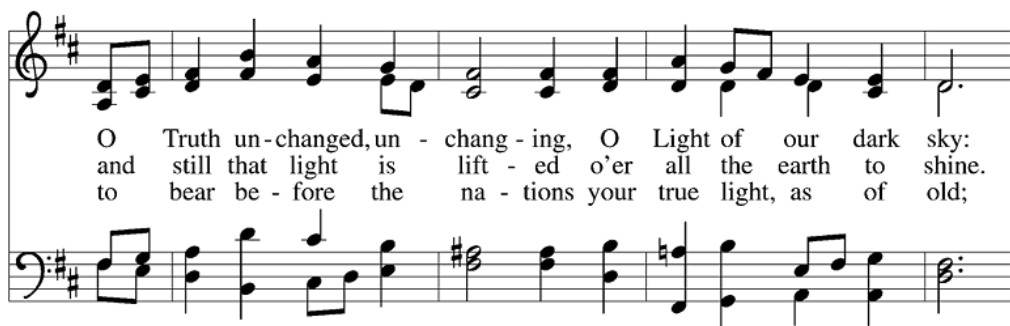
P: Arise, shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon us. As a Called and Ordained minister of Christ's Church I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

entrance hymn

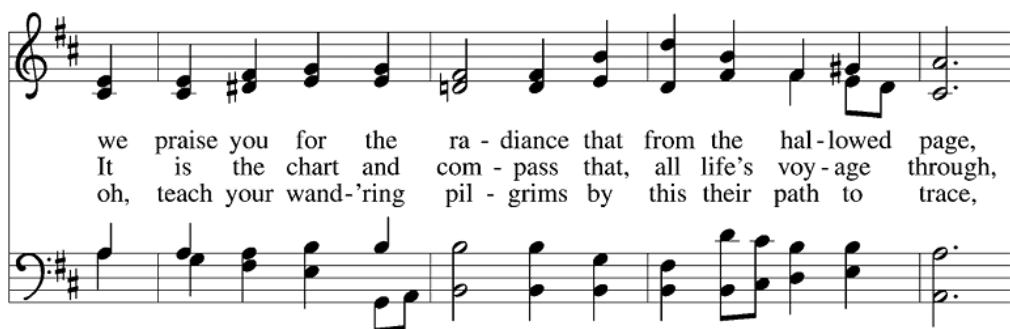
O Word of God Incarnate **514**



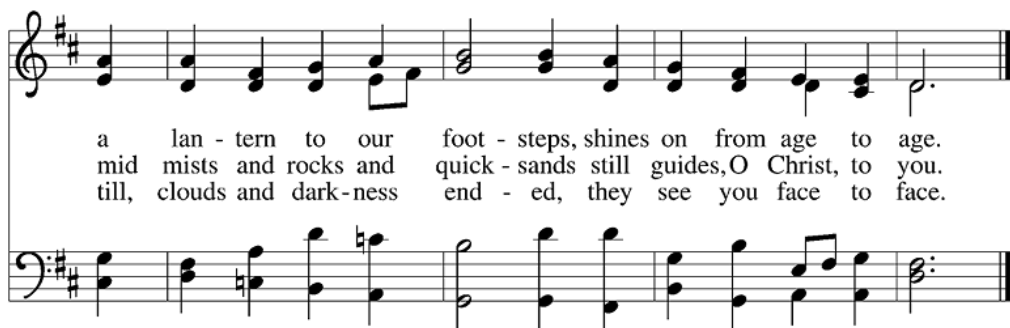
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

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.

A: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!

C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.

A: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

A: He comes to us;

C: We who are not wise.

A: He comes to us;

C: We who are not powerful

A: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!

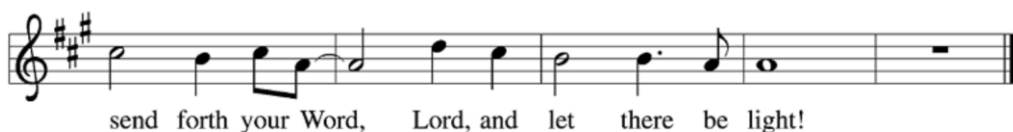
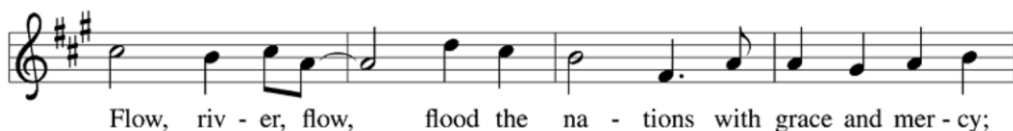
C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.

hymn of praise

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

prayer of the day

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you

C: God of all wisdom and knowledge, guardian of mysteries and wonders, your Son came among us with teachings which brought new insight and raised new questions. As we now listen to his word, draw us into the greater understanding, the fuller meaning and the clearer purpose we desire. Enlighten us with the Spirit, that our faith will be deepened and our hope sustained. We ask this through the one who revealed himself as our salvation, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

first lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Yahweh your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; to this prophet you will listen, according to all that you sought from Yahweh your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying: "If I hear the voice of Yahweh my God anymore, or ever see this great fire again, I will die."

And Yahweh said to me: "They have done well in their speaking; I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will give my words into this prophet's mouth and I will speak to them whatever I command the prophet. And it shall be: Anyone who does not listen to my words which this prophet speaks in my name, I myself will require a reckoning from that person who does not listen. But, the prophet who presumptuously speaks a word in my name that I have not

commanded that prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, --that prophet will die."

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

psalm

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the 'congregation.*

**Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

*Full of honor and majesty is the Lord's work,
and the Lord's righteousness endures forever.*

**The Lord has gained renown by doing wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

*The Lord provides food for those who fear the Lord;
The Lord is ever mindful of the covenant.*

**The Lord has shown the Lord's people the power of the
Lord's works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

*The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just;
all the Lord's precepts are trustworthy.*

**They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

*The Lord sent redemption to the Lord's people;
The Lord has commanded the covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is the Lord's name.*

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
The Lord's praise endures forever.**

second lesson

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul writes: Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." "Knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to "know" something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by God. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth--as in fact there are many gods and many lords--yet for us there is one God, the Father,

from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

"Food will not bring us close to God." Yes, it is true that we are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do, but take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, you who possess "knowledge," eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So, by your "knowledge" those weak believers for whom Christ also died are destroyed. But, when in this way you sin against members of your family and wound their conscience when it is weak, you also sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Refrain (sing twice)



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way. Still, You're there right be-



side me. And no-thing will I fear As long as You are near;



Please be near me to the end.

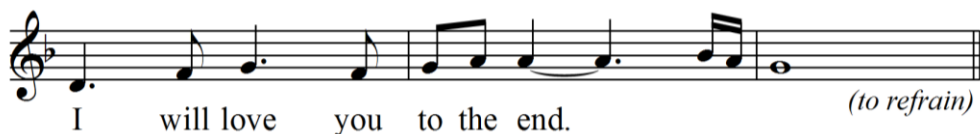
(to refrain)



2. I will not for-get Your love for me and yet, My heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus be my guide, And hold me to Your side, And



gospel acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the First Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and His disciples entered into Capernaum and immediately, on the Sabbath, Jesus went into the synagogue and taught. Those in the synagogue were astounded at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them like a teacher who has authority, unlike the scribes.

And immediately there was in their synagogue a man in an unclean spirit, and the unclean spirit cried out saying, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Jesus spoke a word of power to the unclean spirit, saying, "Be silenced, and come out of him."

And the unclean spirit, convulsing the man and crying with a great cry, came out from the man.

And those in the synagogue were all so astonished by what happened that they argued among themselves saying, "What is this? A new teaching? With authority? And he commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him?"

And the news about Jesus immediately went out throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

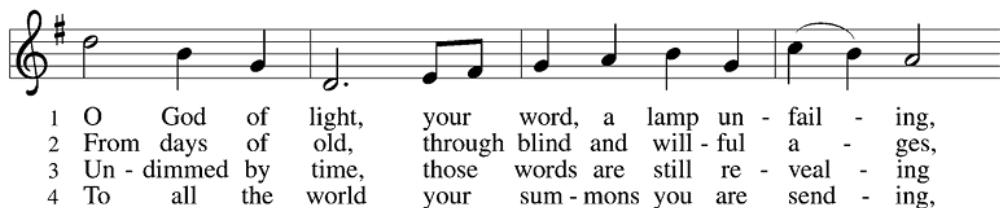
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon

hymn of the day

O God of Light

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shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

apostles creed

P: Let us confess our faith together with the Apostles Creed:

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

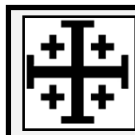
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived of the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 life everlasting. Amen

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offertory

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

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1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

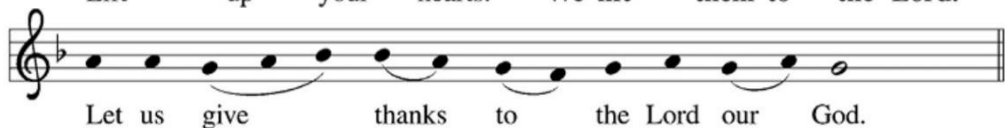
offertory prayer

A: Let us Pray.

C: Lord, in this Epiphany season we focus on recognizing that you truly manifest Your presence each and every day through the many blessings we know which make our lives not only bearable, but better. We count it a privilege to be able to offer back this portion of what we have received, that through our empowerment of Your mission and Your ministry we can make the lives of others better, too. Favor our offerings, that they will flourish and bear fruit in ways that we cannot imagine, building Your wondrous Kingdom that we all seek. Amen.

great thanksgiving

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P: It is indeed right and responsible that we . . .

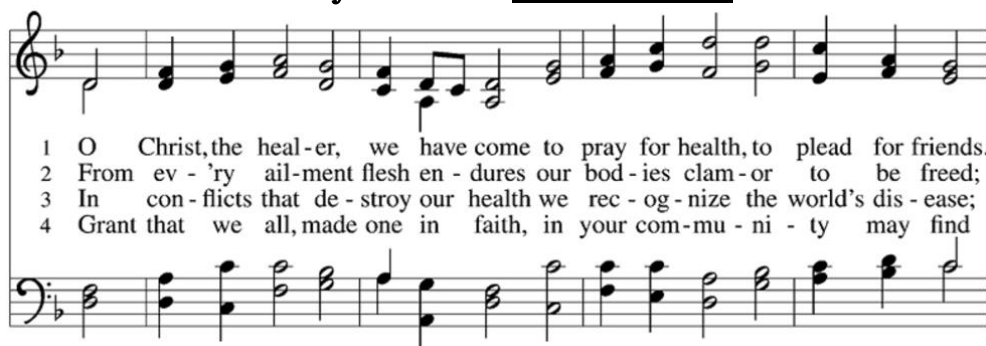


the lord's prayer

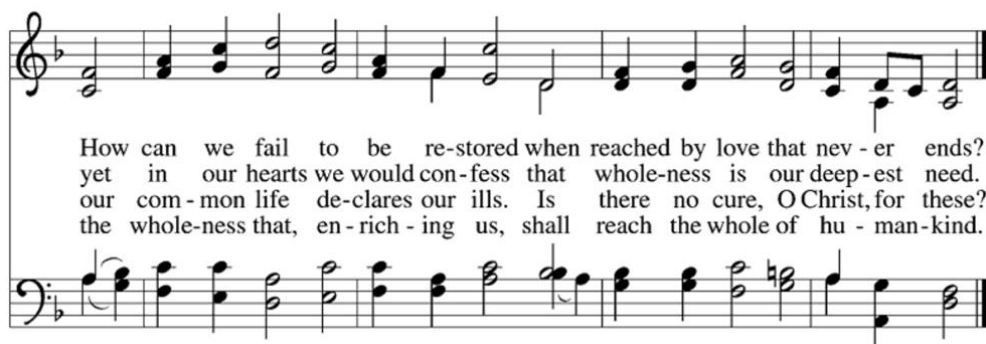
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

distribution hymns

610, 612, 613, 617



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
 2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.
 our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

Refrain

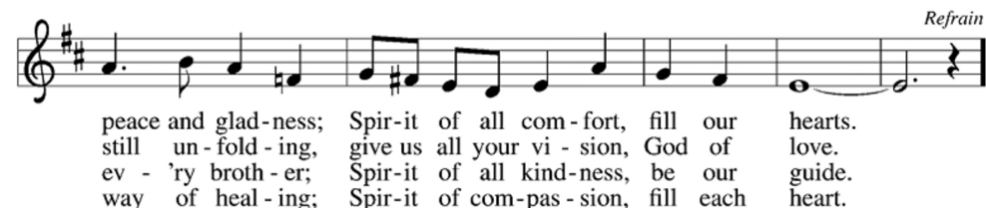


Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

post-communion prayer

benediction

RECESSIONAL

Thy Strong Word

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1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth

speaking it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er

thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

postlude & dismissal

Thank you to Brother John for preaching this morning! John is Grace's candidate for Ordained Ministry who is currently a student at the United Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg & Philadelphia.



Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 29

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group
4:30 p.m. No Confirmation Class

Tuesday, January 30

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast
7:45 a.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid
7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting – in person only
7:00 p.m. No Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 4 *Scout Sunday & Name Tag Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Scout Sunday Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

9:45 a.m. Congregational Breakfast served by Troop 174

10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Four Chaplains Ceremony @ Yorktown American Legion Post

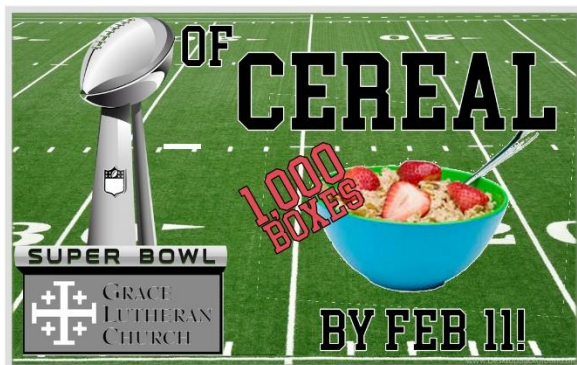


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