



Epiphany

February 2, 2025 at 9:30am (EST)

Noah Cherry, Associate Music Director
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Richard Murray, Elder; Brenda Bierenga, Assisting Elder
North Hills Ensemble
Jeff Saxsma, Liturgist
The congregation, Ministers
Randall Engle, Preaching Minister
Mary Baker, Organist
Tim Brown, Soloist
Willie Yuhas, Technician
Rob Bowles, Usher

Please sign and pass the blue Friendship Register located at the end of your pew.

We Enter God's Presence

Gathering Music

Our Call to Worship: *Jehovah Is My Light* Psalm 27

Jehovah is my light and my salvation near
Who shall my soul affright, or cause my heart to fear?
While God my strength, my life sustains
Secure from fear my soul remains

My one request has been, and still this prayer I raise
That I may dwell within God's house through all my days
Jehovah's beauty to admire
And in His temple to inquire

Uplifted on a rock above my foes around
Amid the battle shock my song shall still resound
Then joyful offerings I will bring
Jehovah's praise my heart shall sing

*Our Opening Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymnal 579

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

*A Song of Praise: *Bring Forth the Kingdom* Marty Haugen

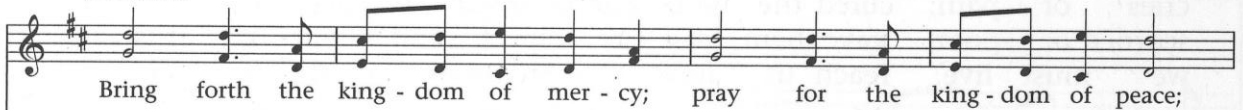


1 You are— salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on a hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: live for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the king-dom of God!

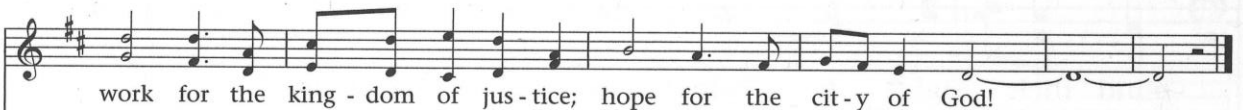
Descants



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy; pray for the king - dom of peace;



Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy; pray for the king-dom of peace;



work for the king - dom of jus - tice; hope for the cit - y of God!



work for the king-dom of jus-tice; hope for the cit-y of God!

Our Morning Offerings are Received

Hearing the Word

The Scripture Lessons: Luke 5:17-26..... *The Bible*, page 1598

One: This is the Word of the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God!

The Anthem: *If I Can Help Somebody* Alma Bazel Androzzo, arr. André Thomas

If I can help somebody as I pass along
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song
If I can show somebody he is traveling wrong
Then my living shall not be in vain

If I can do my duty as a Christian ought
If I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought
If I can spread Love's message that the master taught
Then my living shall not be in vain

If I can help somebody as I pass along
Then my living shall not be in vain

The Sermon: *Faith by Association*

Our Morning Prayers

Receiving the Sacrament



The Thanksgiving:

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right for us to give thanks.**

**It is our joy and our peace at all times
and in all places to give thanks to You,
Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God,
through Christ our Lord.**

Minister: Eternal God, we praise You that You in Your glory . . .

Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you,
our God, forever and ever, and we all join to sing with joy:

People: (Hymnal 538:4):

Holy, holy, holy

Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

In earth and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity

The Institution

The Prayer of Consecration (concluded with everyone praying 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Invitation and Indication of the Elements

The Communion

You may come forward to receive the elements from the Pastor; the assisting elder will usher you forward when it is time. If you choose not to receive the elements, cross your arms as a signal.

During the communion, the ensemble will first offer *Lamb of God* by Allen Pote. The text: *O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Dona nobis pacem. Give us Your peace. Amen.*

The organist will then lead us in devotion during the distribution. When it's time to conclude, we will sing stanza one of *Jesus Loves Me* (Hymnal 709:1).

The Prayer after Communion (prayed together):

**Father of all, we give You thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
You met us in Your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, He declared Your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live His risen life;
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope You have set before us,
so we and all Your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise Your name. Amen.**

God Sends Us

***God's Blessing**

***Our Closing Hymn:** *Beneath the Cross* Hymnal 825

***The Organ Postlude**

Blessed? Then bless! You have been fed and blessed by God!
You are now invited to take flowers from the Welcome Center to bless someone else.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

G C Am D Em G D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

C Am D Em G D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Em D G Em Bm G Dsus D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

G C Am D Em G D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Words: Walter C. Smith, 1867, alt., P.D.

Music (ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11): Welsh, in J. Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839, P.D.

538 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Descant

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

D Bm A D G D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

D Bm A D G D

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

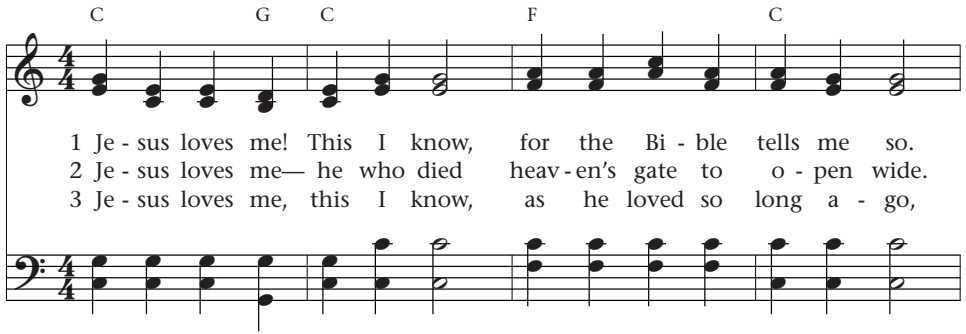
Bm D G D7 G A7 D

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
 who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.
 perfect in power, in love, and purity.
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves: a vocal line at the top, a guitar accompaniment line in the middle, and a bass line at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The guitar part includes chord symbols: Bm, D, G, D7, G, A7, and D. The bass line provides a harmonic foundation with chords and single notes.

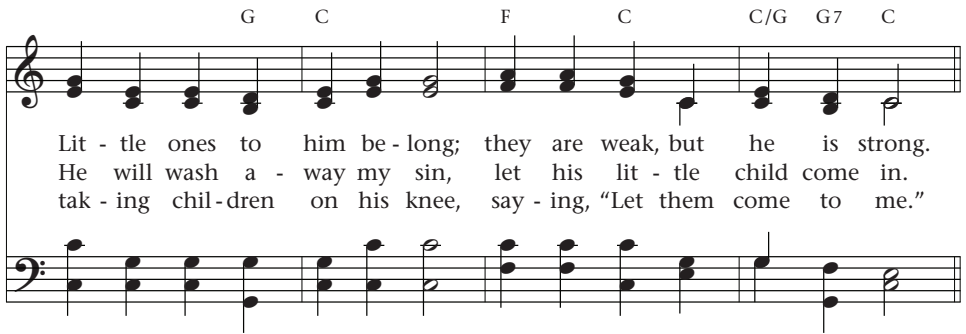
Jesus Loves Me

C G C F C



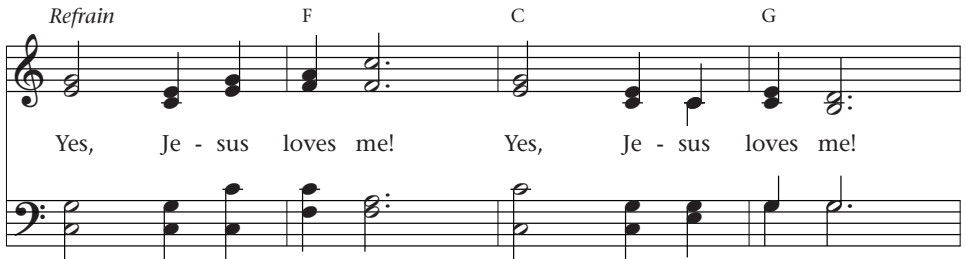
1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me— he who died heav - en's gate to o - pen wide.
3 Je - sus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long a - go,

G C F C C/G G7 C



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain F C G



Refrain
Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F C/G G7 C



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Words: st. 1-2 Anna B. Warner, 1859, st. 3 David R. McGuire, 1971, P.D.

Music (JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 refrain 5.5.5.6): William B. Bradbury, 1861, P.D.

Beneath the Cross

C7 F Gm7 B^b6 Gm7 F/C Dm7

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, I find a place to
 2 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, his fam - ily is my
 3 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the

Gm7 C7 F Gm7 B^b6 Gm7

stand, and won - der at such mer - cy that
 own. Once strang - ers chas - ing self - ish dreams, now
 crown, we fol - low in his foot - steps where

F/C Csus C F B^b C9/B^b

calls me as I am. For hands that should dis -
 one through grace a - lone. How could I now dis -
 prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -

Am7 Dm7 B^b Gm7 Csus C

card me hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
 hon - or the ones that you have loved?
 fore us to be his per - fect bride.

F Gm7 B^b Gm7

Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, my un -
 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, see the
 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, we will

F C7sus C7 F *Fine last time* *To stanzas* C/B^b B^b/C

wor - thy soul is won.
 chil - dren called by God.
 glad - ly live our lives.