

# *Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church*

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## Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,  
**please tune your radio to 98.7 FM** or join us for the  
livestream via Facebook or our website, [elcbow.org](http://elcbow.org).

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## Holy Communion

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### **Welcome to worship.**

If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

**We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.**

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

## Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering.

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"Lento Assai"

(from Organ Sonata No. 7 in F)

Alexandre Guilmant

## ◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

AM God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the aid of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that,  
attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins,  
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

AM Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

AM Most merciful God,  
C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free  
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and  
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left  
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of  
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew  
us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk  
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and  
ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I  
therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

## All Verses

ELW 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

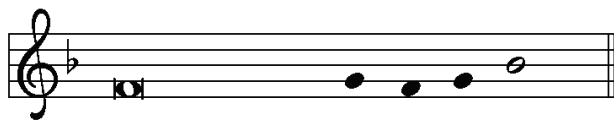
## ◆ GREETING

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

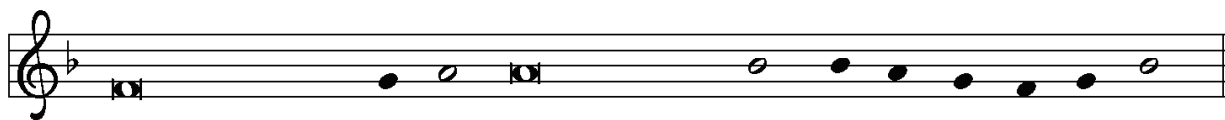
ELW Setting 6



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



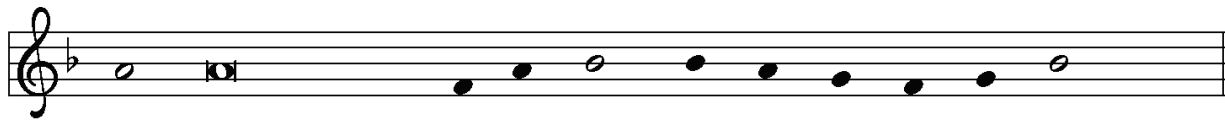
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



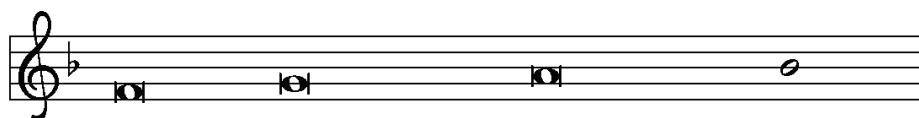
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

## ◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting 6



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

## ◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)



# 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.”*

<sup>1</sup> All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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 worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.”

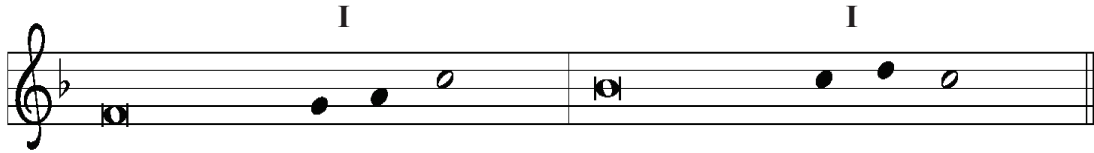
**L** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# PSALM

## Psal̄m 19

*The teaching of the Lord revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*



- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glo-<sup>l</sup> ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>l</sup> maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale<sup>l</sup> to another,**  
**and one night imparts knowledge<sup>l</sup> to another.**
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have no<sup>l</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>l</sup> are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup> **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the**  
**ends<sup>l</sup> of the world,**  
**where God has pitched a tent<sup>l</sup> for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>l</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>l</sup> run its course.
- <sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to**  
**the end of<sup>l</sup> it again;**  
**nothing is hidden from its<sup>l</sup> burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>l</sup> vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom<sup>l</sup> to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>l</sup> joice the heart;**  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>l</sup> to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>l</sup> dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>l</sup> altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>l</sup> much fine gold,**  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>l</sup> in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your ser-<sup>l</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is <sup>l</sup>great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **Who can detect one's <sup>l</sup>own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my <sup>l</sup>secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion <sup>l</sup>over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a <sup>l</sup>great offense.

<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable <sup>l</sup>in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and <sup>l</sup>my redeemer.**

## 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.*

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I

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have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> 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; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

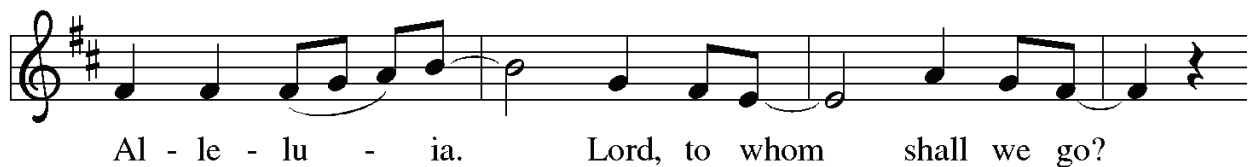
<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

**L** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



## ◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' <sup>23</sup> He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' <sup>24</sup> And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six

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months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge



◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

All Verses

ELW 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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## ◆ APOSTLES' 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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## ◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM God of grace,     **C**     hear our prayer.

# Meal

## ◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all.     **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,  
"The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*



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**OFFERTORY**     "Air" (from Water Music)     - G. F. Handel



◆ **OFFERTORY HYMN**     "As The Grains of Wheat"     **ELW 465**

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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## ◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.  
Amen.**

## ◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 9

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ....

.... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:...."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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 he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed .....

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### ◆ 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.**



**COMMUNION** *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

**If you desire to commune at the altar rail:** Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

**If coming forward is difficult:** Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 6

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

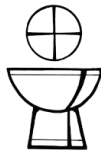
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

- "Christ, Be Our Light" - **ELW 715**
- "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" - **ELW 310**
- "One Bread, One Body" - **ELW 496**
- "Here Is Bread" - **ELW 483**
- "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" - **ELW 461**
- "Eat This Bread" - **ELW 472** REPEAT as led by the organ

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**



# Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

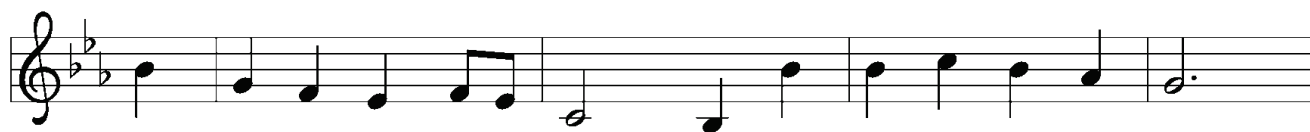
### ◆ BENEDICTION

- P** The peace of God,  
 Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 keep your hearts and your minds  
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

◆ SENDING HYMN “We All Are One in Mission”

ELW 576

All Verses



- 1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
- 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
- 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## ◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"We All Are One in Mission"

(tune: Kuortane/Nyland))

- setting, Joel Martinson



Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	<b>Serving Sunday January 26</b>	<b>Serving Next Sunday February 2</b>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
<b>Music Ministers</b>	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Darla Jensen	Will Benson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jon Benson	Eva Killogjeri
<b>Lector</b>	Jon Aarstad	Bonnie Bowers
<b>Greeters</b>	Glenda & Keith Gundersen	Linda Nilsen Karson Englund
<b>Ushers</b>	Gordy Dahl Jon Aarstad	Larry Forsythe Bud Bowers
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Nygren Judy Sheahan	Julie Rousseau Debbie Conijn
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Jerry & Jenny Nelson Kristin Caldwell	Tom & Judy Sheahan Ron & Gailyn Ploeg
<b>Flowers</b>	Rod & Jane Hansen	
<b>Council Member of the Day</b>	Christie Peterson	Jean Miller

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*Scripture Readings for next Sunday, February 2, are:*

**Malachi 3:1-4**

**Psalm 84**

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

**Luke 2:22-40**

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