



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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January 18, 2026 8:15 am

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Blessings to you and we hope you join us again.

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE MUSIC

"Jesus Calls Us"

arr. by Lani Smith

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We worship in the name in which we baptize, in the name of the Father,  $\dagger$  the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

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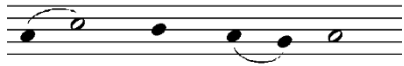
**\*KYRIE**

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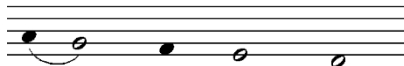
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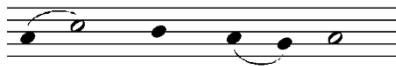
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**All:** A - men.

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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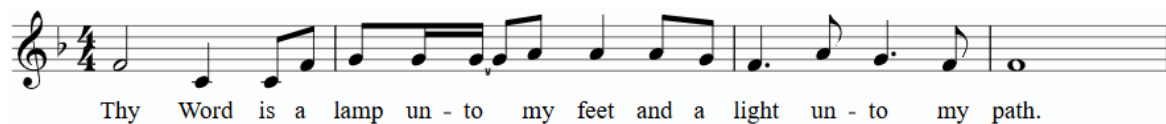
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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

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.

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**\*OFFERING SONG****#689 "Praise and Thanksgiving"****verses 1 and 4**

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

God of majesty, **no eye has seen, no ear has heard** what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

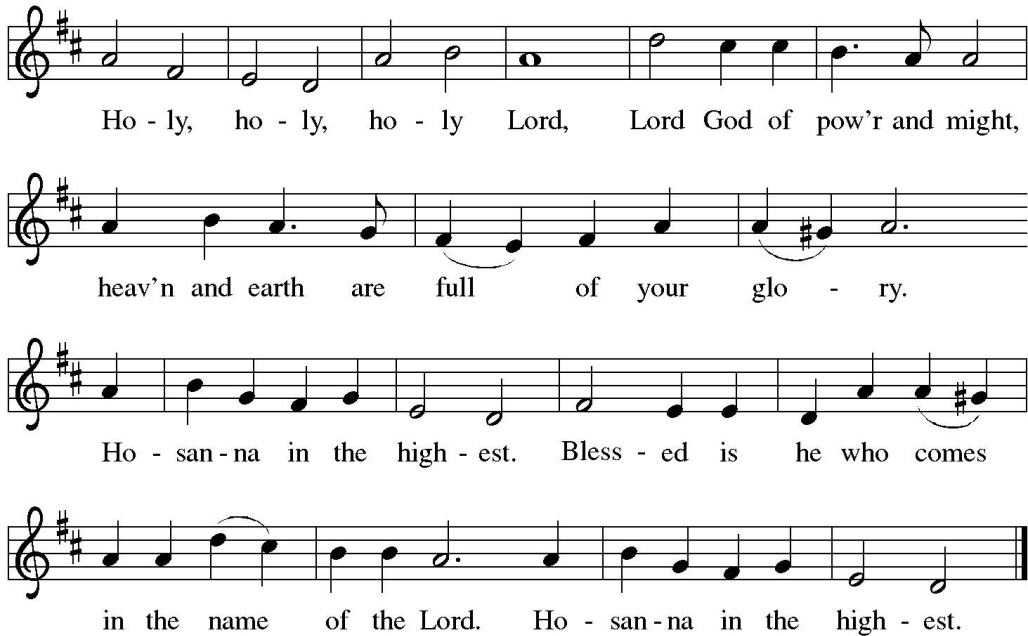
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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



## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed... ...Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## \*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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



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



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

## COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who recognize the Lord's forgiveness and presence in Holy Communion are invited to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution, you are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers. Take a cup from the trays, and kneel or stand at the altar railing to receive the Bread and Wine. The first chalice is wine and the second chalice is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not commune may come to the altar for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms. As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words: *The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.* **Amen.**

If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about baptism and Holy Communion please contact the pastoral staff at St. Paul. Those that would like to receive prayer, please remain at the altar.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

"Lamb of God"

arr. by Lloyd Larson

## \*BLESSING

## \*SENDING HYMN

#314 "Arise, Your Light Has Come"

## \*SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

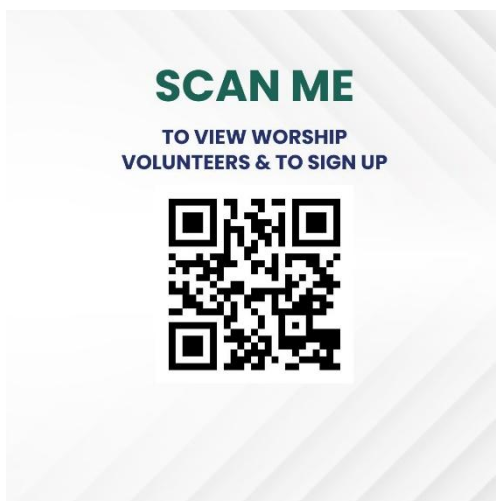
“Let Your Light So Shine”

Tom Birchwood

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**The Altar Flowers** are in memory of loved ones from Kathy Ross.

**The Communion Bread** is given to the glory of God by Karen Healy.



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### CENTERING MUSIC

"O Lord, Seek Us"

St. Paul Choir

Music by K. Lee Scott

Text by Christina Rossetti

O Lord, seek us, O Lord, find us ever in your patient care;  
Be your love before, behind us, all around us, everywhere.  
Turn not from us, call to mind us, find, embrace us, evermore.  
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1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den

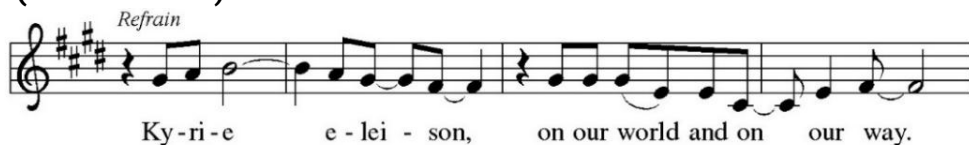


doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

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2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



hun - gry and the poor; that

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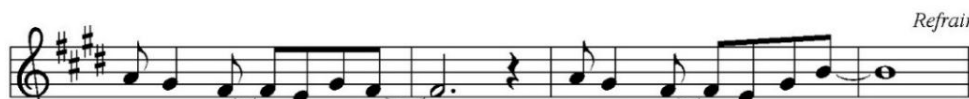
wa - ter and the word; that you



we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,

life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



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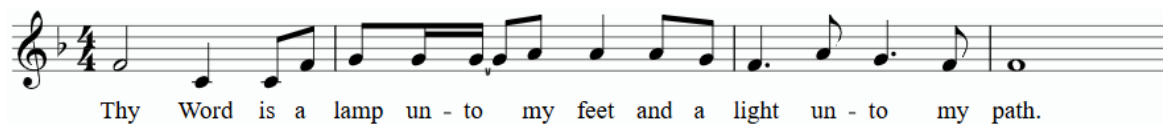
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### “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”



We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord;



We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord. And we



of - fer up to You the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; And we of - fer up to



You the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

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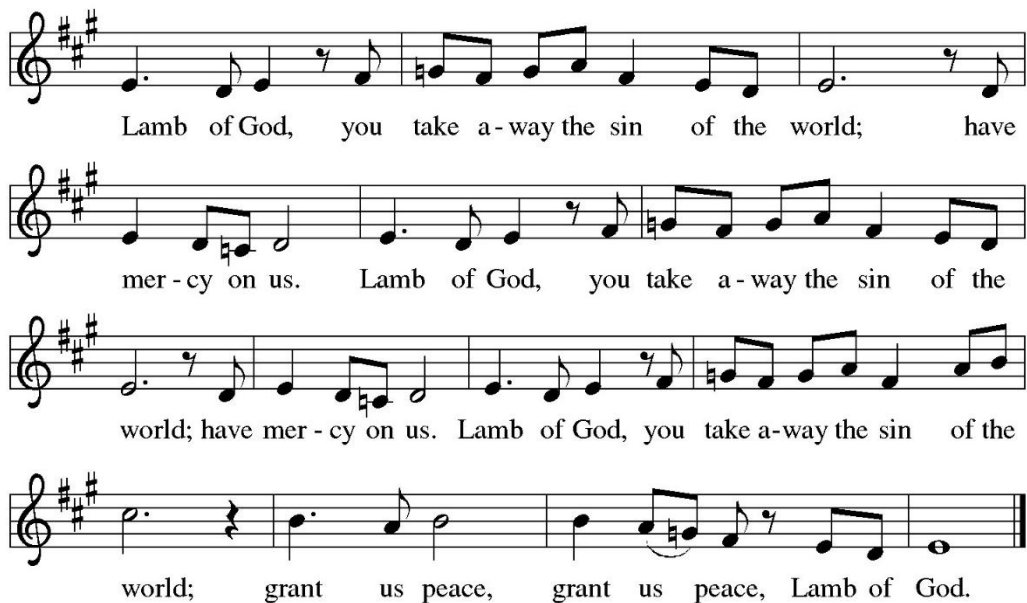
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world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians who recognize the Lord's forgiveness and presence in Holy Communion are invited to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution, you are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers. Take a cup from the trays, and kneel or stand at the altar railing to receive the bread and wine. The first chalice is wine and the second chalice is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not commune may come to the altar for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms. As the ministers give the bread and wine to you, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.** Those that would like to receive prayer, please remain at the altar.*

*If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about Baptism and Holy Communion please contact the pastoral staff at St. Paul.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

**“You Are the Christ!”**  
St. Paul Choir

Music by Lloyd Larson  
Text by Jan McGuire

*You said, “Come, follow!” And I quickly came. It seemed so compelling when you called my name.  
Now I’ve seen wonders I don’t understand. Teacher, I know you are more than a man!  
Can it be true? Can it be real? I can’t explain, but before you I kneel.  
You are the Christ! You are the One sent down from heaven, You are God’s Son!*

*I’ve seen the lame walk, the blind gain their sight. You speak with the power that pierces the night.  
I walked on the water when you called me. Are you the One I believe you to be?  
Can it be true? Can it be real? I can’t explain, but before you I kneel.  
You are the Christ! You are the One sent down from heaven, You are God’s Son!*

*I know from the steps of faith together we have trod,  
that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God!  
Can it be true? Can it be real? I can’t explain, but before you I kneel.  
You are the Christ! You are the One sent down from heaven, You are God’s Son!*

## \*BLESSING

**\*SENDING HYMN                    #314 “Arise, Your Light Has Come”**

**\*SENDING                    Go in peace. Share the good news. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE                    “Let Your Light So Shine”                    Tom Birchwood**

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