

*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



3 FEBRUARY 2019  
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

THE REV. WILLIAM COLEMAN, *Pastor*

*Pastors in Residence*

*Academy Administrator*

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** **we confess that we are in bondage 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** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us  
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to 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.**

*Please turn and reverence the cross of Christ.*  
*As the cross passes you, turn and face the cross as it is carried to the chancel.*

*William How (1823-1897) studied at Wadham College, Oxford and Durham University and was ordained  
in the Church of England in 1847. The prevalent image in this hymn is light: God is the Light;  
his Word is a light for our path; and we, the church, must be a light for the nations.  
How was joint editor of Psalms and Hymns (1854) and Church Hymns (1871).  
While rector in Whittington, he wrote some sixty hymns, including many for children.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate

LBW 231

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.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: MUNICH, *Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

**P** We gather in the name of the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**



KYRIE Luke 17:13

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.





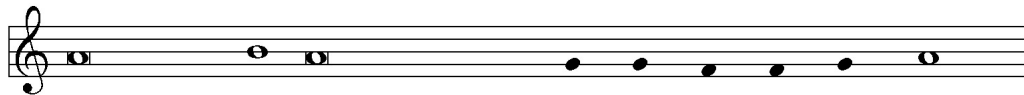
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

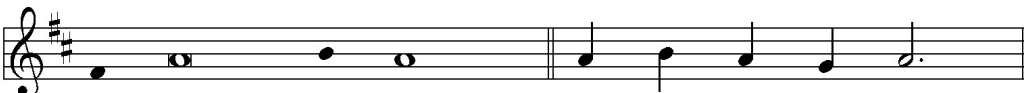


let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**G** Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON AND DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*(Children 2 years old through sixth grade may join their teachers at the pulpit doorway to exit for Children's Church.)*

#### **WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”**

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

#### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

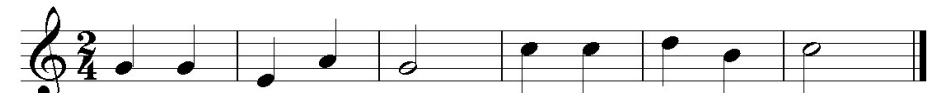
<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 71:1-6**

**Refrain:** *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)*



From my moth-er's womb you have been my strength.

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

<sup>2</sup>In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup>Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. **R**



<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,  
my confidence since I was young.  
<sup>6</sup>I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you. **R**

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts.  
Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit,  
but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.  
<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**L** The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Refrain:** *The "Alleluias" are sung by all before and after the choral verse.*



*You shall go to all to whom I send you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.  
(Jeremiah 1:7, 8)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.  
**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

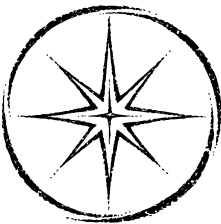
*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed.  
Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes  
beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30**

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began saying, “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, “Doubtless you will quote me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown 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 hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except 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.  
**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*



**SERMON**

Pastor Bill Coleman

*Please stand as you are able.*

The text was inspired by a sentence from a work by Albert Schweitzer and was written by a priest of the Church of England who has over 250 hymns to his name.

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV 768

He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
Choir 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
Men 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored; the Christ in all the Scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark-ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926  
Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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 by 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE PRAYERS 1 Timothy 2:1

- United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
- A brief silence.
- We pray for the Church. Inspire us by your Spirit as we respond to your call. When we are reluctant, strengthen us; when we are doubtful, encourage us. Above all, let your love shine through us. Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- For the earth and for this beautiful season of winter. Awaken us to the mystery and diversity of your creation. Nurture all living things and protect your creation from harm. Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- For our nation. Kindle within us a spirit of respect for one another. Turn us to use words of love rather than judgement and hatred. Bring peace to the hearts of our leaders and to those who dwell in this community today. Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- For those in need. Protect those who suffer abuse and encourage those who lack hope. Guide all who provide medical care. Comfort those who grieve and bring healing to the sick, especially those names on our prayer list and those names we offer to you now.... Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- For Luther Memorial Church. Bless our children and our elders. Gather us into a community guided by your love. Inspire in us a spirit of hospitality and kindness. Teach us to bear one another's burdens with compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Here other intercessions may be offered.
- We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, and who now see you face-to-face especially Holly Stephan, and Colleen and George Schaefer. Inspire us by their example and bring us into your everlasting presence. Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Amen.
- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you. Romans 16:16

Please be seated.



MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED    Psalm 116:12

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:  
“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”  
Luke 21:3-4

ANTHEMS – "Where True Charity and Love Dwell"

Kaye Saunders

Where true charity and love dwell, God is also there.  
Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,  
Let us all be glad and rejoice now and always.  
As we love and serve our Lord, the living God,  
So let us with sincerity love each other.


“If Tongues of Men and Angels Sing”

Mark Schweizer

If tongues of men and angels sing, and joined with them, my praise I bring,  
Yet no love lives within the thing, my clamor is forsaken.  
And when all prophecies have flown, and mountains moved by faith alone,  
And if I know what can be known, forsaking love, I'm shaken.  
  
For love is patient, love is kind, not envious, or self-inclined,  
Insisting on its way to find, but wends the path rejoicing.  
Love bears all things, believes all things, to hope it ever after clings,  
Enduring all, love's spirit sings, Its expectation voicing.  
  
Let prophecies and knowledge cease, and unknown tongues, their joy release,  
We only know in part the peace that now we are pretending.  
For faith and hope and love abide, these all within our hearts reside,  
Yet of these three, love opens wide the path of joy unending.

Please stand as you are able.


OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e-fits to me?



I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the



name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres-ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,




in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G** Amen.


GREAT THANKSGIVING    Matthew 21:9



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



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




**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

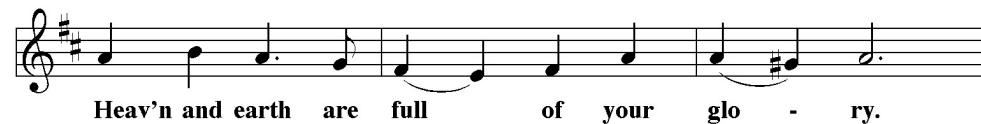


**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

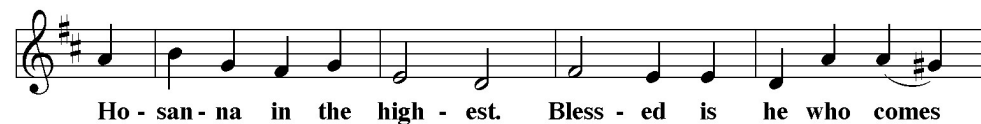
It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us and revealed your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**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.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages so you would save and redeem us and proclaim your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things, and in him you have great joy.

He is your Word, sent from heaven into a virgin's womb.

He took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people through his overwhelming love.

It is he, who was handed over into a death he freely accepted, breaking the bonds of the evil one, and crushing hell underfoot, giving light for the righteous and establishing his promise, so by taking bread and giving thanks, you said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way you took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This is my blood given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy in standing before you and serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father,  
With the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**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. *Matthew 6:9***

## AGNUS DEI



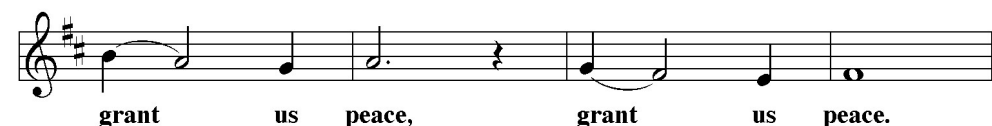
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** We who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.  
Come. Be filled with light and life.  
**G** Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

COMMUNION John 1:29



The author of this hymn, a church musician and college professor in Ontario, responded to a request for a paraphrase of Corinthians 13 for this specific melody. The tune is an English folk tune whose name means "O Wail, Wail."

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION ELW 644

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my  
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er  
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions  
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to

knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are  
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -  
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now  
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one

vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.  
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.  
see: then we will see love face to face.  
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951  
Music: O WAIL WAIL, English traditional  
Text © 1995 Andrew Donaldson.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**G** Amen.

Care Ministers please come forward to the altar during the singing of the Post-Communion Canticle.

*This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness, and published as a pamphlet. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and although the author was very much opposed to the addition of a refrain, the composer was responsible for writing the one we sing today. Text, tune, and refrain have since become nearly inseparable.*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LBW 390

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** We thank you, O God,  
that you have fed us at your banqueting table  
with bread and wine beyond compare,  
the very life of Christ for us.  
Send your Spirit with us now,  
that we may set the captive free,  
use your gifts to build one another up,  
and in everything reflect your glory  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** Amen.

***SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”***

SENDING OF COMMUNION CARE MINISTERS

**P** Gracious God,  
you took the form of a servant,  
offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength  
in a sick and hurting world.  
Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament  
to our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound,  
and through our fellowship with them, let them receive peace.  
Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope  
for all who feast on your body and blood  
and receive your words of new life.  
May we all recognize that we have a place and a home  
in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**G** Amen.

BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**G** Amen.

DISMISSAL *Luke 7:50*

**A** Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**G** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE – "I Love to Tell the Story"**

**Robert Elmore**

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