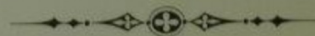




*Gathered and gifted
to celebrate and share
the love of Jesus*



*2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2026*

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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 65 years ago.

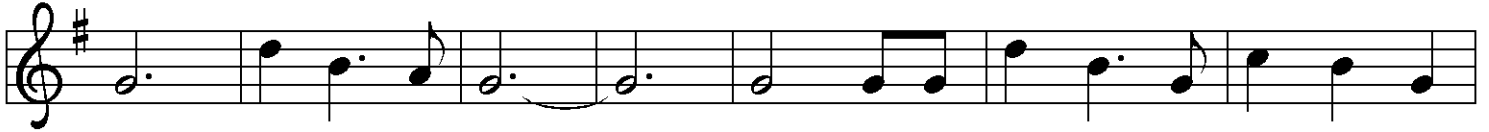
A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
However, please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is
available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Welcome to Worship

Opening Song

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

All Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**All you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.**

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

**We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.**

Turn us to seek your face.

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

Amen.

P The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

All Amen.

Prayer for This Day



All Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the



lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.



Women O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my



Men O God, I call to you, come to me



W voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like



M now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise



W in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an



M up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my



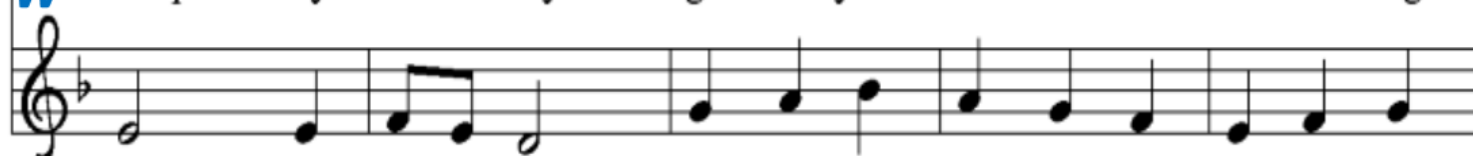
W of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



M hands as an of-fer-ing to you. Keep



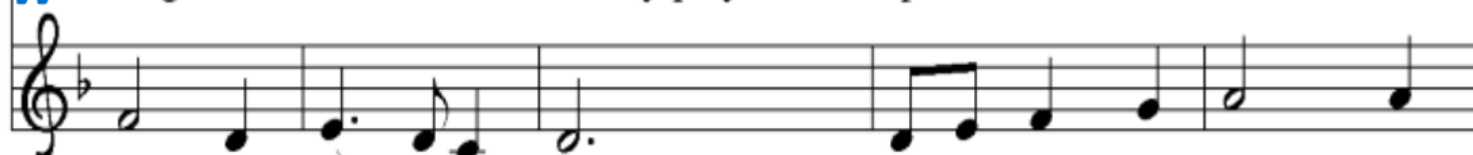
W deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing



M watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your



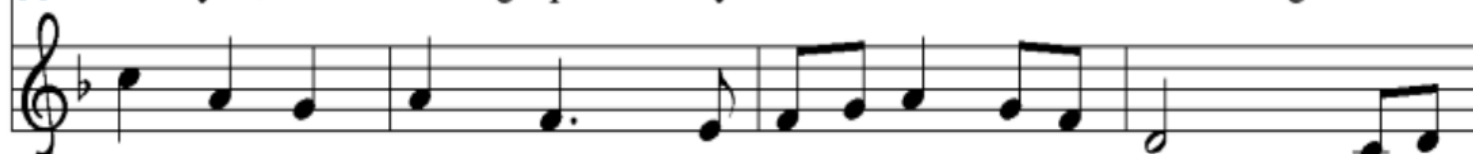
W bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -



M love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like



W fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to



M in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

W you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of

M of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the

W life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

M God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

W Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

M Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

W lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

M fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Text: *Holden Evening Prayer*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 141

Music: Marty Haugen

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Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

A Reading from Isaiah, the 49th chapter

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me,
"You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel,
who has chosen you."

WA Word of God, Word of Hope.

All Thanks be to God!

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 1st chapter

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

WA Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



O - pen the eyes_____ of my heart,_____ Lord,_____



Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

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

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he

was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

John 1:29-42

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

Message

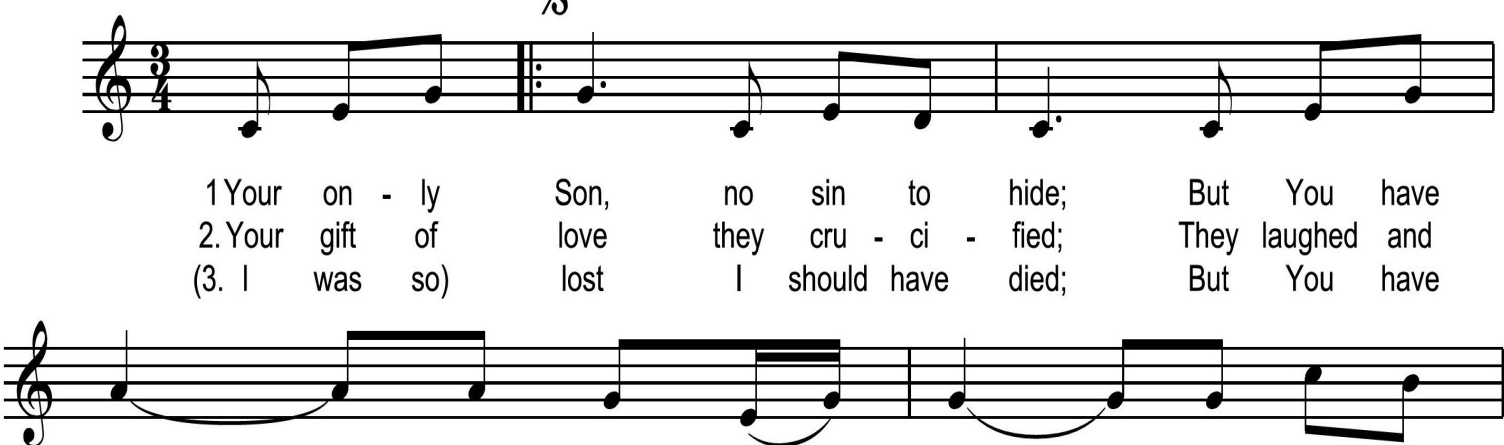
Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

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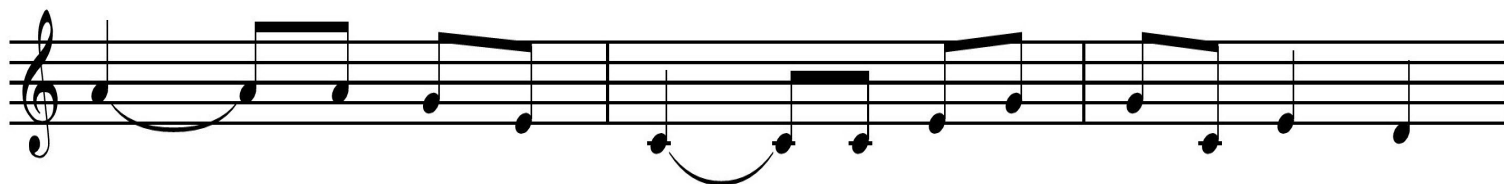
Lamb Of God Words and Music by
Twila Paris

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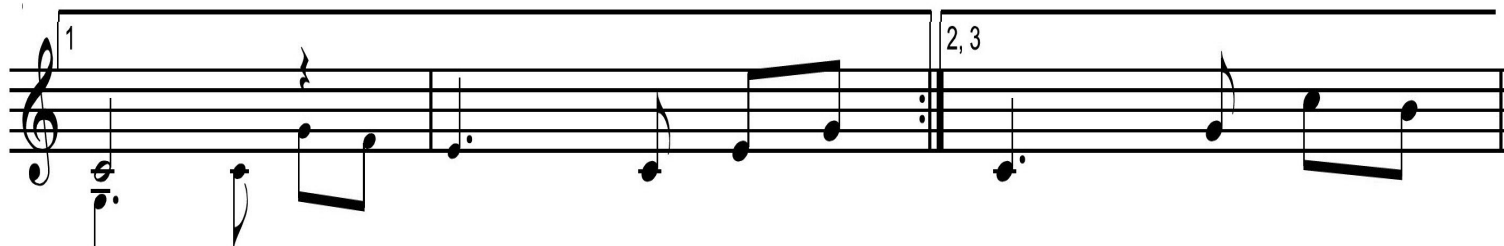


1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have
2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and
(3. I was so) lost I should have died; But You have

sent _____ Him from Your _____ side, _____ to walk up -
scorned _____ Him as He _____ died. _____ The hum - ble
brought _____ me to Your _____ side _____ to be led



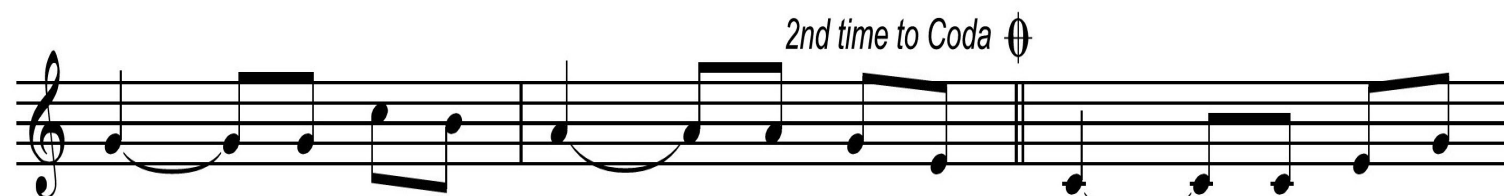
on _____ this guilt - y sod, _____ and to be - come the Lamb of
King _____ they named a fraud, _____ and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of
by _____ Your staff and rod, _____ and to be called a lamb of



God. 2 Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of



God, _____ sweet Lamb of God. _____ I love the ho - ly Lamb of



God. _____ Oh, wash me in _____ His pre - cious blood, _____ my Je - sus



Christ, the Lamb of God. 3 I was so



blood, _____ my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the 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.**

Prayers of the People

[You may be Seated](#)

WA As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the Peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that Peace through sign language.

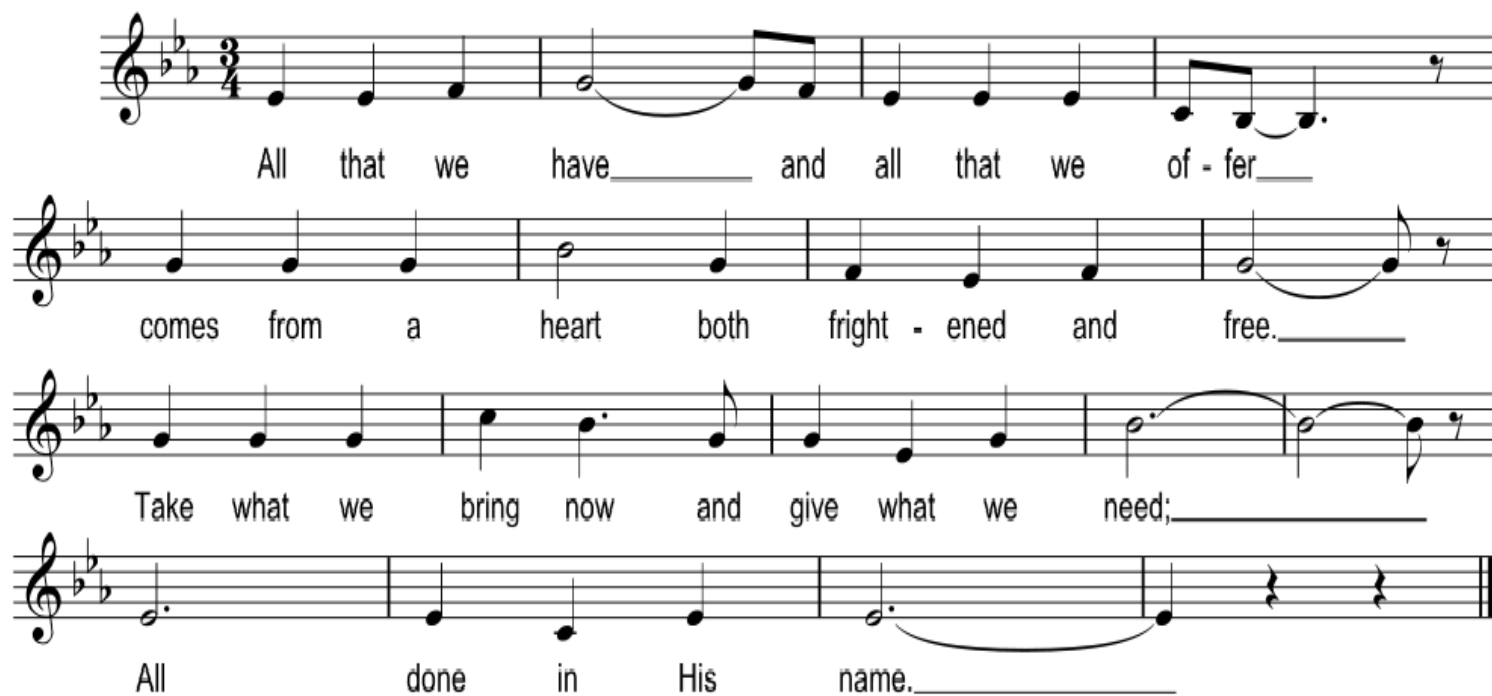
P Christ become Peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offering

You may be Seated

Offering plates are available at the entrance to receive your offerings.



All that we have _____ and all that we of - fer _____
comes from a heart both fright - ened and free. _____
Take what we bring now and give what we need; _____
All done in His name. _____

Offertory Prayer

P God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you.

All Use what we have gathered to feed the hungry,
house the poor and embrace all with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

P Let us together pray as Jesus taught us:

All 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.

The Invitation

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

[You may be Seated](#)

Holy Is The Lord

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio



of the Lord is our strength. We bow down and wor-
 ship Him now. How great, how awe - some is He. And to- geth - er we sing,
 ev - 'ry - one sing.
 Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y. The earth
 is filled with His glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord
 God Al - might - y. The earth is filled with His glo -
 ry. The earth is filled with His glo - ry.
 1 2
 It is ris - ing up all
 a - round. It's the an - them of the Lord's re - nown. It's ris -
 re - nown. And to- geth - er we sing,
 Coda
 ry. The earth is filled with His glo - ry.

Last time to Coda
D.S. al Coda

'Tis The Gift To Be Simple (Simple Gifts)

(as published by International Liturgy Publications)

Words and Music by
Joseph Brackett, Jr.

Words Adapted by
Joe Higginbotham



1. 'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down
2. 'Tis the gift to be joy - ful, 'tis the gift to re - joice, 'tis the gift to sing and
3. 'Tis the gift to be low - ly, 'tis the gift to be poor, 'tis the gift to keep from



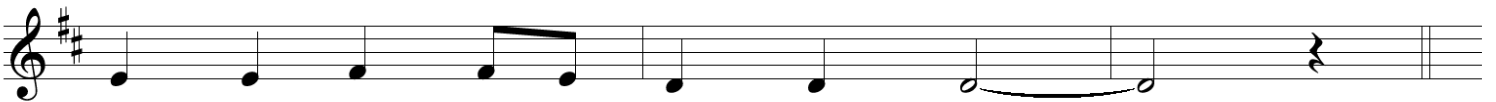
where you ought to be, and when we find our - selves in the place just right, 'twill thank Him with your voice, and when we have a heart that is pure and kind, with al - ways want - ing more, and if we turn to God and ask to be freed, we



be in the val - ley of love and de - light. When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained, to faith like a child, we give praise for all time. soon see that Je - sus is all that we need.



bow and to bend we shan't be a - shamed; To turn, turn will be our de - light, till by



turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right. _____

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All Amen

P Let us pray,
Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

All In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever.

All Amen

Sending

You Are My All In All Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan



1 You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
2 Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your



seek. You are my all in all. _____ Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
name; You are my all in all. _____ When I fall down, You pick me



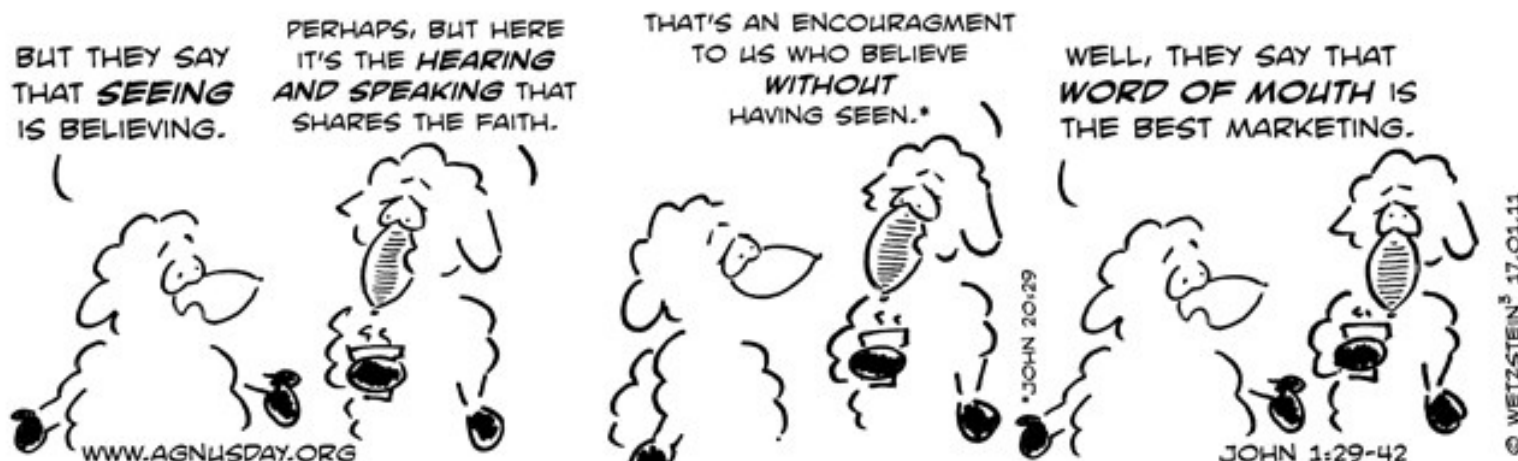
jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.



Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All Thanks be to God.



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Readings for next Sunday,
January 25th

First Reading:

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm:

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel:

Matthew 4:12-23

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