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*3rd Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*January 25, 2026*

**Ascension Lutheran Church**  
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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

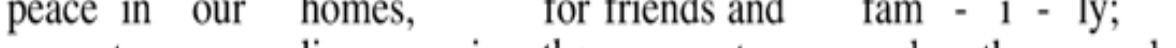
Kyrie eleison

*All*  
*Refrain* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.


Musical notation for the phrase "Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day." The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff: "Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day." The phrase "Last time" is written in a box above the final measure of the staff.



1 For peace in the world, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im -  
 3 For peace in our hearts, for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
 passionate re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
 that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
 that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

## *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



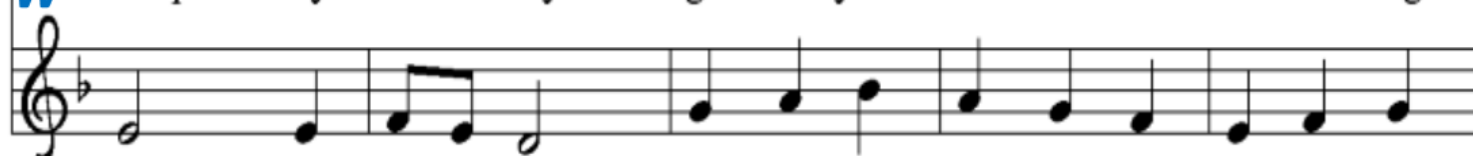
**W** of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



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



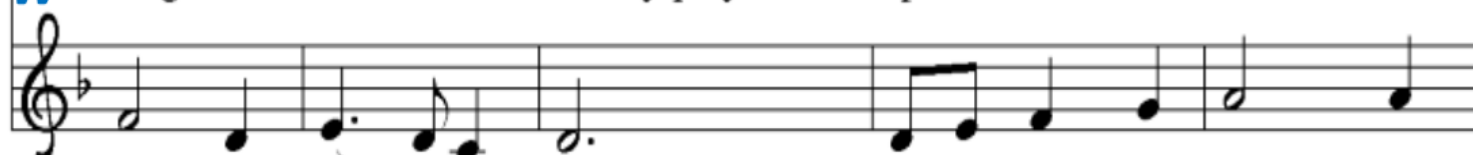
**W** deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing



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



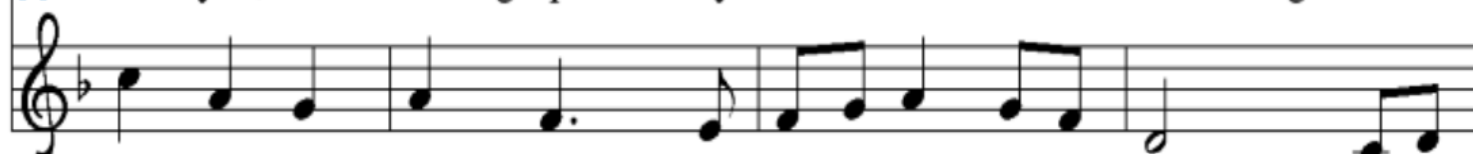
**W** bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -



**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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*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

*A Reading from Isaiah, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

WA Word of God, Word of Hope.

**All Thanks be to God!**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

*A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter*

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I



belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

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,\_\_\_\_

o - pen the eyes\_\_\_\_\_ of my heart;\_\_\_\_\_ I want to see You,\_\_\_\_

I want to see You.\_\_\_\_

*Gospel Reading*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God’s reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.  
<sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:  
<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”  
<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”  
  
<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.  
  
<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4:12-23

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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Children’s Sermon & Noisy Offering

Message

Pr. Debra Jimenez

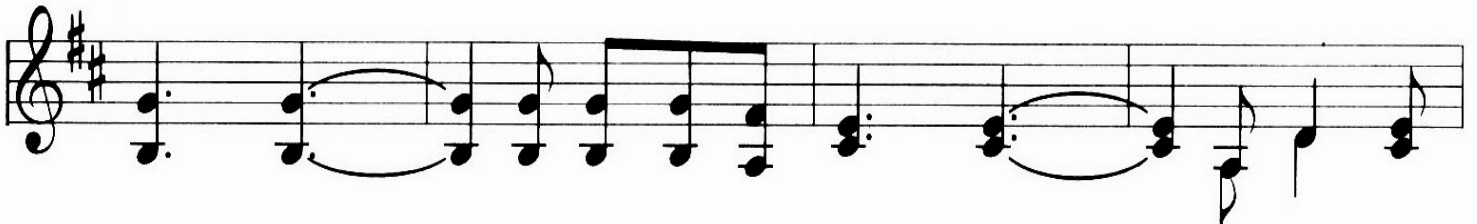
# Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

## You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore



1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 fish nets and will for work - ing.  
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 Friend, you have come to call me.

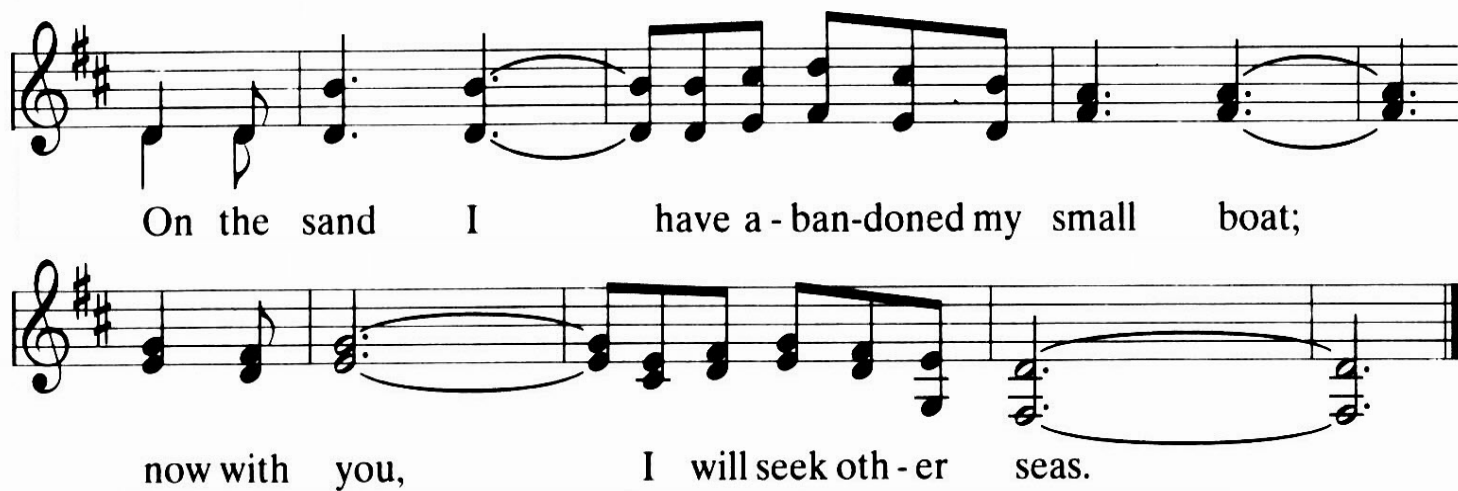


Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes;



kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.



### *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

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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

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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.



*P* 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*

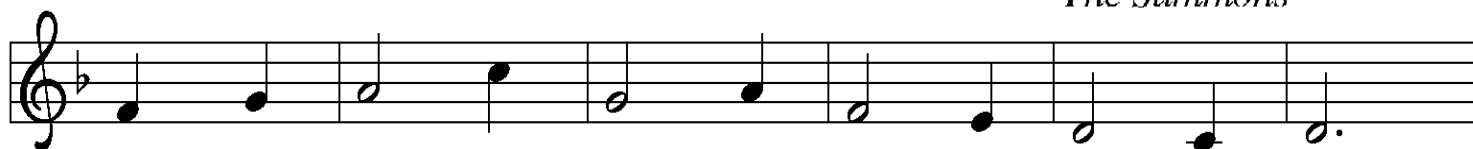
*P* Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

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***

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# Communion Songs

## Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



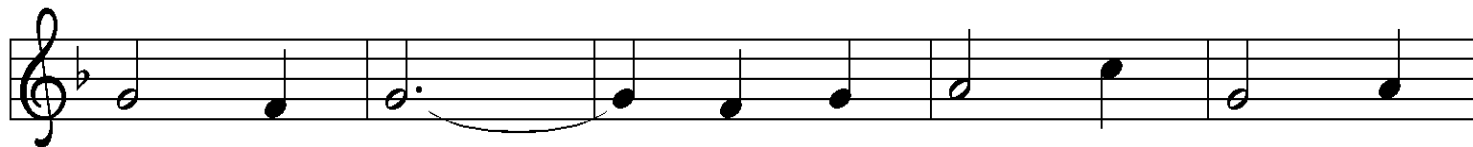
your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

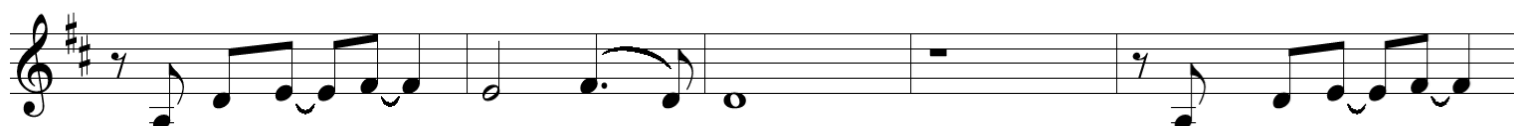
## In The Secret

*Words and Music by  
Andy Park*



1. In the se - cret, in the qui - et place,

2. I am reach - ing for the high - est goal,



in the still - ness You are there.

that I might re - ceive the prize.

In the se - cret,

Press - ing on - ward,



in the qui - et ho - ur I wait on - ly for You, 'cause I want to

push - ing ev - 'ry hin - drance a - side, out of my way, 'cause I want to

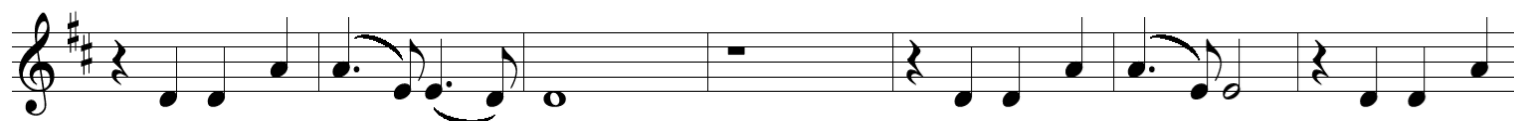


know You more.

I want to know You,

I want to hear Your voice,

know You more.



I want to know You more.

I want to touch You,

I want to



see Your face,

I want to know You

more.

## *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**

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## *Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements*

### *Benediction*

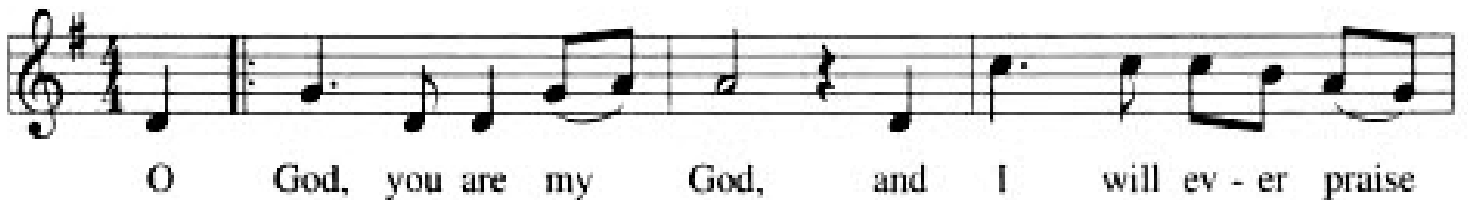
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*P* May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever.

**All Amen**

### *Sending*

Step by step



you. O God, you are my God, and

I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn -

- ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my

days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my

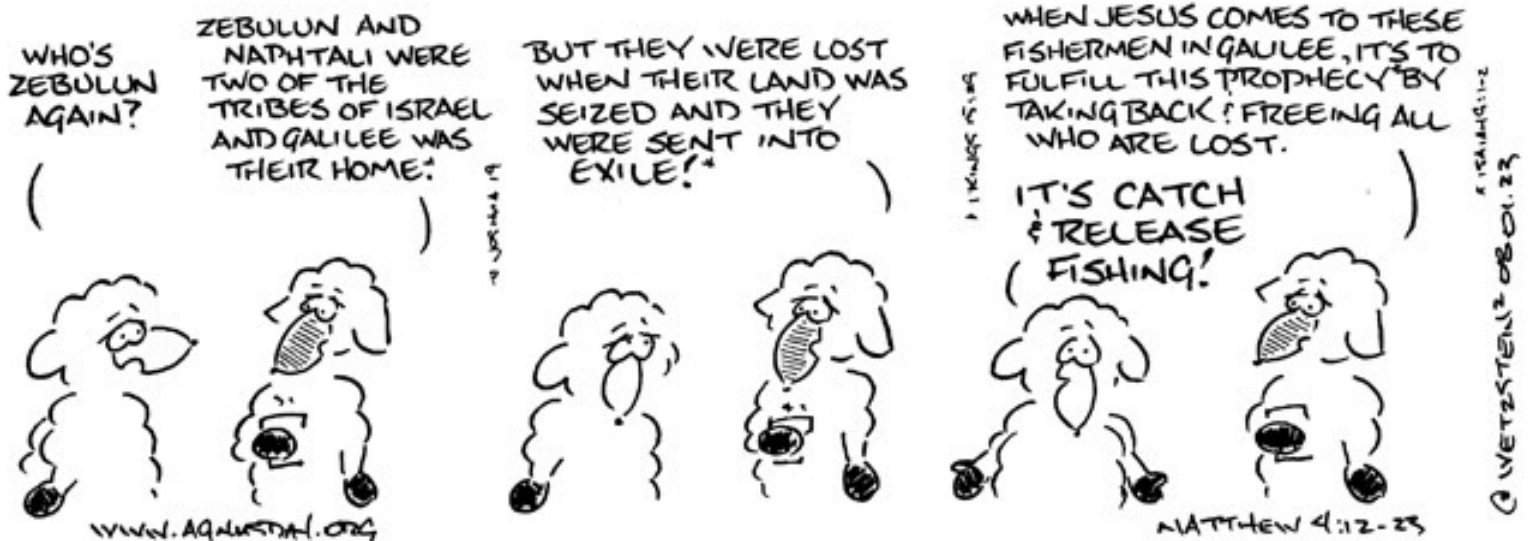
days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

*Dismissal*

**WA** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**All** Thanks be to God.



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Readings for next Sunday,  
February 1<sup>st</sup>

First Reading:

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm:

Psalm 15

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel:

Matthew 5:1-12

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