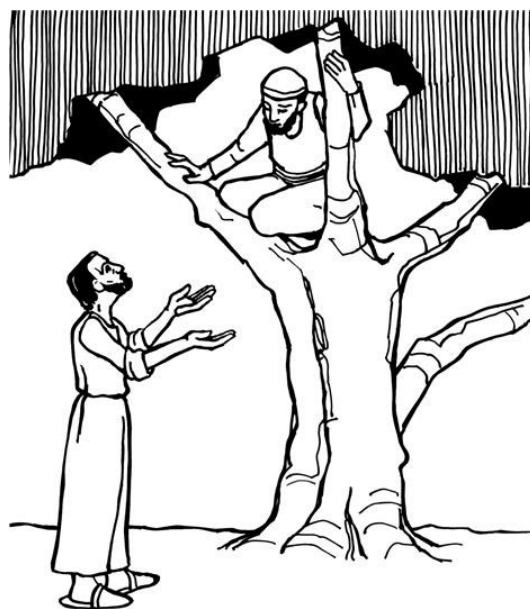


Service of Worship
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 2019
10:30 am



“God Calls”



Ebenezer
LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ GATHERING +
We gather to learn love for one another.

Welcome to Ebenezer!

We hope you are blessed by your time in worship today. Please complete the "Welcome" insert and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building.

Devices for the hearing impaired are located on designated pews. For assistance, please see an usher.

A nursery for children three-years old and younger is available, beginning 9:15 am, for Sunday school and worship. The nursery is located across from the library in the Education Building. Our attendants are trained and willing to help. Parents are welcome to use the nursery for part or all of the worship service.

As you enter the worship space, please be sure to silence your cell phones.

As you prepare for worship, please take a minute and check in to Ebenezer on your Facebook account. Don't forget to fill out an attendance sheet as well.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We stand as able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who shines in glory,
clothes us in compassion,
and bears gifts of mercy for all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

We kneel as able or remain standing. Silence is kept for reflection.

**God, wonderful counselor,
we confess that we have turned from your gifts
and chosen our own way.**

**We have not made room for you
in our hearts or in our world.**

**We have lived in fear;
we have not welcomed the stranger;
we desire gifts that will not endure.**

**Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
and open us to receive the peace of Jesus
dwelling in and among us.**

Amen.

God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.

We are saved, not by anything we have done,
but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Through the Spirit living in you,

God give you faith to trust Jesus,

who is Love born for you, now and always.

Amen.

All stand and face the processional cross.

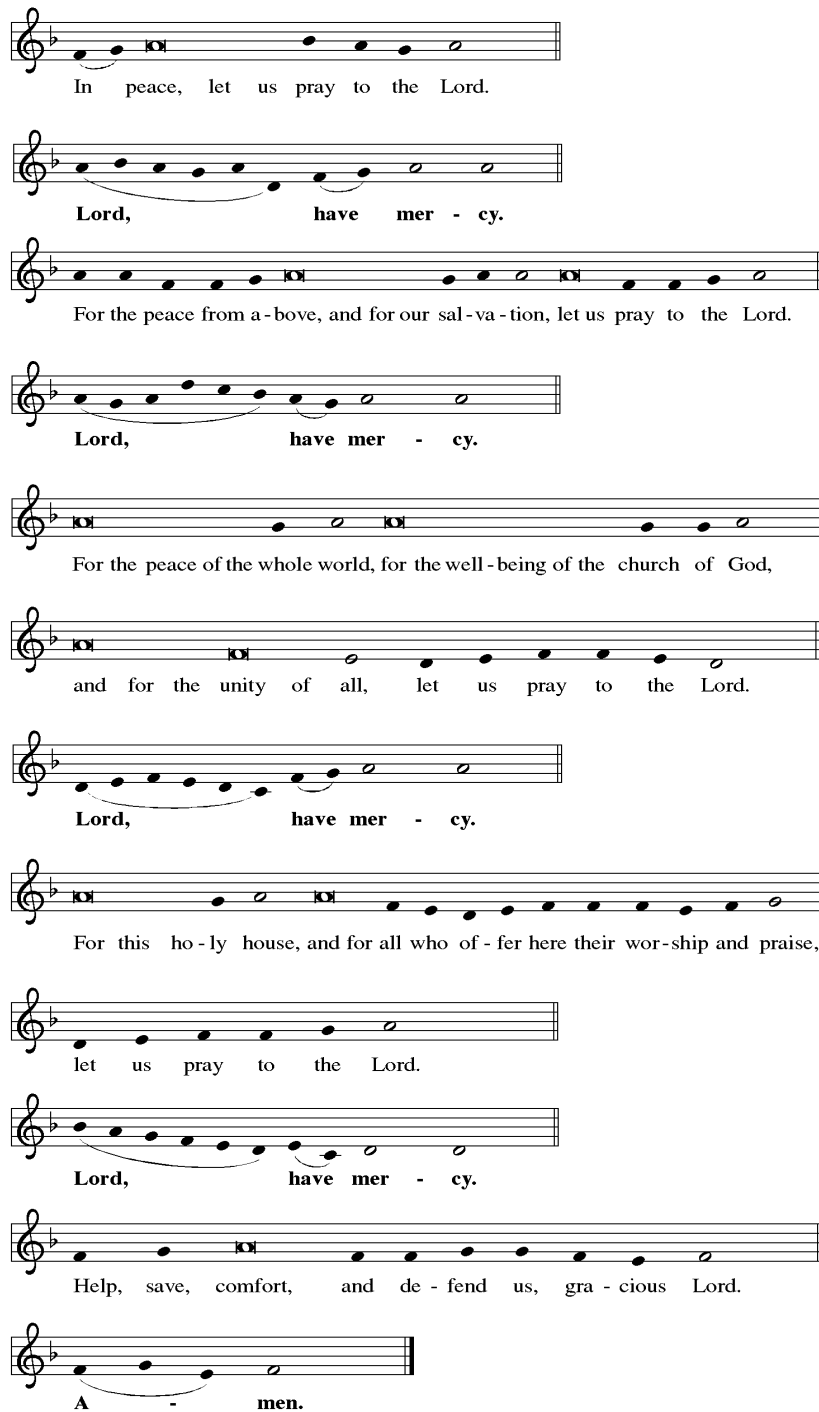
Gathering Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Hymn 413

Greeting

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ WORD +
God speaks to us in Bible readings
“God Calls”

Children’s Message

First Reading

Acts 9:1-9 (Insert)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10 (Insert)

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor Aebischer

Silence is kept for reflection.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light

Hymn 715

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

After the assisting minister introduces the prayers, we stand or kneel as able for the petitions and respond with the chorus below.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

All stand.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

We sit.

+ MEAL +

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

Reception of the Offering

Musical Offering

Walk Worthy

Joseph Martin

We stand.

Offertory Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Hymn 188

Offering Prayer

After the gifts have been presented, the prayer is said:

Let us pray...**Amen.**

The exchange of the peace is a ministry, an announcement of grace we make to each other, a summary of the gift given to us in the liturgy of the Word. This ministry we do to each other is far greater than a sociable handshake or a ritual of friendship or a moment of informality. You may exchange the peace with those around you by responding with "God's peace be with you." or "The peace of the Lord be with you."

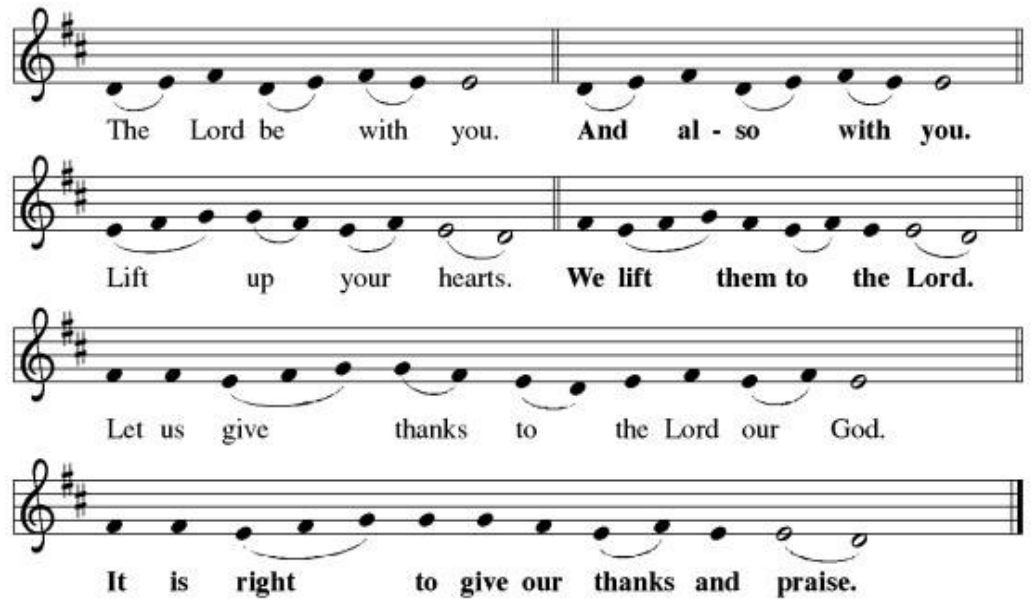
An offering is collected to support the mission of the church.

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

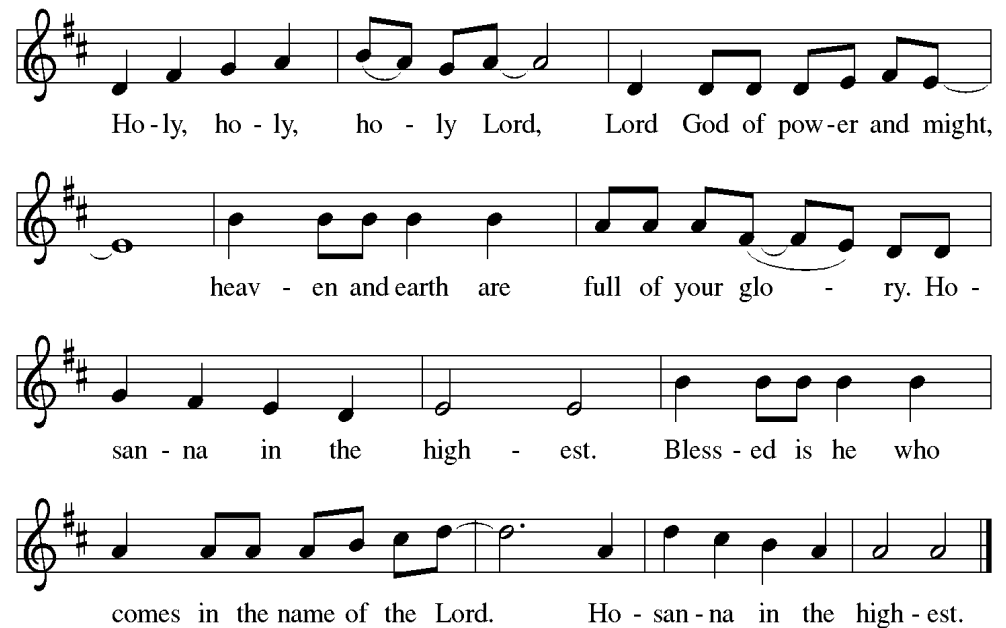
*What is Holy Communion?
Holy Communion is our participation in the meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. As Jesus' disciples now this meal is a participation in our Lord's life: he feeds us, forgives us, and unites us.*

This meal, sometimes called "Eucharist" (meaning "thanksgiving"), connects us to our Lord and to all his people across time and space.



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.

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season; we respond:
Holy, Holy, Holy...*



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.

Jesus' Words About Communion

**How we Commune
Welcome to the table
of the Risen Christ!**

All baptized worshipers are invited to partake of the Eucharist, regardless of denominational affiliation. Come down the center aisle and either kneel or stand at the rail in front of the altar. Take the bread and dip it into the cup of wine.

If you require gluten-free wafers or grape juice, please let the ministers know. Return to your seat by way of the side aisles.

If you are unable to come forward please come down the side aisles on either side after the "Invitation" and communion will be brought to you. If you need to remain in your seat please notify an usher.

Any who do not wish to receive communion may fold their arms across their chest to receive a blessing at the altar.

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table.
Feast on God's abundant life for you.
Thanks be to God.
We sit.

Communion

Distribution Music Lamb of God...

(Distribution music continues)

Lord of All Hopefulness	Hymn 765
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross	Hymn 335
Let Us Break Bread Together	Hymn 471

When all have returned to their places, we stand or kneel.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...Amen.

+ SENDING +

We are blessed to go and serve God in the world.

Blessing

All stand. Turn and face the processional cross.

Sending Song	How Firm a Foundation	Hymn 796
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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