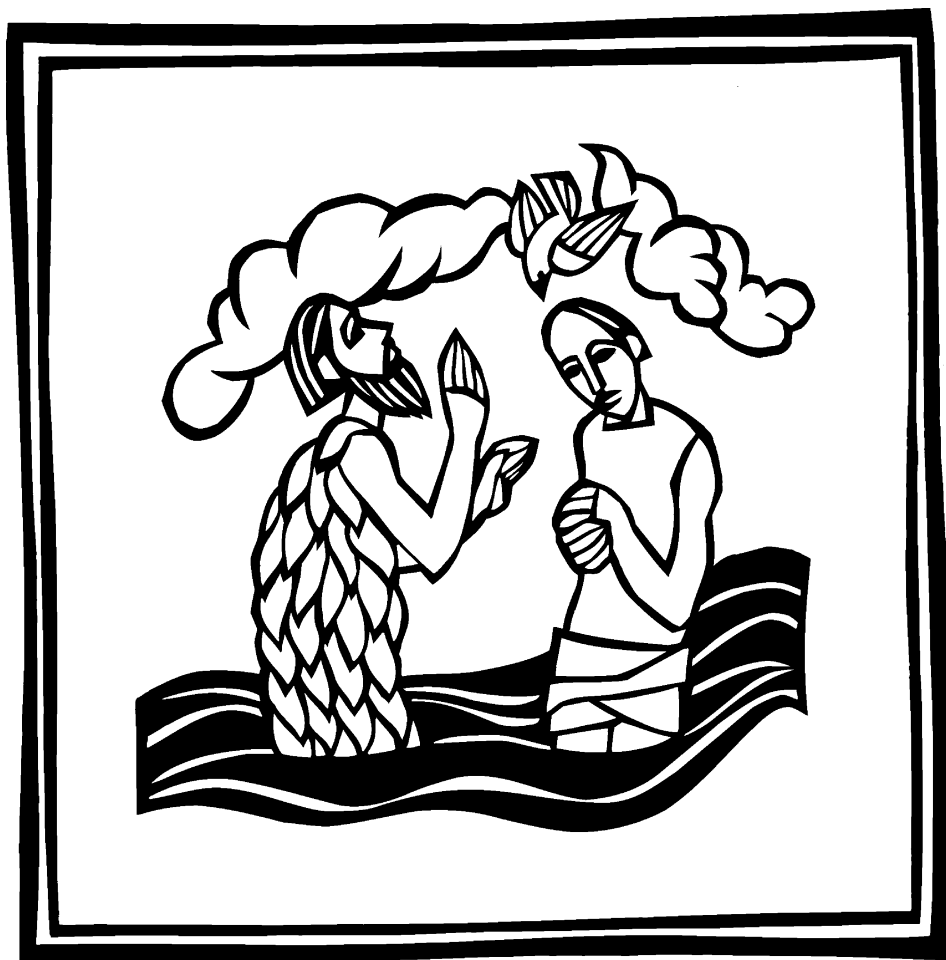


**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
ZIONSVILLE



Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

PRELUDE

Kings of Orient


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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE SONG

Carry the Light

REFRAIN




Car-ry the light of the Lord, our God, in-to ev - 'ry earth-ly place.

5




High from the hill where the cross shines bright in glo - rious streams of grace.

9 VERSES



1. Walk on in a grand pro-ces - sion; Fol-low the cross at His lead.
2. Walk for - ward your wor - ship rai - sing, Sing-ing the vict - 'ry He won.

13



On now ev - 'ry tongue con - fess: Christ the Lord! is our creed.
On then, with this song of praise: Bright-er than light is God's Son.

to Refrain

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

P I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

C Amen.

Where is the Confession and Forgiveness?

Today's service may not include a formal order of confession and forgiveness, yet as we affirm our baptisms, we embrace a profound truth. In affirming our faith, we acknowledge not only God's unending love and grace but also the inherent forgiveness embedded within these sacred promises. Our trust in our baptism echoes our trust in God's unwavering forgiveness, a reminder that in every moment, we stand embraced by divine love and grace.

GATHERING SONG

Christ When For Us You Were Baptised

ELW 304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Please be seated.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and let all within me bless this ho-ly

5 name. Bless the Lord, my soul, and re - mem - ber ev - 'ry ben - i - fit and ev - 'ry

10 kind - ness; God for - gives all my sins, and then heals all my

14 hurts, and re - deems my life from the grave, and then crowns me with love and

18 mer - cy. Bless the Lord, my soul, O bless the Lord, my soul, bless the

23 Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING GENESIS 1:1-5

L A reading from Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

- L ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- L ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- C ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- L ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- L ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- C ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- L ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- C ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- L ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING ACTS 19:1-7

L A reading from Acts.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.
The word of the Lord.

L Word of God, Word of life.

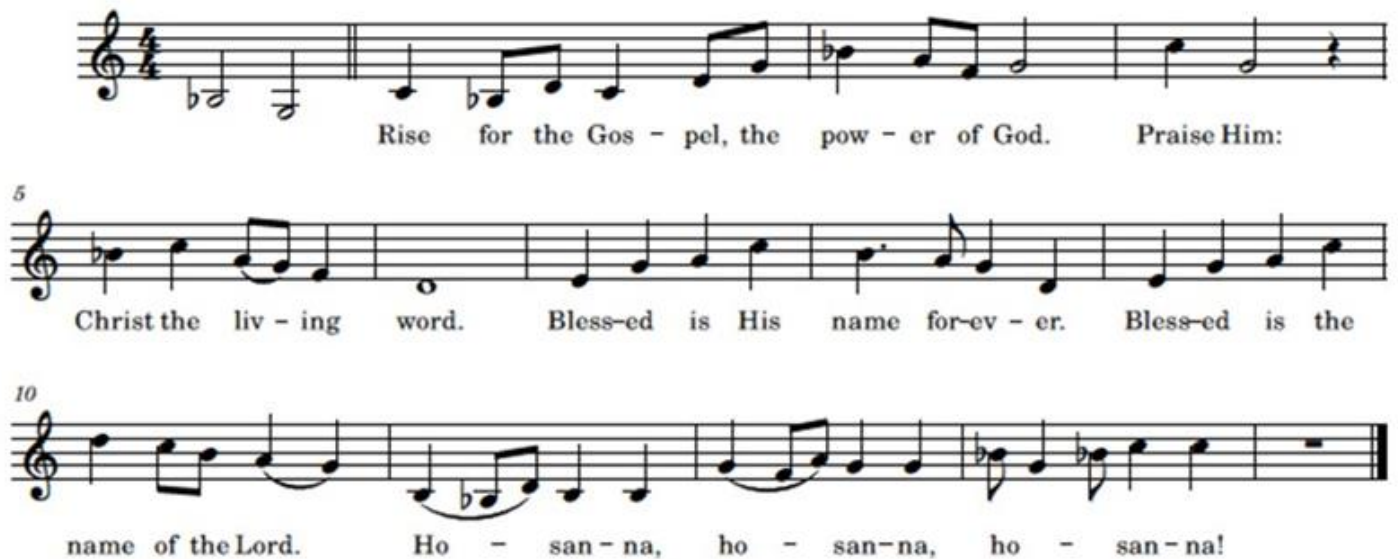
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rise for the Gospel

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GOSPEL MARK 1:4-11

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION RESPONSE



Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Wes

SERMON

Pastor Wes



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

**C 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning - all of God's Church..

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

P As we rejoice in the incarnation of Christ, we ask for God's blessings upon the church, the world, and all creation.

Grant your church, God of forgiveness, the gift of wisdom and a fervent spirit of proclamation. Strengthen leaders domestic and foreign to boldly share your truth within our communities. Inspire us to embrace our baptismal promises, striving for justice and peace throughout the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Revitalize your creation, God of thunder and abundant waters. Renew the rivers where your children are baptized. May fields thrive and flourish. Call forth stewards and caretakers of the land to honor your wondrous creations. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Empower leaders across nations and communities, God who is ever-present. Raise up advocates committed to equity and healing. Grant them wisdom and compassion as they lead with love. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Guard and nurture the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from loved ones or enduring broken relationships. Provide shelter to our unhoused neighbors and those facing poverty. Protect individuals in prisons, detention centers, and comfort the sick and suffering, especially **Jean, Rose, Michael, Kathy, Bill, Martha, Kat, Wilder, Dorothy, Marilyn, Joe, Mimi, Mike, Steve, Victoria, Theresa, Dave, Jonny, Dennis, Janice, Patrick, and LCFS**, and for all those we now name in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Guide this congregation, God who calls and commissions disciples. Lead us in walking alongside, learning from, and serving our marginalized neighbors, following the example set by Jesus. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Trusting in the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all departed souls resting in God's care. Offer hope to those grieving, as we find solace in your promise of resurrection. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we present these prayers and the silent petitions of our hearts, knowing that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us.

C Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

Gloria Deo
~ Sanctuary Choir ~

Leavitt

Please rise as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**ELW 184**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is a simple, flowing line with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

Again, 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Wes.

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from Pastor Wes and you will hear the words **the body of Christ, given for you**. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, **the blood of Christ, shed for you**. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.*

COMMUNION SONG

The Songs of Communion

1. Ho - ly com - mun - ion, in this high feast we
 2. We are Christ's bod - y, one in His love di -
 3. Peace Lord is poured now, ves - sels of love brim
 4. Ho - ly com - mun - ion, in this high feast of

8
 share God's ho - ly grace, heav - en's em - brace, un - end - ing care.
 vine, One in His bread, with Him now wed, one in His wine.
 full. Joy ov - er - flows. Life in us grows so boun - ti - ful.
 love, See dawn - ing here God's glo - ry near, the Feast a - bove.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Carry the Light – Reprise

Car-ry the light of the Lord, our God, in-to ev - 'ry earth-ly place.

5
High from the hill where the cross shines bright in glo - rious streams of grace.

9
1. Walk thru ev - 'ry val - ley bold - ly Bear-ing the lamp of the Lord.
2. Walk in - to the world re-joic - ing, Shin-ing with light from a - bove.

13
On - ward, with the saints of old, Robed in the light of His word.
On, till ev - 'ry heart and voice Join in the song of His love.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Glory to God

Paxton



SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Lector:	Jeannie Phillips
Communion Assistant:	Connie Niessink
Greeter:	Jamie Stewart
Usher:	Connie Steinhart
Nursery:	Angie Eugenio
Hospitality:	Sue Haughton, Julia Hill
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