



Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church
“Responding in Service to God’s Love”



Zoar
Lutheran
Church

Second Sunday of Epiphany, Year C
January 19, 2025

Welcome to Zoar Lutheran Church!

We’re glad you’re here to worship with us, and we pray that your spirit will be refreshed and transformed by the abundant grace of our God.

We celebrate Holy Communion in worship each week, and all who desire a deeper relationship with the God revealed in Jesus Christ are welcome to partake. This is Christ’s table—not our table—and so, we follow Jesus in welcoming all people to the table.

The “Creative Corner” and children’s worship bulletins are available for our younger friends. We also offer Children’s Time during worship, as well as a short Sunday School time during the sermon.

Hearing devices are available in the AV booth at the back of the sanctuary.

We hope you’ll join us after worship for a time of sharing good conversation and treats. May you find Zoar to be your “little place of refuge.”* You are welcome here!

*(*The name “Zoar” is found in Genesis 19. Zoar is the small town where Lot and his family take refuge when Sodom and Gomorrah are about to be destroyed. “Zoar” means “small” in Hebrew, and since Zoar was a place of refuge, our congregation aspires to be a “little place of refuge.”)*

Welcome/Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Please stand, as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

“All Are Welcome”

(see page 13)

ELW 641


The Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Refrain




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




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



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

Refrain



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

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

1st Reading:

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10: refrain, Ps. 36:8



We feast up - on the a-bun-dance of your house, O LORD.

⁵Your love, O Lord, reaches | to the heavens
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

**⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep;
You save humankind and ani | mals, O Lord. R**

⁷How priceless is your | love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.

⁸The feast upon the abundance | of your house;

You give them drink from the river of | your delights.

⁹For with you is the | well of life,

And in your light | we see light.

¹⁰Continue your loving kindness to those who know you,

And favor to those who are | true of heart. R

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the second chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children's Time

The Message

Pastor Michelle Manicke

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW 798

(see page 14)

The Prayers of the People

(See "Celebrate" insert.)

(The petitioner will say, "God of grace..."; the congregation will respond with "hear our prayer.")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: On the count of 3, let's all say together, "The peace of Christ be with you always!..."

Please be seated.

The Offering

Please take a moment of silent prayer to consider the many needs and to give thanks for the blessings you've received from God. Ask God to guide you in discerning how you can share some of the gifts God has entrusted to you. (Perhaps you'll feel moved to call someone, to write a card, or to make an extra donation in support of ministries making a difference in our wider community, so that they can continue to bring light and life to our neighbors in need.)

Thankoffering

Today we have an opportunity to give a special "Thankoffering" to Zoar Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) and their umbrella organization, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA). Your offering supports our churchwide women's organization, which, in turn, supports women in ministry and does important advocacy work in combatting human trafficking.

Instructions for Thankoffering gifts: Please place your Thankoffering gifts in the basket on the small table, as you come forward to receive communion.

The Offertory

Please stand, as you are able.

The Offering Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

ELW 677

(see page 16)

The Offering Prayer

A: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

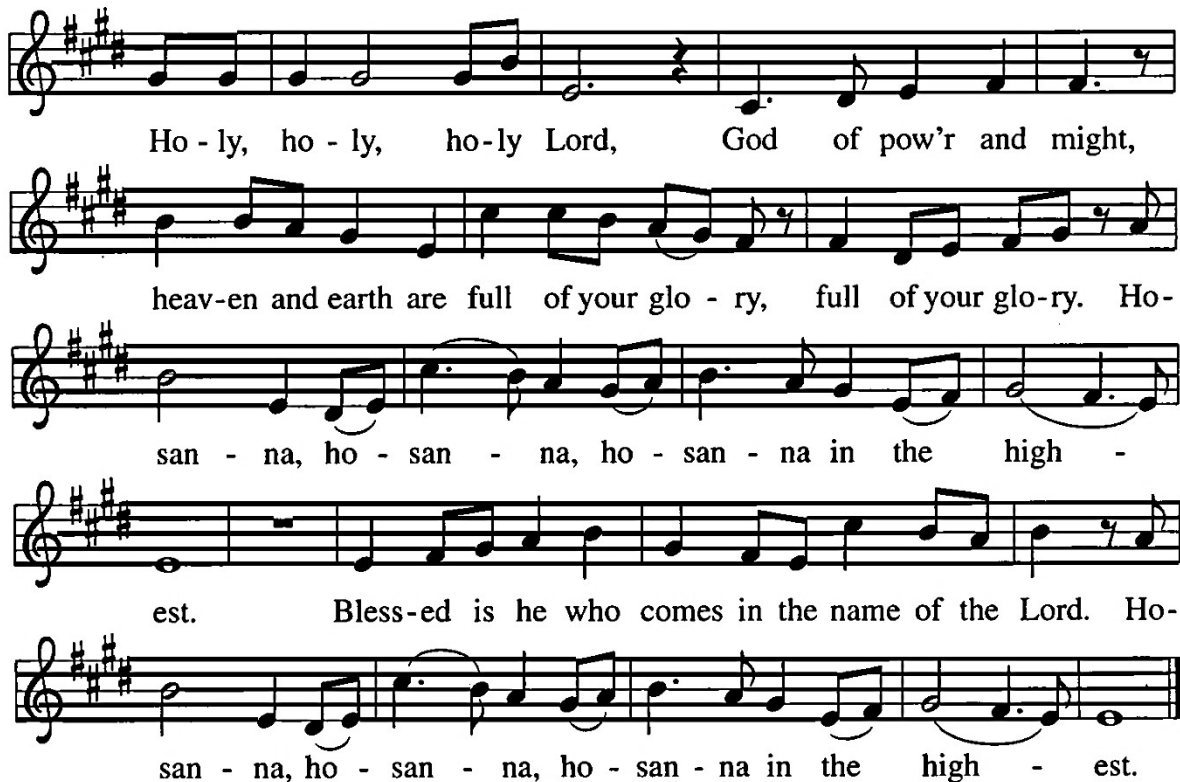
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who is your light made manifest to all the nations, and so, with the church on earth, all creation, and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, O holy God:
 you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
 and revealing to us your mercy and might.
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.
Remembering, therefore,
 his preaching and healing,
 his dying and rising,
 and his promise to come again,
 we await that day when all the universe
 will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
 that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
 we may be light for the world,
 revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

C: Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

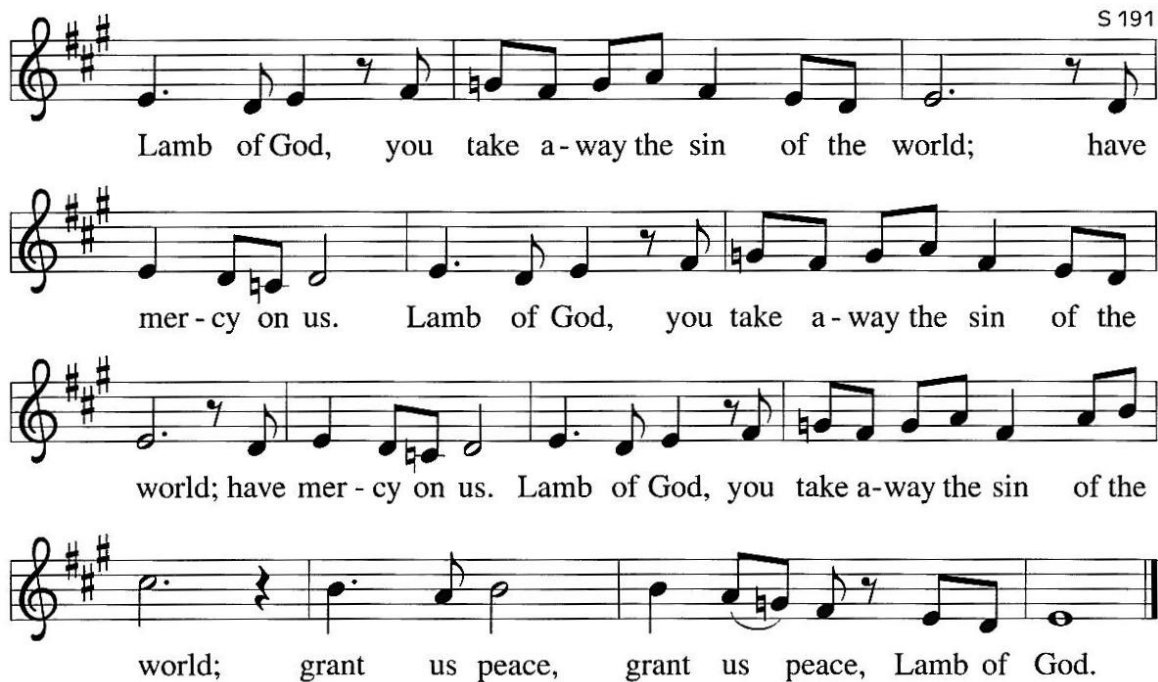
Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Lamb of God

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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, Lamb of God.

The Distribution

Instructions for those communing online/in their homes:

1. *Please take a minute to wash your hands if you'll be touching the bread or cup and offering it to another person.*
2. *As you are offering bread to another, say these words: “The body of Christ, given for you.”*
3. *As you are offering the wine or grape juice, say these words: “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”*

Please stand, as you are able.

The Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion:

A: Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C: **Amen.**

The Sending Blessing

P: The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Thy Word”
(see page 19)

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The Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to our Worship Servers

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Robert Manicke |
| Communion Assistant | Betty Lundsten |
| Pianist | Mel Kubik |
| Lector | David Tate |
| Song Leader | Jeanna Doversberger |
| Sunday School Teacher | Karen Brennan |
| Greeter | Nancy Mohr |
| Altar Care | Chris Morgan and Angie Liechty |
| Sound | Marlena Adams |
| AV Technician | Anne Manicke |
| Altar Flowers | ZLCW |

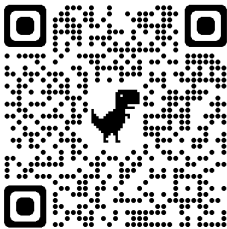
Last Week's Stats & Goals

| January 12, 2025 | <u>Attendance</u> (Average) | <u>Income</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>Over/Short</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| This Week to Date | 102 | \$ 2,353 | \$ 5,000 | - \$ 2,647 |
| This Month to Date | 85 | \$ 8,551 | \$ 10,000 | -\$ 1,449 |
| This Year to Date | 85 | \$ 8,551 | \$ 10,000 | -\$ 1,498 |
| Restricted Building Fund | | \$160 | Cumulative for 2025 | \$585 |

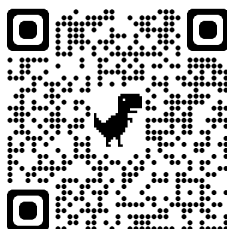
To support our building fund---giving must be designated "Building Fund."

Thank you for your prayerfully considered gifts

For those interested in giving electronically, you can scan the QR Codes below:



Special Giving



General Fund



Building Fund

Looking Ahead

Upcoming Events at Zoar Lutheran Church

| Date | Time | Activity |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Sunday - 1/19/2025--Today | 9:15-10:00 am 10:30-11:30 am 12:00-1:00 pm 12:30 -1:30 pm 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Adult Forum: Kindness Rm. Worship Service-Second Sunday of Epiphany: Sanctuary Coffee Fellowship Time: Narthex Mixed Choir Rehearsal Ordinary Men Rehearsal |
| Monday - 1/20/2025 | 2:00-3:00 pm | Officed Closed // Pastor's Day Off Knotty Loopers, Patience Rm. |
| Tuesday - 1/21/2025 | 5:00-6:30 pm 7:00-9:00 pm | Community Dinner: Narthex Spanish Speaking AA Meeting: Kindness Rm. |
| Wednesday - 1/22/2025 | 9:30am-12:30pm 10:00am-6:30 pm 7:00-9:00 pm | Sewing Circle: Generosity Room Music Ministries: Sanctuary Spanish Speaking AA Meeting: Kindness Rm. |
| Thursday - 1/23/2025 | 10:30-11:30 am 1:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:30 pm | Thursday Morning Bible Study: Zoom Music Ministries: Sanctuary Women's Bible Study: Zoom |
| Friday - 1/24/2025 | 7:00-9:00 pm | Spanish Speaking AA Meeting: Kindness Rm. |
| Saturday - 1/25/2025 | 9:00 am-1:00 pm | Love Inc Furniture Ministry |
| Sunday - 1/26/2025 | 10:30-11:30 am 12:00-1:00 pm 12:30 -1:30 pm 1:30 - 2:30 pm | Worship Service-Third Sunday of Epiphany: Sanctuary RIC lunch and Confirmation with Maggie Schroeder: Narthex Mixed Choir Rehearsal Ordinary Men Rehearsal |

Long-term Weekly Scheduled Activities: (unless otherwise noted)

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Sunday: | 9:15 am -Adult Forum, Kindness Rm. 9:30 am -Sunday School: Sanctuary 10:30 am -Worship Service: Sanctuary 12:00 pm -Fellowship Time 12:30 pm -Mixed Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 1:30 pm -Ordinary Men Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| Monday: | -Pastor's Day Off |
| Tuesday: | 5-6:30 pm -Community Dinner, Narthex |
| Wednesday: | 10:30 - 6:30 pm -Music Ministries, Sanctuary |
| Thursday: | 1:00 - 7:30 pm -Music Ministries, Sanctuary |
| During the school year: | 9:00 am -12:00 pm, M W F -Preschool 4's 9:00 am -11:30 am, T TH -Preschool 3's |

Long-term Monthly Scheduled Activities:

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|---|------------------|---|
| -The First Tuesday of every month | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Evangelism Team Mtg. - Zoom |
| -The First Wednesday of every month | 10:00 - 11:30 am | Youth & Education Mtg. - In person @ Zoar |
| -The Monday prior to each Church Council Mtg. | 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Property & Management - In person @ Zoar |
| -The Second Tuesday of every month | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Church Council Mtg. - Zoom |
| -The Fourth Tuesday of every month | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Executive Council Mtg. - Zoom |
| -The Third Thursday of every month | 9:00 am | Breakfast at Jarboe's Grill |
| -The Last Wednesday of every month | | |

Music

All Are Welcome

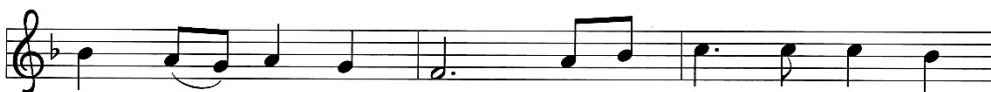
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Will You Come and Follow Me

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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.

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This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
 Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer

THIS JOY
 Irregular

In This Feast of Love

Tässä pöydässä

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Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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 Music: Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio
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TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ
 Irregular

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Bind Us Together

Refrain
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Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing;
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

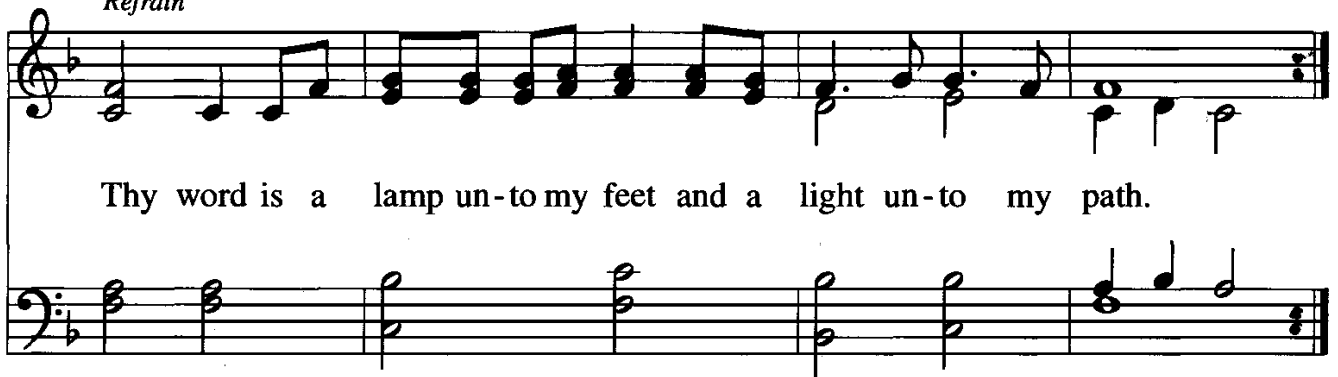
Refrain
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Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946
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BIND US TOGETHER
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Thy Word

Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get your love for me and yet my



still you're there right be - side me, and noth - ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and

Refrain



long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.