

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

January 20, 2019

*For every house is
built by someone,
but God is the builder
of everything.*
Hebrews 3:4

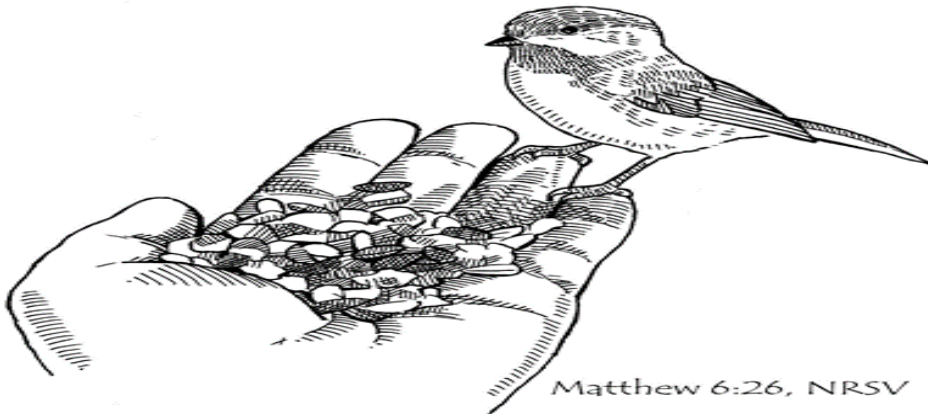


*Leap
of
Faith*



Second Sunday After The Epiphany

Look at the BIRDS of the air;
they neither SOW nor REAP
... your heavenly FATHER
feeds them. Are YOU not of
more value than they?



Matthew 6:26, NRSV

Communion Statement

We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term “Communion” describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ’s body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion, sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). **We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.**

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord’s Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not “in communion” with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion. There is gluten free wafers.

*** Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water)*

Who witness, have fellowship & show compassion
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WORSHIP



10:00 am

Divine Service IV

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Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Great Commission Stewardship Introductory Video

Lay Leader Talk-Head Elder Ervin Glann

□ The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



And also with you.

(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)

Opening Hymn + LSB 830 vs 1-3

Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

□ In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Amen.

- ☐ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 ☩ **who made heaven and earth.**
- ☐ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
 ☩ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- ☐ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- ☩ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- ☐ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☐ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☩ **Amen.**

Stewardship Litany:

- Leader: Heavenly Father, You are the maker of heaven and earth. You have made us in Your image.
- People: Help us to know that we are accountable to You, the owner of all things seen and unseen.**
- Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your

grace and mercy in Jesus Christ; for the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life; and for all Your gifts You give us day by day.

People: **We thank You, Lord, and consecrate ourselves to Your service.**

Leader: Teach us, Lord, to pray for more workers in Your vineyard and help us to be Your disciples who are willing to share our faith with others.

People: **Hear us Lord, and empower us to do Your will.**

Leader: Father, grant us giving hearts so that what we give can help others hear the Gospel.

People: **Teach us to work together that, by Your grace, we may all be equipped for the work of Your kingdom.**

All: **Heavenly Father, make us vessels of your grace, examples of Your teaching, and witnesses of Your truth and glory each day of our lives. Amen.**

Kyrie + LSB 152

☐ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

 Lord, have mercy.

☐ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

 Lord, have mercy.

☐ 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 mercy.

- ☐ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, have mercy.**

- ☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

 **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- ☐ The Lord be with you.

 **And also with you.**

- ☐ Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading + Joshua 24:14-28

Choose Whom You Will Serve

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond

Please be seated.



the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.” ²² Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³ He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.” ²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. ²⁶ And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. ²⁷ And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest

you deal falsely with your God.”²⁸ So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle + 2 Corinthians 4:1-7

The Light of the Gospel

⁴ Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice^l cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel + Matthew 16:24-28

□ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

☞ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus



☞ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☞ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☞ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his

life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

□ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Father before all Light of Light, God, being of one Father, by whom all things were made; who our salvation



begotten of his Father, God of God, very God of very God, not made, begotten, not made, substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who came down from

heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day Hymn + LSB 685
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Sermon + Matthew 16:24-28 *"Disciples Who Take Up Their Cross"*

Offering *Offering Verse + 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*


⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

Please stand, as able.
Offertory Hymn + LSB 781

We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive





All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Please be seated.

Prayer of the Church
(each petition will conclude:)

- ☐ Lord, in Your mercy,
-  **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
-  **Amen.**

Please stand, as able.

Service of the Sacrament

- ☐ The Lord be with you.
-  **And also 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 Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary...with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying.

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

□ Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

☩ **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.**



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

 Amen.

Agnus Dei

Please be seated.

+ *Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament* +

Distribution Hymn + LSB 829
Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



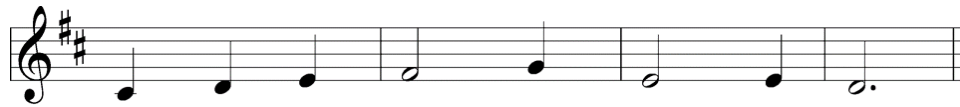
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



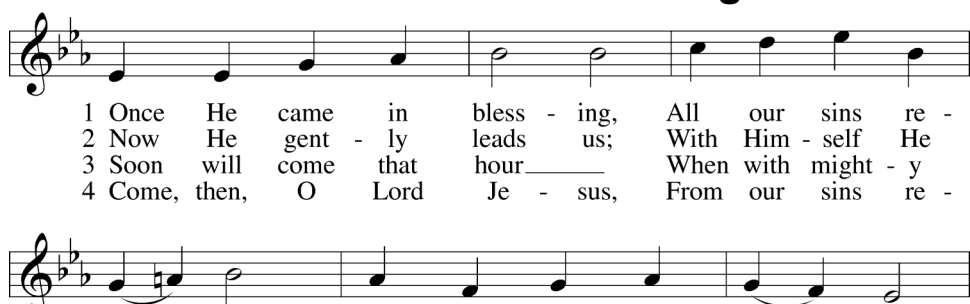
With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,

In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

5 Christ the ascended King
 Exalted high above,
 Whose praise unending ages sing,
 Whom yet unseen we love;
 When mortal life is past
 Your voice from heaven's throne
 Shall call Your children home at last
 To know as we are known.

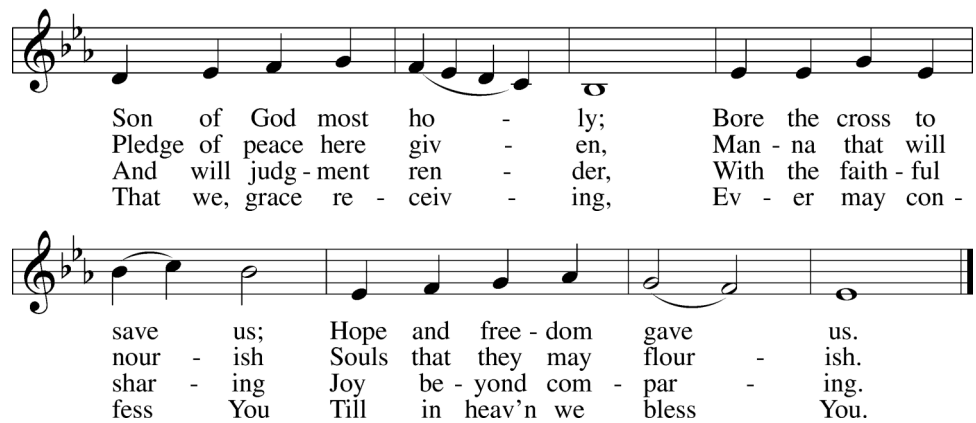
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Distribution Hymn + LSB 333 **Once He Came in Blessing**



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -

dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,


 The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second staff contains the next four lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -

save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Distribution Hymn + LSB 621
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence





1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar-y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard
 4 At His feet the six-winged ser-aph, Cher-u-bim with

trem-bling stand; Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de-scend-ing
 sleep-less eye, Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence

For with bless-ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de-
 In the bod-y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end-less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-

scend-ing Comes our hom-age to de-mand.
 faith-ful His own self for heav'n-ly food.
 van-quish As the dark-ness clears a-way.
 lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

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Table Blessing

Please stand, as able.

Nunc Dimittis + LSB 211

+ Collect for Grace +

□ O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into

the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not
to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and
minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled
constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☐ give you peace.

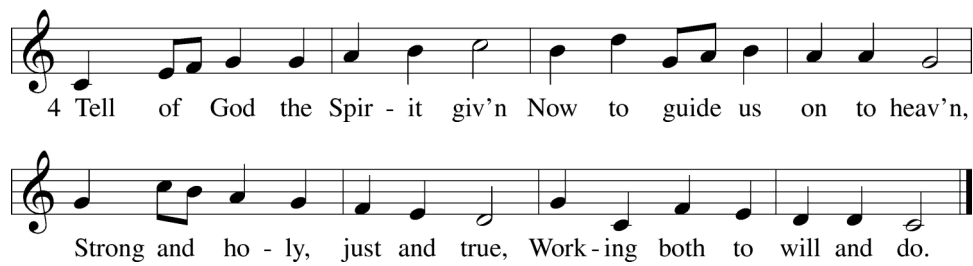


Amen.

Closing Hymn + LSB 830 vs 4-6

Spread the Reign of God the Lord



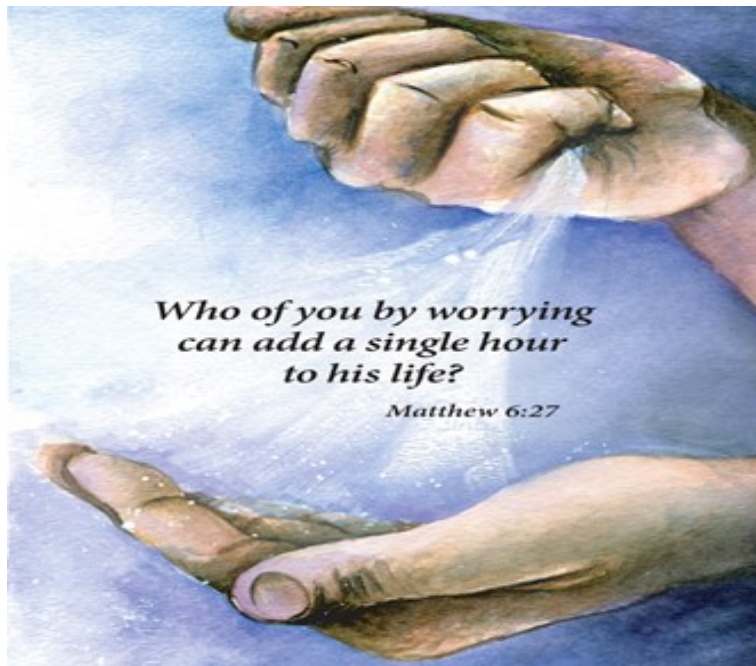


- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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☐ Go in peace, serve the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God**



*Who of you by worrying
can add a single hour
to his life?*

Matthew 6:27