

Welcome to Trinity!

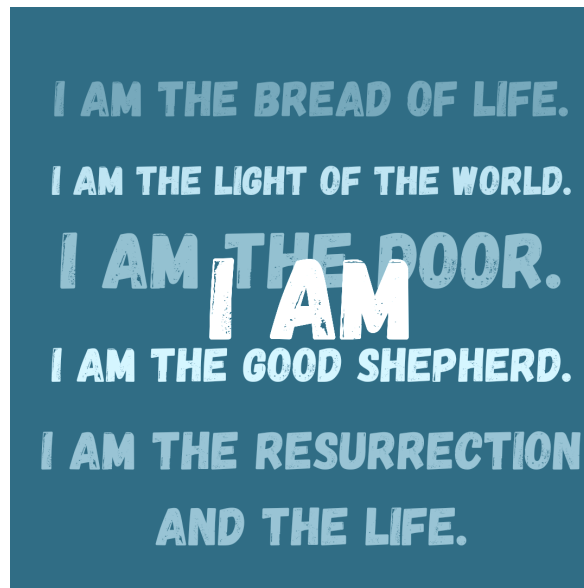
We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

9:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ



Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary....The Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary allows for direct broadcast of the worship service to your hearing aid. We have two direct reception headsets available for those who have non-T-coil equipped hearing aids or no hearing aid at all. Our ushers are happy to assist you. We hope this enhancement is a blessing to you.

JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

We continue to live-stream all of our services.

If you can't tune in for the live broadcast, or you want to go back and hear a part of the service again, you can access all of our previously recorded services archived on our website. www.trinityevanston.org

with a link to our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/>

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Announcements and Celebrations

Confession and Forgiveness: *(Stand as you are able.)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift
' of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C **we confess to you our faults and failings.**

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we cast shadows on your people, rather than bringing light;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

P Hear the good news:

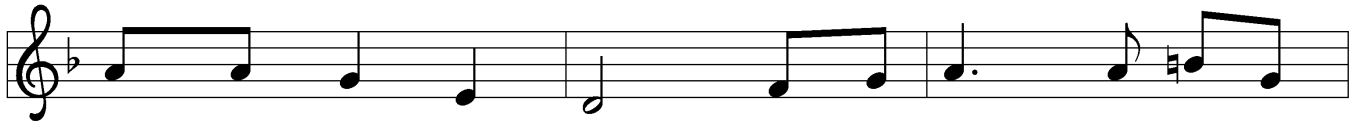
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C **Amen.**



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

4 Light of life beyond conceiving,
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 give new strength to our believing,
 give us faith to live your word.

Greeting:

P The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,




Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)


Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:



God. A - men.

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Prayer of the Day:

P O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. In Jesus, you bring light to our shadow places of fear and doubt. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that we may share your light and life with all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.



Word

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.



Word for the Children

First Reading: Psalm 139:7-12

⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Brief silence for reflection on the Word.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

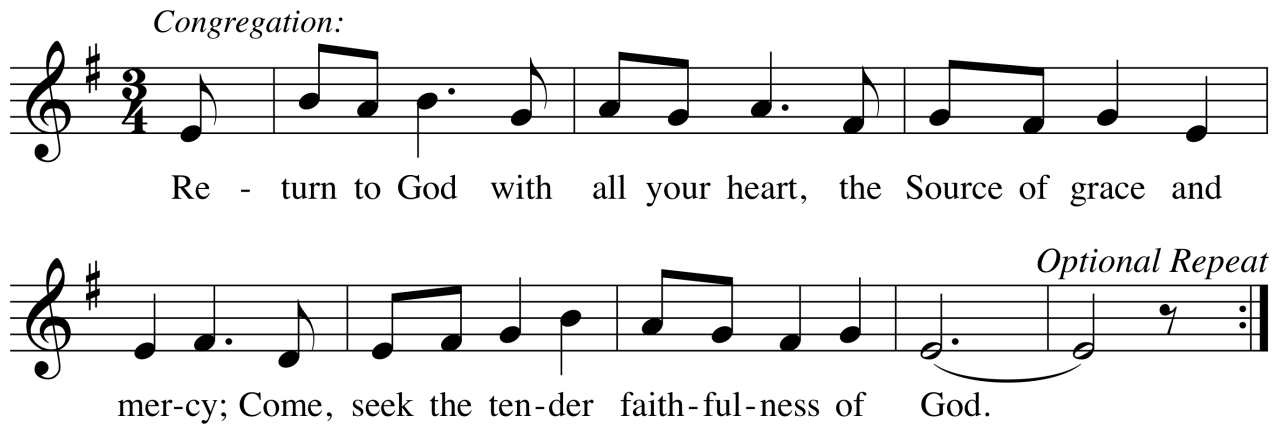
And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation: (Stand)

Congregation:



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

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- P The holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 8:12-20

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." ¹³Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." ¹⁴Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge by human standards; I judge no one. ¹⁶Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. ¹⁸I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." ¹⁹Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

Sermon



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Apostles' Creed:

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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

P Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

P Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C Amen.

Peace

Please be seated.



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank’s bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here’s the link to the secure site: bit.ly/TLCgives22 Or scan this QR code:



However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!

Lenten Food Collection: 40 items 40 days —After the offering plates have passed your pew, we invite you to come forward and bring your bags of food to the foot of the altar, where your gifts will be consecrated to their holy purpose. We’re hoping the growing display of food throughout the Lenten season will serve as a reminder of the Lord’s bounteous provision for us, and of our responsibility as Jesus’ disciples to care for the “least of these” among us.

Offertory: “The Call”by John Leavitt
Sanctuary Choir

“The Call” by John Leavitt

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

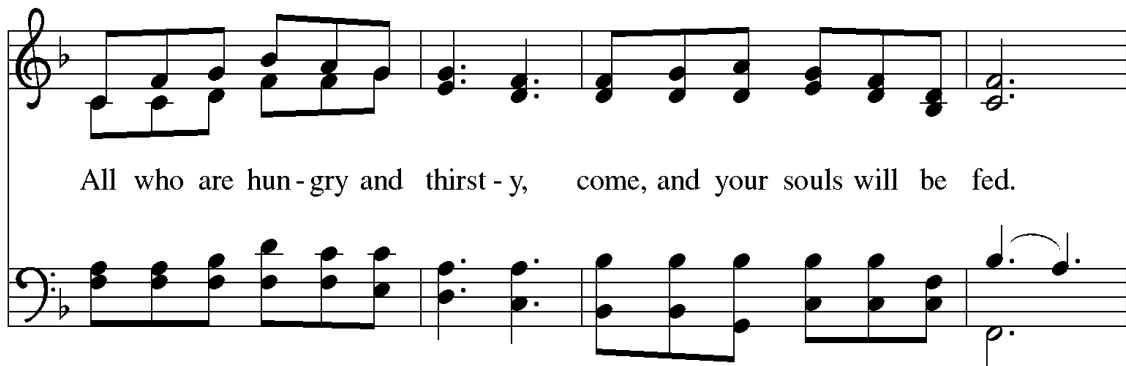
--George Herbert (1593-1633)

(Stand as you are able.)

Setting the Table: ELW, No. 481..... *“Come to the Table”*



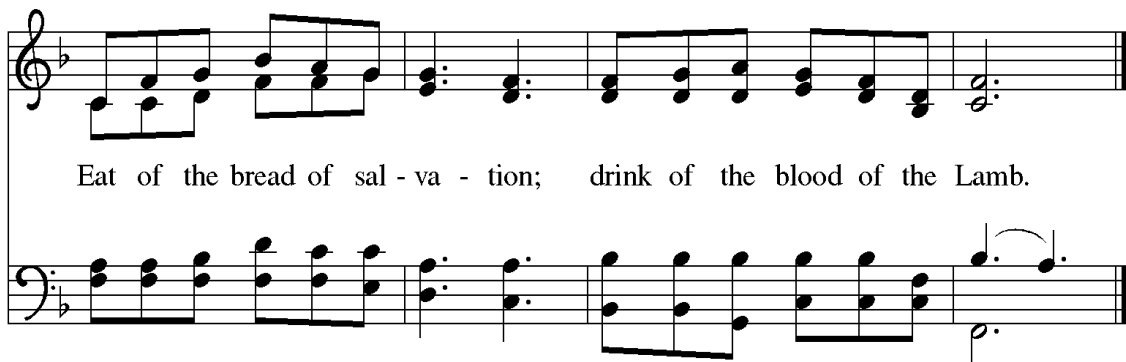
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Offering Prayer:

- P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving:

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them up to the Lord in joy.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table:

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the version that speaks to you.

(Traditional version)

**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.**

(Ecumenical version)

**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

We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers.
Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Please be seated.

We invite worshippers to come forward for communion.

For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

Pastor will distribute the bread and a deacon will be distributing the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups.

(Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat.)

Come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the usher, and return to your seats using the aisle on the east side of the sanctuary.

Gluten free wafers are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

Lamb of God:



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.



Music during Communion: "You are the Light of the World" Cathy Pino

1. You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine shine shine where you are
You are the light of the world
2. You are the city on a hill...
3. You are a candle in the dark...
4. You are a star in the night...

"Light of the World"by Gerard Chiusano

Led by the Spirit Ensemble

Gerard Chiusano

ALL:

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I am the light, the light of the world. Who-ev - er
fol-lows me will have the light of life. I am the
light, the light of the world. Who-ev - er
fol - lows me will have the light of life. *Fine*

Verses (Soloists):

1. Take up your cross and be my disciple. Deny yourself and come follow me.
2. Whoever believes in me believes in him who sent me.
And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.
3. I have come as light to the world so that all who believe will not be in darkness.
4. I come not to judge the world but to save all people. I come to bring all people to the Father.

Prayer after Communion:

P Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C Amen.

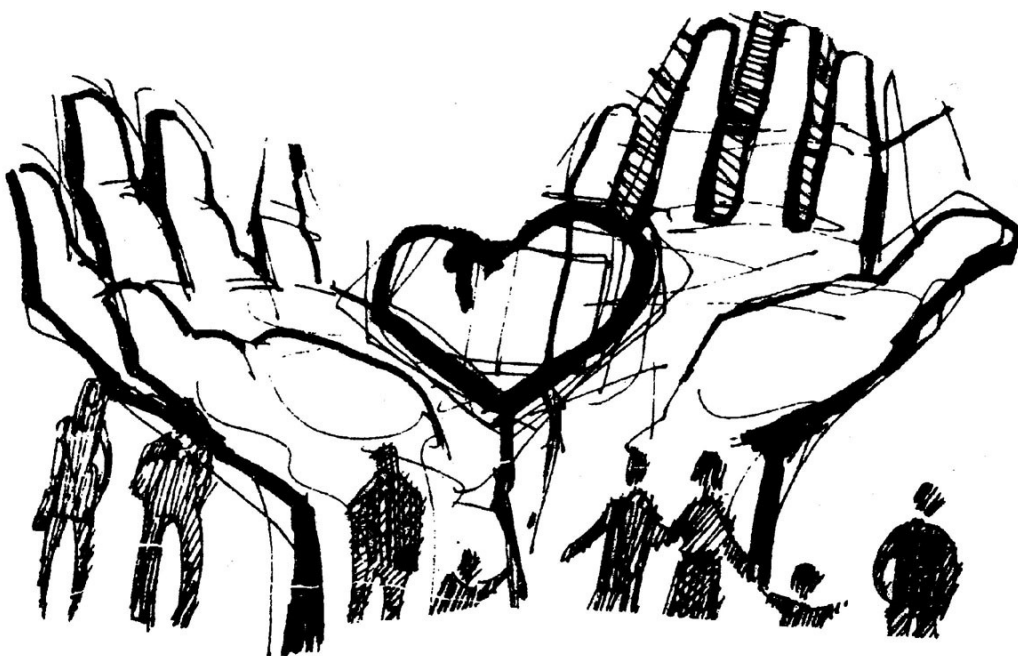
Sending

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

Blessing: *(Stand)*

P God, the giver of love, † Christ, the light of the world, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

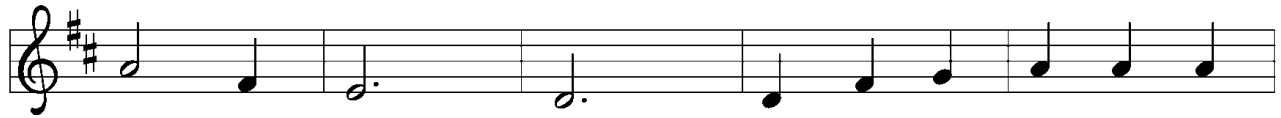
C Amen.



Sending Song: ELW, No. 815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
 HOUSTON



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

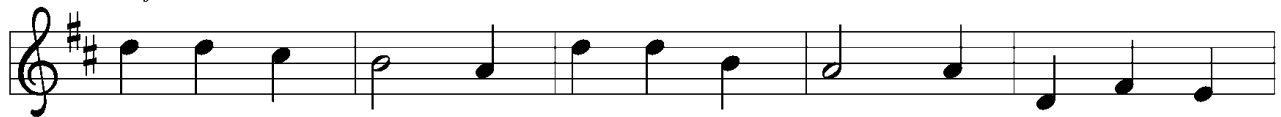


fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Dismissal:

P Go in peace. Live in the light. Serve in love..
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude