



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
& SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

February 8, 2026 at 8:45 & 11:15am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Exerpts from Variations Sur un Noel
Marcel Dupré (1886 –1971)

WELCOME

OPENING DIALOGUE

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

When the Israelites hungered in the desert,
God gave them bread from heaven,
and for their thirst God brought water out of the rock.

Arise and cry out! Let us pour out our hearts like water to the Lord.
We lift our hands to God in prayer for the lives of all in need.

We gather together in worship this day as a people longing to be fed,
so that we may go out to feed the hungry, work for justice
and be good stewards of the gifts we have received.

GATHERING HYMN

ACS 1062 – Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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.

Refrain



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock. *Refrain*



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts. *Refrain*



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - fresh - ed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

We give you thanks for the many ways you nourish us, with food, with family, with friends, with faith. In you, we are made new to be instruments of your grace in our world. Recall to us the many places of need in our world, places of injustice and violence, of hunger and poverty. Enrich us with love at the tables you set that we may seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you into the future you have promised. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 24:14,19-22

“You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia



GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-44

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

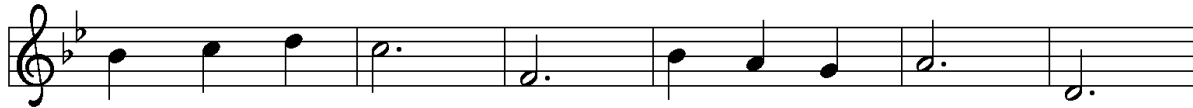
SERMON

Deacon Warfield

Please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

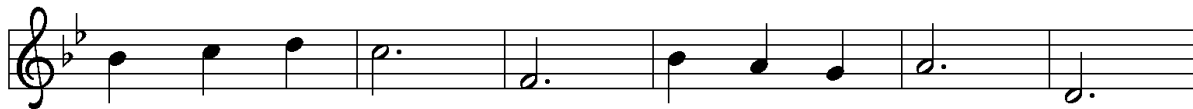
ELW 739 – Touch the Earth Lightly



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com-plete.
us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

APOSTLE'S 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.

LITANY FOR SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Moved by the Holy Spirit, we pray for those who hunger and are in need.

We pray that our eyes may be opened to the abundant blessings you have given us. We ask that you also open our hearts so that our actions turn from hoarding and claiming ownership of what you have gifted us, to sharing your gifts with those in need.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Led by Christ's example when he saw the hungry crowd, we pray that you give us compassion for those whose only kitchen is a soup kitchen, for those whose only food is what others don't want, for those whose diet depends on luck, not planning. We further ask that our compassion leads us to action.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray that you help us see through the clutter of culture and politics so that we may truly see your image in others. Help us to shed our status, class, and prejudiced systems so that we see everyone as one in Jesus Christ.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who are sick that they may be brought to wholeness, for those who are grieving that they may find comfort and feel your presence. Today we especially pray for...

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have given us favor and grace to accomplish your will. You see the millions of people who go hungry every day. Use us to secure a lasting means of adequate and sustainable food supply for all people.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for the witness and ministry of the Israelites during Josiah's reign, Saint Paul, the hungry crowd of 5000, and all the saints in your heavenly kingdom. We look for the day when all will be fed and hunger will be no more.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All may share a sign of Peace.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

SOUPER BOWL ANNOUNCEMENT

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
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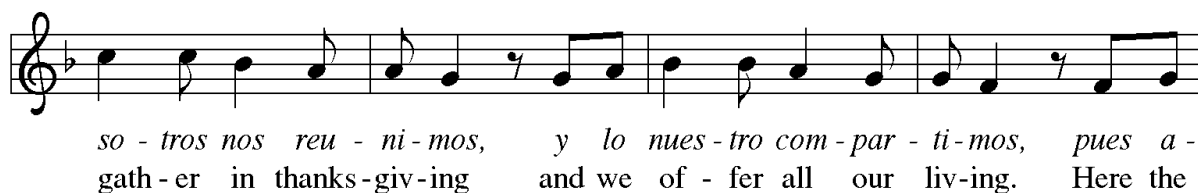
OFFERTORY MUSIC

How Lovely are the Messengers
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

*The offering is received and is presented at the altar.
Please stand as you are able for the Offering Hymn.*

OFFERING HYMN

ELW 486 – God Extends an Invitation



OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, especially reaching out to those who live with food insecurity, that all the ends of the world may rejoice in your saving grace, through Jesus Chist our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, for 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

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

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In the name of the one who said "I am the bread of life" and "I am the true vine"

Come to the table; taste and see.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.
Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)*

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen.***

AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting One

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

W&P 95 – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,



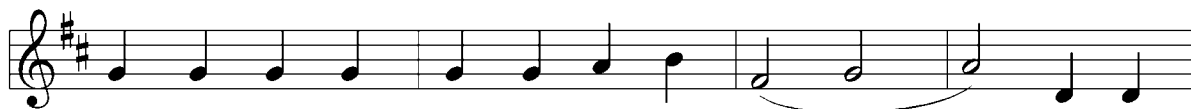
where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

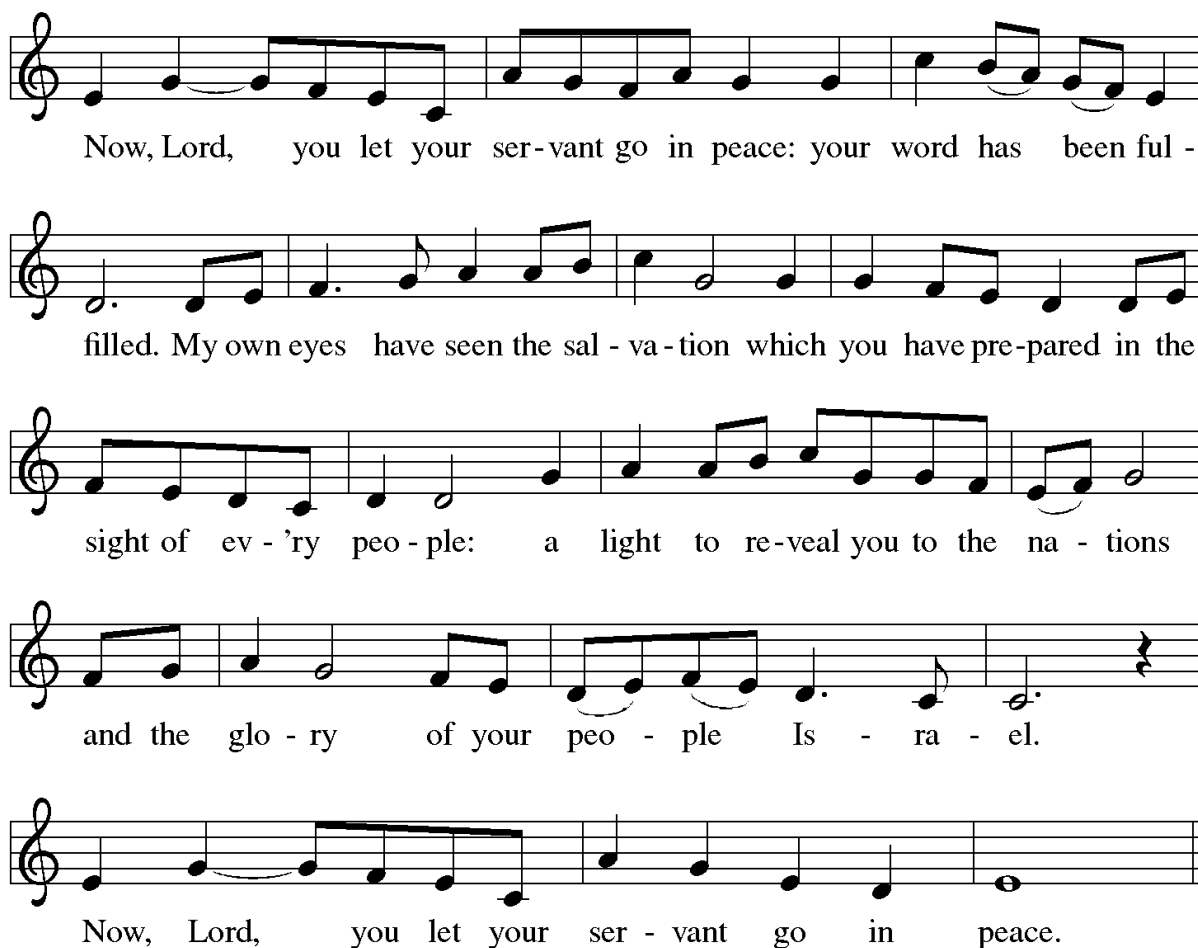
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

NUNC DIMMITIS

ELW Setting One



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and may each day be filled with faithful action, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Go in peace to feed the hungry, and work for justice.
The God of love and the bread of life strengthen you
to make this world a place where no one goes hungry.
Amen.

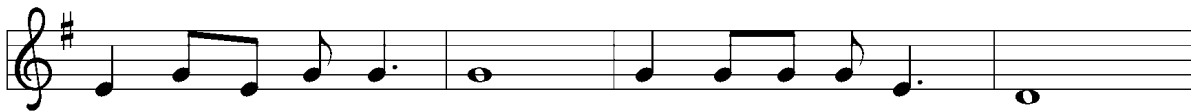
God the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 677 – 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;



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Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a 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, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B minor
Eugène Gigout (1844 –1925)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Connie A. Miller
Senior Pastor Pastor

READERS

SLSHY+

PREACHING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield
Director of Discipleship and High School Ministries

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham
Director of Music

Schola Cantorum

WORSHIP LEADERS SLSHY+

Genesis Bonillia	Tessa Shugert
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Anderson Esquivel	Asher Tait
Maggie Gordon	Matthew Ugarte
Hannah Montgomery	Gerson Vasquez
Kimberly Morazan	Suleyma Alfaro SLSHY+ Adult Advisor
Jose Ortiz	Natalie Ugarte SLSHY+ Adult Advisor
Tegan Royster	Deacon Warfield Director of Discipleship, Young Adult, and Youth
Brenda Santos	Ministries

The Souper Bowl of Caring

The ***Souper Bowl of Caring*** is a nationwide initiative lead by youth and young adults, that seeks to transform the excitement of the Super Bowl, into a celebration of giving and serving. Over the past 35 years, the program has generated more than \$220 million in support of hunger relief programs across the United States.

Today SLSHY+ participates in the ***Souper Bowl of Caring*** by serving as worship leaders. We invite you to support our youth and young adults through your presence in worship and through donations to the ***Souper Bowl of caring***. (to donate, go to saintlukegive.us and select Souper Bowl of Caring). Your donations will be divided between the Saint Luke food pantry and the ELCA Good Gifts program that support various needs throughout the world. SLSHY+ will use the food pantry portion of the gifts in their future service projects when they shop for the food pantry, and the ELCA Good Gifts portion will be used in Faith Formation discussions as SLSHY+ discuss the needs in the world and where the gifts could be best used



NEXT WEEK
Sunday, February 15
Welcome Pastor Sally Azar
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Jerusalem

The Rev. Sally Azar is pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem. As many remember we were able to give the 2024 Saint Luke Anniversary Offering to this congregation for assistance to those in need during some war time. Pastor Azar, thanks to technology, will be with us as guest preacher on Transfiguration Sunday, February 15, the Sunday right before Ash Wednesday. Pastor Azar is the first woman Palestinian pastor in the Holy Land.

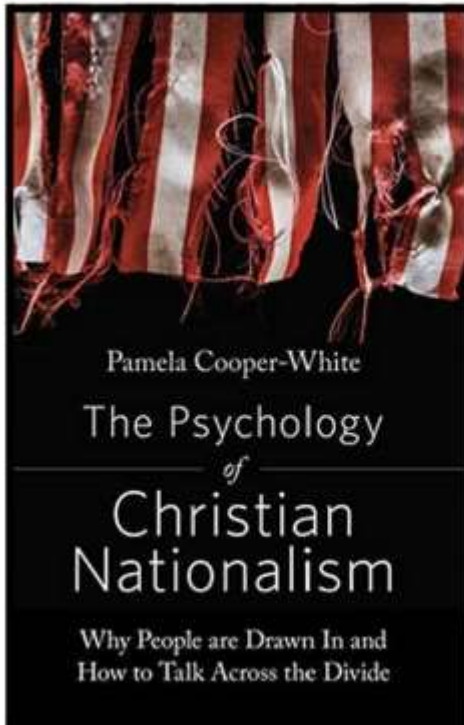


The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer houses Lutheran congregations that worship in Arabic, German, Danish and English. It is also the headquarters of the bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Check out the history of this historic church on Google sometime.

NEXT WEEK
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 15

Pre-Lenten Pancake Breakfast: Come after early service or before the late morning service and enjoy fellowship and food in the great hall, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendar – see you there.





THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM



How do we overcome polarization in American society? How do we advocate for justice when one side won't listen to the other and cycles of outrage escalate? The emergence of a vocal, virulent Christian Nationalism has made it urgent that we find a way forward. Dr. Cooper-White will discuss the troubling extent of Christian Nationalism, explore its deep psychological roots, and ways in which advocates for justice can heal the deep divides in our society.

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Sunday, March 1

10:00 a.m. Worship Dr. Cooper-White, Guest Preacher

(Note: one morning worship service)

11:15 a.m. Brunch

12:15 p.m. Presentation and Discussion

The Rev. Pamela Cooper-White, Ph.D., is an Episcopal priest and the Christiane Brooks Johnson Professor Emerita of Psychology and Religion, and Dean and Vice President Emerita for Academic Affairs, at Union Theological Seminary, New York. A psychotherapist and award-winning author, she has published 11 books including *The Cry of Tamar: Violence against Women and the Church's Response*, 2nd ed., and *Shared Wisdom: Use of the Self in Pastoral Care and Counseling*, 2nd ed., and over 100 articles and anthology chapters. Her most recent book, *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism*, was awarded the INDIE independent publishers' 2022 gold medal for social and political science. She is a frequent keynote speaker both nationally and internationally.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Ashes-To-Go South Parking Lot

(Weather permitting)

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT 7:00 p.m. Online

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 25

CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS: Word and Healing for Lent

(Each Sunday during this season Jesus is in conversation with friends and adversaries. On Wednesday we will join the conversation between Jesus and these partners – how might Jesus respond to our own questions, confusions and need for healing?)

RECLAIMING THE HERITAGE

Have you checked out the website www.reclaimingtheheritage.us – it is a follow-up to the Forgotten Luther symposia Saint Luke hosted a year ago, *Discipleship in a Democracy: Responding to the Threat of Christian Nationalism*.

LET'S TALK, one of our Adult Forums on Sunday morning, has been discussing Reclaiming the Heritage, which includes a *Declaration* where people are invited to sign. Check it out and if so moved, sign on with others from Saint Luke and the Church around the country and world. The *Declaration* is entitled *Democracy at Risk: A Response of the Faith Community*.

TODAY'S MUSIC

1062 – Build a Longer Table

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: French carol

Tune: NOEL NOUVELET

LBW 14 – Listen! You Nations of the World

Text: John W. Arthur, b. 1922

Tune: J. Bert Carlson, b. 1937

ELW 739 – Touch the Earth Lightly

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: Colin Gibson, b. 1933

Tune: TENDERNESS

ELW 486 – God Extends an Invitation

Text: Miria T. Kolling; English and Spanish

tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: Miria T. Kolling

Tune: NUESTRO PADRE NOS INVITA

W&P 95 – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Text: Sebastian Temple

Music: Sebastian Temple

Tune: PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

ELW 677 – This Little Light of Mine

Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence

Boyer, b. 1935

Tune: THIS JOY

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, February 8 – Fifth Sunday After

Epiphany/Souper Bowl Sunday

7:30am Tech Rehearsal
8:00am Schola Cantorum
8:45am **Worship (Hybrid)**
10:00am The Gathering
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00am SLSHY+
10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)
10:30am PreK-8th Grade Service Project
11:15am **Worship (Hybrid)**
12:15pm The Gathering
3:30pm Girl Scouts

MONDAY, February 9

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Playful Poses & Movement
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
3:30pm La Sagrada Familia Art Program
5:00pm Stewardship (Zoom)
7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 249

TUESDAY, February 10

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Music
10:00am Mary/Marth Circle (Zoom)
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
7:00pm Council Meeting (Zoom)
7:00pm Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, February 11

7:00am Faith Connections (Zoom)
9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Chapel
10:00am Women in Community
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
3:45pm La Sagrada Familia Tutoring Program
7:30pm Schola Cantorum

THURSDAY, February 12

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Playful Poses & Movement
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
2:55pm La Sagrada Familia Tutoring Program
7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)
7:30pm AA

FRIDAY, February 13

9:00am CDS Classes
3:45pm La Sagrada Familia Music
6:00pm AA

SATURDAY, February 14

8:30am Men's Group
9:30am AA
11:00am Al-Anon
1:00pm Cub Scout Pack 249
8:30pm AA

SUNDAY, February 15 – Transfiguration of our Lord

7:30am Tech Rehearsal
8:00am Schola Cantorum
8:45am **Worship (Hybrid)**
10:00am Pancake Breakfast
11:15am **Worship (Hybrid)**
12:15pm The Gathering
1:00pm **Worship (Spanish)**
2:00pm The Gathering