

## *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

**February 8, 2026**

10:30 a.m. Worship

*We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ.*

*These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!*



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **C: Amen.**

*P:* Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*P:* The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **C: Amen.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*ELW # 533*

#### \*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**



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*You Are Holy*

ELW #525



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* *May be sung in canon.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Let us pray ...* Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]**

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments;  
they want God on their side.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
<sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

[ <sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.]

*L:* The word of the Lord. *C:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 112:1-9 [10] (*read responsively*)**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in God's commandments!  
<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.  
<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

[ <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine  
away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish. ]**

## **SECOND READING:1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the  
testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know  
nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in  
weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation  
were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the  
Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on  
the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of  
this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak  
God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our  
glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they  
would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything,  
even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the  
human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's  
except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but  
the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us  
by God.

*L:* The word of the Lord. *C:* **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

## \*Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*P:* The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**HOMILY**

*Pastor Traci*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Christ, Be Our Light*

*ELW # 715*

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

*P:* Let us confess our faith through the words of the 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*A:* As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A:* Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*P:* Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **C: Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

*P:* The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting  
that is comfortable for both you and them.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave;  
we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:*

*A: Let us pray ... Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the  
desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be  
for the world signs of your kingdom come. C: Amen.*

**\*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.**

**\*PROPER PREFACE**

*P:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all  
places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our  
Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in  
the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the  
miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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 Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & 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.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*P:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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**

**\*THE AGNUS DEI**

*Lamb of God*



☐ 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.

**\*INVITATION**

*P:* Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION HYMN** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

*ELW # 308*

**\*BLESSING**

*P:* May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*A: 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 bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*P:* May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

*ELW # 313*

**\*DISMISSAL**

*P:* Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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Also, please be advised that our parking lot has surveillance cameras and that our worship service is video recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God in memory of our father and grandfather Ross Decker from the Decker family.

**Serving God and Us**

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith, Ben Decker

Our Organist – Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree

Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Assisting Minister – Lottie Ebersole

Our Lector – Destarta Carberry

Our Acolytes – Mace Baker

Our Usher – Jeff Garner

Our Altar Guild – Laura Orczeck, Jackie Lightner

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**First Quarter Ventures in Faith to "Local Needs"**

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Mary Jane Allision, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Jean Stonerook, Robert Winston.

*So we can give special attention to those with pressing needs, names were removed at the end of the month. Please let the office know if a name should be added to the prayer list for an extended period of time.*

**Prayer Concerns:** Baby Campbell, Juls Bratton and Charlee Howsare and family, Greta Buchart, Doug Bush, Julie Dick, Mary Farabaugh, Ken Harkless, Marilyn Horton, Kathy Keith, Rachel Kensinger, J.C. and Naomi (Noni) Lehman & Family, Kristen Malloy, Dan Ross, John Russell, Dan Sinal, Joshua Sollenberger, Kaleb Sollenberger, Bill Stahl, Jim Stewart, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

**Away at School:** Max Baker, Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jay Hoenstine, Jeff Hoenstine, Camden Kuster, Lacey Ripka.

**Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep.

**This Week at St. Matthew:**

**814-793-2413: Office Hours**

Pastor Traci – Tues. – 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Jen – Mon.-Thurs. – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**This Week Events**

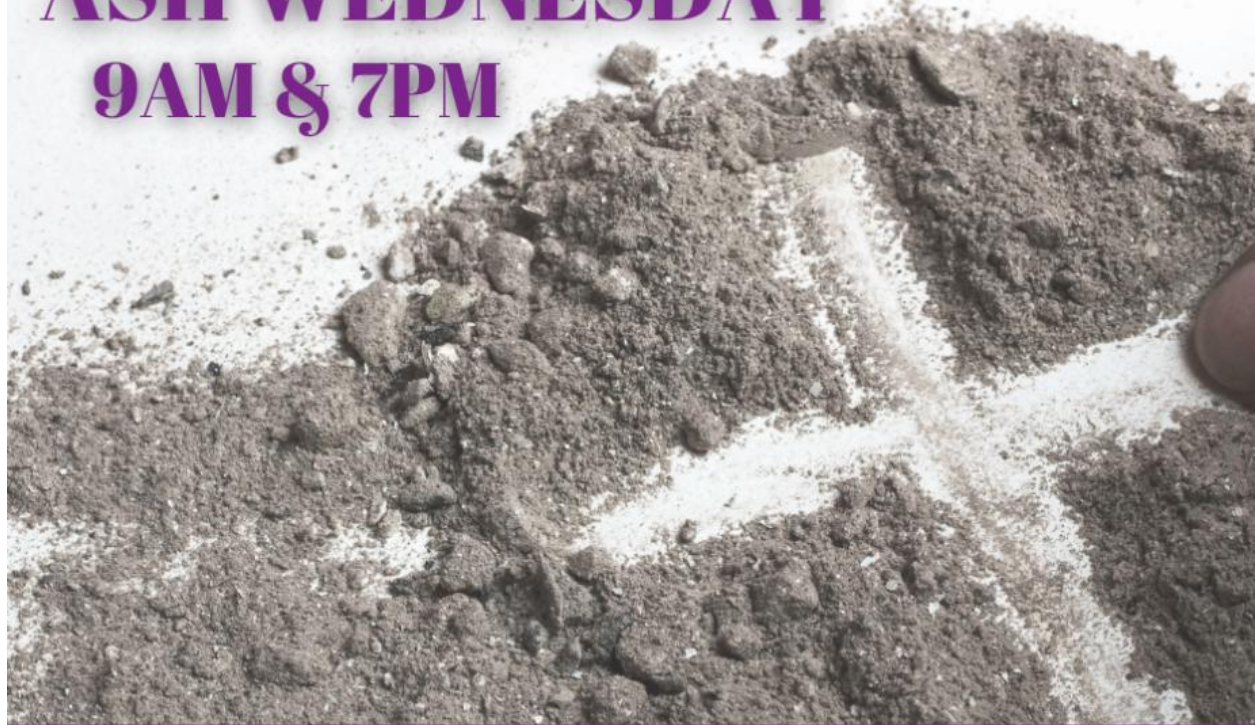
<b>Today –</b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
Monday –	6:30 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting, Zoom
Tuesday –	6:30 p.m. Council Meeting, Window Room/Zoom
Wednesday –	*Pastor Traci Continuing Ed 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Saturday –	Fellowship Hall in Use 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sunday –	<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary



If services need to be cancelled for inclement weather, we will attempt to notify you using email (like we do for the Sunday Bulletin and Messenger) and Facebook. On days when the weather is questionable, please check these notifications before you travel. If you need a phone call instead, please let the office know.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## 9AM & 7PM



Service of Holy Communion With the Imposition of Ashes  
+  
*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return*

### **Office Closure During Inclement Weather**

On days that the Spring Cove School District cancels or delays instruction due to weather, the church office will be closed as well. In the event of an emergency, Pastor Traci can be reached at 814-935-9237.

### **Annual Giving Statements**

2025 Giving Statements will be available in the Narthex following Sunday services on February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup> or can be picked up in the office during the week (please call before stopping in). Please review ASAP and contact the church office with any questions. Those not picked up by Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> will be mailed.



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## Martinsburg Food Pantry

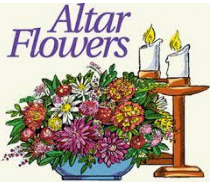


Volunteers from Salem Church, along with regular volunteers, will be assisting with the distribution of food on Thursdays, February 5 and February 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m..

**The most needed items are:** Beverages, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Cleaning Products, and Paper Towels. We are grateful for the filled shelves!

Many thanks to those that helped at the two Thursdays in January: Amy and Greg Haffling, Ed Kreider and Dean Grubb, Jean Sinal, Peggy Steinfurth and Audrey Stern! Also, we thank and appreciate the monetary gifts of \$395. from St. Matthew Members!

*Linda Smith*



The 2026 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00





# St. Matthew Martinsburg Wednesday Lenten Schedule

5:30PM Dinner & 6:30PM Compline  
*All in the Fellowship Hall*

February 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Vegetable Soup & Ox Roast

March 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

March 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Chili & Cornbread

March 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Potato Soup & Ham Sandwiches

March 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Chef's Choice

*Join us for food, fellowship, and worship  
(about 1/2 hour) with a focus on prayer*



\$25

EAGLE SCOUT

# BBQ

Fundraiser







ALL PROFITS SUPPORT JORDAN SMITH'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO BENEFIT THE LOCAL 4-H AND FFA COMMUNITY IN FIXING UP THE BARNS AT MORRISON'S COVE MEMORIAL PARK.

BBO CHICKEN. PULLED PORK. BEANS. MAC & CHEESE. DESSERT. AND A SILENT AUCTION

**MARCH 7, 2026 5-6:30PM**

FRIENDSHIP FIRE DPT., 808 E MAIN ST., ROARING SPRING

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MAMIE'S (MARTINSBURG), THE CUT (ROARING SPRING), & BEDFORD FARM BUREAU (CURRYVILLE)

OR CALL (814) 931-4701

Advance Ticket Sales Only

**\*\*Tickets need to be purchased before 2/16\*\***

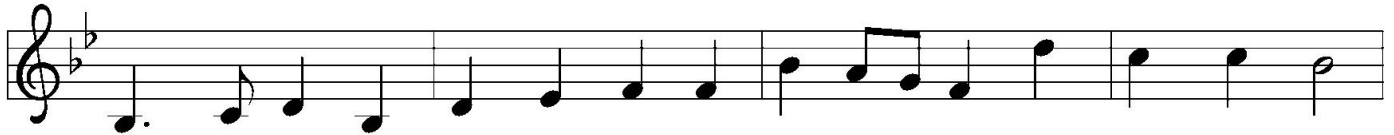
**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*ELW # 533*



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

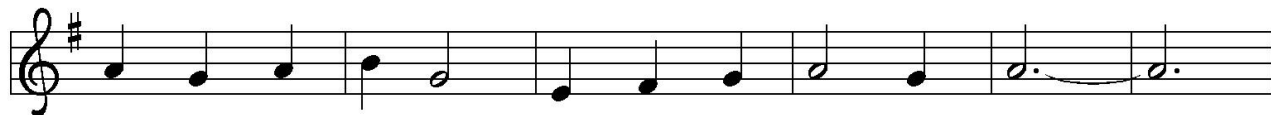
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Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680



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

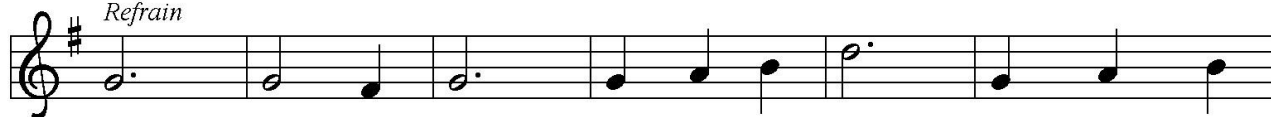


truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

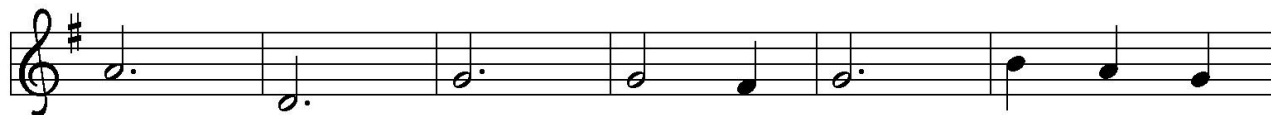


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*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.

COMMUNION HYMN *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

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1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life

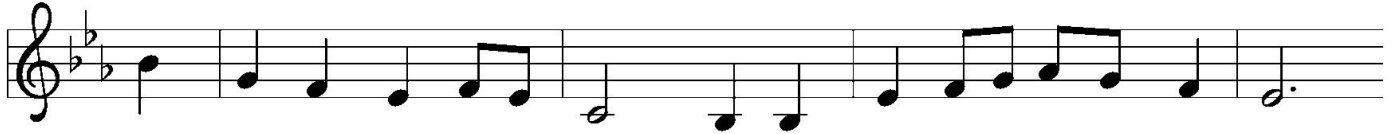


in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

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| <p>5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!<br/>                 Our joy be all with music crowned,<br/>                 our voices gaily blending!<br/>                 For Christ goes with us all the way—<br/>                 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!<br/>                 His love is never ending!<br/>                 Sing out! Ring out!<br/>                 Jubilation!<br/>                 Exultation!<br/>                 Tell the story!<br/>                 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!</p> | <p>6 What joy to know, when life is past,<br/>                 the Lord we love is first and last,<br/>                 the end and the beginning!<br/>                 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,<br/>                 transport us to that happy place<br/>                 beyond all tears and sinning!<br/>                 Amen! Amen!<br/>                 Come, Lord Jesus!<br/>                 Crown of gladness!<br/>                 We are yearning<br/>                 for the day of your returning.</p> |
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1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

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