

PRAYERS

MEAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the LORD.

Give thanks to the LORD your God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION/PRAYERS/OFFERING

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion.

We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need.

There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle. Offerings can be placed in the plates throughout the sanctuary. Make your own way back to your seat.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Blessing Song

The Lord bless you, and keep you

Make his face shine upon you

Be gracious to you

The lord turn his face toward you

And give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

L: Go now in peace to love and serve the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God!

POST LUDE



Please join us after worship for the Gather Together Fellowship with coffee, treats, lemonade and friendly conversation.

Sunday January 26, 2025
United Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the People of God.

WELCOME/GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act

with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In + Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG: *Christ Be Our Light* #715 vs. 1-4

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and in song.

SPARK STORY BIBLE: *Jesus Goes to Nazareth* pages 252-253
Reader: Alyssa Clauson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: Alleluia. Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-30
Reader: Beth Pikop

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD!

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

²³Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

²⁴"Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷And there were many in Israel with leprosy ^[a] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

L: This is the gospel of our LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

SONG: *One Bread, One Body* #496