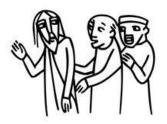
The Second Sunday after Epiphany January 15, 2023

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



Masks are optional but available in the narthex for anyone who feels more comfortable taking that precaution for themselves or on behalf of others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

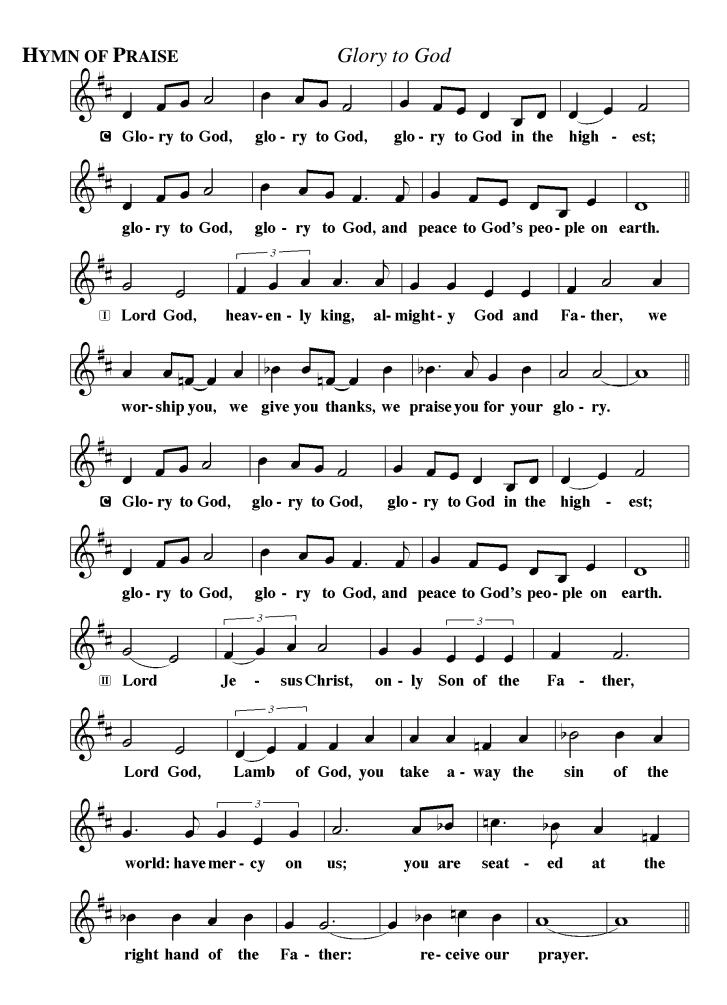
C: Amen.

- P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.
- P: Holy One, source of our renewal,
- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** Oh Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (vs 1-3) ELW # 308

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.





***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray ... Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

- ¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."
- ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
- ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

PSALM 40:1-11 (read responsively)

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

- ²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- ³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burntoffering and sin-offering you have not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.' "

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

- ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- ¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

- ¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Gospel: John 1:29-42 The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

- ²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."
- ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

HOMILY

Pastor Traci

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lamb of God

ELW # 336

***THE NICENE CREED**

A: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- A: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- A: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God, *C*: receive our prayer.
- *A*: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God, *C*: receive our prayer.
- A: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

- A: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. Merciful God, *C*: receive our prayer.
- A: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God, *C*: receive our prayer.
- A: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God, *C*: receive our prayer.
- A: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. *C*: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

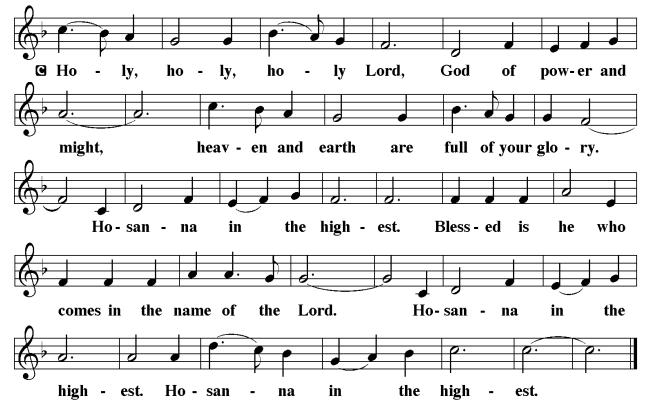
- *P*: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- *P*: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

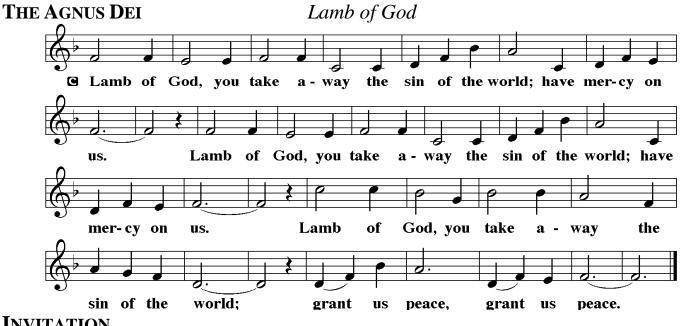
- *P*: Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
- Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy 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



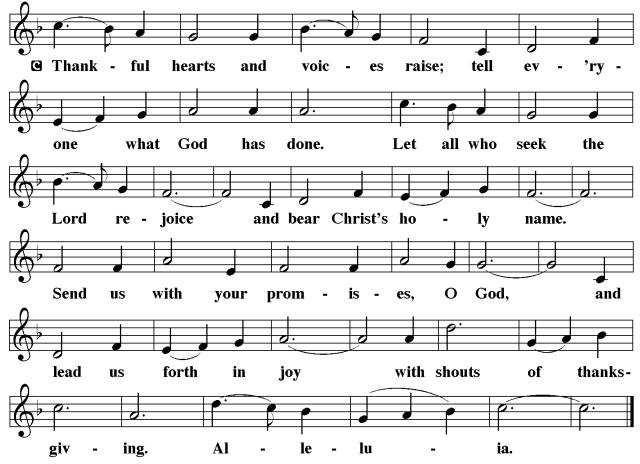
INVITATION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

Note: White grape juice is available in the cups in the center of the trays. The Usher will invite the lectern side, then the piano side, then the back section forward for communion.

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... Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. *C*: Amen.

*SENDING SONG Oh Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (vs 4-6) ELW # 308

Dismissal

- *P*: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God.

Altar Flowers: You can sponsor Altar Flowers by using the sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$40.00 and there is still open Sundays.

Serving God and Us Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew Our Pastor - Rev. Traci Marriott Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith Our Organist – Mary Nelson Our Missionary Family – On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck Our Sexton – Phil Claar Our Lector – Youth Our Acolyte – Mace Baker Our Assisting Minister – Jeffrey Hoenstine Our Altar Guild – Tonya Walter Our Usher – Youth Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner First Quarter Ventures in Faith to "Local Needs"

Property Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from St. Matthew will be helping and assisting in the distribution of food on Thursday, January 19 from 9-11:00 a.m.

The January items most needed are: Cereal, Fruit, Pasta or Rice Sides, Ravioli, Laundry Detergent.

Our thanks to all who have contributed food, paper supplies or monetary gifts during this past year. We ask for your continued support and prayers in serving needy families during 2023! *Linda K. Smith*

This Week at St. Matthew: 814-793-2413

Office Hours

Pastor Traci – No office hours. Pastor will be available by phone 814-935-9267. Lori Tremmel – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

Today –	Worship Service/Youth Sunday in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Monday –	No Scout Meeting
Wednesday –	No Yoga
Thursday -	Homewood Communion Service is Canceled this month.
	Property Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m.
Sunday –	Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
	Worship Service in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
	Deadline for February Messenger

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Carl Alexy, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenberg, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.
Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Bonnie Brobst, Diane Cappel, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry & Cathy Creek, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Lindsey Garrison, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Audrey Kensinger, Darren Kreutzer, Carrie Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Charles Minnick & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.

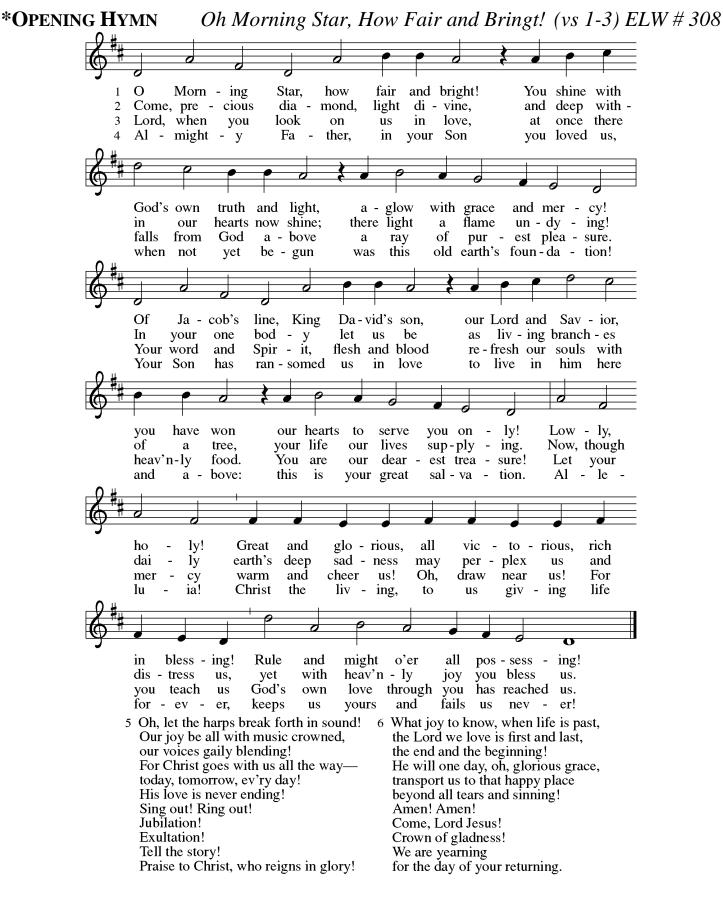
Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Camryn Gates.

Those Serving in the Army Overseas: Nathan Smith (Germany), Melody Estep.

Snow Camp Registration is due by Friday, January 20, 2023. Please contact Pastor Traci at 814-935-9267, if you plan to attend this event. Youth are to meet at Sequanota at 6:30 p.m.

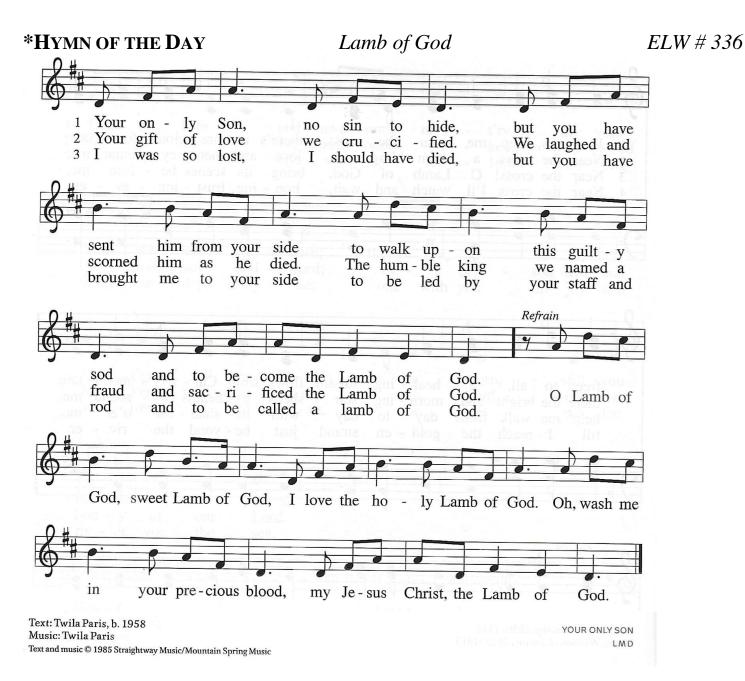
January Book Study: Wintering by Katherine May

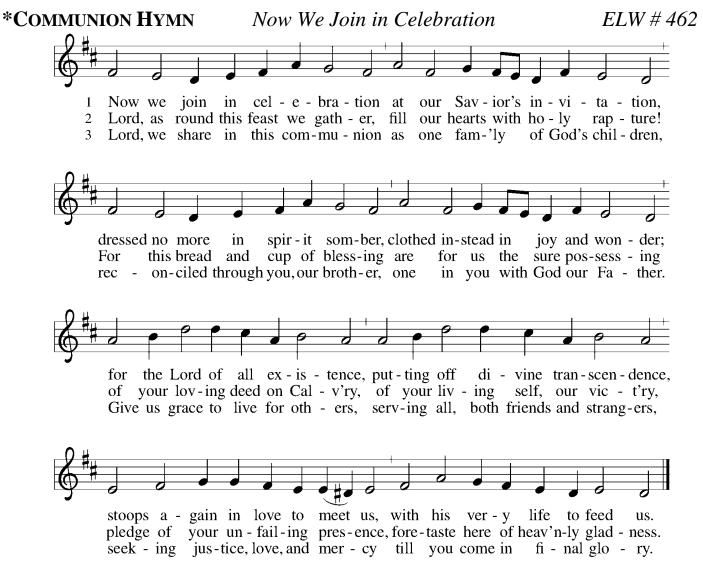
Curl up with a cup of hot something and a good book this January. Join Pastor Traci for a discussion of Katherine May's Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times. We'll discuss the whole book on Thursday, January 26th at either 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. (whichever is convenient for your schedule) by Zoom.



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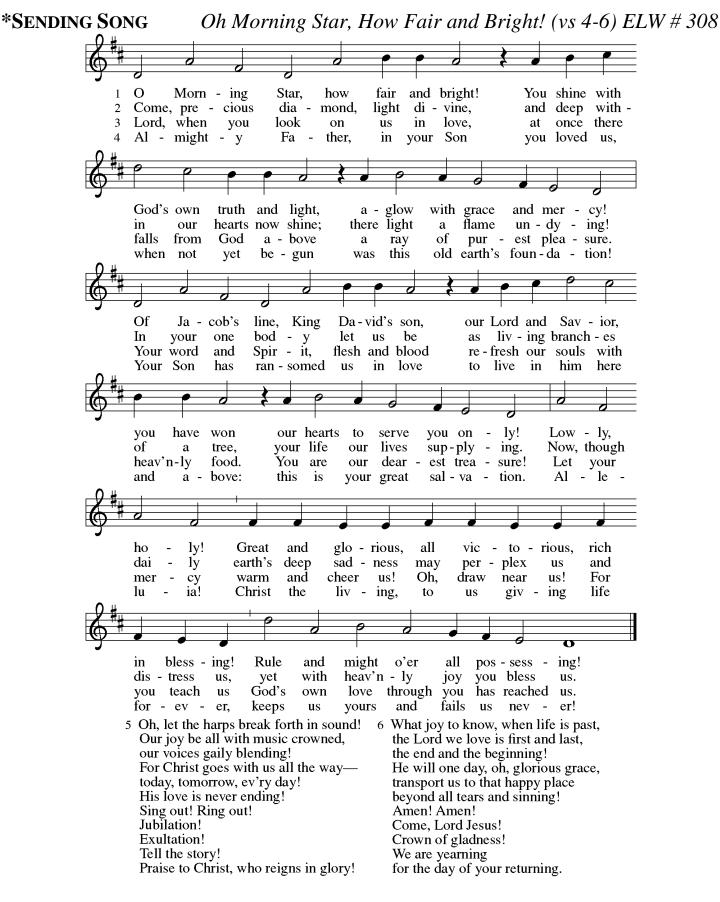
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