

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 26, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

Please respect this time before worship for those who want to pray quietly in the sanctuary. Once the prelude begins, please use that time to listen to the music and prepare for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#522 “As We Gather at Your Table”

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.

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

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.

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.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from Nehemiah.

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

sung to the melody
"Let all things now living"

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God, and
the skies are declaring the work of His hands.
- 2 For day after day they speak, pouring forth knowledge, and
night after night is displayed their expanse.
- 3 Their voice is not heard there's no speech and no word, but
- 4 their sound has gone forth to the earth's farthest end.
- 5 The sun in the heaven comes forth like a bridegroom;
The Lord for a race does His champion send.
- 6 It rises at one end of heaven and travels;
Its circuit extends over all of the earth.
And nothing is hidden from its heat or glory,
And like it, God's law shines with power and worth.
- 7 The law of the Lord is most perfect and holy,
Reviving the soul and restoring the heart.
The statutes of God can be trusted most surely;
They make wise the simple and truth do impart.
- 8 The precepts of God are right, giving the heart joy;

Commands of the Lord are pure, lighting the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is enduring forever;
His judgments are true and right, making us wise.

- 10 They are much more precious than gold, and much sweeter
than honey and honeycomb where honey's stored;
11 Moreover, by them is Your servant instructed.
In keeping Your statutes, there is great reward.
- 12 But who can discern his own faults and his errors?
Forgive all my hidden sins—let them not rule!
13 Then I will be blameless, complete, and acquitted
of every transgression that besets the fool.
14 May all of the words of my mouth and the thoughts of
my heart be accepted O Lord, in Your sight;
O Lord, my sure Rock and my precious Redeemer,
May my life be pleasing and lived in Your light.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;

²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.
 Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5

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 READING

Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When 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, ¹⁷ and 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, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And 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. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jan LaVake

HYMN OF THE DAY#311

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

APOSTLES' CREED

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 INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

OFFERING

CHOIR

"We Are All One in Christ"

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

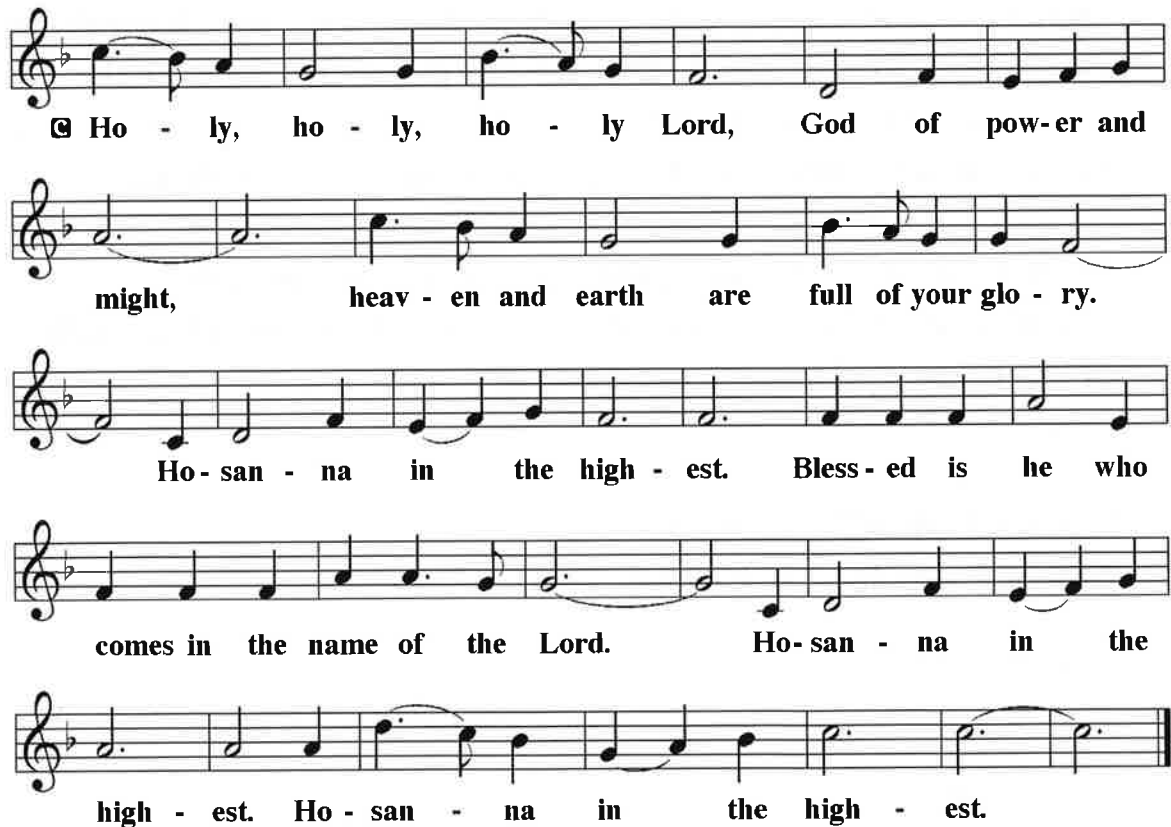
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 5



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.

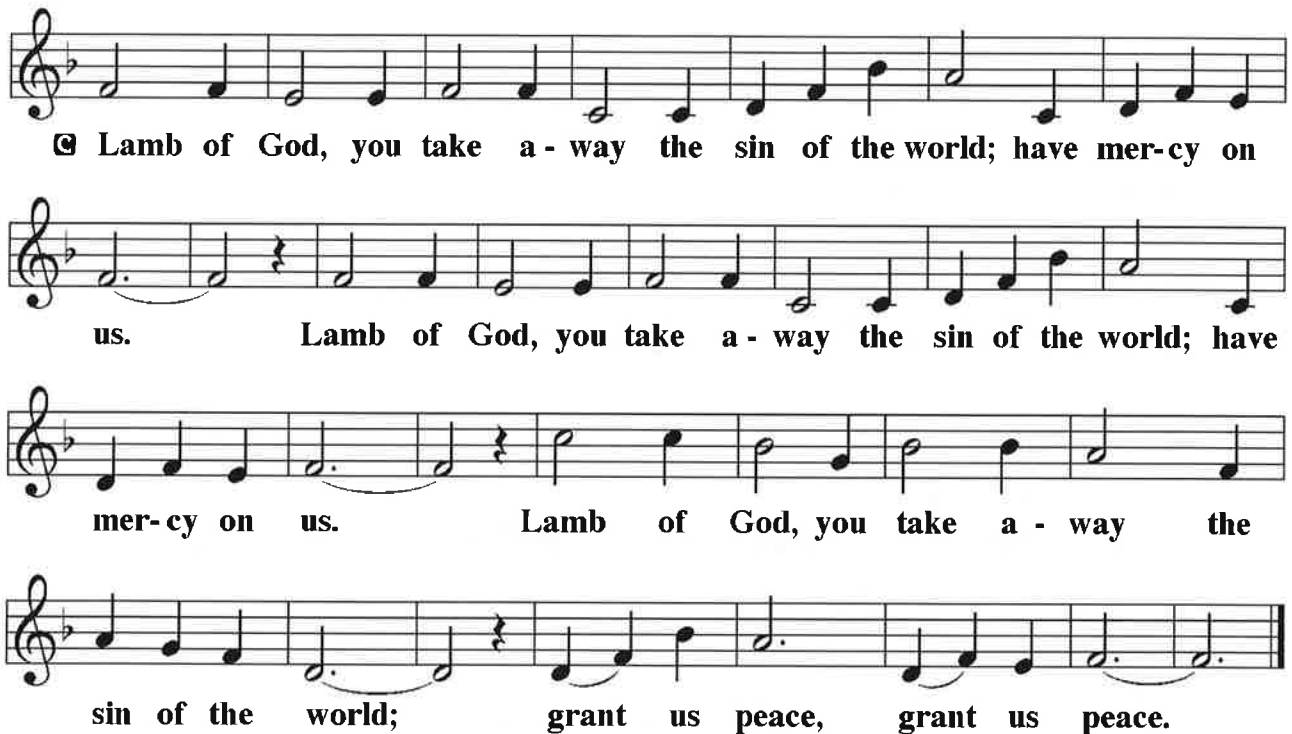
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5



☐ 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 TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#496

“One Bread, One Body”

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God
bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN#551 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Week: 60

Last Year: 90

Announcements!

Your yearly statement is in the narthex for you to pick up. If you have any questions or issues please let the office know & they will contact either Karen Farlow or Lynn Walter.

The annual report is in the back of the sanctuary for you to take and review before the annual meeting.

The annual meeting for Zion will be Sunday, Feb. 9th after the service. If you are interested in joining a committee please contact any council member for more information.

There are index cards in the back of the sanctuary for you to write your questions on for the annual meeting. You can place them in the offering basket. Please include your name so if they have a question about what you wrote they know who to contact. If you are unable to attend church but you have a question you can email Kimberly at Kimberly@zionappleton.org & she will forward those to the council.

Lynn will be placing a gift card order early in the week of January 27. Please let her know if you would like to place an order. She also has gift cards for sale today. They are Fleet Farm, Kwik Trip, Pick N Save & Target.

Each week a Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the tables at the back of sanctuary for you to take with you. It will also be on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

Grief Care: Nancy Scheuerman, member of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Appleton, and the facilitator for the Grief Support groups wants to extend a welcome to all in our community to join a group if they wish. There is an evening group on Thursday, January 30th that will meet from 6:30PM-8:00PM for a total of 8 weeks over a 10 week time frame. And a possibility of a daytime group if there is enough interest to begin on Wednesday, January 19 at 9:30-11:00AM for an 8 week period.

There will be a Book Study presented by St. Mark's Racial Equity Team on Saturday, February 15th from 10-Noon (coffee/tea 9:30) at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Neenah. The book will be *Bethlehem Besieged* by Mitri Raheb.

The tenants of Linwood Community are sponsoring a hygiene supply drive for World Relief, a nonprofit that provides services and financial, emotional, cultural and spiritual support for recently arriving immigrant and refugee neighbors. Needed items include: shampoo, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream and disposable razors. Help us show love and support to our newest neighbors by dropping off your items by Monday, February 17 at our flagpole entrance at 425 N

Sunday, January 26

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19

1 Cor 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Pastor Jan LaVake

Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs

Acolyte: Charlee Weiland

Musician: William Surtees

Opens: Gene Wiese

Closes: Tammy Mossholder

Wednesday, January 29

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Monday, February 16, 2025

Submissions due for March's calendar

Sunday, February 2

Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6

1 Cor 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

4th Week of Epiphany

Pastor Karen Jewell

Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Jim Schley

Closes: Gwen Schwandt

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

One Bread, One Body



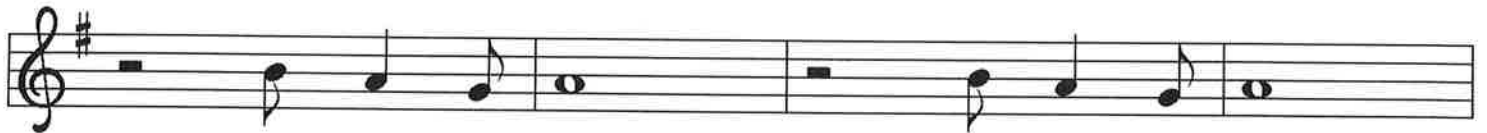
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

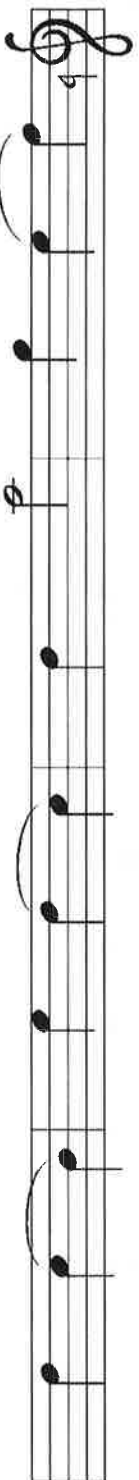
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The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, God's all our days, to
 to pro - claim. Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the the lov - ing to deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus', name.

Text: Delores Dufner, osb. b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, atr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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