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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR ANTHEM

CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL: In this love, we gather to worship and pray.

“Messiah”

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: God of promise,

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: In Christ's mercy and grace, God's ransomed ones return. In Christ's love and faithfulness, everlasting happiness and joy flow abundantly and forgiveness and mercy make us whole.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Promised One,

ALL: enter our hearts anew. Enter our worship with your promised presence, that we may know you better. Enter our lives and our world, that we may proclaim your presence and sing your praises. With joyous gratitude, we pray in your blessed name, Amen.

MEAL OF OUR LORD

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION “Blessed Assurance”

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL (Preschool- 6th Grade)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10
P: The Word of the Lord...
ALL: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING James 5:7-11
P: The Word of the Lord...
ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-15
P: The Word of the Lord...
ALL: Thanks be to God!

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY “Go Tell it on The Mountain”

SERMON “The Shepherds Heard...” Pastor Mark Neumann
Luke 1 & 2

CHOIR ANTHEM

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

PRESENTING OF THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of promises and joy,

ALL: receive these gifts we return to you now. Bless this offering, that our gifts may be signs of joy and hope for others in need. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy.

ALL: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION
P: As children of God’s promise, we go now to bring hope to the world. Blessed by Christ’s presence, we go forth in joy and love.

ALL: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Emmanuel”

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.