



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Year B

(The “+” insignia indicates where the congregation should stand)

Prelude *Siciliano and Allegro*

Thomas Arne

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ringing of the Bell *(please remain seated)*

+Gathering Hymn: *ELW 314 Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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+Greeting

L: 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.**

+Call to Worship

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the living God."

C: This is the day when we rejoice in God's act of creation.

L: This is our Sabbath; when we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

C: We give thanks that once more, God has brought us together, that we might be refreshed in God's grace.

L: Peace to all who gather here,

C: Peace to all who long for God's mercy!

+Call to Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

L: The apostle Paul says:

"I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me."

Is it possible to claim these words as our own and repeat them as our words?

Let's have a time of silence where we think about these words and their place in our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

Silence for self reflection

L: Let us pray: Merciful God, we hear these words of Paul, and know that his life was spent living and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ not only to the people of his day, but to people in every age since. He could invite people not only to do as he said, but to do as he did.

When we are happy to tell others to do as we say, but want the freedom to do as we choose, even if that means surrendering some of our Christian values;

C: Forgive us, O God.

L: When we look to others than Jesus Christ as the source of our standards;

C: Forgive us, O God.

L: When Jesus weeps over our behaviour even as he wept over Jerusalem;

C: Forgive us, O God.

L: God of grace and truth, we remember Jesus' commitment to grace and love for all people. Empower us with the Holy Spirit to deepen our commitment to follow Jesus, even when that means being ridiculed or persecuted, or sharing in the struggles and sufferings of others. This we pray in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

L: Hear the good news:

Those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

+Prayer of the Day

L: God of creation,

C: you invite us to care and nurture all that you have made, from the mountains and valleys, to the animals and all humankind. Open our hearts and minds to how we can respect and care for one another as we encounter the world around us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

You may be seated

Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:24-31

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-8

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

L: Word of God, Word of Life: **C: Thanks be to God!**

+Gospel Acclamation: *ELW 172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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+Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

L: The Gospel according to Mark the first chapter. **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

L: The Good News of God. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon: Caring for Each Other, Our Neighbor, and Creation

Hymn: ELW 773 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (refer to Red Hymnal #773)

+Apostle's 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.**

You may be seated

Prayers of Intercession:

L: God of all, C: **Receive our Prayer.**

Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable.

Meal

Offering

The Moon Shines Bright
Fanfare

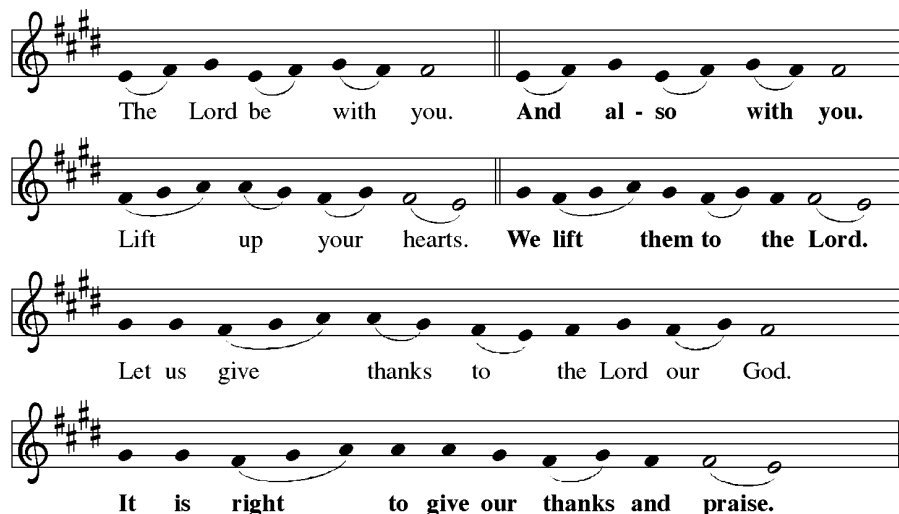
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Offering Prayer

L: Lord God, every gift comes from you. May your blessings of wealth and security lead us not to arrogant pride but to humble gratitude. May our gratitude for your gifts lead us not to clutch them tightly, but to open our hands and freely share them with love. May all that we offer be gifts that connect us to one another for the sake of Jesus,

C: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

L: 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...we **stand** to praise your name and join their unending hymn... *(please stand)*

+Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

+Words of Institution

+Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

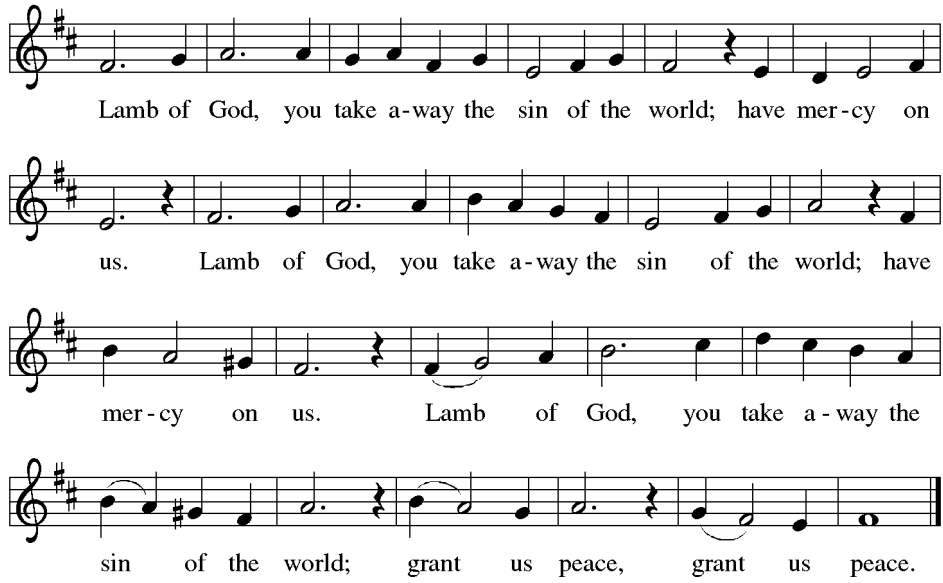
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

+Invitation to Communion

L: In this meal, we are connected to God's grace and mercy. Come, take your place at the table.

(You may be seated)

Communion



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.

The image shows a musical score for a Communion hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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." The music ends with a double bar line.



Music during Distribution

Hymn: *ELW* *Come, Let Us Eat* (sung in canon)

Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.
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+Prayer after Communion

L: God of dreams, God of Vision, thank you for welcoming us at your table and feeding us with the best of who you are. Strengthened by these gifts, lead us with confidence to the plans you have for us in the days and weeks ahead. With joy-filled souls, we pray,

C: Amen.

Sending

+Blessing

L: As we leave this place, let us not forget:

Everywhere we go, God goes before us.
From the farthest ocean to the highest mountain,
from the heights of joy to the depths of despair—
wherever we find ourselves, God is already there
surrounding you with mercy and guiding you with love.
So go with joy and confidence, knowing that God goes with you.

C: Amen.



+Hymn: ELW 852 O Worship the King

Oh, Worship the King



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.
Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

+Ringing of the Bell

+Dismissal

L: Go in peace, seeking Christ in one another,

C: We will, by the grace of God.

Postlude *Fanfare*

Guy H. Eldridge

Worship Participants

Presider/Preacher:	Pastor Eric Luedtke
Musicians:	Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship
Organist	Tim Buendorf
Special Music:	HOP Handbell Choir
Lector/Intercessor:	Terri Behrends-Singer
Communion Servers:	Pastor Eric, Scott Wright, Ann Barnes, Wayne Peterson
Ushers:	Cathy and Roger Shromoff, Larry Markes, Brent King
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