



# House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 29, 2023

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Year A

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

Prelude

*Praise Ye the Lord*

Christian Gregor/arr. Kietzer

## Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ring of the Bell *(please remain seated)*

+Processional Hymn: ELW 714 *O God of Mercy, God of Light* (vv. 1-4)

### O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

## +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.**

## +Confession and Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**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.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## +Prayer of the Day

L: Holy God,

**C: you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*You may be seated*

## Special Music:

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

K. Thomerson/arr. C. Mocklebust

HOP Handbell Choir; Tom Garvin, trumpet

## Word

### First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

### Second Reading: Micah 6:6-8 (read responsively)

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

**Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?**

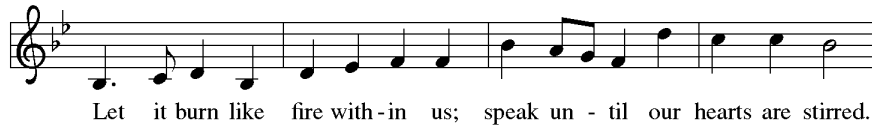
<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

**Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"**

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
**but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?**

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

## +Gospel Acclamation



+L: The Gospel according to **Matthew**. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## +Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

+L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

## Sermon: Relationships

**Hymn: ELW 710 *Let Streams of Living Justice***

Use ELW hymnal in pew for music and text.

**+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: Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

## **Thanksgiving**

**Offering**    *Gloria in Excelsis* (for double brass)

Giovanni Gabrieli/arr. Kietzer

### **Offering Prayer**

L: Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving for the Word**

L: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end, ring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## **+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**

*(You may be seated)*

## **Sending**



## Hymn ELW 873 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* (vv. 1-3, 6)

### Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

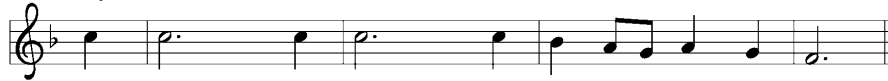


1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's sur - ging praise,  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.  
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

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## Blessing

L: The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

C: Amen.

## +Ringing of the Bell

## +Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *This Little Light*

African American Spiritual/arr. Kietzer

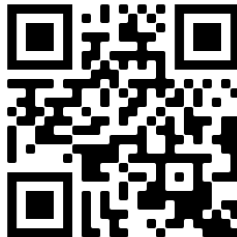
## Worship Participants

**Presider:** Daniel Ditmanson, Director of RALY/Shared Youth Ministry  
**Musicians:** Jon Kietzer, Organist  
Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship  
**Special Music:** HOP Brass; HOP Handbell Choir; Tom Garvin, Trumpet  
**Lector/Intercessor:** Karen Amezcua / Dick Sandeen  
**Ushers:** Ann Barnes, Stephen Barnes, Wayne Peterson  
**AV Engineer:** Ethan Alberg



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## **Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. - Psalm 100**

We have all experienced Jon Kietzer's musical legacy during his past 50 years at House of Prayer Lutheran Church. He has enhanced our musical experience as an organist and has also served as the director of adult and youth choirs, bell choirs, and the brass and wind ensemble. Thousands of worshippers have been welcomed, entertained, and spiritually moved by Jon's creative leadership of the music ministry program.

Jon's 50-year legacy will continue as he retires through your support to the House of Prayer Foundation's newly created: **Jon Kietzer Music Ministry Fund**

Donations will be used for special musical projects and events, i.e., concerts, educational outreach and youth activities. Please consider making a gift that will keep on giving!

You may donate online (no login required) at: <https://hoplc.org/give>

Donations may also be mailed to House of Prayer or given during the weekly offering.

House of Prayer Lutheran Church  
Attn: Kietzer Music Ministry Fund  
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Please **SAVE THESE DATES** for Jon's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary/retirement celebration:

**Sunday, February 19** – 5:00 PM – Concert - The Gustavus Wind Orchestra

**Sunday, April 16** – 7:00 PM - Hymn Festival with seven organists

**Sunday, May 21** – 9:30 AM Worship Service – Music Sunday – Celebrating Jon's music ministry  
A catered lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, June 4** – 9:30 AM Worship Service – Minnesota Boychoir will sing during the service

**Sunday, September 10** – 9:30 AM Worship Service – Jon's official retirement/50<sup>th</sup> anniversary date  
A reception will follow the service