



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany, Year B

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

Prelude *2 Settings of "O Jesu Christe, wahres Licht"*

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Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ringling of the Bell *(please remain seated)*



+Gathering Hymn: *ELW 675 O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True (vv. 1, 4- 5)*

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite
Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676
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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: Holy God,

C: you call us to work alongside one another to share the light of Christ with the world. As we open your Word, open our hearts and open our minds to the ways you lead us to meet new people who reveal Christ to us. Lead us to work with all people in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

You may be seated

Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Psalm 133

¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

² **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Second Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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 consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves: the top staff is the Soprano line and the bottom staff is the Bass line. The second system also has two staves: the top staff is the Soprano line and the bottom staff is the Bass line. The third system has two staves: the top staff is the Soprano line and the bottom staff is the Bass line. 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 1:14-20

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

You may be seated

Sermon: Come and Follow Me



Hymn: *ELW 798 Will You Come and Follow Me*

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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+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:

P: We gather our hearts in prayer for the church, the world, and all of creation:

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

Shine in My Heart, Lord Jesus

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

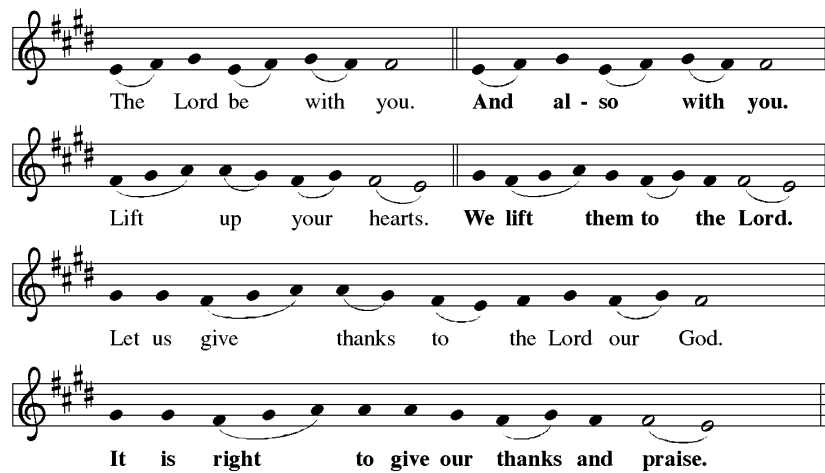
HOP Adult Choir; Sue Danielson, flute

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

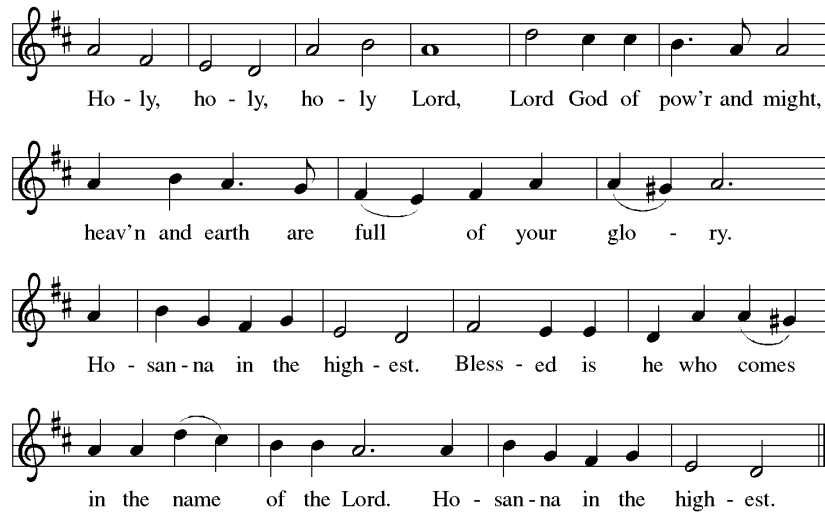


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

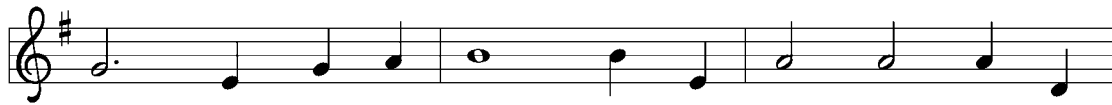
Music during Distribution

Hymn: *ELW 696 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (vv. 1, 3-5)*

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

+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 661 I Love to Tell the Story

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

+Ringing of the Bell

+Dismissal

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

C: We will, by the grace of God.

Postlude *Allegro moderato maestoso*

Felix Mendelssohn

Worship Participants

Presider/Preacher:	Pastor Micah Pearson
Musicians:	Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship
Organist	Tim Buendorf
Special Music:	HOP Adult Choir; Sue Danielson, flute
Lector/Intercessor:	Wayne Swenson
Communion Servers:	Pastor Micah, Sue Holton, Sandy Laurance, Cindy Jacobs
Ushers:	Steve and Ann Barnes, Wayne Peterson
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