



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, Year B

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Prelude *Canzona No. 2*

Gabrielle

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ringing of the Bell *(please remain seated)*

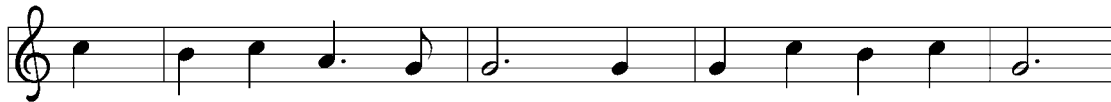
<p><i>Our Mission, Our Vision & Our Values</i></p> <p>House of Prayer is a gathering of God's people connecting our faith to our daily lives so that all would encounter Christ in each person.</p>	<p><i>Openness</i></p>	<p>Caring for each other, our neighbor, and creation</p> <p>We care for one another through formal and informal networks including specific staffing focused on community care. We anticipate the needs of guests in our building before they ever arrive and respond to their needs when they are here. We recognize our place in creation and our responsibility as stewards both for the present day and the future.</p>
<p><i>Welcoming</i></p>		<p><i>Compassion</i></p>
<p>Nurturing the gift of music</p> <p>We receive music as a gift from God. With gratitude we express our worship through a variety of musical styles and instruments. We recognize the resources of our space, instruments, and voices are not limited to being used within the walls of our building or with only our congregation but are gifts to be shared with the wider community and opportunities to strengthen the giftedness of those around us.</p>	<p><i>Relationships</i></p>	<p>Being inwardly fed to outwardly feed</p> <p>We are fed both physically and spiritually. We share meals together, fellowship with one another, and as part of our worship we celebrate Holy Communion. We receive spiritual nourishment through worship, Bible Study, devotional, and prayer life. What we receive is not for our own edification, it is the fuel that sends us out into our community, our neighborhoods, our every day tasks to physically and spiritually feed those around us.</p> 
<p>Collaborating with others</p> <p>We partner with community organizations, synod and denomination, neighboring congregations, and individuals to accomplish the mission God is calling us to be part of. We are called to share our resources (building, volunteer time, finances) recognizing that when we work with others we share our vision and resources to accomplish tasks greater than our own limits.</p>		

+Gathering Hymn: ELW 853 *When Morning Gilds the Sky* (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

+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 our Provider,

C: source of our strength, we thank you for the many ways you provide for us both physically and spiritually so that we might share your love and grace with others. Open our hearts to serve our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

You may be seated

Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

“The entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase and go in and occupy the land that the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. ²Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. ³He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴The clothes on your back did not wear out, and your feet did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know, then, in your heart that, as a parent disciplines a child, so the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Psalm 134:1-10

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²**My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

³O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

⁵Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶**This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

⁸**O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

⁹ O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰ **The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. ²¹ For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. ²² What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

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 voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. 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. Hal-le-lu-jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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+Gospel: John 6:1-14

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

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.^[a] ² A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they^[b] sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

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

You may be seated

Sermon: Being Inwardly Fed to Outwardly Feed



Hymn: *ELW 511 Thy Strong Word (vv. 1, 4-5)*

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976
Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944
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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:

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 *Die Bankelsangerlieder*

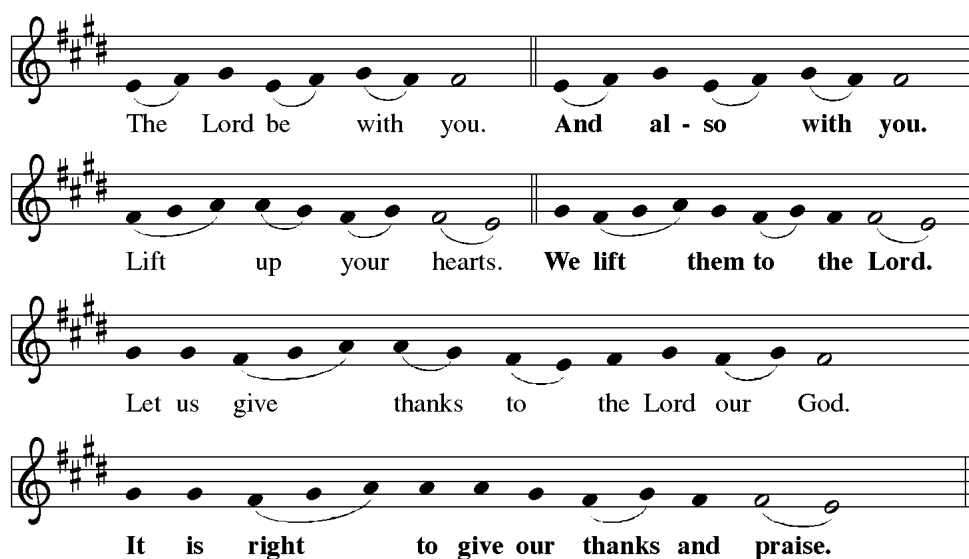
Arr. King

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

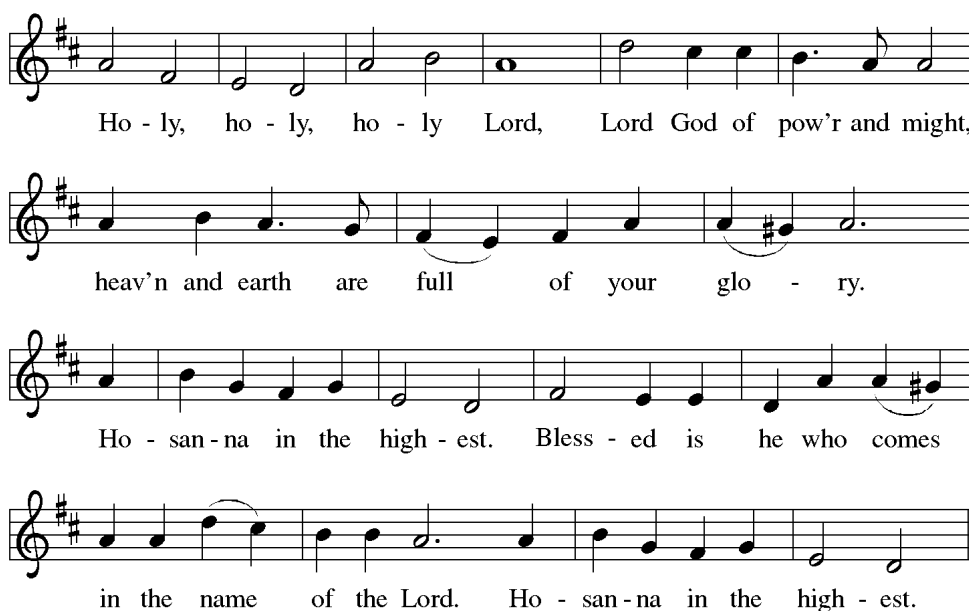


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

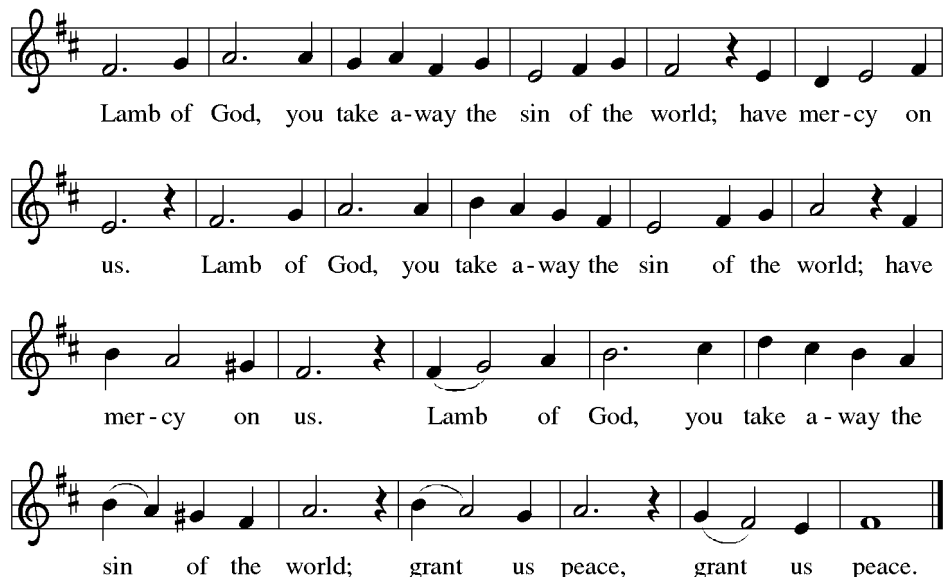
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

+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

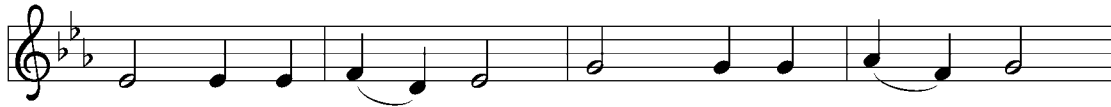


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music during Distribution

Hymn: *ELW 838 Beautiful Savior*

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

+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 318 Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

+Ringing of the Bell

+Dismissal

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

C: We will, by the grace of God.

Postlude *Te Deum*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Worship Participants

Presider/Preacher:	Pastor Eric Luedtke
Musicians:	Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship
Organist	Jon Kietzer
Special Music:	HOP Brass
Lector/Intercessor:	David Steenson
Communion Servers:	Pastor Eric, Paul and Sue Danielson, Monica Nelson
Ushers:	Larry Markes, Roger and Cathy Shromoff, Brent King
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