

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Second Sunday after Epiphany — Setting III
January 22, 2023 / 10:00 am
The Rev. Richard Hurst, presiding



Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We extend God's own welcome to all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other human distinction.

PRELUDE

Cantilene

J.A. Meale/W. Pasch

“Be still, and know that I am God.” During the Prelude worshippers are invited to prepare quietly for worship.

*Stand, as able.

The open font is a powerful symbol of the centrality of baptism for Christians.

✠ GATHERING ✠

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection

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.

**HYMNS
TODAY**

ACS 1000
ACS 982
ELW 482
ELW 715

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Glory to God

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✧ WORD ✧

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1,4-9

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God | in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**

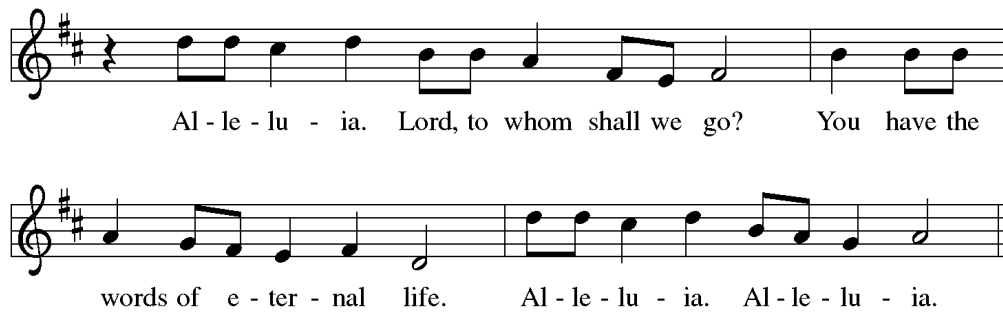
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the Lord. R

⁷Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;

have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— | “ Seek my face.”**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

God's Work, Our Hands

ACS 1000

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We believe in one God,...

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. We pray for Jim Aberth, Blanca Allen, Anna Anderson, Norman Bolles, Kwai Lin Chan, Steven Chin, Brigitte Chisholm, James Clunie, Danny Elson, Ron Embree, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Susan Giroux, Charles Graham, Ann Hoilo, Joy Honen, Richard Hurst, Gayle Jaffe, Susan Kane, Adele Kasinskas, Gloria Kleinfelt, Georgie Klinger, Chui Yuk Lee, Erica Lee, Suxian Lin, Phillip Liu, Matt M, Mary Pollard, Judy Precious, Arvind Raja, Erica Rich, Shannon Ripp, Alexandru Simovici, Louann Smith, Polly Weston, Laurie Wieland, Shirley Wong, and Mary Jane Young;

we pray for all who contend with addictions, all who struggle with mental illness; all who are serving in the armed forces; all who are first responders, fire fighters, and police; and all who fight COVID-19 and its lingering effects. Protect and nurture all children. Sustain those who parent, teach, and care for the young. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Hear, O God, the prayers on our lips.

Worshippers are invited to voice their petitions

Hear, O God, the silent prayers of our hearts.

Silence is kept for unspoken prayers

We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

***PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✧ MEAL ✧

OFFERTORY MUSIC *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star* Hugo Distler

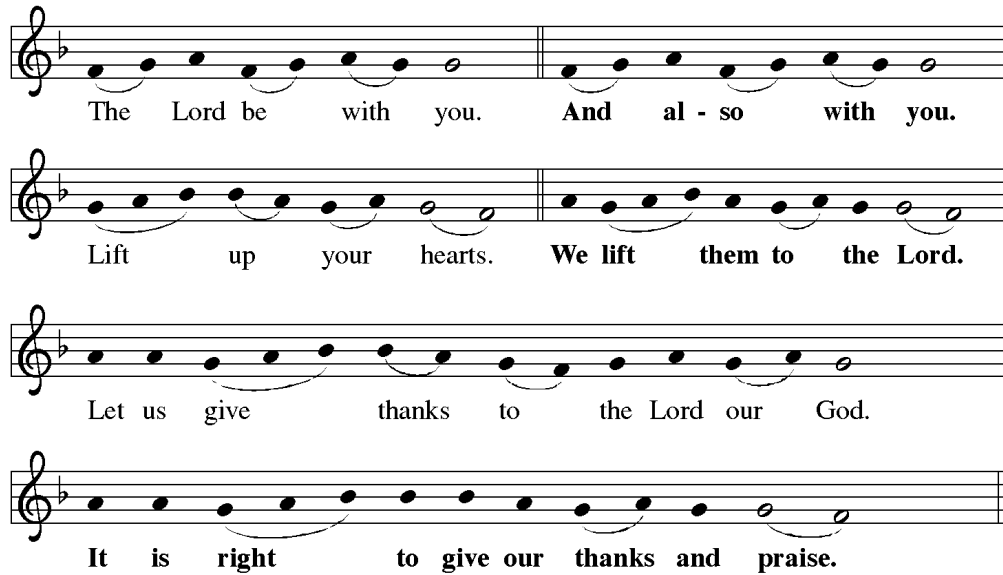
***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Many Will Come* ACS 982, v.1

***OFFERING PRAYER**

**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.**

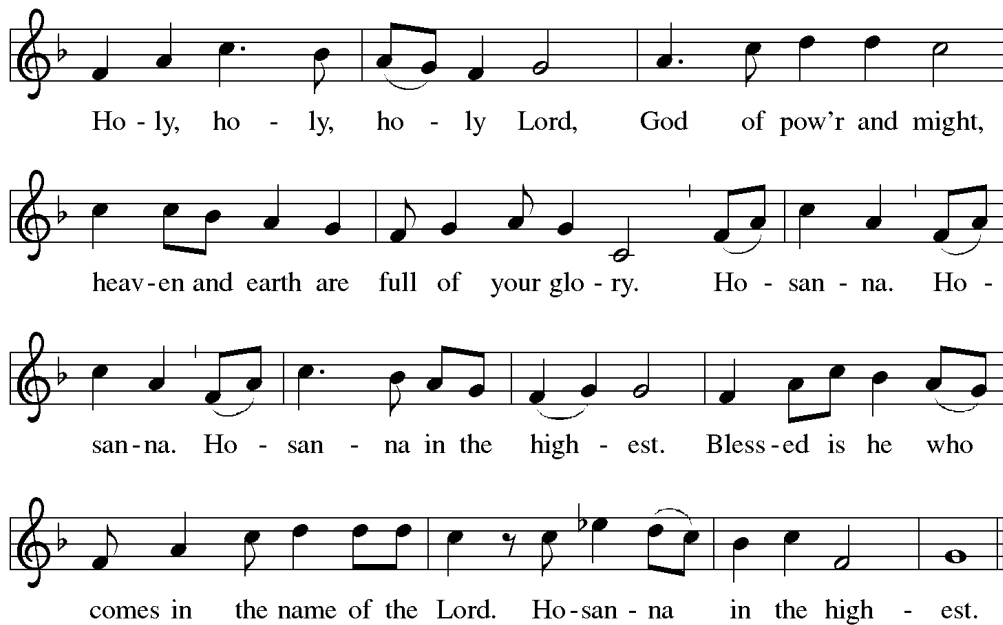
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

*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.

The presiding minister continues with the preface; the congregation responds:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

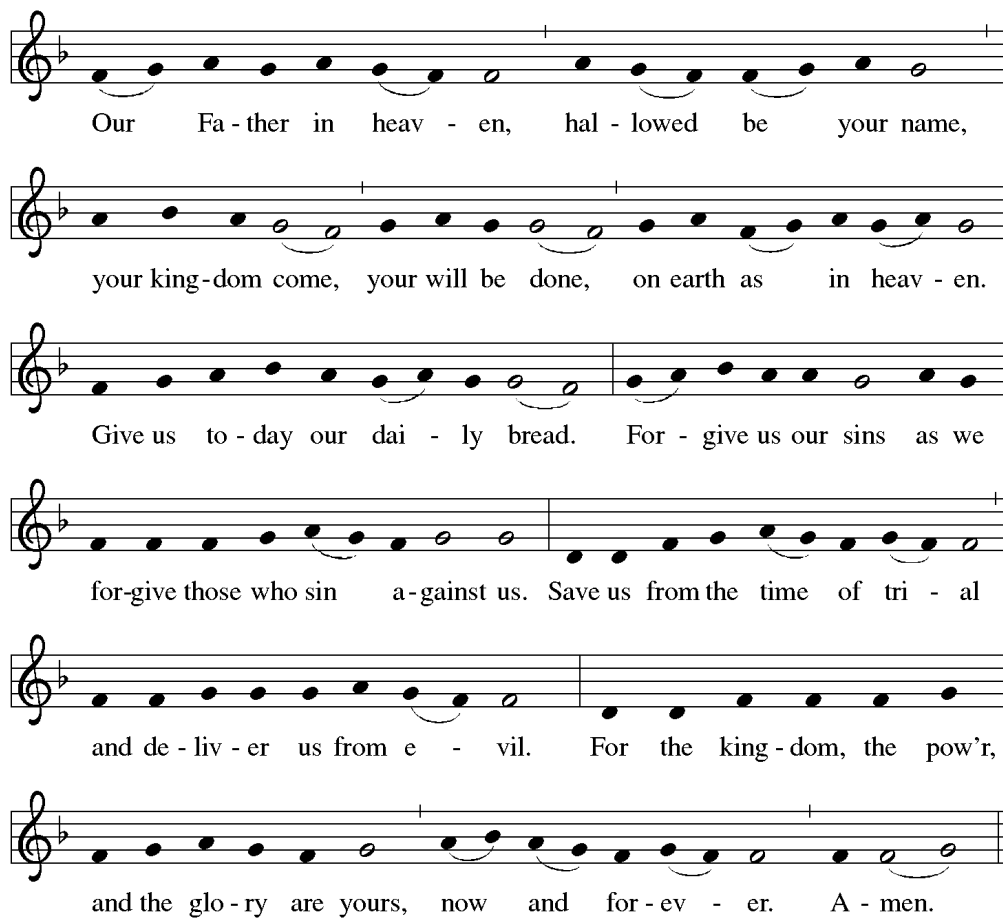
Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word... We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit...Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION

Christ Lutheran Church practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized Christians who trust in Christ's presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at the table where he is both host and food. Communicants normally receive pita or a gluten-free wafer in open, cupped palms (sometimes laid one over the other in the shape of the cross). Wine (light colored) or grape juice (red/purple) is offered in an individual glass.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

✘ SENDING ✘

***BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✘ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Sonata in E

J.S. Bach

Today's Worship Leaders:

Greeters	Pamela Bathen
Assisting Minister	Marianne Swenson
Reader	Marianne Swenson
Tellers	John Whitlock and Juliet Seaberg
Altar Guild	Mary Avalos and Sophia Chan
Coffee Hosts	Cathy Gallagher
Audio Visual Team	Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Elinor Holm. Rolf Larson, Peter Miller, Phil Roberts, Ryan Schnepfer, Juliet Seaberg
Cantor	Bob Weaver
Musicians	CLC Choir; Anne Weaver, flute

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The Rev David Hulse, Interim Pastor

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Gail Weston-Roberts, Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator

Kim Petot, Bell Choir Director

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Celeste Larson, Social Justice
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Carol Virshbo, Professional Leadership
Mary Avalos and Robin Hurst, Family Promise
Cathy Gallagher, Altar Guild
Lisa Chan, Card Ministry
Carol Virshbo, Coffee Hour
John Whitlock, Finance and Property
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