



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024
10:30 am**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: *Forever*

Chris Tomlin

Gathering Song: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You **(Repeat)**

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

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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.

Kyrie

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The assembly joins in with the refrain when invited.

let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Canticle of Praise

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Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

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.

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Gospel Song: *Word of God, Speak*

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
to be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness
Word of God speak **(repeat)**

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Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now 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.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Oehlert

Song of the Day: *All My Hope*

Light in my darkness peace for my soul
You are my rescue You never let go **(REPEAT)**

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You

Here in my weakness always the same
Your love is my shelter Your life is my way

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You **(REPEAT)**

Constant Savior friend forever Lord You have my heart
Sure foundation never failing Lord You have my heart

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You

All the earth beneath You all my life before You
With every breath my soul will rest in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You

Apostles' Creed

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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.

Prayers of Intercession

...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**
...in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Song: *Forever*

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise **(2x)**

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise **(2x)**

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever **(2x)**
Forever

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray,
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Preparing for the Table

...So if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.
If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.
If we come to this table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.
If we come to this table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our life.
For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.
Thanks be to God!

Words of Institution

... We break bread and share the one cup.

Thanks be to God!

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us.

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

Lamb of God

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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, Lamb of God.

Communion Distribution Song: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ELW 588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: *All the People Said Amen*

You are not alone if you are lonely

When you feel afraid, you're not the only

We are all the same, in need of mercy,

to be forgiven and be free

It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need

Refrain

And all the people said Amen, whoa

And all the people said Amen

Give thanks to the Lord,

for His love never ends

And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter

weak or strong, you know love is what we're after

We're all broken, but we're all in this together

God knows we stumble and fall

and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all **Refrain**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart

Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart

Blessed are the people hungry for another start

for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God **Refrain x2**

And all the people said Amen

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *All the People Said Amen*

Announcements

Annual Meeting Information

January 21 – meeting between services to review the proposed budget, including discussion and questions/input.

January 28 – Annual meeting to adopt budget, vote on constitution/bylaw changes, elect council members.

Please join us for these important meetings.

ELCA World Hunger Month

January marks the 1st quarter collections for World Hunger. If you wish to support this cause, it can be added to your regular envelope and marked ‘Hunger’. Thank you!

“Souper” Bowl

Please support your favorite team in the playoffs with a can or two of SOUP. Each week, as teams fall out of the playoffs, we will move the cans to another team, eventually we will see what team “wins”. ALL of the soup/soup will be used to support our Little Food Pantry.

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, January 21	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15 AM	Pre-Annual meeting budget discussion/SS
	10:30 AM	NOW Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, January 24	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 25	11:30 AM	Senior Lunch: Jumpers
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry

Prayer List

Steve & Megan Ingalsbe and family	Ramona Kartman
Gerald Jecklin	Morgan Kennedy
Brandon Johnson	Valerie Kennedy
Rich & Sue Keppler	

This Week’s Worship Servants

Readers:	8:00 Kris Erickson Eipperle	10:30 Barb Lindecker
Ushers:	8:00 Don & Kayleen Backhaus	10:30 Tim & Heather Felderman
Tech/PPT:		10:30 /Henry Steffen

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