



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 15, 2023  
10:30 am**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting Eight

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: “Arise, Your Light Has Come**

**ELW 314**

**Gathering Song: *Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

**Chorus**

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me  
King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

**Chorus (x2)**

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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**

**ELW p. 184**

*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.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7**

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: John 1:29-42**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who

sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Brian Spahr**

**Song of the Day: *Now Behold the Lamb***

**ELW 341**

Now behold the Lamb,  
the precious Lamb of God,  
who bore all my sin,  
that I may live again:  
the precious Lamb of God.

Holy is the Lamb,  
the precious Lamb of God.  
Why you love me so,  
Lord, I shall never know;  
the precious Lamb of God.

Thank you for the Lamb,  
the precious Lamb of God.  
Because of your grace  
I can finish the race;  
the precious Lamb of God.

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## **Presentation**

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## **Profession of Faith**

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Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Font**

**ELW p. 230**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Baptism**

**ELW p. 230**

*Congregational response after the baptism:*

**Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

... power revealed in Christ crucified. **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.*

**Offertory Music: “Behold”**

**Brian Spahr**

*verses sung by Brian, congregation join on Chorus:*

Behold, behold  
Behold what love can do  
Behold, behold  
God’s making all things new



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**Offering Prayer in Unison**

Let us pray together.

**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.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **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**

When Jesus ate with his friends, He took bread, and after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them saying:

**"Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."**

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

**"Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."**

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. 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 as Jesus taught us.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

### Communion Distribution Song: *Lamb of God: Your Only Son*

ELW 336

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod  
and to become the Lamb of God.

### Refrain

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your gift of love we crucified.  
We laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble king they named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
but you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod  
and to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

## **Prayer after Communion**

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**

### **Worship Online**

#### **Zoom:**

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>  
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371  
Passcode: Luther

#### **Phone in at:**

(312) 626-6799  
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371  
Passcode: 456037

### **Altar Flowers**

Today's flowers are provided by Jan & Dale Helwig-Schrobilgen in memory of Jan's brother Gerald.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Informational Meeting**

The second informational meeting regarding the budget is today at 9:15 am in the conference room. This is in preparation for the **Annual Meeting** to be held Sunday, January 29 at 9:15am. Print copies of the annual report will be available in the gathering space.

## **This Week at Lord of Life**

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Budget Informational Meeting
	10:30 AM	NOW Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, January 18	6:00 PM	Confirmation

## **Youth Movie Day!**

Next Sunday, January 22nd 2-4pm: 6th graders and older are invited to meet at church for a movie and some popcorn. We will watch the movie and have a short discussion afterwards.

## **Out of Office...**

Rita will be out of office the week of January 16-19 to visit family in PA. Office hours will be sporadic – if you need access, please contact Pastor Paul.

## **Prayer List**

Amy & Dennis Felderman and family  
Doris Felderman  
Tim & Heather Felderman and family  
Phyllis Fishnick  
Nate & Diane Frambach  
Lois Freiburger  
Pat Friedman

## **Servants:**

### **Sunday January 15**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>		Susan Hansen	Al Simms	
<b>10:30 AM</b>				

### **Sunday January 22**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Al Simms	Al Simms
<b>10:30 AM</b>		



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