



**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 29, 2023**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting One

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: “Pass Me Not”**

**TUNE: PASS ME NOT**  
**Lisa Hoekstra**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song: *O God of Mercy, God of Light*

ELW 714

- 1 O God of mercy, God of light,  
in love and mercy infinite,  
teach us, as ever in your sight,  
to live our lives in you.
- 2 You sent your Son to die for all,  
that our lost world might hear your call;  
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!  
We rest our hope in you.
- 3 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:  
to feel for those his blood has bought,  
that ev'ry deed and word and thought  
may work a work for you.
- 4 For all are kindred, far and wide,  
since Jesus Christ for all has died;  
grant us the will, and grace provide,  
to love them all in you.
- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

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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.**

## Canticle of Praise: *Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW 840

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **10:30 Service: Special Music by the Choir and Bells (see refrain on screen)**

***“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”***

**arr. Robert Hobby**

**Flute: Bri Ensign, Tambourine: Val Kennedy, Triangle:**

## **WORD**

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

## **First Reading: Micah 6:1-8**

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “weari­ed” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the

LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

*According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

## **Children's Time**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

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| 1 Rise up, O saints of God!<br>From vain ambitions turn;<br>Christ rose triumphant that your hearts<br>with nobler zeal might burn.    | 3 Rise up, O saints of God!<br>The kingdom's task embrace;<br>redress sin's cruel consequence;<br>give justice larger place.       |
| 2 Speak out, O saints of God!<br>Despair engulfs earth's frame;<br>as heirs of God's baptismal grace,<br>the word of hope proclaim.    | 4 Give heed, O saints of God!<br>Creation cries in pain;<br>stretch forth your hand of healing now,<br>with love the weak sustain. |
| 5 Commit your hearts to seek<br>the paths which Christ has trod;<br>and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,<br>rise up, O saints of God! |  |

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## **Apostles' 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.

## **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: “*Shall We Gather at the River?*”**

**C. E. Walz**

**TUNE: HANSON PLACE**

**Offering: *Create in Me a Clean Heart***

**ELW 188**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



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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.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

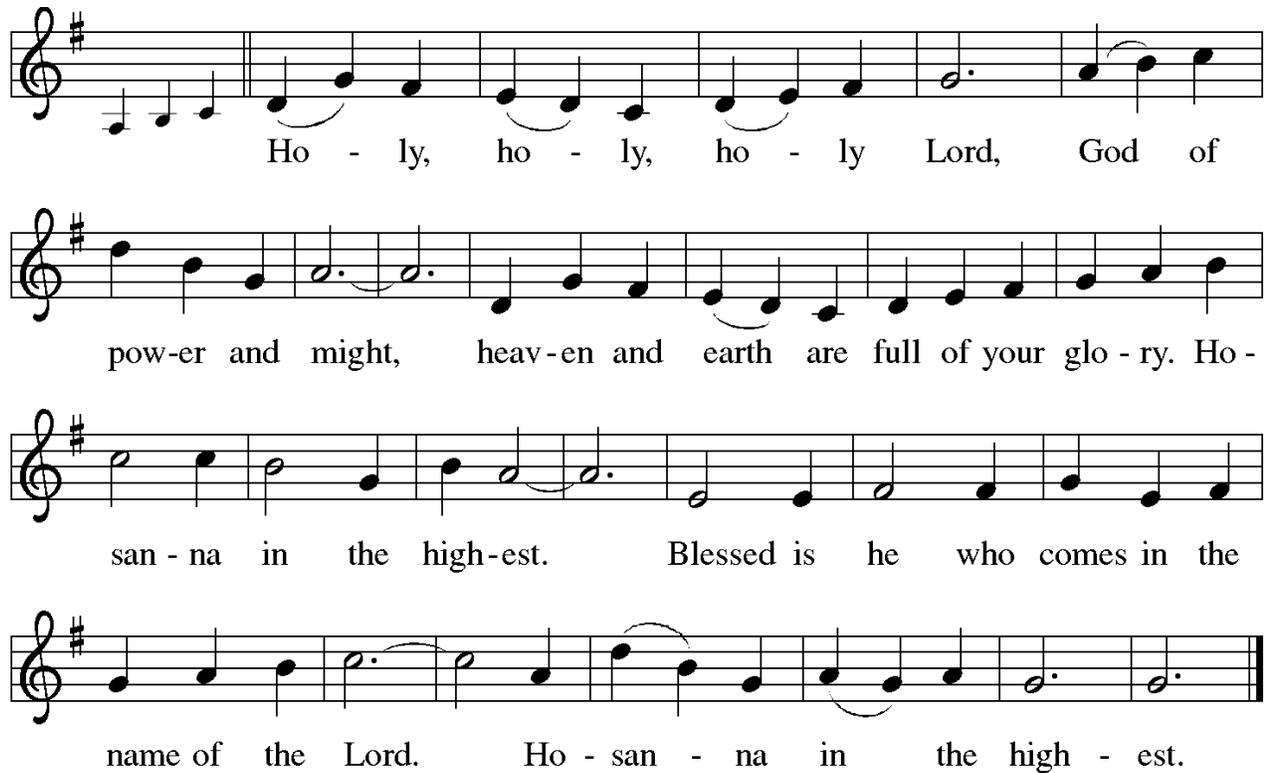
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Preface**

## Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### 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

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.

### Communion Distribution Songs:

#### *Give Thanks (sung twice)*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us. **(Repeat from beginning)**

Give thanks!

- 1 Let justice flow like streams  
of sparkling water, pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life,  
abundant, cleansing, sure.
- 2 Let righteousness roll on  
as others' cares we heed,  
an ever-flowing stream of faith  
translated into deed.
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight,  
define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade  
this world our whole life through.

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of 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: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve***

**ELW 551**

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude: *'Postlude on "Salvatori"'***

**Geoffrey Andrews**  
**Tune: SALVATORI**

### **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 are provided by Nancy & Clarence Davis in honor of their grandson Jayden Seigert's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Farewell and Godspeed**

Today we wish a fond farewell to our beloved family members Ken and Christine Resch. We pray blessings for them in their relocation.

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

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, February 1	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	NOW Band practice
	7:15 PM	Music & Worship Meeting
Thursday, February 2	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry

### **New Offering Envelope System**

We have a new offering envelope which is simpler and more cost effective. You can find a supply of these new envelopes in the gathering space along with an explanation of how to use. If you need more envelopes and can't find in the narthex reach out to the office and a supply will be put into your mailbox for your use.

### **SOUPer Bowl of Caring**

Please consider "cheering on" your favorite team going into the Super Bowl by donating soup to help stock our own Lord of Life Food Pantry. Your donations will be collected at the Super Bowl display in the LOL narthex. Monetary donations are also accepted. Good luck to your team, and thank you for your support.

## Open Closet

Open Closet is part of the St. John's Lutheran Church Almost Home ministry. We provide 'dignity' through your clothing donations to many in the Dubuque area who experience some financial challenges. Our clothing items are provided FREE and are nicely displayed. Donations may be dropped off at the church's back door-enclosed staircase for the Open Closet on Tuesday-Thursday, 9-11 a.m. Just ring the doorbell, and we will come running. Our public shopping events are the first Saturday of the month from 9-11 a.m. and the third Thursday of the month from 3-5 p.m. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Cindy Recker-Open Closet Coordinator at 563-495-0885. Thanks for your time and consideration.

## Prayer List

Rose Guler-Ludowitz  
Dan & Tracy Gurdak and family  
Jim & Molly Hall and family  
Diane & Ray Hansen  
Susan & Kurt Hansen  
Steve & Sandy Heer  
Roni Heil

## Servants:

### Sunday, January 29

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Jon/Rita	Susan Hansen	Sandy Arp	
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Nate F. Barry Pickart	Diane Frambach	Debbie Thomas	Galen Thomas

### Sunday, February 5

<b>8:00 AM</b>			Sandy Arp	Susan Hansen
<b>10:30 AM</b>				

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