

## 5 Epiphany



February 4, 2024

# Gathering

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

Prelude

Hymn Sing

Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Hymn**

**“God, Whose Almighty Word”**

**ELW #673 vs 1-3**

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| 1 God, whose almighty word<br>chaos and darkness heard<br>and took their flight:<br>hear us, we humbly pray,<br>and where the gospel day<br>sheds not its glorious ray,<br>let there be light.      | 2 Christ, who once came to bring,<br>on your redeeming wing,<br>healing and sight;<br>health to the troubled mind,<br>sight where illusions blind;<br>oh, now to humankind<br>let there be light. |
| 3 Spirit of truth and love,<br>life-giving, holy dove,<br>speed forth your flight;<br>move on the water's face<br>bearing the lamp of grace,<br>and in earth's darkest place<br>let there be light. |   |

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## Prayer of Confession

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Forgiveness

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\text{†}$  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

## Greeting

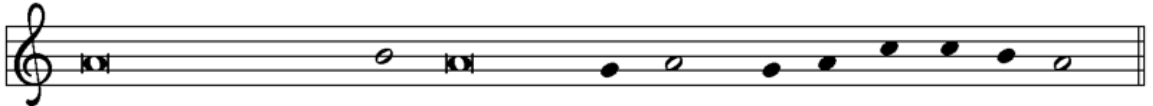
P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

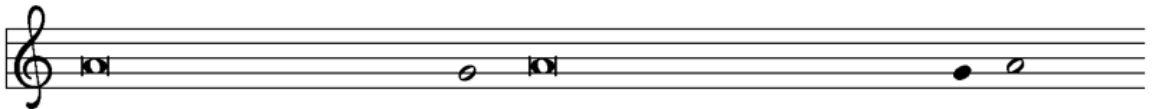
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



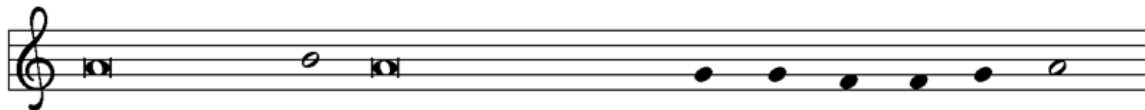
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

### This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

### *Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Anthem (8:30)**

**"Servants of Christ" - Shafer**

**Adult Choir**

## Word

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

**Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who

stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Reading: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power;  
there is no limit to God’s wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

### Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter one.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Dave

Hymn of the Day

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**ELW #773**

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| <p>1 Precious Lord, take my hand<br/>lead me on, let me stand<br/>I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.<br/>Through the storm, through the night<br/>lead me on to the light<br/>Take my hand precious Lord,<br/>lead me home</p> <p>3 When the darkness appears<br/>and the night draws near<br/>And the day is past and gone<br/>At the river I stand<br/>guide my feet, hold my hand<br/>Take my hand precious Lord,<br/>lead me home</p> | <p>2 When my way grows drear,<br/>precious Lord, linger near<br/>When my life is almost gone<br/>Hear my cry, hear my call<br/>hold my hand lest I fall<br/>Take my hand precious Lord,<br/>lead me home</p> |
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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 the People  
P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

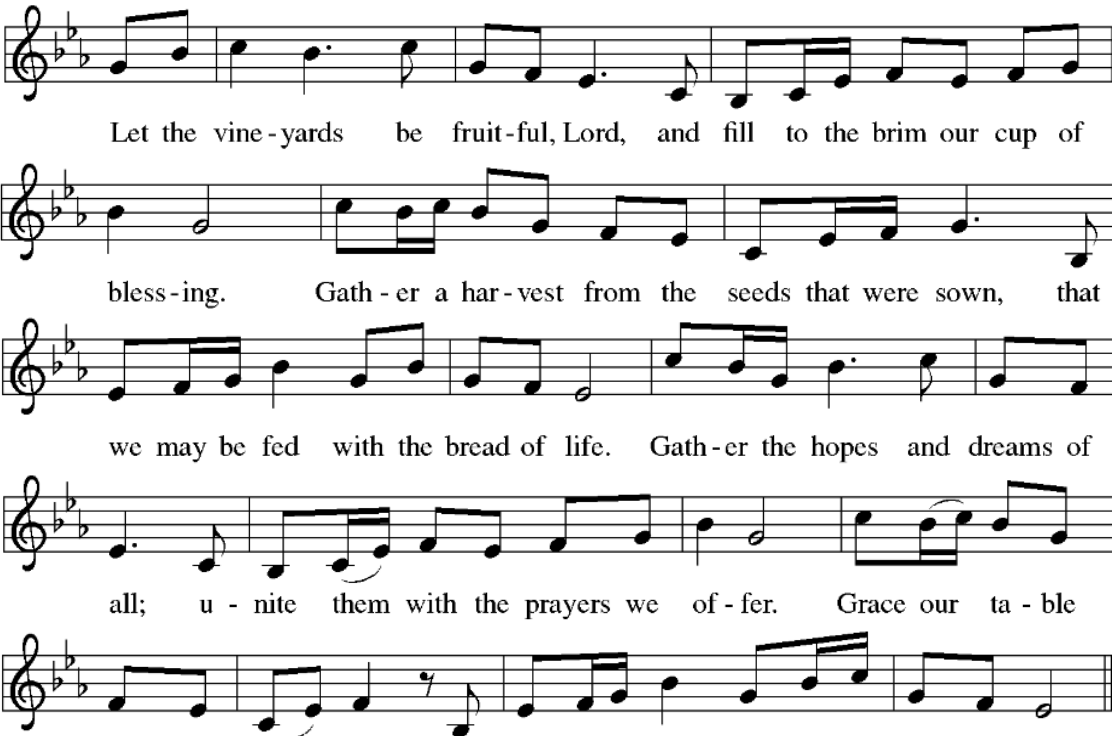
Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

**Offertory Hymn**

**"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

**ELW #184**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.*

P: The Lord be with you,

**C: And also with you.**

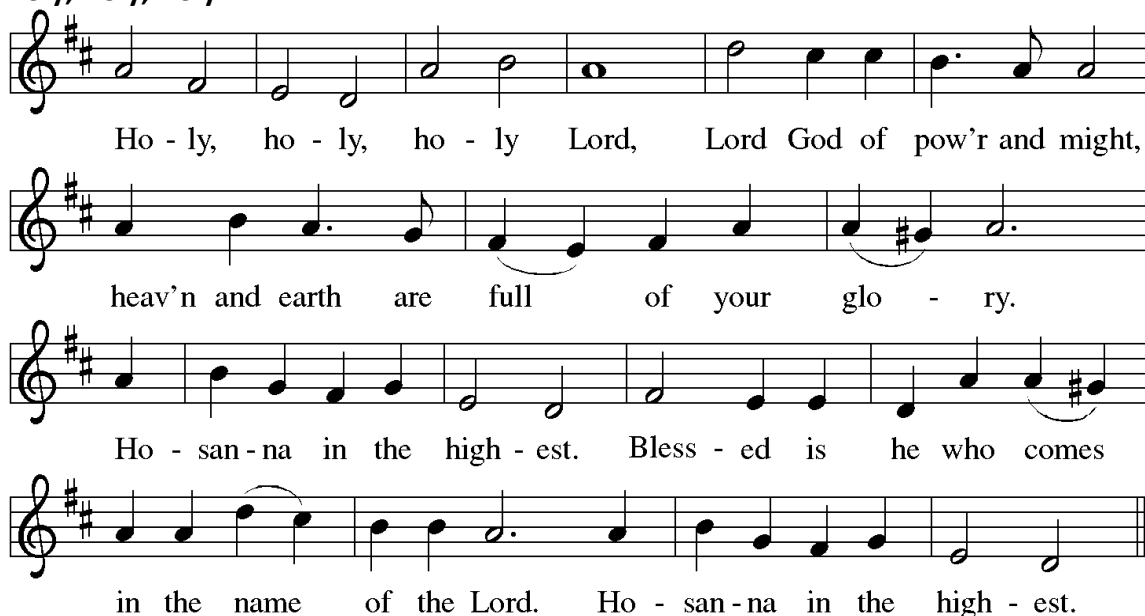
P: Lift up your hearts,

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

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

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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

### The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Lamb of God

**Communion Hymn**

**“On Eagle’s Wings”**

**ELW #787**

**Communion Hymn**

**“Spirit and Grace” - Manalo**

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

**Sending Hymn**

**“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”**

**ELW #860**

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| 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.<br>I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.<br>I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,<br>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.                                  | 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.<br>Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.<br>Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,<br>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me. |
| 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.<br>When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.<br>When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,<br>singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me. |   |

Text: African American spiritual

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***In Our Prayers This Week:***

Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Marj Frederickson,  
Brenda Gruenhagen, Brad Haynes, Marilyn Hudson, Sharon Hulke, Ken Johnson,  
Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Dave Marsh, Treacy Meyer, George Putnam, Karyl Putnam,  
Verne Radloff, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, JoAnn Saffert, Marge Schmidt



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<b>Substitute Adult Choir Director:</b> Alex Blegan	
<b>Pianist:</b> Tom Maidl	<b>A/V:</b> Tom Kaehler
<b>Deacon:</b> (8:30) Darlene Meier	(10:30) Karissa Fenske
<b>Acolytes:</b> (8:30) Charles Sharits, Vayda Melzer	
(10:30) Juliette Tande, Karly Meier	
<b>Communion Server:</b> (8:30) Bob Gruenhagen	(10:30) Becca Warta
<b>Lector:</b> (8:30) Joan Krikava	(10:30) Deb Egeland
<b>Ushers:</b> (8:30)	(10:30) Katie Slette, Trevor Slette
<b>P/P:</b> (8:30) Dyan Miller	(10:30) Cullen Slette

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	Weekly Offering		YTD Offering	
<b>1/28</b> General Offering	\$	6,400.00	\$	31,189.23
<b>1/28</b> Building Fund	\$	1,610.00	\$	5,964.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	<b>8,010.00</b>	\$	<b>37,153.23</b>
<b>1/28</b> World Hunger	\$	60.00	\$	320.00

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	7:30PM Wed.
1/28/24	88	68	70