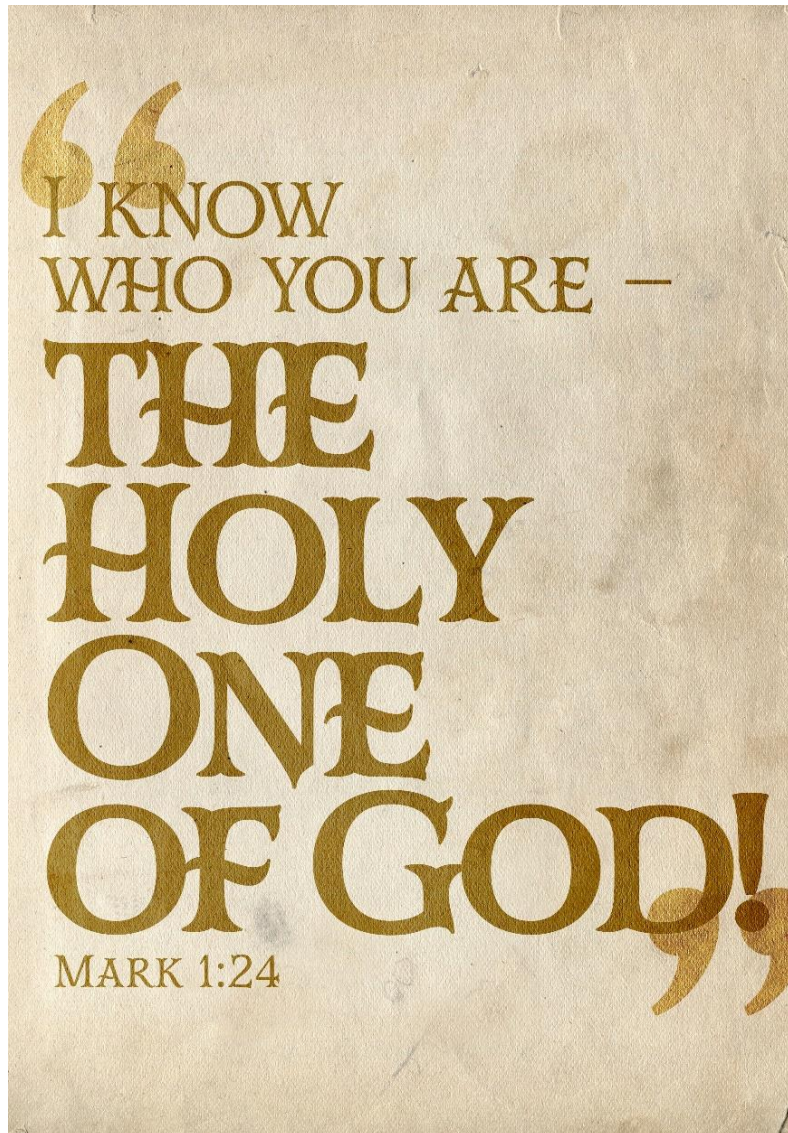


## *4 Epiphany*



January 28, 2024

# Gathering

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

## Welcome & Announcements

### Gathering Hymn

### “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

**ACS #1097**

#### *Chorus*

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

#### Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes (*Chorus*)

#### Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (*Chorus*)

#### Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (*Chorus*)

#### Ending

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

## 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 ☩ 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

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## 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: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

“Ring Jubilee” – Susan Geschke

Adult Handbells

## Word

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

### Reading: Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

### Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know

something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

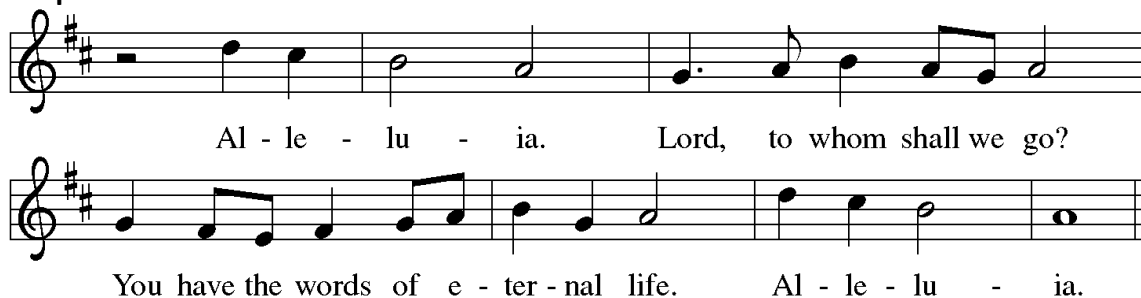
<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords — <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation



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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

### Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught

them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

**Sermon**

**Pastor Kathy**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

**ELW #886 vs 2-4**

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| 2 My gracious Master and my God,<br>assist me to proclaim,<br>to spread through all the earth abroad<br>the honors of your name.           | 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears<br>and bids our sorrows cease,<br>sings music in the sinner's ears,<br>brings life and health and peace. |
| 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,<br>new life the dead receive;<br>the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,<br>the humble poor believe. |   |

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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

The *Noisy Offering* today benefits Operation Concern.

**Offertory Music (10:30)**

**Adult Choir**

**"Hallelu (Sing and Give Thanks)" – arr. Kern**

**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



bles-sing. 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.**

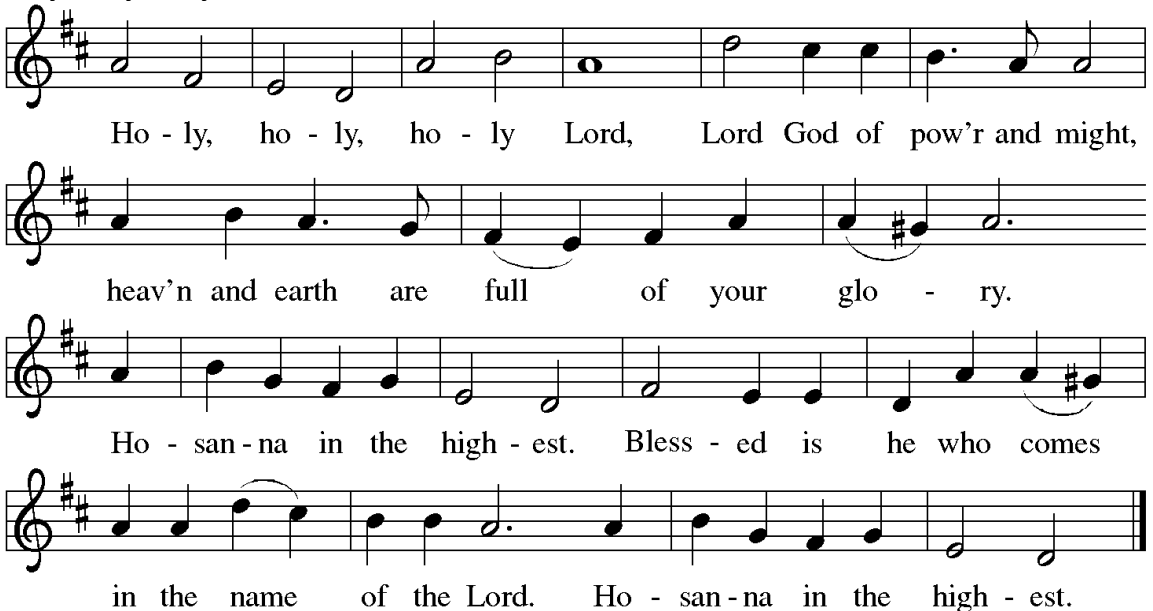
P: Lift up your hearts,

**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



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 Hymn

**"Spirit and Grace"**

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Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

### Sending Hymn

**"Build Us Up, Lord"**

**ELW #670**

- 1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
set in us a strong foundation.  
Lead us to do your holy will;  
form and shape your new creation.  
Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
as we guide and teach each other,

help us to share your love with the world:  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

*Refrain*

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;  
we follow in faith what's begun!  
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word  
to spread the news of your Son!

- 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
let our lives reflect your glory.  
Cast away all our doubts and fears;  
help us tell the world your story.  
Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
help us bear good fruit for you,  
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.  
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain*

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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

Family of Susan Nelson



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Lutheran Church

NEW ULM, MN

**Senior Pastor:** Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner

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**Choir Director:** Madeline Cacciatore-Warta

**Pianist:** Tom Maidl

**Deacon:** (8:30) Karissa Fenske

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Addley Berg, Ellie Marti

(10:30) Toby Oscarson, Conlin McAlpine

**Communion Server:** (8:30) Jen Geiger

**Lector:** (8:30) Heidi Wilker

**Ushers:** (8:30) Berg Family

**P/P:** (8:30)

**Associate Pastor:** Dave Nissen

**Office Administrator:** Jen Geiger

**Facilities Manager:** Scott Kathman

**Handbell Director:** Sarah Berger

**A/V:** Jeff Julien

(10:30) Jenny Krosch

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	Weekly Offering		YTD Offering	
<b>1/21</b> General Offering	\$	9,933.83	\$	24,789.23
<b>1/21</b> Building Fund	\$	2,974.00	\$	4,354.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	<b>12,907.83</b>	\$	<b>29,143.23</b>
<b>1/21</b> World Hunger	\$	100.00	\$	260.00

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	7:30PM Wed.
1/21/24	154	104	75