

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024
8:30am



Central Lutheran Church
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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Aria

Handel

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your beloved children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (*please stand*)



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



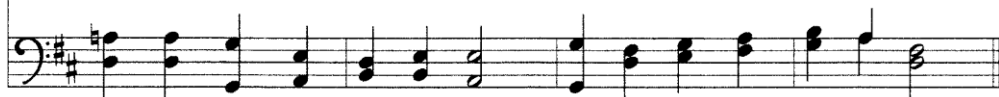
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,



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



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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray — to the Lord.



Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly 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 defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

3 *Refrain*

Organ This is the feast of vic - to - ry ___ for our God. ___

Al-le-lu ___ ia, 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, rich - es wis-dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon-or, bless-ing and glo-ry are his. ___ This is the feast of vic-to-ry ___ for our God. ___

Al-le-lu ___ ia, 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, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Final refrain

God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men ___ 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 al - le - lu ___ ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.** *(please be seated)*

FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to
the LORD with ¹my whole heart,

in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹congregation.

²**Great are your ¹works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- ¹light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor ¹mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to ¹be remembered;
you are gracious and full ¹of compassion.**

⁵You give food to ¹those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power ¹of your works
in giving them the lands ¹of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ness and justice;
all of your pre- ¹cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- ¹er and ever,
because they are done in ¹truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- ¹nant
forever; holy and awesome ¹is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- ¹ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- ¹
dures forever.**

Glory be to the Father, and ¹to the Son, and to the ¹Holy Spirit.

As it was in the begin- ¹ning, is now, and will be fore- ¹ver. Amen.

ANTHEM

Ain't that Good News
Siri Vik, Soloist with the Chorale

Moses Hogan

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, 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.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸“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. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For 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? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)



Cantors: The people who sat in darkness have seen [|] a great light;* for those who sat in the shadow of death [|] light has dawned. *Repeat Antiphon.*

GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

The Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and 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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They 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.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN OF THE DAY #665 Rise, Shine, You People! *(please stand)*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our Christian faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third

day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plates as you come forward for communion.

OFFERTORY

Pilgrims' Hymn

Richard Wagner

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
And al - so with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts. And al - so with you. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might: — heaven and
earth are full of your glo ry. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est. — 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. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is more complex than the previous section, with some longer notes and rests. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might: — heaven and earth are full of your glo ry. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est. — 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. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est."

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took break, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

✠ Christ has died. ✠ Christ is risen. ✠ Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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. (please be seated)**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM *Laudate Dominum* Mozart
*Praise the Lord all nations, Praise Him all ye people, for his merciful
kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*
Siri Vik, Soprano with the Chorale & Andy Strietelmeier, Violin

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all, and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #881 Let all Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Præludium in G Major, BWV 568* J. S. Bach

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Join us for our semi-annual meeting between services in the Parish Hall (9:45-10:45am). The annual meeting of the Central Lutheran Foundation will be convened immediately following the congregational meeting.

All are Welcome to join us for Together Tuesdays--a simple supper is served beginning at 5:15pm, followed by Music Together, Children's Choir, and Adult Education starting at 6:00pm.

Quilters meet this Thursday at 9am in the Gathering Room and every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. If you can tie a knot, you can quilt! All are welcome.

A word of welcome and invitation to our guests: If you would like to find out more about the teachings of the Lutheran Christian faith and/or how you might engage more fully in our life together at Central, we invite you to contact Pastor Laurie or Pastor Ben. You can either fill out the registration card found in the pew rack with your contact info or email us: pastorlaurie@welcometocentral.org or pastorben@welcometocentral.org.

Lenten Daily Devotion: We are again producing a daily devotional for Lent beginning Feb. 14 (Ash Wednesday). This is a devotion written by members and friends of Central for members and friends of Central with very brief reflections, prayers, and pictures. If you would like to contribute a devotion or learn more about this, please contact Pastor Ben.