



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

January 28, 2024
8:15 and 10:45 AM

Holy Communion

Prelude *Improvisation on I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Paul Manz

Gathering

+Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.
Amen.

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

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.
Amen.

*(+) indicates that
the assembly
stands. Please
stand as you are
able.*

+Greeting

The assembly responds by saying: And also with you.

+Prayer of the Day

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.**

Time with Children

Parish Announcements

Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[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."

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

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.

Psalm

Psalm 111

Refrain



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

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.

+Gospel Acclamation



+Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

*After the Gospel is announced, the assembly responds: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

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.

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.

*After the Gospel has been read, the assembly responds: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

Let My Spirit Always Sing

ACS 1020





win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair
 gage my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern
 chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,
 an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain

give no sign that you are there, God to whom my -
 how much more there is to learn, see a world be -
 to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be -
 know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er

days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
 com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
 full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
 on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

Welcome of New Members

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
 and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

+Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Meal

+Peace

The assembly responds: And also with you.

Offering 10:45

Through the Love of God
Chancel Choir

Jorge Cózatl

+Setting the Table

Light Shone in Darkness

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1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

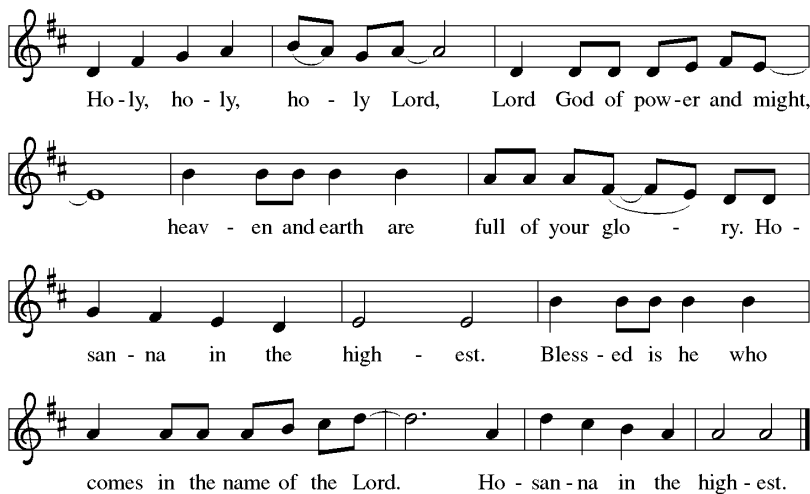
+Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Blessed are you, O holy God:
your grace is designed into all things.
Your universe expands into unending love.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Imprint.
Visited by sages from beyond borders,
recognized in the temple by Anna and Simeon,
turning water into wine,
he brought healing joy to a broken world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, 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 for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be salt and yeast for the world,
transfiguring every moment with love and justice.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours,
Ancient One, with Spirit's power,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen**

**Our Mother,
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.**

Make your glory shine in the breaking of bread and the sharing of this cup.
Just as your glory shines within us.

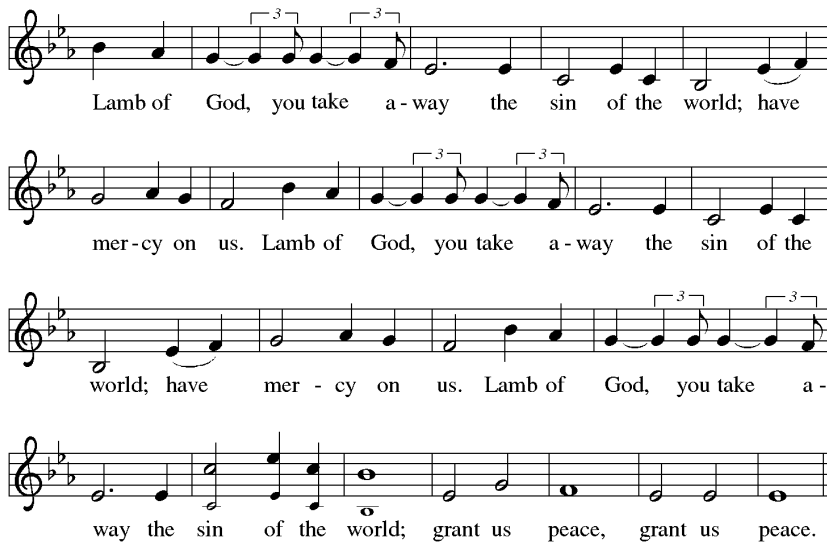
+Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion.

- *Receive a cup from the usher.*
- *Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.*
- *Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.*
- *Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.*

If you are unable to come forward to for communion, please inform an usher, and communion can be brought to your seat.



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.

Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* 614

Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* 612

Sending

+Prayer after Communion

+Blessing

+Sending Hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* 310

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Egil Hovland

*Please face the
cross as the
assembly is sent
into the world .*

In Worship Today

	8:15 a.m. Service	10:45 a.m. Service
Presiding Minister	Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling	Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling
Preacher	Deacon Ashley Greenwood	Deacon Ashley Greenwood
Assisting Minister	Larry Nelson	Travis Waymon
Lector	Laura Schurhamer	Roy Satre
Communion Assistants	Stephanie Allyn, Marcia Ballinger, John Henrich, Barbara Salava	Dave Embree, Dorothy Satre, Saul Stensvaag, Erika Taibl
Crucifer		Saul Stensvaag
Acolytes	Jameson Karli, Elizabeth Martin	Gabriella Ishaq, Liam Ishaq
Hospitality Team	Steven Peterson, Tim Gallant, Chrissy Snider, Eddie Snider, Megan Snider	Ruth Phelps, Eden Burger Sanchez, William Kase, Ruby Peterson, Annika Wilkowske
Sacristan	Mark Christianson	Mark Christianson
Altar Service	Ardys Pertz, Jill Stewart	Charlie Knutson, Liz Knutson
Audio/Visual -Video	<i>not applicable</i>	Thor Carlson
Audio/Visual-Audio	John Teipel	Peter Ostrem
Audio/Visual-Titles	<i>not applicable</i>	Lila McNellis
Organist	Timothy Strand	Timothy Strand
Pianist	Dennis Friesen-Carper	Dennis Friesen-Carper
Library	Angela Gallant, Leslie Kallas	Angela Gallant, Leslie Kallas

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