

## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 31, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Livestream Service from**



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## Welcome to Grace!

We're glad you've joined us as we assemble “virtually” to be encountered by the Word of God in this service of Morning Prayer. We believe that God is at work here to create and sustain faith in God’s promise of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We use a rich, traditional pattern of worship that dates back to the early days of Christianity. We recognize it comes with a bit of a learning curve, but we’re convinced that it’s worth the effort. Don’t feel like you have to get everything the first time. We’ll “carry” you until you get a feel for it.

Worshipping remotely via live-streamed services is of course not the same as worshipping in person, but there are a few things you can do at home to enhance the experience. First, before the service begins decide to prepare yourself for worship by finding a suitable space. Turn off the television, radio, and stereo. Light a candle, perhaps, and tune in ahead of time so that you are settled by the time the service begins. We will have the live-stream up at least ten minutes before the start of the service.

Dedicate this time to the service as you would if you were attending in person. Even if our gatherings are only “virtual,” we can be confident that God is truly in our midst when we gather in Christ’s name.

### Key to the order of service:

Regular type: spoken by a leader

**Bold type: spoken by the people**

*Regular Italics: sung or chanted by a leader*

***Bold Italics: sung or chanted by the people***

*Small Italics: liturgical directions*

✝ indicates that the sign of the cross may be made

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

♪ “Favorite Hymn” request

As We Gather: In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God’s works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus’ actions and words. We encounter that authority in God’s word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

# Gathering

## Prelude

## Welcome

*The assembly stands.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

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 one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**



## Dialogue and Doxology



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia.

# Psalmsody



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. 1 Let us come be-fore God's



pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the



Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great

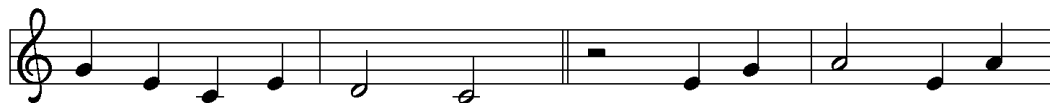


God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods.

*Refrain*



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. 2 In your hand are the



cav - erns of the earth; the heights of the hills are al - so



yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your



hands have mold - ed the dry land.

*Refrain*



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. 3 Come, let us wor-ship and bow



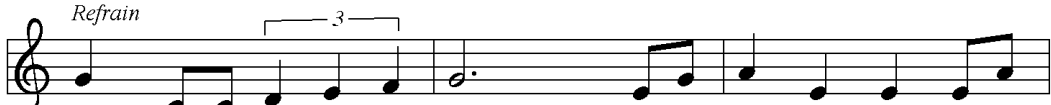
down; let us kneel be-fore the Lord our mak - er. For the



Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's



pas - ture and the sheep of God's hand.



*Refrain*  
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion.



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

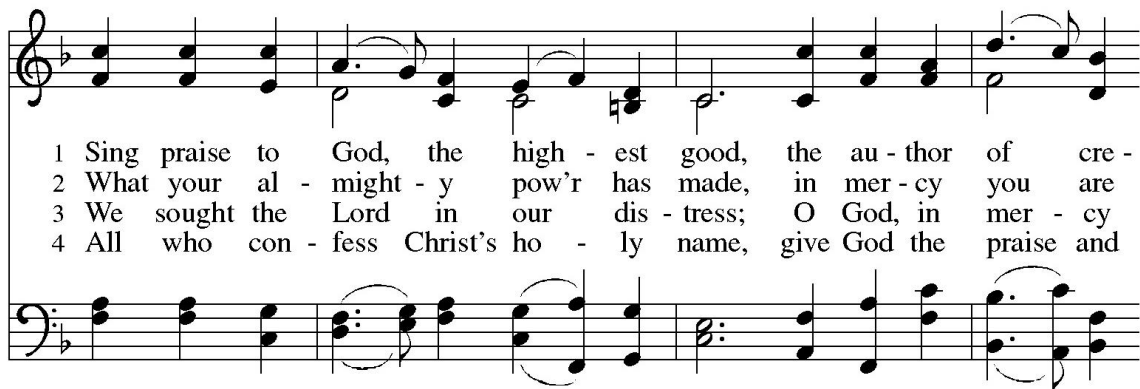
Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn

*Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*

ELW 871



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -  
2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are  
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for  
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with  
glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;  
nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might  
peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;

all our la - ment with peace you still.  
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 who is by one and all a - dored.  
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

*The assembly is seated.*

## Word

Children’s Sermon

Caitlyn Reinders

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:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This 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.” <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I 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. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But 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.**

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)*

<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.**

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## 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.*

<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.

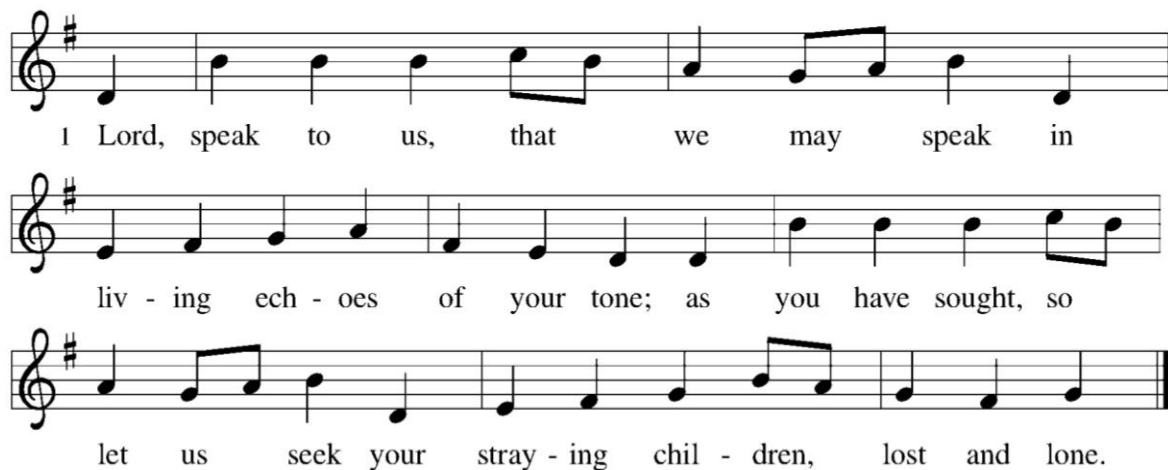
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW 676 (VI & 4)



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.

# Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

*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.*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

*The assembly is seated.*

*The assembly stands.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW 665



- 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 faith.

**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.**



# Prayer

## Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*Each petition concludes:*

...let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet those with them with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. If you are alone, you may speak a word of peace to the screen, knowing that others are doing the same. If you are attending using your Facebook account, you may type in a greeting of peace at this time so that others may see it.*

*After the Peace, the assembly is seated.*

## Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*During this time, we invite you to continue supporting the work of the church by giving online at <http://glccu.org/donate>. You may also mail checks to the church.*

# Offertory

*There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
Virtual Choir

*There shall a star come out of Jacob,  
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel,  
with might destroying princes and cities.*

*How lovely shines the Morning Star  
with God's own brilliance from afar,  
aglow with consolation!  
Your word, O Lord,  
brightly shining, truth defining,  
brings salvation!  
Praises sing in exultation.*

*The assembly stands as the offering is brought forward.*

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:  
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care,  
and empower us in faithful service  
to tend to others with this same love,  
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.**

## Luther's Morning Prayer

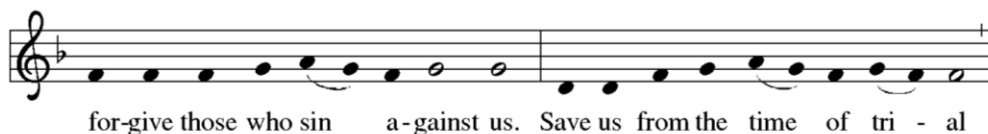
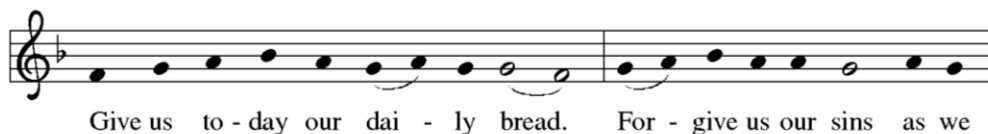
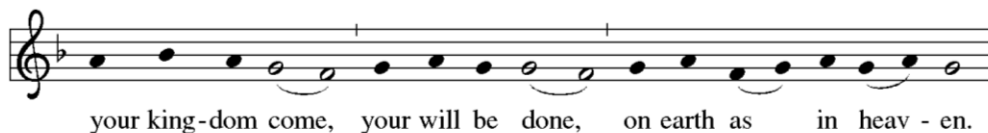
We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son,  
that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger.

We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil,  
so that our life and actions may please you.

Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.  
Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.  
**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us*





## Sending

### Blessing



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

*Almighty God, the Father,  
the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve us.  
Amen.*

# Sending Hymn

*O God of Light*

ELW 507



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing,  
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

# Announcements

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Worship Support

*The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.*

Presiding Minister:	<b>Pastor Chris Repp</b>	Director of Music:	<b>Andy Bruhn</b>
Assisting Minister:	<b>Helen Repp</b>	Organist:	<b>Dana Robinson</b>
First reading:	<b>Janet Lepp</b>	Sound Technician:	<b>Kevin Vail</b>
Second Reading:	<b>Dan Lepp</b>	Video Technician:	<b>Ruben Vipinraj</b>
Psalm:	<b>Debbie and Adele Miller</b>	Director of Youth & Congregational Life:	<b>Caitlyn Reinders</b>
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