

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Some of the 5000 Jews who were saved by the villagers  
in Le Chambon, France, between 1940-44

**January 29, 2023 + 10:00 am**

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...  
*an adventure for life!*

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*, arr. John Carter

**Welcome**



*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Hymn

## God of Grace and God of Glory

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, notes, rests, and bar lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



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.

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

*Refrain*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Final refrain*

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Please be seated*

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**Micah 6:1-8** (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Micah

Listen now, listen to God:

“Take your stand in court.

    If you have a complaint, tell the mountains;  
    make your case to the hills.

And now, Mountains, hear God’s case;

    listen, Jury Earth—

For I am bringing charges against my people.

    I am building a case against Israel.

“Dear people, how have I done you wrong?

    Have I burdened you, worn you out? Answer!

I delivered you from a bad life in Egypt;

    I paid a good price to get you out of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you—

    and Aaron and Miriam to boot!

Remember what Balak king of Moab tried to pull,

    and how Balaam son of Beor turned the tables on him.

Remember all those stories about Shittim and Gilgal.

    Keep all God’s salvation stories fresh and present.”

How can I stand up before God

    and show proper respect to the high God?

Should I bring an armload of offerings

    topped off with yearling calves?

Would God be impressed with thousands of rams,

    with buckets and barrels of olive oil?

Would God be moved if I sacrificed my firstborn child,

    my precious baby, to cancel my sin?

But God’s already made it plain how to live, what to do,

    what God is looking for in us.

It’s quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,

    be compassionate and loyal in your love,

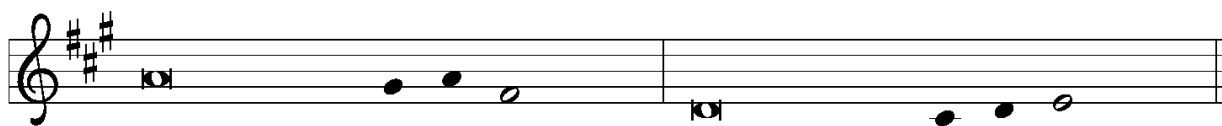
And don’t take yourself too seriously—

    take God seriously.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15



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LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear  
the LORD.**

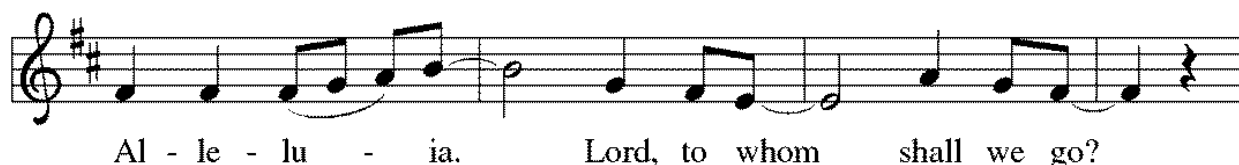
**They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their  
word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes  
a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12** (Common English Bible, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying:

“Happy are people who are hopeless, because the realm of heaven is theirs.

“Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

“Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

“Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

“Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

“Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

“Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God’s children.

“Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the realm of heaven is theirs.

“Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Message

**AGONIZING OR ACTING?**



**Ministry of Music**  
***Offertory***

John Ness Beck  
Senior Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man;  
He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

**Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

## Community Prayers

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,  
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver,  
Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons,  
Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kelley Frank,  
Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger, Laura Warren's  
brother Walt Hudson, Jennifer Young and family on the death of her mother-in-law Shirley,  
Julie Larson and family as her husband Eli receives cancer treatment in Huston  
The people of Zion Lutheran Church, West Jefferson; Redeemer community members  
Becky Fisher and Jessica Fisher and Gideon Mehari

## Children's Time

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.*

*Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.*

*In body or spirit, please stand*

### **Offertory**

### **Come to the Table**



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

In a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the painful uncertainty of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,

heav - en 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.

Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.  
So do we.


*Please be seated*

*You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.*


## Hymn

### Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

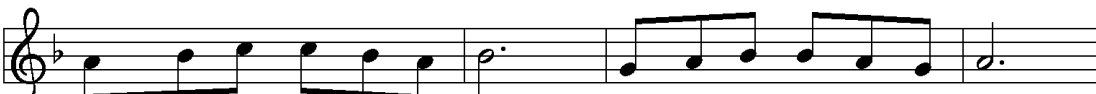
*Refrain*




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:



*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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# Hymn

## I Received the Living God



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my



heart is full of joy. I re - ceived the liv - ing



God, and my heart is full of joy.



- |                      |                    |             |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. He has said:      | I am the Bread     | Knead - ed  |
| 2. He has said:      | I am the Way,      | And my      |
| 3. He has said:      | I am the Truth;    | If you      |
| 4. He has said:      | I am the Life      | Far from    |
| *5. Pre - cious gift | of bread and wine, | Gra - cious |



long to give you life;	You who will	par - take of
Fa - ther longs for you;	So I come	to bring you
fol - low close to me,	You will know	me in your
whom no thing can grow,	But re - ceive	this liv - ing
word of life for me,	It has bid	me come and



me	Need not	ev - er	fear	to	die.
home	To be	one	with him	a	new.
heart,	And my	word	shall	make	you free.
bread,	And my	Spir - it	you	shall	know.
dine,	On the	truth	that	makes	me free.



Text: St. 1-4, Anonymous, St. 5, W. Bruce Benson, b 1945; © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: LIVING GOD. 7 7 7 7 with refrain; Anonymous; Harm. by Richard Proulx, b. 1937, © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

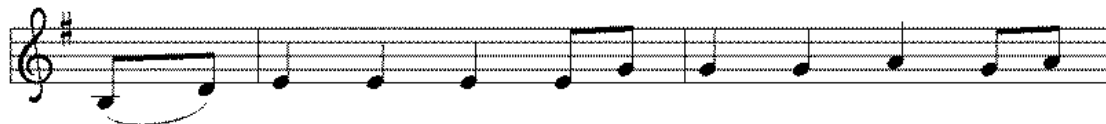
**Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

*Please stand in body or spirit*

### Hymn

### Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



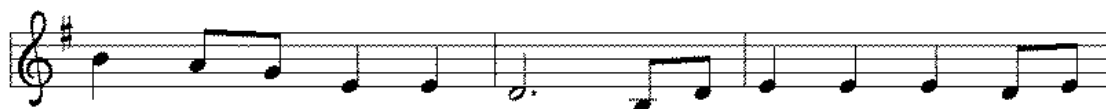
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



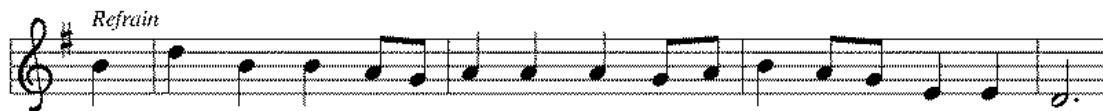
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***God of Grace*, arr. Paul Manz**

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**Redeemer's mission:** To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all  
**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

**January 29**  
**11:15 am**  
**IN-PERSON only**  
**Potluck following**



**LSS Food Pantry**  
**First Wednesdays**  
**12:30-3:30 pm**  
**Contact Kathleen Zwanziger**  
**to volunteer**



# Adult Education

## Sundays in February – 11:15 am

### Brad Binau

*recently retired Professor of Pastoral Theology  
Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University*

**"EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE, ALL AT ONCE:  
GOD AND THE COSMIC STORY"**

**"For the creation waits with eager longing..." Romans 8.18 (NRSV)  
"All around us we observe a pregnant creation." Romans 8.22 (The Message)**

**Week #1: Your God Is Too Small and Why I Got Interested in All of This**

**Week #2: As It Was in the Beginning: The Big Bang and God after Darwin**

**Week #3: Is Now: Time and God After Einstein**

**Week #4: And Evermore Shall Be: The Future and a Big-Enough God**

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86928691370?pwd=VkrHYXRiTI10aG9tcjFDRGJFQTJldz09>

Meeting ID: 869 2869 1370 +++ Passcode: 603299

Phone Only: 312-626-6799



## *"The Book of Judges"*

**Bible Study**

**Tuesdays – 1:00 pm**

**Beginning January 31**

Join us in-person or on Zoom, from 1-2:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816662484?pwd=UnpVZHV3M2ZTSW14K1R1VnRySXIiQT09>

Meeting ID: 898 1666 2484= Passcode: 072258

Phone only: 646-876-9923



**Birthdays this week:**

**1 – Michael McClain**

**3 – Karen Kent**

**4 – Donna Voelkel**

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Julianne Johnson
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal / Kiara Santiago
<b>Reader</b>	Marit Johnson, Kelley Frank
<b>Cantor</b>	Heidi Sherer
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Neil Hoddinott
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Producers</b>	Michele Disbro, Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson, Karen Rider

*Flowers are given by **Julianne Johnson** in memory of **Judy Pollock**.*

*Noisy Offering will go to CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 5

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b>
	immediately following	<b>Pot Luck Dinner</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30 pm	RLC at Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry
	2:00 pm	Stewardship Team
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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