



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Hospitality is the creation of a free and fearless space for people to be authentically themselves, a space that transforms hostility to community, and offers food, comfort, warmth, friendship, and strength.

-Henri Nouwen

February 5, 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.

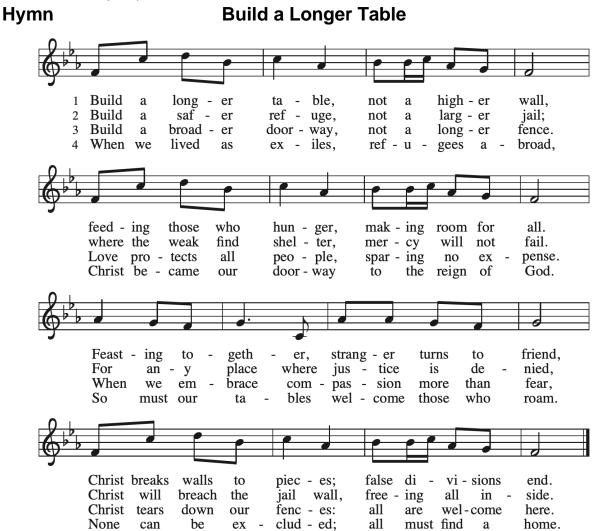
WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies, arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit



Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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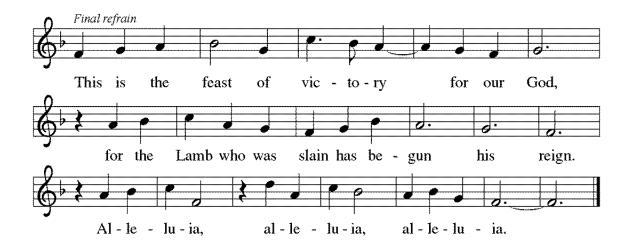
Greeting

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





Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a (The Message, adapted)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

"Shout! A full-throated shout!

Hold nothing back—a trumpet-blast shout!

Tell my people what's wrong with their lives,

face my family Jacob with their sins!

They're busy, busy, busy at worship,

and love studying all about me.

To all appearances they're a nation of right-living people—law-abiding, God-honoring.

They ask me, 'What's the right thing to do?' and love having me on their side.

But they also complain,

'Why do we fast and you don't look our way?

Why do we humble ourselves and you don't even notice?'

"Well, here's why:

"The bottom line on your 'fast days' is profit.

You drive your employees much too hard.

You fast, but at the same time you bicker and fight.

You fast, but you swing a mean fist.

The kind of fasting you do

won't get your prayers off the ground.

Do you think this is the kind of fast day I'm after:

a day to show off humility?

To put on a pious long face

and parade around solemnly in black?

Do you call that fasting,

a fast day that I, God, would like?

"This is the kind of fast day I'm after:

to break the chains of injustice,

get rid of exploitation in the workplace,

free the oppressed,

cancel debts.

What I'm interested in seeing you do is:

sharing your food with the hungry,

inviting the homeless poor into your homes,

putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad,

being available to your own families.

Do this and dawn will break,

and your lives will turn around at once.

Your righteousness will pave your way.

The God of glory will secure your passage.
Then when you pray, God will answer.
You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'"

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9



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Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD and have great delight in | God's commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty | in the land; the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be | in their house, and their righteousness will | last forever.

Light shines in the darkness | for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.

It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

For they will nev- | er be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.

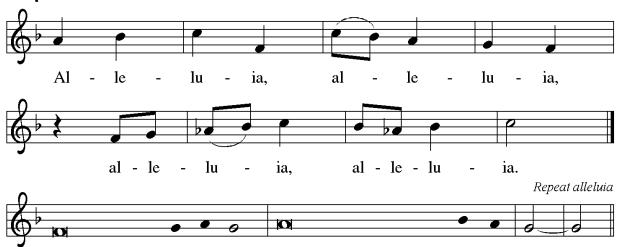
They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

Their heart is established and | will not shrink, until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;

they will hold up their I head with honor.

Gospel Acclamation



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20 (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the crowd gathered on the Galilean hillside:] "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

- "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the Godcolors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Abba in heaven.
- "Don't suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures—either God's Law or the Prophets. I'm not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God's Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God's Law will be alive and working.
- "Trivialize even the smallest item in God's Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in God's realm. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won't know the first thing about entering the realm of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message A LIFE SENTENCE

Ministry of Music Let Your Light Shine!

Craig Courtney Senior Choir

You are the light of the world, You are the light of the world.

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Let your light shine before all people, let your light shine in all the earth, Let your light shine, before all people

that they might see your good works and Glorify your Father in heaven.

You are the salt of the earth, you are the salt of the earth;
But if salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing,
You are the light of the world, you are the light of the world,
A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. A lamp cannot be covered,
But shines for all, for all to see.

REFRAIN

Apostles Creed

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

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.

I believe in God, the Father almighty.

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, 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 Houston

The people of Advent Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community members Margie Frazier and Dave Lippert

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

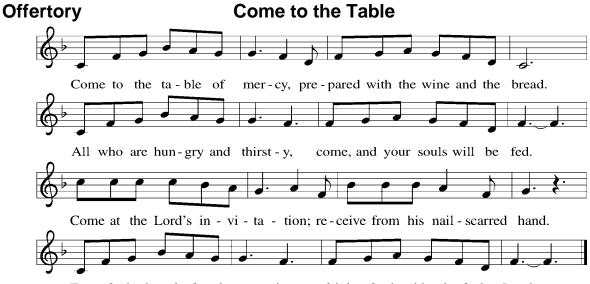
We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

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



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

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.

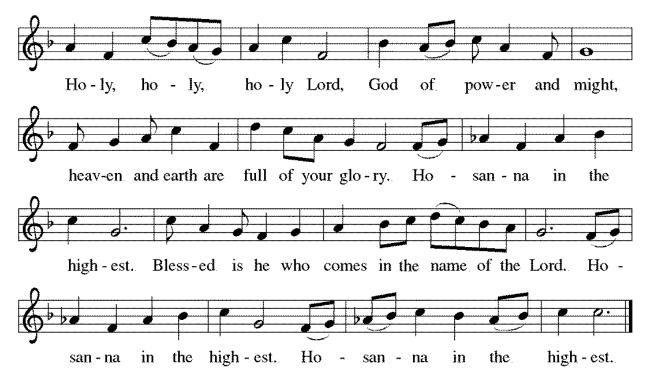
In a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

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

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.



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.

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine



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HERE IS BREAD 33 44 33 5 and refrain

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us with 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



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Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine, arr. Mark Hayes

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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

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

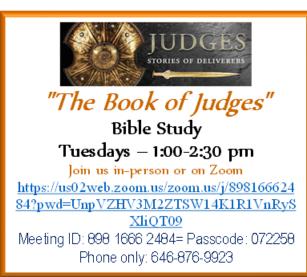
Week #4: And Evermore Shall Be: The Future and a Big-Enough God

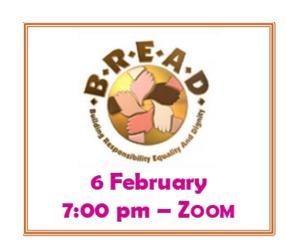
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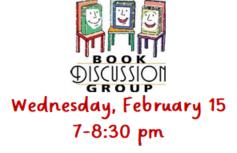
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Sister Act IMAGINATION

What is it? How does it develop?
Wednesday, February 8
6:30 pm – In Person and Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 883 5396 2283 - Passcode: 991336

Please join us for fellowship and service



Birthdays this week:

- 5 Andre Freiderich
- 5 Georgene Slagle
- 6 Richard Amon Jr
- 8 William Goshen
 - 8 Robin Stokes



Masterworks Pride Night

FEB. 18, 2023 | 7:30PM | OHIO THEATRE 9PM POST-CONCERT RECEPTION PATRON LOUNGE, 2ND FLOOR, CASH BAR

It's Winter Pride Night at the Columbus Symphony on Saturday, February 18, featuring CSO principal clarinetist, David Thomas performing the dramatic and

sublime themes of *Brahms' Clarinet Sonata*. Join us for a special post-concert meet and greet with Music Director Rossen Milanov, David Thomas, and other LGBTQ+ musicians of the orchestra.



Church Safety & Security

The ushers are locking the front doors soon after worship starts. During worship, an usher will go out into the narthex from time to time to make sure no one who wants to join us is locked out and to check the parking lot. Ushers will open the front door after worship ends. When the narthex empties after worship, the front doors will be locked again.

As Council members review what we learned at the active shooter training, they will offer more information, guidance, and opportunities for conversation.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister David Shull. Pastor **Assisting Minister** Karen Rider **ASL Interpreter** Bryan Neal / Kiara Santiago **Readers** Marit Johnson, Karen Rider Wendy Stoica Cantor **Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chimes Choir Director** Karen Kent Usher Ashley Bird Verger Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling **Producers Communion Prep** Eileen Day, Nancy Magargal Hospitality Michelle Clemence

Flowers are given by **Julianne Johnson**, celebrating **Sara Auman's birthday**. Noisy Offering will go to CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 5 - 12

Today	8:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Monday	7:00 pm	ZOOM BREAD Team
Tuesday	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study ZOOM Outreach Team
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sister Act – Imagination What is it? How does it develop?
Next Sunday	8:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 11:15 am 11:15 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School for all ages IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education Senior Choir Rehearsal

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