

# Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

January 21, 2024  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
8:30 AM Worship Service



## Mission Statement

SOW. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ to all generations

GROW. His followers into spiritually mature disciples

GO. Back into the world to serve others in His name

## WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to join with us today as we gather in worship to give thanks to our gracious and loving God. If you have particular needs and/or questions please speak with an usher. Again, thanks for spending a little time with us.

## THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM

Sunday, January 21	8:30 AM	Traditional service with live stream
	9:45 AM	Christian Education Adult Forum
	11:00 AM	Contemporary service with live stream
Monday, January 22	6:30 PM	Praising Hands Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Yoga Class (YC)
Wednesday, January 24	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Adoration Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, January 25	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
Saturday, January 27	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
	9:00 AM	Council Retreat
Sunday, January 28	<b><i>Installation of New Council Members</i></b>	
	8:30 AM	Traditional service with live stream
	9:45 AM	Christian Education Adult Forum
	11:00 AM	Contemporary service with live stream
	6:30 PM	Praising Hands Rehearsal

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *“The Galilean Sea”* Southbridge

### \*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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

### \*HYMN *“In Christ Called to Baptize”* (#575)

1. In Christ called to baptize,  
we witness to grace  
and gather a people  
from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters,  
we share in Christ's death,  
then, rising to new life,  
give thanks with each breath.

2. In Christ called to banquet,  
one table we share,  
a haven of welcome,  
a circle of care.  
Although we are many,  
we share in one bread.  
One cup of thanksgiving  
proclaims Christ, our head.

3. In Christ called to witness,  
by grace we will preach  
the life-giving gospel;  
God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living  
give proof to our praise  
in costly compassion  
reflecting Christ's ways.

4. Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,  
for You are within us,  
around us, above.  
Equip us for service  
with gifts You bestow.  
In Christ is our calling.  
In Christ may we grow.

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# \*GREETING

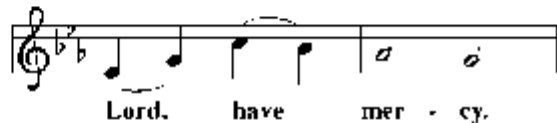
P: God who sent the light into the world, who shone in the Bethlehem manger, and who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all. **And also with you.**

# \*KYRIE (SUNG)

CANTOR: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



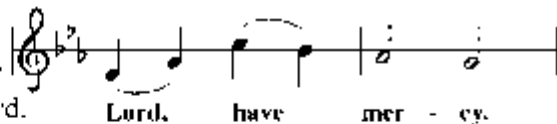
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



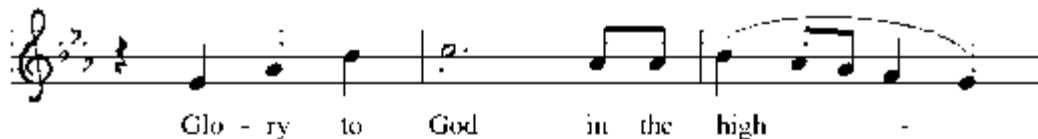
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



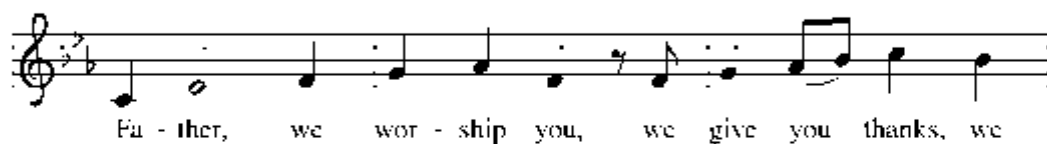
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



# \*HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God”



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lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther, A-men.

Glo-ry to God in the high-

est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;  
repent, and believe in the good news.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## \*GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20

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

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**\*HYMN “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult” (#696:1, 2, 3, 5)**

1. Jesus calls us, o’er the tumult  
of our life’s wild, restless sea,  
day by day His clear voice sounding,  
saying, “Christian, follow me.”

2. As of old Saint Andrew  
heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and  
kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world’s golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, “Christian, love Me more.”

5. Jesus calls us! By Your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear Your call,  
give our hearts to Your obedience,  
serve and love You best of all.

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all! **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

*“One Simple Prayer”* Lantz

**Chancel Choir**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*PREFACE**

# **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

**LAMB OF GOD**

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.

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Please come forward down the center aisle, receive a cup from the usher, and fill the altar rail from the left (pulpit side) to the right (lectern side). Gluten-free wafers are available in the container on the harpsichord. You may take the wafer for yourself. Grape juice is available from the ushers for those who do not take wine..*

**COMMUNION HYMNS #817, #798****\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### \*HYMN "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (#674)

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

#### REFRAIN:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
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2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table He sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. REFRAIN.

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! REFRAIN.

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### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE "The Church's One Foundation" Smith

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

**8:30 AM**

**Ushers:** Bill & Janet Luyben

**Acolyte:** Justin Minkon

**Cantor:** Audrey Stroman

**Worship Assistant:** Robin Schlichter

**Counters:** Linda Kehs, Mary Jane Kehs, & Ardie Musselman

**Altar Guild:** Louise Hunsicker & Rose Koehler

**Banners:** Louise Hunsicker, Carol & John Souder

## PRAYER CONCERNS....

*Please Note: We are currently updating our prayer list. We have remove from our bulletin names that have been listed two years or more. If there is a name that you would like to have continued prayers for please email the church office and we will add them back on the list. Thank you!*

### PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Diane Burger, Tiffany Granozio, John Markley, Gene & Pat Miesse,  
Parker Oehler, Betty Rowden, Family and Friends of Scott Sheppard, & Jennifer Sone.

### ONGOING PRAYERS

DiDomenico Family, Phillip Bertsch, Jeanne Bullard, Bryan Delowery,  
Audrey Englehart, Betty Erwin, Anne Fisher, Aaron Hamlin,  
Leslie Leben, Sharon Morgan, George Miller, Janet Neumann, Bev O'Brien,  
Linda Petrucelli, Barbara Rex, Ed Witte, & Marie Wolfe.

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