

Third Sunday After the Epiphany 1/23/22 Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting One

GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 56) Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10

Please stand as you are able. In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead. We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "Hark, the Glad Sound!" LBW #35



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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew* 28:18-20, 22:36-39; *Mark* 12:30-31 We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ. We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57) 2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 58-59)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

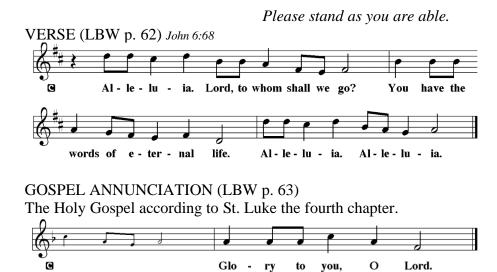
FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10⁻¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:1-14 - Sung responsively with the cantor.
¹ The heavens declare the glo- ry of God,*
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
² One day tells its tale to another,*
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
³ Although they have no words or language,*
and their voices are not heard,
⁴ Their sound has gone out in- to all lands,*
and their message to the ends of the world.
⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;*
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect and re- vives the soul;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and re- joice the heart;*
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and en- dures forever;*
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,*
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
¹¹ By them also is your ser- vant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² Who can tell how often he offends?*
cleanse me from my secret faults.
¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,*
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:16-30 ¹⁶{Jesus} came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb,

"Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



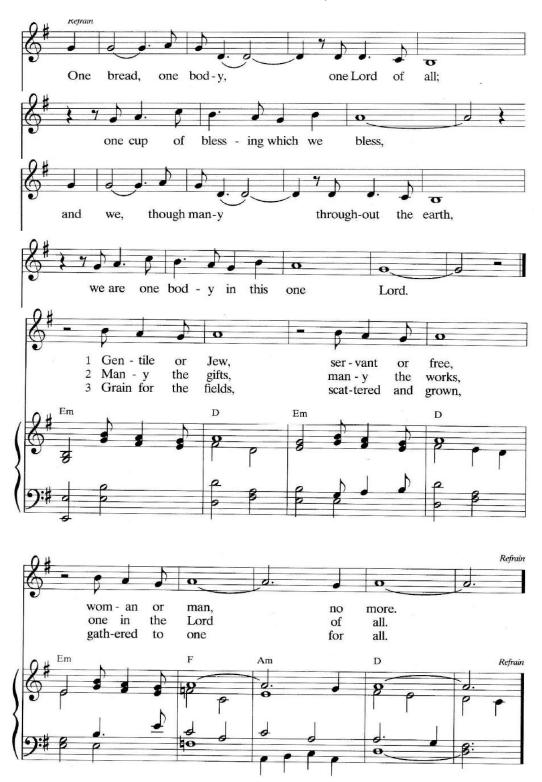
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SERMON

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "One Bread, One Body" WOV#710



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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY 446 and refrain APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 65)

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need... Each petition ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**. The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

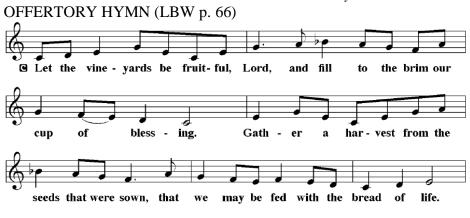
OFFERING OF PEACE (LBW p. 66) John 20:19-21

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**. *Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

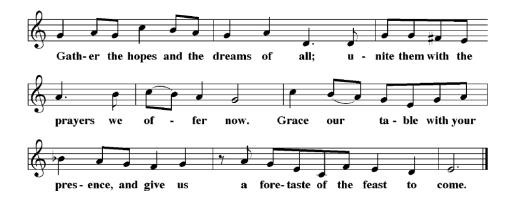
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OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.



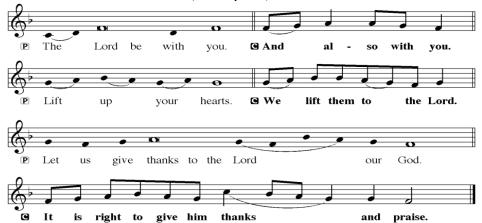
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OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray... Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

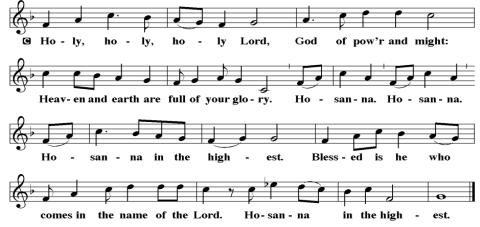
GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



PREFACE (LBW p. 68) Sung or spoken by the pastor.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give away to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy" LBW p. 69) Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9



WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 69)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20
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.
THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71) Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4 Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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.



Please be seated.

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS HOLY MEAL

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may commune. The usher will direct you. Use the side aisle to return to your seat.

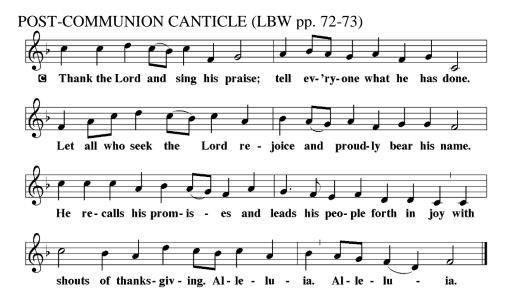
- If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.
- To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.
- If you abstain from the Sacrament, trust that you have full forgiveness by God's Word alone.

The body of Christ given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ shed for you. Amen.

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 72)

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



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray... We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (LBW p. 74)





DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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