

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**ELW Holy Communion, Setting IV**  
**January 16, 2022, 10:00 am**  
**The Rev. David Hulse, presiding**



*Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We extend God's own welcome to all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other human distinction.*

**PRELUDE** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Richard Billingham

**+ GATHERING +**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who sends the word with angels,  
who is made flesh among all peoples,  
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess our sin before you.**

**We replace compassion with competition.**

**We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.**

**We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.**

**We have not put on love in harmony with you.**

**Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.**

**Swaddle our hearts with your peace,**

**that all we do, in word or deed,**

**may reflect your love born among us.**

**Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

God has come among us

in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

† In Christ your sins are forgiven

and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

During the Prelude worshippers are invited to prepare quietly for worship.

\*Stand, as able.

The open font is a powerful symbol of the centrality of baptism for Christians.

HYMNS TODAY:

ELW 531

ACS 1088

ELW 310

ELW 471

ELW 841

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *The Trumpets Sound* ELW 531 v1

**\*GREETING**

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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

A reading from Isaiah ...

- <sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

The Prayer of the Day, formerly called the "Collect," gathers the theme of each Sunday's worship, each phrase rich in meaning.

God's living and enlivening word comes both to us and through us, proclaimed in spoken word, psalm, sermon and hymn-singing.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 36:5-10

The psalms were the first hymns of the people of God and express hope and despair, trust and tribulation, anger, joy and praise.

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O Lord, reaches <sup>l</sup> to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness <sup>l</sup> to the clouds.

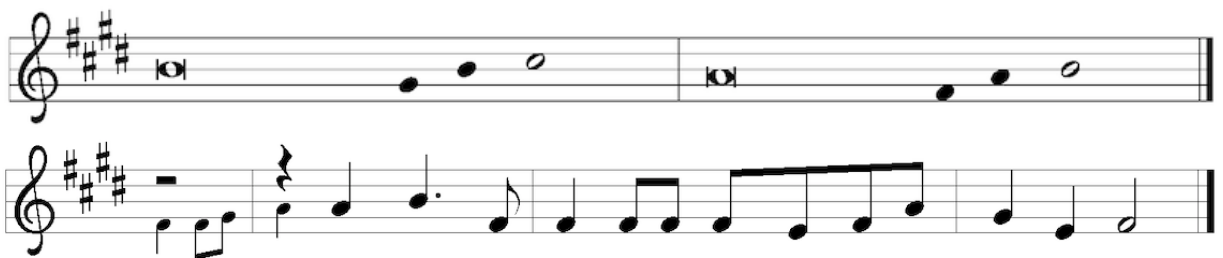
<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like <sup>l</sup> the great deep;**  
**you save humankind and ani- <sup>l</sup> mals, O Lord. R**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your <sup>l</sup> love, O God!  
All people take refuge under the shadow <sup>l</sup> of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance <sup>l</sup> of your house;**  
**you give them drink from the river of <sup>l</sup> your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the <sup>l</sup> well of life,  
and in your light <sup>l</sup> we see light.

<sup>10</sup>**Continue your lovingkindness to <sup>l</sup> those who know you,**  
**and your favor to those who are <sup>l</sup> true of heart. R**



We feast up- on the a- bun- dance of your house, O LORD.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from First Corinthians...

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

We stand to greet our Lord Jesus Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Gospel.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** All Creation Sings [ACS] 1088


## Hallelujah



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,  
hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

Text: Traditional  
Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

*Alleluia.* Jesus re-<sup>l</sup>vealed his glory,\* and his disciples be-<sup>l</sup>lieved in him. *Alleluia.* (John 2:11)



**\*GOSPEL:** John 2:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW 310 vv 2 and 4

**\*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;**

The congregation participates in the proclamation of God's Word in singing the Hymn of the Day, the assembly's principal song.

**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 INTERCESSION**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day *especially*... Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lutherans celebrate the priesthood of all believers. The intercessory prayers are one way for lay persons to exercise the priestly role. Members of the assembly are encouraged to read the printed petitions, add their own intercessions, and to voice their assent in the responses.

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear, O God, the prayers on our lips.  
*(Worshippers are invited to voice their petitions.)*

Hear, O God, the silent prayers of our hearts.  
*(Silence is kept for unspoken prayers.)*

Let us pray. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**+ MEAL +**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN**     *Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471 vv1 and 2

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

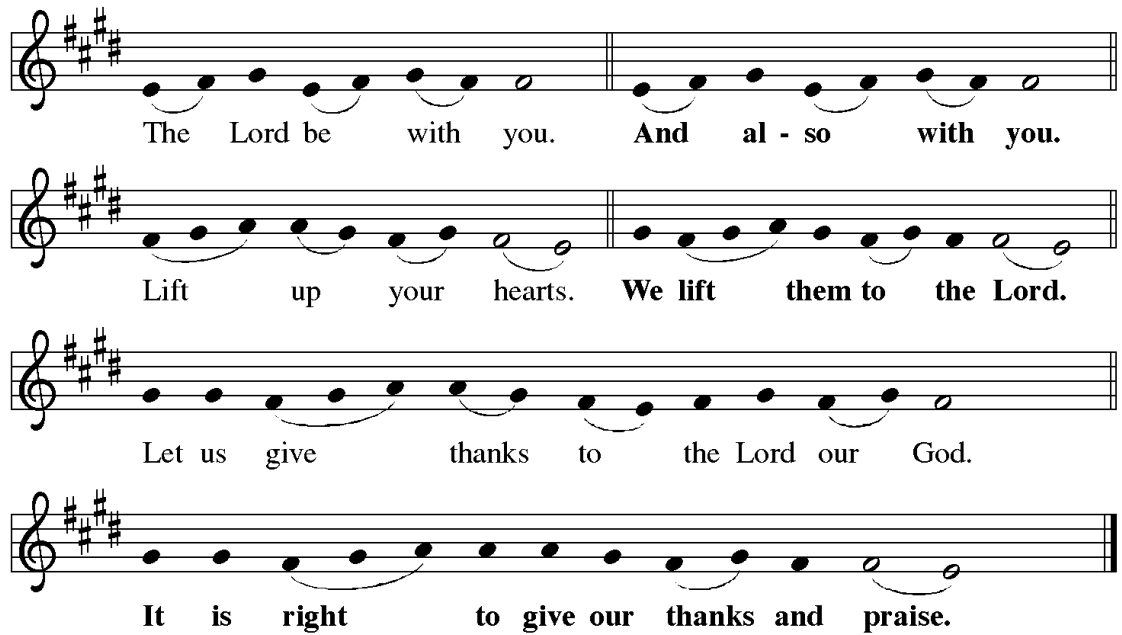
**Blessed are you, O God,  
Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table,  
nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.  
Amen.**

Much more than a polite greeting, the exchange of peace is God's answer to our prayers in the presence of the risen Christ and part of our preparation to receive him in his holy supper.

For the time being, please nod or signal to one another as a sign of peace.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

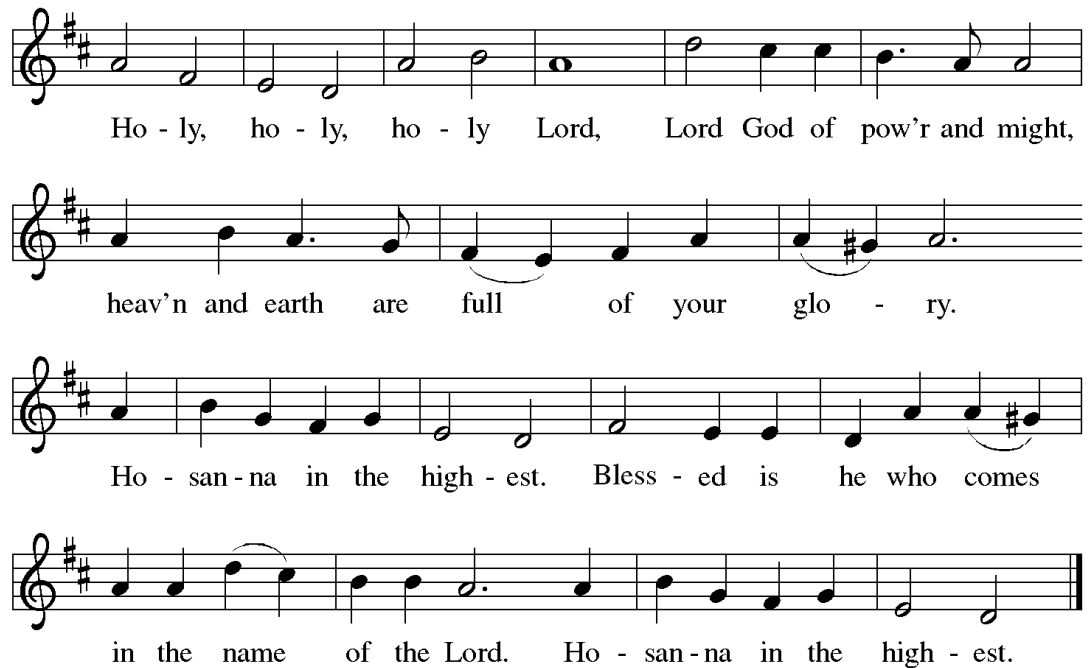
**\*DIALOG**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

**\*PROPER PREFACE**

**\*HOLY HOLY HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.



## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **\*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.****

Sung or spoken,  
in any  
translation, the  
Lord's Prayer,  
which may be a  
pattern for all  
our prayers,  
here serves as  
our table  
prayer before  
we share in the  
Lord's Supper.

Communicants are seated and begin to gather around the table as "Lamb of God" is sung.

Christ Lutheran Church practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized Christians who trust in Christ's presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at the table where he is both host and food.

Communicants normally receive the bread in open, cupped palms (sometimes laid one over the other in the shape of the cross). Wine (light colored) or grape juice (red/purple) is offered in an individual glass.

For persons who exclude gluten from their diet, all wafers are gluten-free.

## 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

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

### \*BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**Amen.**

## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SENDING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* ELW 841 v 1

POSTLUDE *Kum Ba Yah* Emma Lou Diemer



## Please hold in prayer:

Jim Aberth, Mary Kay Aberth, Anna Anderson, Kwai Lin Chan, Steven Chartier, Steven Chin, Brigitte Chisholm, James Clunie, Danny Elson, Ron Embree, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Susan Giroux, Charles Graham, Ann Hoilo, Joy Honen, Arthur Hurst, Richard Hurst, Gayle Jaffe, Adele Kasinskas, Gloria Kleinfelt, Georgie Klinger, Chui Yuk Lee, Suxian Lin, Phillip Liu, Laraine Marthinsen, John Melin, Jon Nelson, Arvind Raja, Deb Ream, Erica Rich, Shannon Ripp, Alexis Scala, Louann Smith, Jay Virshbo, Polly Weston, Shirley Wong, and Ellen Zagajeski; we pray for all who contend with addictions, all who struggle with mental illness; all who are serving in the armed forces; and all who fight COVID-19 and its lingering effects.

## With Gratitude to Today's Worship Leaders:

<b>Greeters</b>	Lisa Eck and Dave Ripp
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	George Hall
<b>Reader</b>	Edie Lohr
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Marianne Swenson
<b>Tellers</b>	Audrey Colson and Marianne Swenson
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Carlson
<b>Audio Visual Team:</b>	Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Rolf Larson, Phil Roberts, Juliet Seaberg

**Thanks to today's musicians:** CLC Choir

"Go in peace." The Postlude is a musical 'sending' that concludes the service, helping us to transition back into the wider world. Congregants are invited to stay and listen or to leave respectfully.

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Mary Avalos and Robin Hurst, Family Promise

Edie Lohr, Altar Guild

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