



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024 at 8:45am & 11:15am

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In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE • *L'Angelus: Mélodie Religieuse, Op. 88, No. 1*

WM. E. Ashmall

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Please stand as you are able. Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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.**



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



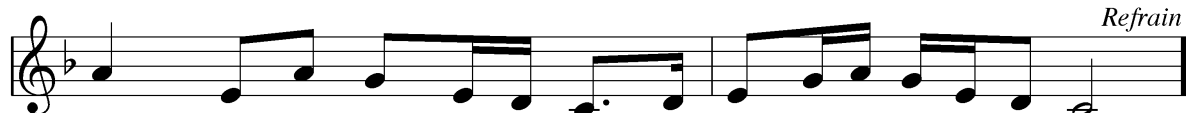
1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock.



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts.



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - freshed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING • Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER • Psalm 111

Chant: Kennedy



- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.
- 3 Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.
- 4 You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.



- 5 You give food to those who **fear you**,
remembering forever your **covenant**.
- 6 You have shown your people the power of your **works**
in giving them the lands of the **nations**.
- 7 The works of your hands are faithfulness and **justice**;
all of your precepts are **sure**.
- 8 They stand fast forever and **ever**,
because they are done in truth and **equity**.
- 9 You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant **forever**;
holy and awesome is your **name**.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures **forever**.

SECOND READING • 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • ELW Setting One

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

All: Alleluia.

Choir/Cantor: The people who sat in darkness have seen | a great light;*
for those who sat in the shadow of death | light has dawned. (Matt. 4:16)

All: Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING • Mark 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Bishop Graham

Please stand as you are able.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us
You may also mail your checks to:

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *Arise, Shine! For Your Light Has Come*
Schola Cantorum & Sean Link, Soloist

Allen Pote

OFFERTORY SOLO • *Adagio*

Unknown

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

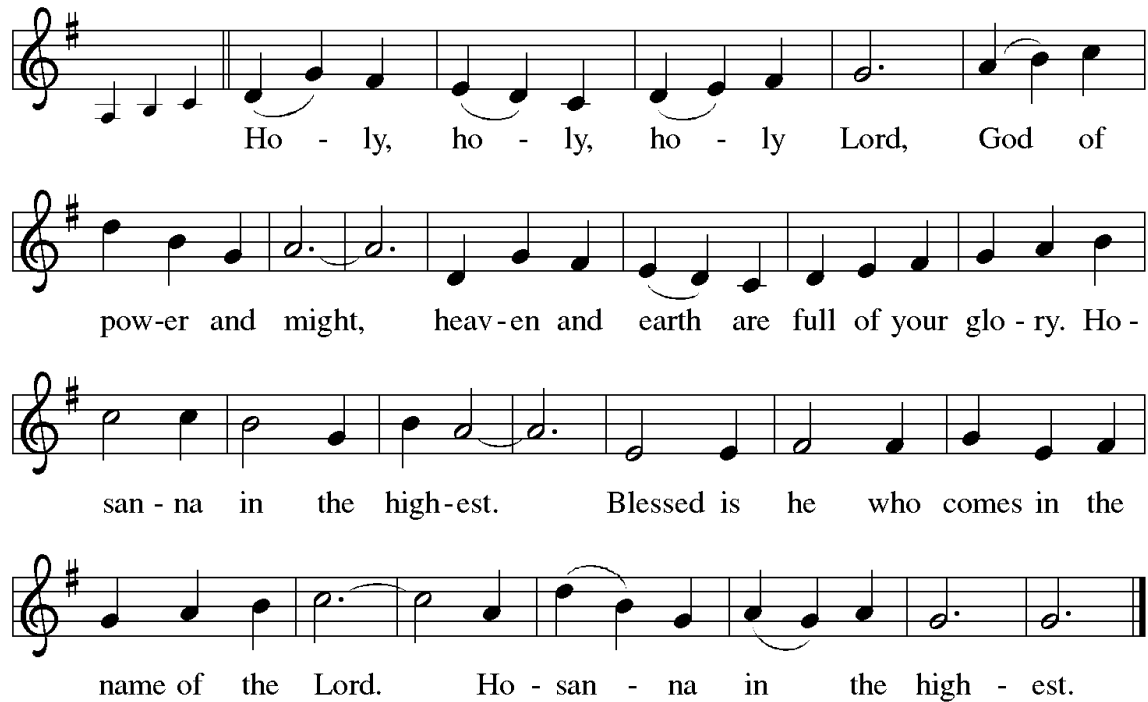
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS • ELW Setting One



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.

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

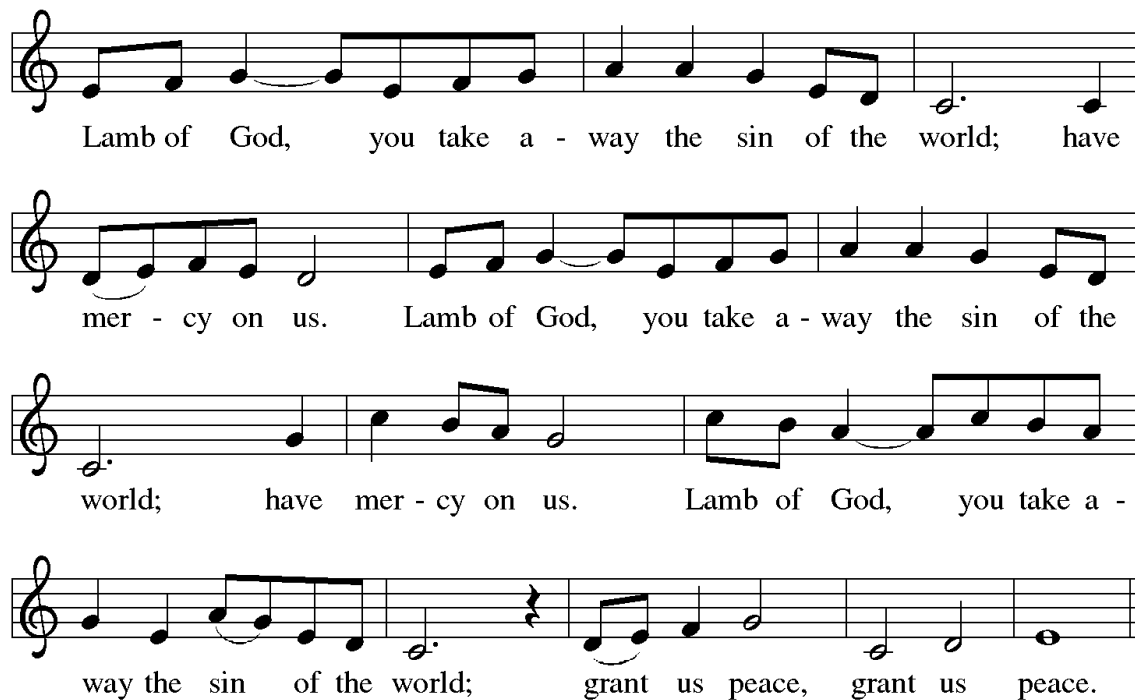
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

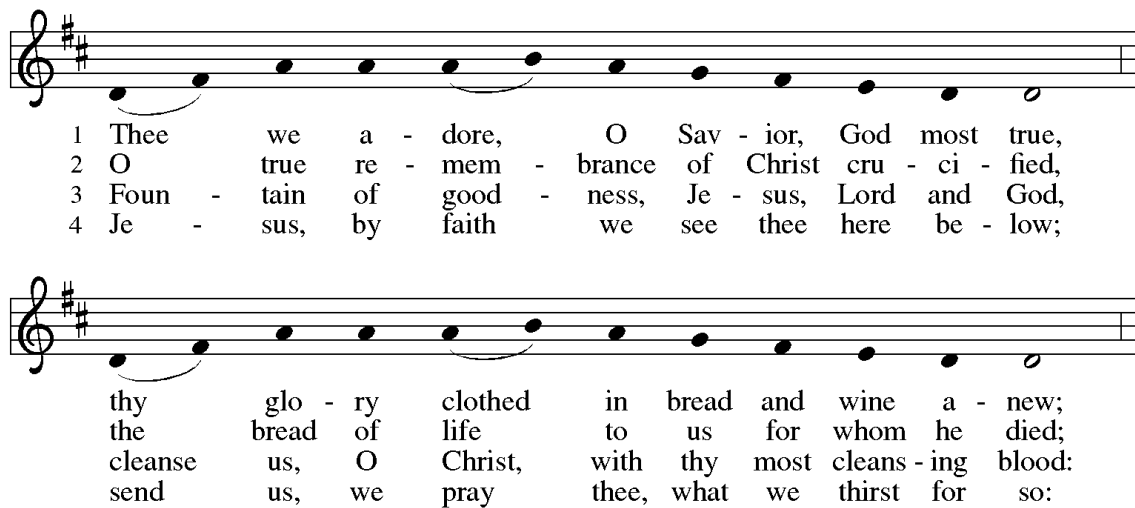
AGNUS DEI • ELW Setting One



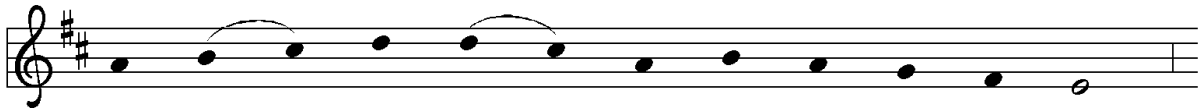
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 476 *Thee We Adore, O Savior*

ADORO TE DEVOTE



1 Thee we a - dore, O Sav - ior, God most true,
2 O true re - mem - brance of Christ cru - ci - fied,
3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,
4 Je - sus, by faith we see thee here be - low;
thy glo - ry clothed in bread and wine a - new;
the bread of life to us for whom he died;
cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most cleans - ing blood:
send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:



our hearts to thee in true de - vo - tion bow,
 lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,
 in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
 some - day to gaze up - on thy face in light,



in hum - ble awe, we hail thy pres - ence now.
 be thou the sweet - ness we were meant to find.
 the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
 blest ev - er - more with thy full glo - ry's sight. A - men.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE • ELW Setting One



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



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.**

THE SENDING

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN • ELW 886 *Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains three lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE • *Chaconne*

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

WORSHIP LEADERS:

PRESIDING MINISTERS

Bishop Richard Graham, *Pastor in Residence*
The Rev. Rich Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

COMMUNION SERVER (8:45)

Melissa Groen, *Director of Children's Ministries*

READERS

8:45 Linda Sherwood
11:15 Patsy Zawistoski

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham, *Interim Director of Music*
Schola Cantorum 8:45 a.m. • Adam Scott Graham, *Director*

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PRELUDE • *L'Angelus: Mélodie Religieuse, Op. 88, No. 1* WM. E. Ashmall
William Edwin Ashmall was born in Warwickshire, England, on July 25, 1859. Warwickshire is a ceremonial county in the West Midlands of England, bordered by Staffordshire to the north. In 1868 he emigrated with his parents to New York City. Ashmall was Organist of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Manhattan, Madison Ave Reformed Church in New York, Baptist Church of the Epiphany in New York, and several other very notable positions

in the area. From 1890-1914 he was editor for *The Organist's Journal*, and in 1918 became the director of the American Conservatory of Music in Arlington, NJ, near Kearny. Many of Ashmall's compositions are held in the Library of Congress. The score of *L'Angelus, Op. 88*, was personally given to our Interim Director of Music by his great-grandnephew, Dr. Soren Ashmall.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 434 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

We see the version of this hymn, commonly referenced as the missionary hymn, from the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978). It is almost exactly as Isaac Watts wrote it, featuring five of Watts' eight stanzas. It is thought to be the first English missionary hymn. The tune DUKE STREET opens with the same four pitches as TRURO, which both take on scales and arpeggios. We first see this tune in Henry Boyd's *A Select Collection of Psalm and Hymn Tunes*. DUKE STREET is attributed to John Hatton, a Presbyterian who lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's of Lancashire.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 614 *There Is A Balm* BALM IN GILEAD

A beloved African American Spiritual, it is the answer to Jeremiah 8:22 where it is asked "Is there no balm in Gilead?" It comes to us anonymously from the oral tradition, printed in *Folk Songs of the American Negro* of 1907. When all hope is gone, this hymn reminds us that Jesus, as our friend, who died for all, is always there for us as the Balm.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *Arise, Shine! For Your Light Has Come* Allen Pote

The text of this anthem is based on Isaiah 60:1, 3, 19. "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you." -NRSVUE. Allen Pote is a favorite of our Interim Director of Music as his works are varied in many styles, everything from simplistic anthems in unison to very complex organ-piano duet, handbells, and even arrangements of spirituals. He was born in Halstead, Kansas, and educated at Texas Christian University, where his diploma was in Church Music. As a Fulbright Scholar, he studied in Brussels, Belgium, and took advanced work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Together with his wife, he is Co-Director of the Pensacola Children's Choir, an organization of over 200 voices. Pote is a longstanding composer for Hope Publishing Company, and as of 2007 listed 76 separate titles with the publishing company.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 476 *Thee We Adore, O Savior* ADORO TE DEVOTE

We commemorate today, Thomas Aquinas, who died in 1274. It is believed that this is who wrote the Latin hymn. In our hymnal we see four of the seven verses written. For more information, please see Commemorations on page eighteen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 886 *Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Lutheran pastor Johann Mentzer has been quoted as saying "Oh, that I had a thousand voices" and may very well be the inspiration for this text by Charles Wesley. The hymn actually appears in over 150 different hymnals including the African American Heritage Hymnal, African Methodist Episcopal Hymnal II, The Baptist Hymnal (2008), Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Glory To God, The Hymnal 1982, The Moravian Book of Worship, just to name a few. It was first published in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* in 1740, where it had over fifteen verses.

TODAY'S UPDATE

ASH WEDNESDAY **LENT BEGINS**

IT ALL BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14. On this day of Ashes we remember we are dust and to dust we shall return. We are invited into a journey to search within about our relationship with our God. We gaze up from the foot of the cross and see that we are loved and redeemed and forgiven.

We will have Wednesday morning devotions, and evening worship on Wednesdays during this penitential season. Watch for the full schedule in the February newsletter, *Sharing*.

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

JANUARY 14, WE CELEBRATED 84 years of mission and ministry. IT HAS BEEN OUR CUSTOM to receive an **Anniversary Offering** with the hope that the gift helps the gospel message to increase in a certain ministry setting. After prayerful consideration the Congregation Council has designated the 2024 Anniversary Offering for **The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem, specifically for assistance for those in need due to the war.** You may contribute by going to saintlukegive.us and click *Anniversary Offering*. Checks may also be made payable to Saint Luke Lutheran Church and note, *Anniversary Offering 2024*. Thank you.

REPORTS OF GIVING

REPORTS OF GIVING were mailed this week to those who have given offering of record. Thank you so much for your contributions. We know these statements are important as people prepare income taxes.

FAITH COMMITMENT 2024

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET completed a Faith Commitment, there is still time. Let us all come together and prayerfully consider our contribution for the mission of Jesus Christ. Also, if anything changes during the year you can always change your commitment amount. Commitment Cards are available in the narthex on the credenzas, and also, at www.saintluke.us click *Giving*. Thank you so much.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSON READER?

MIGHT YOU LIKE TO SERVE as a lesson reader on a Sunday morning, at the 8:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. worship service? If so, the lessons will be sent to you ahead of time and if you have any questions, they will certainly be answered. For now, if you might like to serve in this ministry on a Sunday, kindly email stluke@saintluke.us and also note which service you prefer. Thank you for considering this.

ALTAR FLOWERS

HOW THEY CAN EXPRESS THE BEAUTY of God's gifts. Thank you for considering giving flowers to adorn the altar area on Sunday mornings. What a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or simply give thanks and glory to God. To give altar flowers simply go to www.saintluke.us and see Altar Flower Dedication in the left-hand column, or click on the weekly listserv where it says Give Altar Flowers. Thank you again for considering this beautiful way of giving thanks and praise to God.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday, January 28: Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274

Thomas Aquinas was a brilliant and creative theologian of the thirteenth century. He was first and foremost a student of the Bible and profoundly concerned with the theological formation of the church's ordained ministers. As a member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he worked to correlate scripture with the philosophy of Aristotle, which was having a renaissance in Aquinas' day. Some students of Aristotle's philosophy found in it an alternative to Christianity. But Aquinas immersed himself in the thought of Aristotle and worked to explain Christian beliefs in the philosophical culture of the day.

Friday, February 2: Presentation of Our Lord

Forty days after the birth of Christ we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There a prophet named Anna began to speak of the redemption of Israel when she saw the young child. Simeon also greeted Mary and Joseph. He responded to the presence of the consolation of Israel in this child with the words of the Nunc Dimittis. His song described Jesus as a "light for the nations." Because of the link between Jesus as the light for the nations, and because an old reading for this festival contains a line from the prophet Zephaniah, "I will search Jerusalem with candles," the day is also known as Candlemas, a day when candles are blessed for the coming year.

Saturday, February 3: Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark & Sweden, died 865

Ansgar was a monk who led a mission to Denmark and later to Sweden, where he built the first church. His work ran into difficulties with the rulers of the day, and he was forced to withdraw into Germany, where he served as a bishop in Hamburg. Despite his difficulties in Sweden, he persisted in his mission work and later helped consecrate Gothbert as the first bishop of Sweden. Ansgar had a deep love for the poor. He would wash their feet and serve them food provided by the parish.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

SUNDAY, January 28—Epiphany 4B

8:45 AM **Worship (Hybrid)**
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM Up for Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM **Worship (Hybrid)**
12:30 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal
5:00 PM **San Lucas Misa (Hybrid)**
5:00 PM AA
6:00 PM Reception

MONDAY, January 29

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM After School Art Program - Langley Park
6:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM ESL Class
7:00 PM Finance Committee (Zoom)

TUESDAY, January 30

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM Piano Lessons
7:00 PM Reformation Bells
7:00 PM Girl Scouts
7:00 PM ESL Class

WEDNESDAY, January 31

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections
8:00 AM CDS Parent Teacher Conference
10:00 AM Women in Community
10:00 AM CDS Chapel
3:00 PM En Camino: Children's Tutor Program
5:30 PM Choristers RSMC Program
7:00 PM ESL Class
7:30 PM AA
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 1

6:30 AM Parking Lot Ministry - Langley Park
8:00 AM CDS Classes
7:30 PM Centering Prayer Zoom
8:30 PM AA

FRIDAY, February 2

8:00 AM CDS Classes

SATURDAY, February 3

8:00 AM Food Distribution: Langley Park
9:30 AM AA
11:00 AM Al-Anon

SUNDAY, February 4—Epiphany 5B

8:45 AM **Worship (Hybrid)**
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM Up for Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM **Worship (Hybrid)**
12:30 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal
3:30 PM Girl Scouts
5:00 PM AA

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed