



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2025 at 8:45am & 11:15am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

FOUNTAIN REVERIE

Percy E. Fletcher (1879 –1932)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND 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,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. **Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 705—GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

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!"

Text: John W. Arthur, b. 1922

Music: J. Bert Carlson, b. 1937

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

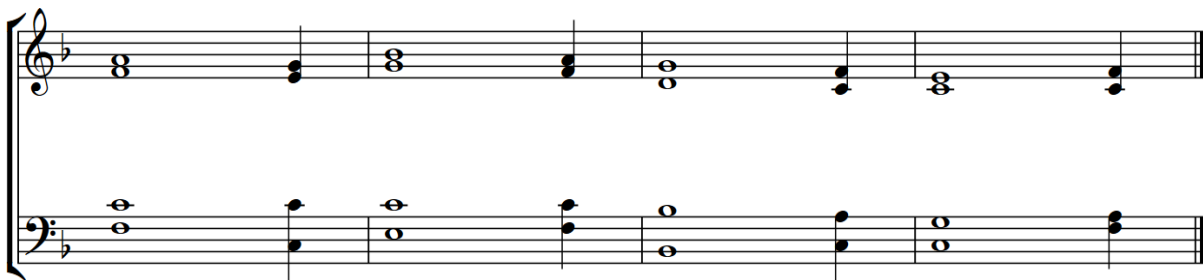
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

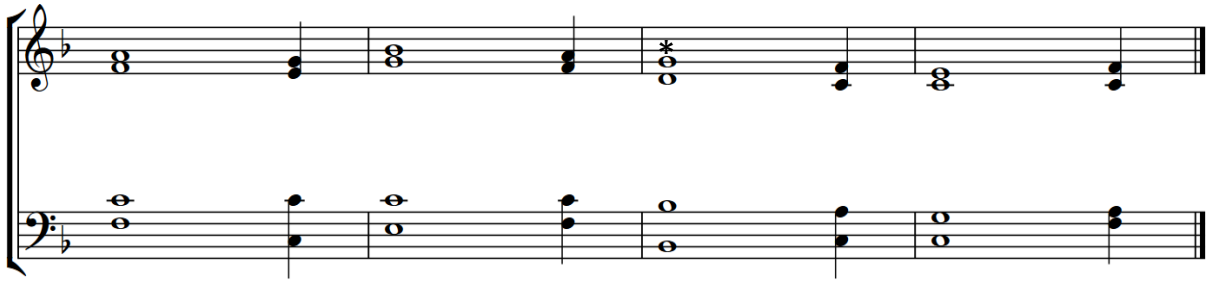
PSALTER

PSALM 71:1-6

Chant: Adam Scott Graham



- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, ' deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.



- ³ Be my strong rock, ' a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- ⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- ⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.
- ⁶ I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**CELTIC ALLELUIA**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

All: Alleluia.

Choir: You shall go to all to ¹ whom I send you.*
Do not be afraid, for ¹ I am with you.

All: Alleluia.**GOSPEL READING****LUKE 4:21-30**

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

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que_a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu_a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
 de lo santo puedan ir,
 y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
 se complazca en bendecir.* Estribillo

3 *Que mis labios al hablar
 hablen sólo de tu amor;
 que mis bienes dedicar
 yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estribillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté
 consagrado a tu loor;
 que mi mente y su poder
 sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875–1955
 Music: William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
 Tune: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD

APOSTLE'S 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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE

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

*All may share a sign of Peace.
Please be seated.*

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Christmas Offering.



You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
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OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Please pray in your own preferred language.

**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

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are 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

TFF 123—LET US BREAK BREAD



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

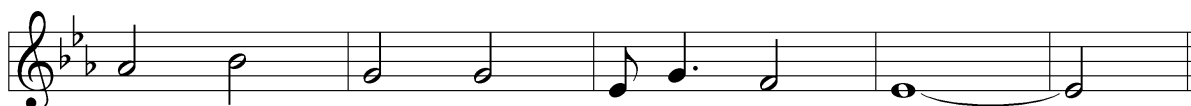


let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Text: African American spiritual

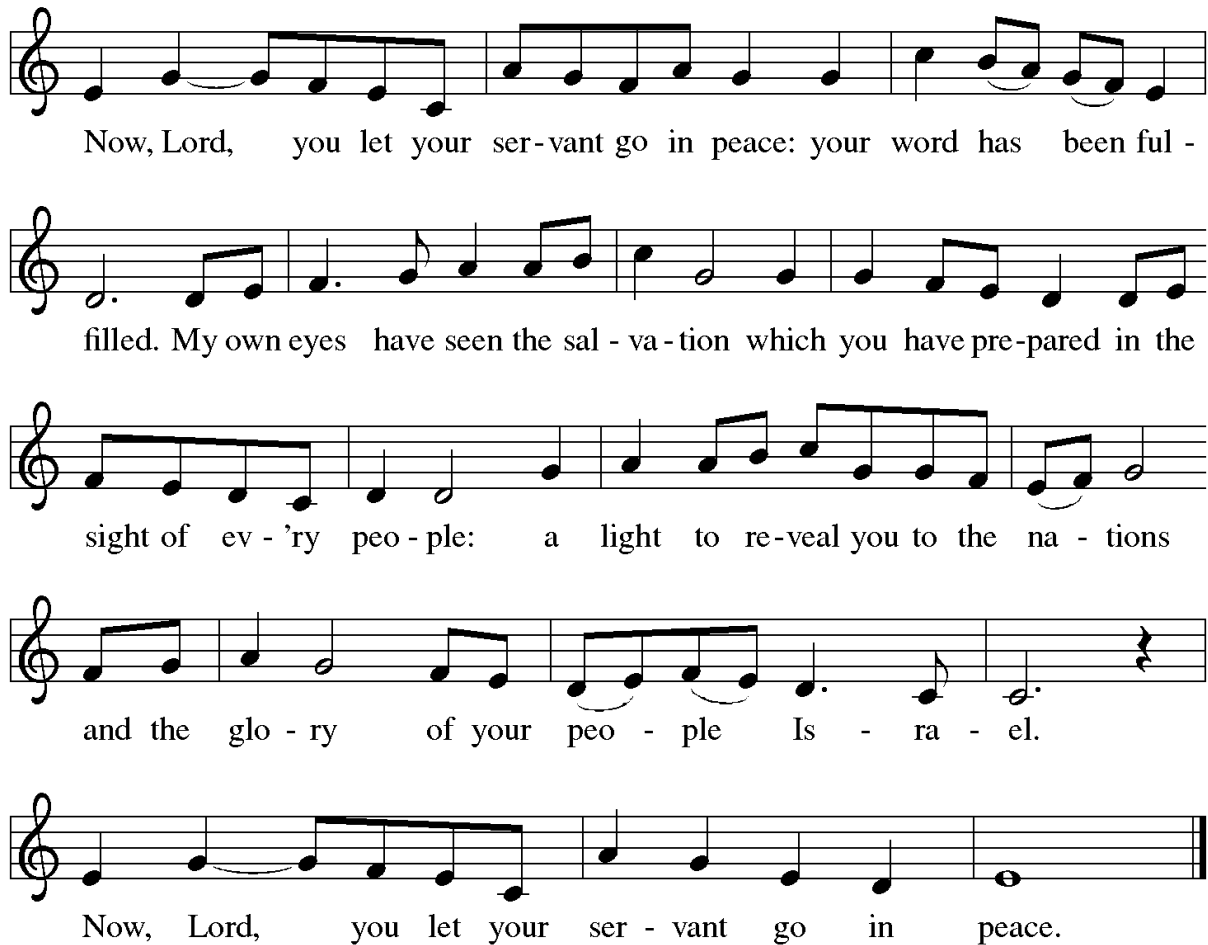
Music: African American spiritual; arr. Contemporary Worship 4, 1972

Tune: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

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



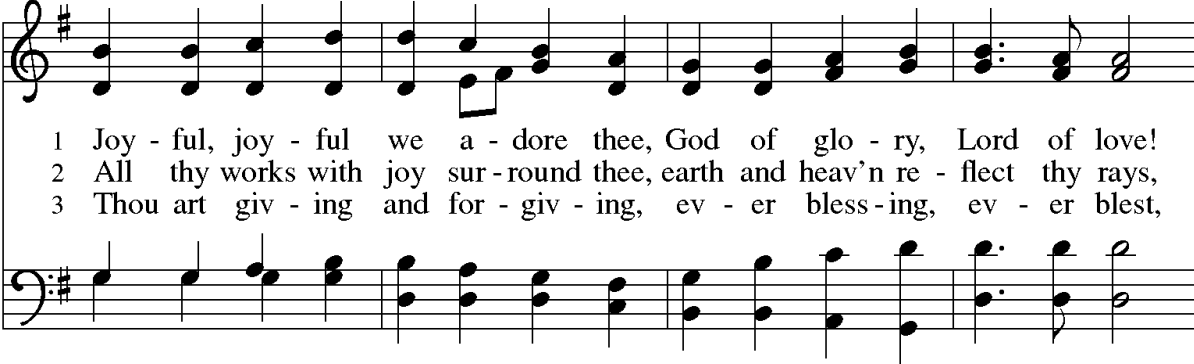
Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

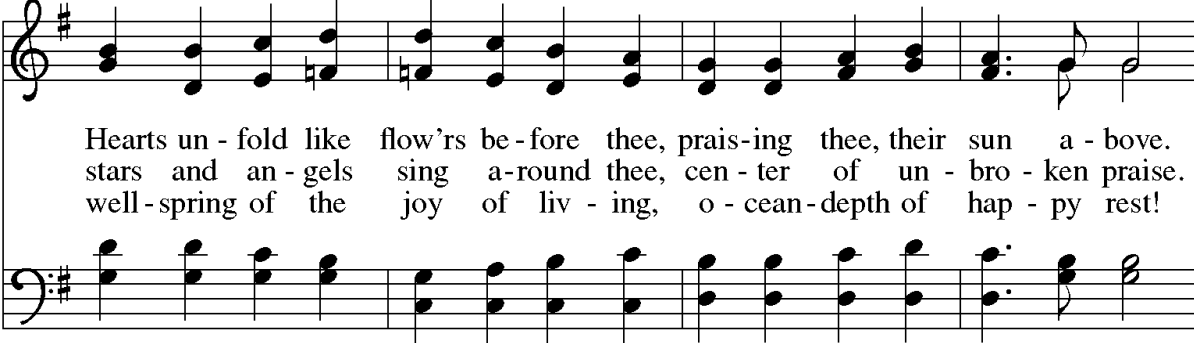
Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God!

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Ronan Shugert 8:45
Ruth Manchester 11:15

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham
Director of Music

Schola Cantorum (8:45)

MIGHT YOU LIKE to serve as a reader of the lessons on Sunday? We give thanks for all who share the word of God. If you can serve as a reader simply email stluke@saintluke.us and also note which service. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a wonderful way to give glory to God, beautify the chancel and certainly honor or remember a loved one. If you might like to give altar flowers, go to www.saintluke.us and see the Altar Flower Dedication link in the left hand column. Thank you for considering this way of enhancing worship.

IT IS SAINT LUKE’S CUSTOM each year to celebrate our anniversary by helping another ministry, as we were helped when this congregation was organized. Last Sunday we celebrated 85 years! The Saint Luke Congregation Council has voted that this year’s **Anniversary Offering** go to a congregation in the North Carolina Synod, ELCA, which saw much devastation due to hurricanes this past fall. You may give toward this offering at www.saintluke.us and simply then click *Anniversary Offering*. Thank you.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

One Morning Service

10:00 a.m. and Reception of New Members

followed by a Brief Special Congregation meeting (to elect the voting members attending synod assembly)

THEN approx. 11:00 a.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST (eggs, fruit, delicious bread and so much more!)

Time for some fellowship and fun before Ash Wednesday and the Penitential Season of Lent Begins

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



ALL ARE INVITED to a Saint Luke **worship service at Riderwood** tomorrow, Monday, February 3, 11:00 a.m. Several Saint Lukers live at Riderwood – approximately 24 people, and it is so nice for these people to see others from our community of faith. If you have time, please consider attending. Thank you.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Sunday, February 2 – Presentation of our Lord: Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

Monday, February 3 – Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865: A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

Wednesday, February 5 – The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597: Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, February 2–Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 7:30am Tech Rehearsal
- 8:00am Schola Cantorum
- 8:45am Worship (Hybrid)**
- 10:00am Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
- 10:00am Confirmation Parents Meeting
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:30am Affirmation of Baptism Class
- 11:15am Worship (Hybrid)**
- 5:00pm Worship in Spanish (Hybrid)**
- 6:00pm Reception

MONDAY, February 3

- 9:00am CDS Classes
- 11:00am Riderwood Service
- 1:30pm CDS Aftercare
- 1:30pm CDS Staff Meeting
- 4:00pm After School Art Program -
Langley Park
- 7:00pm English class

TUESDAY, February 4

- 9:00am CDS Classes
- 1:30pm CDS Aftercare
- 7:00pm Nominating Committee
- 7:00pm English Class
- 7:00pm Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, February 5

- 7:00am Faith Connections (Zoom)
- 9:00am CDS Classes
- 10:00am Women in Community
- 1:30pm CDS Aftercare
- 3:00pm After School Tutoring
- 5:00pm RSCM Choristers
- 7:00pm English Class
- 7:30pm Schola Cantorum
- 7:30pm AA

THURSDAY, February 6

- 9:00am CDS Classes
- 1:30pm CDS Aftercare
- 2:45pm Caring Project
- 7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, February 7

- 3:30pm After School Music

SATURDAY, February 8

- 9:30am AA
- 11:00am Al-Anon

SUNDAY, February 9–Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- 7:30am Tech Rehearsal
- 8:00am Schola Cantorum
- 8:00am RSCM Choristers
- 8:45am Worship (Hybrid)**
- 10:00am New Members Gathering
- 10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class
- 11:15am Worship (Hybrid)**
- 1:00pm Girl Scouts

*NB: Worship Services are in-person
and livestreamed*