

### The Reading: Psalm 139:1-18

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. <sup>3</sup>You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. <sup>4</sup>You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. <sup>5</sup>You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! <sup>7</sup>I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! <sup>8</sup>If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. <sup>9</sup>If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, <sup>10</sup>even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. <sup>11</sup>I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—<sup>12</sup>but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you. <sup>13</sup>You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. <sup>15</sup>You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. <sup>16</sup>You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. <sup>17</sup>How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! <sup>18</sup>I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Children's Message:** *Nicole Wananda* (you may be seated)

**PreK-1st Grade Children Sing**

**Message:** *Nicole Wananda*

**Hymn of the Day & Offering:**

*Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children's coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

**"Borning Cry" #732**

**Vs 1: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**Vs 2: When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun."**

**Vs 3: In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."**

**Vs 4: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."**

**Offertory Response:** *"Give Thanks" (ushers bring offerings forward)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong".  
Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us". Give thanks.**

**Offertory Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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 & follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Apostles' Creed:** *(please stand as you are able)*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 into hell. 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.**

**The Prayers:** *(call and response)*

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need especially for Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Geri Lindholm, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits and Linda Quade. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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.**

**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.**

**The Blessing:** P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending:** *"How Great Thou Art" #415*

**Vs 1: O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hands have made  
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed**

**Chorus: Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art  
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**Vs 2: When through the woods & forest glades I wander I hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees When  
I look down From lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze [chorus]**

**Vs 3: But when I think That God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing He bled and died To take away my sin [chorus]**

**Vs 4: When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation And take me home What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow In humble adoration And there proclaim My God how great Thou art [chorus]**

**Dismissal:** P: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson  
9:30AM • February 4, 2024

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### Confession and Forgiveness: *(stand as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. C: **Amen.**

P: 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. C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, & uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live & serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn: *"You Are My All In All"*

Vs. 1: **You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all**

Chorus: **Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name! Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name**

Vs. 2: **Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless your name; You are my all in all  
When I fall down, you pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all. [Chorus]**

### Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray together

C: **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**