

Drive-In Contemporary Worship

87.9FM

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Pastor Eric Hanson

The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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Welcome

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Announcements *(on back)*

Opening Song: "Gather Us In" #532

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters; call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away--
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones

Confession and Forgiveness

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we remember and pray.

Heavenly Father, before the world was made, You called us each by name. You put breath in our lungs and chose us to be your own. We are Your beloved children. You watch over us with tender care, and there is nothing that could ever separate us from Your love. God, standing in Your presence now, we ask for Your grace and mercy. Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive the people who have sinned against us.

Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. And teach us to love You with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Father God, Grant us petace now and continue Your good work in us to completion. In Jesus name. Amen

Hallelujah! Praise the One who has set us free from sin and death.

Today's Reading - Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Outreach Sunday School

Sermon

Song of the Day: "*Christ Be our Light*" #715

**Verse 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. [Refrain]**

**Verse 3: Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. [Refrain]**

**Verse 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]**

**Verse 5: Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]**

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; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, & all people in need. *A brief silence.* For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom & release in the name of Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for cattle and the rainwater they drink, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEOs; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, or hopelessness, they find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or other sickness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you especially, Gabriel Ryan, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Kelly Rehder, Naomi Berland, Nathlye Benrud, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Karl Thomforde and the family of Aaron Berg, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here; for parish nurses and visitors; for ministries of companionship and support, for the young people in this place who open us to new understandings, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

The Meal

We remember...

The 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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Sending Song: "Go In Peace" 3X *written by Debbi St. John*

**Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God. Sow the seeds about the man of love.
Go into the world and tell them One by one. Go tell them what Jesus has done.**

Commission

God is with you. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!

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