



**St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Pastor Eric Hanson**

**8:30AM • January 24, 2021 • Third Sunday after Epiphany**

*Thank you Michelle Matthees for leading our music this morning!*

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**Prelude: "Our God is an Awesome God" 3X**

**Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above.  
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God**

**Greeting:** L: 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** *(please stand as you are able)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.)*

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

L: 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.**

L: 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, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, & 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 may be seated)* "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]**

**Kyrie** L: Kyrie eleison      C: Lord, have mercy.  
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**Canticle of Praise: "Glory to God"**

**Verse 1:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Refrain:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God glory to God & peace to God's people on earth.

**Verse 2:** Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. [Refrain]

**Verse 3:** For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Refrain]

**Final:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God & peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10** read by Grace Ludwig

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**Gospel Acclamation: "Celtic Alleluia"** (Stand as you are able) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2X

L: The holy gospel according to....      C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20** (Please stand as you are able)

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

L: The gospel of the Lord.      C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message & Noisy Offering:** (you may be seated)

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: "Come to Us Creative Spirit" #687**

**Verse 1:** Come to us creative Spirit in this holy house; Ev'ry human talent hallow, hidden skills arouse, that within our earthly temple, wise and simple may rejoice.

**Verse 2:** Poet, painter, music maker, all your treasures bring; craftsman, actor, graceful dancer, make your offering; join your hands in celebration: let creation shout and sing!

**Verse 3:** Word from God eternal springing, fill our minds we pray; and in all artistic vision give integrity: may the flame within us burning kindle yearning day by day.

**Verse 4:** In all places and forever glory be expressed to the Son, with God the Father and the Spirit blest: in our worship and our living keep us striving for the best.

**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, & 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, & 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.

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

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.* For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief especially, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Kelly Rehder, Naomi Berland, Nathlye Benrud, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Ella Hadler, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Barb Maher & Karl Thomforde, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, 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 the Peace:** L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

**Offering & Doxology:** *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" sung by Michelle Matthees*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Offertory Prayer:**

P: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.

Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. C: **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Salutation**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power & might, heav'n & earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Amen, amen, amen.

**Words of Institution**

**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.

*Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. 2X

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**Communion Prayer:** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Blessing** (*please stand as you are able*)

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

**Sending Hymn:** *"Shine Jesus Shine" #671*

**Refrain:** Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land, With the Father's glory, Blaze Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire, flow river flow, Flood the nations, With grace and mercy, Send forth Your word Lord, And let there be light.

**Verse 1:** Lord the light of Your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness shining. Jesus Light of the world shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me shine on me. [refrain]

**Verse 2:** As we gaze on Your kingly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory. Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me shine on me. [refrain]

**Dismissal** L: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sending:** *"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.**

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