

February 4, 2024  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Lord of Life Lutheran Church



WELCOME

MUSICAL OFFERING

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We acknowledge that we have wounded one another  
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in each of us.**

**Restore us,**

**Renew your creation,**

**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

Hear the new Good News.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

HYMN

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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GREETING

KYRIE

*God of Love, Have Mercy*



health of the church, for the u-ni-ty of all peo-ple, pray to our God:  
 God of love, have mer-cy. God of love, have mer-cy.  
 For the peo-ple of God, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise, let us  
 pray to our God: God of love, have mer-cy. Help, save,  
 com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious God. A - men

## GLORIA

### *This Is the Feast*

*Refrain*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry  
 for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.  
 This is the feast, al-le-lu-ia.  
 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
 free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and  
 strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.  
*Refrain*  
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 for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



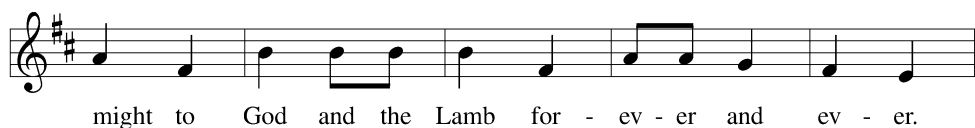
This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry



for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia. 3 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men.



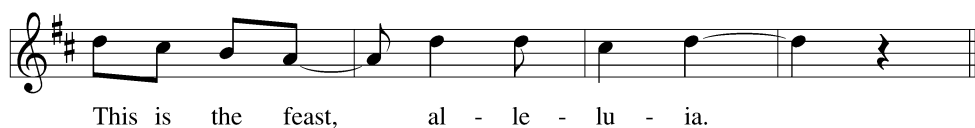
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This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:21-22, 27-31

- <sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.
- <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.
- <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;
- <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

### PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!
- <sup>2</sup>**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- <sup>3</sup>The Lord heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup>**The Lord counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.**
- <sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
there is no limit to God's wisdom.
- <sup>6</sup>**The Lord lifts up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- <sup>7</sup>Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp to our God,
- <sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

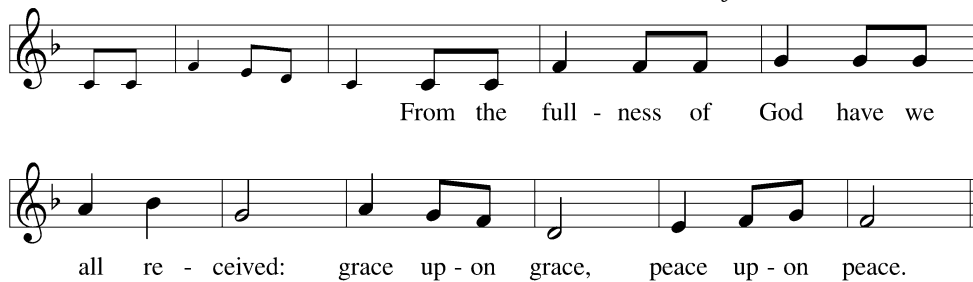
<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they cry.  
<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**  
<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. Hallelujah!

### SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *From the Fullness of God*



### THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And 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.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He 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." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

### MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

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### THE PRAYERS

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERTORY

### *Touch That Soothes and Heals*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

#### *Refrain*



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### 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.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;**

**forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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**SENDING HYMN**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

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**SENDING**

*God of Love, Have Mercy*

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