

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Lord of Life Lutheran Church

WELCOME
MUSICAL OFFERING

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

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

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

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

We All Are One in Mission

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GREETING

KYRIE

God of Love, Have Mercy

Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts: God of love, have
mer-cy. For the peace from a-bove, let us pray to our God:
God of love, have mer-cy. For the peace of the world, for the
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

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.



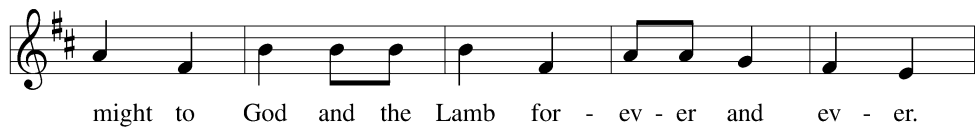
This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.



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.



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. 3 For the Lamb who was



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



Final refrain

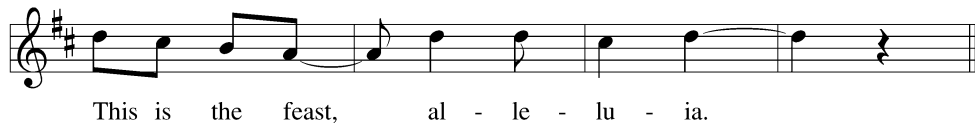
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing^[a] in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

PSALM: Psalm 146:1-10

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

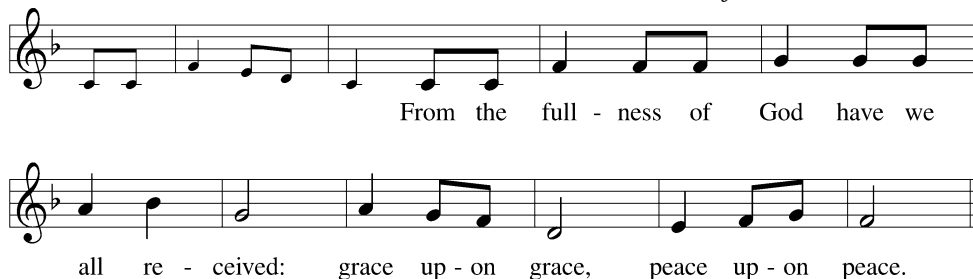
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *From the Fullness of God*



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

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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 power of 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**

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Touch That Soothes and Heals



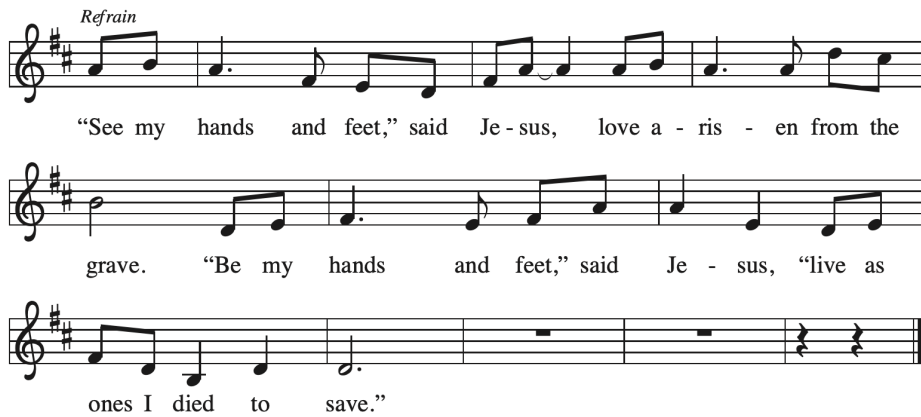
1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



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.



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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