

“The Kingdom
of *God*
is near.



*Repent
and believe
the
good news !”*

Mark 1:15

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8:15 and 10:45 am

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Holy Bible, Book Divine*
– Bradbury/De Cou

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and
the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God
who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

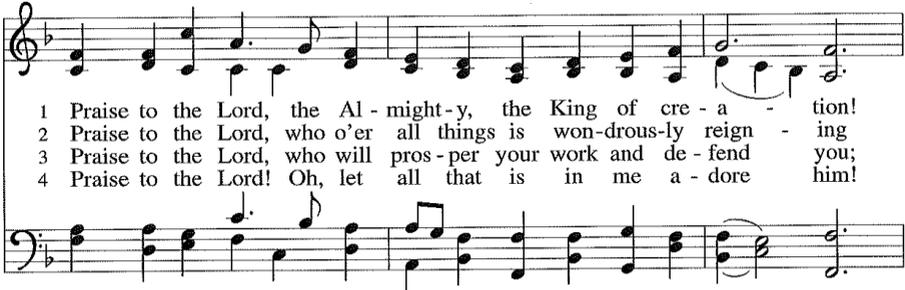
L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

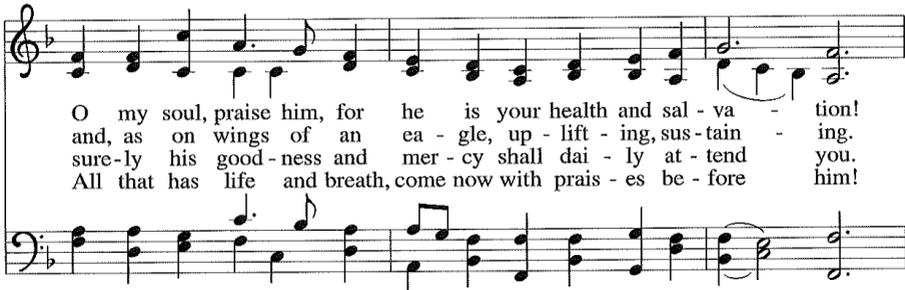
GATHERING SONG

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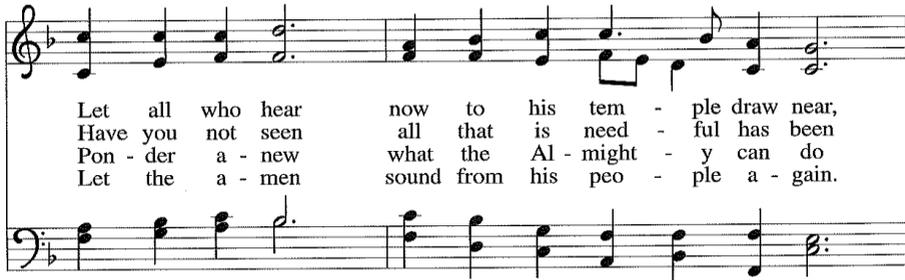
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



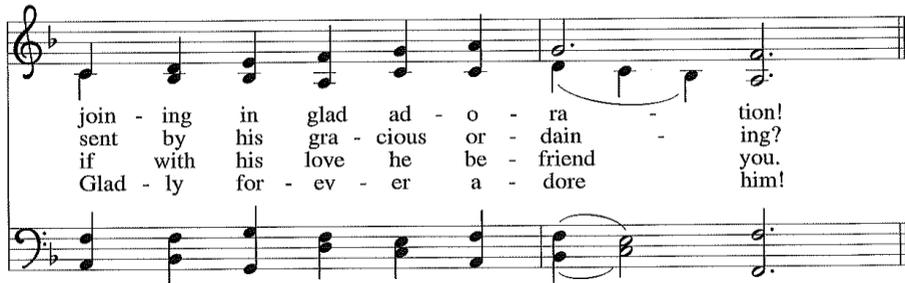
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: 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.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

L: The first reading is from Jonah, the 3rd chapter.

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 62.

¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.

² **Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

³ How long will you assault me?
Would all of you throw me down—
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

⁴ **Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place;
they take delight in lies.
With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they
curse.**

⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.

⁶ **Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

⁸ **Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie.
If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;
together they are only a breath.

¹⁰ **Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen
goods;
though your riches increase, do not set your heart on
them**

¹¹ One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard:
“Power belongs to you, God,

¹² **and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;
and, “You reward everyone according to what they
have done.”**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-35

L: The second reading is from First Corinthians, the 7th chapter.

²⁹ What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

³² I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³ But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—³⁴ and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. ³⁵ I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 14-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay 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.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (vs 1, 2 and 4)

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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Tú has venido a la orilla



1 *Tú* has ve - ni - do, a la_o - ri - lla, no_has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni_a sa - bios ni_a ri - cos; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.



Refrain / Estribillo
 Se - ñor, me_has mi - ra - do, a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la_a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to_a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936-1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946
 Music: Cesáreo Gabaráin

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.**

BLESSING

P: 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.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917
Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
– Folk Melody from India/ De Cou

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111 1, Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
LECTOR	Jeff Markwell	Rachel Steiner
GREETER	Ruth Richards	Sue Beatty
OFFERING COUNTERS	Donna Shipe and Dave Fugate	

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Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Victor Franke, but Judy Franke.



Jennifer Brose	1/24
John Brose	1/24
Chuck Learn	1/26
Jeannine Sanford	1/27



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Annual Meeting January 31, 2021 Centennial Hall and Online 12:15 pm

All members and friends of the congregation are welcome to attend. It is every member's responsibility to support, pray and guide the work of the gospel at St. Luke's through the annual meeting.

In order to maintain social distancing and keep everyone safe, this year's meeting will be held both in person and online.

Please RSVP for the annual meeting by contacting the church office or registering online at stlks.com.

When submitting your RSVP, please indicate if you will be attending in person or online.

Feeding Children



Looking for an opportunity to serve? New Life is again partnering with Sowers4Pastors to provide nutritious meals for 40,000 children in Honduras. Help is needed to repack bulk food into individual servings.

Pack dates are:

- January 27 from 1-9pm
- January 28-29 from 9am-9pm
- January 30 from 9am-noon

Due to social distancing, sign-ups are required. Please contact Wendy Kovach (mrskovach1@yahoo.com) or Sadie Scully (sadie@newlifexn.org) for more information. This service opportunity is open for ages 12 and older. Learn more about Sowers4Pastors at <https://vimeo.com/491769922>



Souper Bowl Sunday! **February 7th**

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since then, more than \$160 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Share in God’s love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to the Cabot Food Bank.

The “Souper Bowl” will be located on the table in the back of the hall on **Feb. 7th** to collect monetary donations. Checks can be made out to St. Luke’s with “Souper Bowl” in the memo.

Canned goods collection will run through February 14th for particularly soup, pasta sauce, canned fruit, cereal, paper products, juice and pasta.

On a monthly basis, a dedicated group of St. Luke’s volunteers meet at Cabot Food Bank to pack bags for distribution. The monthly ministry started 19 years ago as a project for the “30-hour famine.” Many of the original youth have since graduated and their parents continue to serve in the ministry. Additional young people serve when they are home from college or work. The group meets at 6 pm on the Monday before the third Wednesday of every month. All are welcome to come and share in the ministry. The food bank is located at Cabot United Methodist Church on Winfield Road.

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (*Mary Jane Double's successful tracheotomy, David Whitlinger's newest cancer study*), for our confirmands (*Kelsey Miller, Brady Hoffman and Garrett Weston*), for God's continuing blessing, protection, and guidance in this new year, and for the perseverance and faith of our church family.

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Beryl Mottern (inpatient hospice),
Mark Kollinger (treatments for back),
Ted Neill,
Chellie Amadee (recovery),
Holly Puett (broken foot),
Sofiya (recovery),
Millie Sutton (COVID),
Rev Nila and Larry Cogan (COVID),
Joyce Brandon (recovery),
Baldauff family,
Janie Wetzel,
Jeannine (recovery),

Mary Jane Double (COVID affected lungs, organs),
Gary (COVID),
Jennifer (chemo)
Rev Carl Johnson
Jean Brackett (Ronna Drennen's mom, recovery)
Steven (Audrey Lott's nephew)
David Whitlinger (cancer, diabetes diagnosis)
Marilyn (memory)

Weekly Schools: St. Luke's Lutheran, Cabot PA and Messiah College

Weekly Church: Christ Lutheran, Shelocta, PA Rev. Joyce Dix Weiers and St. Luke's

Bereaved: Families of Jake Grady, June Wetzel Golojuh, Mike Monday, Lydia Altieri, Tommy Zagorski (Kris Kollinger's brother), Maryellen Natili

Monthly Mission: Southeast Asia Prayer Center, Oakmont PA