

Welcome in the Name of Christ

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Blessed are the pure in heart
MT. 5:8

January 29, 2023
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor

Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons
Renate Williams, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist
Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

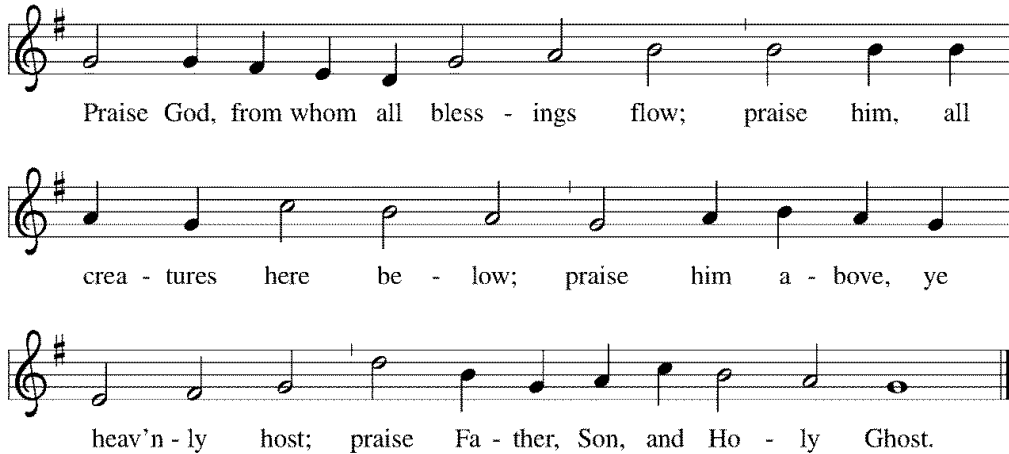
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Doxology #884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign, of the cross, the sign, marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

HYMN "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" ELW 717



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-ling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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, hon - or,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Psalm will be spoken responsively

PSALM: PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to
their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor
those who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not
take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they
take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are
perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of
God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is
the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom
of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did
not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the
foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who
believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire
wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block
to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are

the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

After the gospel is read,

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 669

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are led by the assisting minister. Each portion ends with these words:

**...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.**

**At the conclusion of the prayers,
Amen.**

MEAL

*An offering is gathered and the table is set. Appropriate music may also be offered.
As the gifts are brought forward, the assembly stands for the prayer by the
assisting deacon.*

MUSICAL OFFERING:

“This Little Light of Mine” – Deacon Robert Bonomo [8:30]
“That’s Why I Love Him So” – Chancel Choir [11:00]

The assembly stands

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

DIALOG

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.

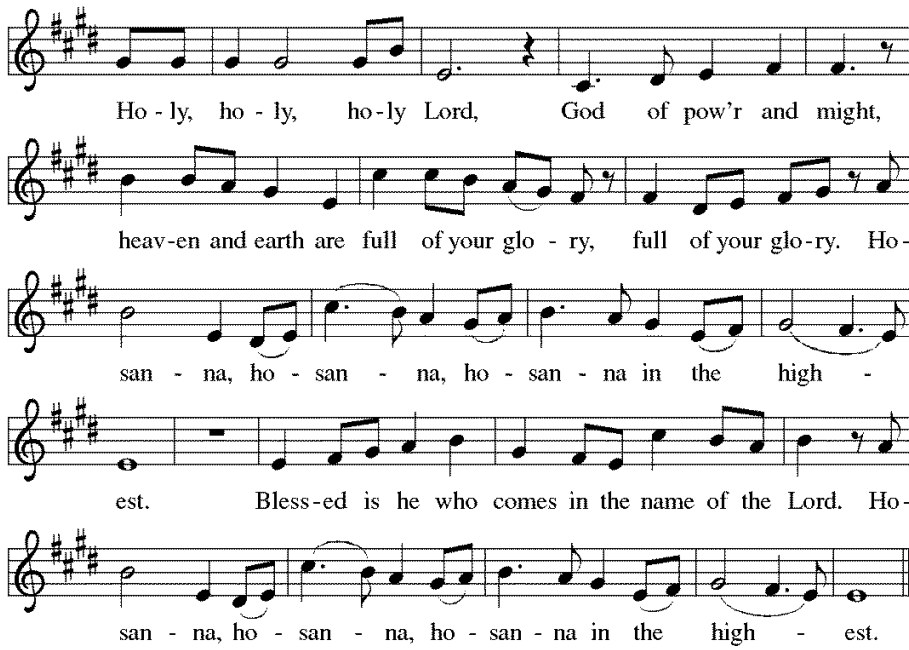
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved
Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed
your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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;
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.**


INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

The assembly may be seated

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to
commune. Children who are not yet communing will receive a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

(Please come forward as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free wafers are available. Wine is available by individual cup and a common cup. Grape juice is provided in the center ring of each tray. If you cannot eat the host, or if the grape juice is exhausted, be assured that you fully receive the Risen Lord and his forgiveness even in only one "element." If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 661 I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 487 What Feast of Love

ELW 754 Jesus, The Very Thought of You

ELW 737 He Comes to Us as One Unknown

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always. **Amen.**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus and have fun doing it!

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting and hope you will return to worship with us again.

WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH A HEARING LOOP Assistive Listening System. Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to “T” during worship. Additional hearing devices are available from the Media Center.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon: Bob Bonomo and Rick Mainster,
Lectors: Margot Berger and Lisbeth Goetter
Our sincere thanks to all!

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Deacon Bob Bonomo in memory of Maryann Bonomo’s birthday.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

“This Little Light of Mine” – Deacon Bonomo [8:30]
“That’s Why I Love Him So” - Chancel Choir [11:00]

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kim Doan, Han Hubbard, Otis Maxwell, Karen Benefiel, Steve Rhee, Roberta Hall, Janet Burfeindt, Lynn Bechdolt, June Dreger-Parsons, Denise Costa, Michael Koch, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Dave Boerger, Rita Skillen, Karl Hertel, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Brian Brockschmidt, Carol McClune, Nancy O’Malley, Josie Ferrell, Judy Harper, Sarah and Harry Robertson, Tim Nine, Shona Donegan, Paul Bradford, Daryl Hickman, Gloria Peterson, Christopher Hulbert, Donna Schwarz, Eloise Fidell, Jean Burns, Muriel Bochnak, Bill Scott, Kathy Bernard, Anthony Corsino, Sandy Lapointe, Daniel, Ally Coraggio, Erin LaRoque, Madison Wolfe, Anastasia Peterson, Carol Wall, Volker Benz, Leslie Garretson and Ann Hoy.

Attendance last Sunday

*In Person- 148, Facebook -17, You Tube – 13
Total:178 General Offering \$2,448.00*

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
Blood Pressure Screening

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. – Bible Study

TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. - Bells
6:30 p.m. – Scouts

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. - SOS
9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time
6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. – SOS

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. – Workday on
Grounds
10:00 a.m. **Ask The Elder
Law Attorney**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER TO ALL – As you enter the sanctuary, please lower your voices so as not to disturb those who are meditating and praying in preparation for worship.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have arrived and are now available by name in the narthex. If you do not find your name, please call the church office or contact Cheryl Cox at financial-secretary@gslchernando.org so that she may prepare a box for you.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING provided by our Faith Community Nurse, Kathy Metz and the Health Team, in the fellowship hall following the first service until 11:00 a.m.

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BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Koch will meet tomorrow 10:00 a.m. Please see Pastor Koch for more information.

PRAYER TIME each Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Join us as we gather to pray for family, friends, loved ones and other requests.

ASK THE ELDER LAW ATTORNEY, with Mr. John Clardy, Attorney, on February 3, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Please sign up in the narthex so we may plan.

Also, we will have index cards for questions that you may fill out in advance or email to kmetz@embargmail.com. For more information, please contact me, Kathy Metz, at 352-634-0985.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS are due no later than Sunday, February 5th. Please submit your report via email to gschurch@live.com or leave in the church office. If you are the chairperson of a standing committee, you are responsible for a report. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 3:00 p.m.** - Good Shepherd is hosting a movie event in our Fellowship Hall. Sight and Sound Theatre of Lancaster, PA has given us the rights to show their production of Jonah - The Musical. More details in the February Newsletter - Sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- **SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place Sunday, February 19, 2023, following a single 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Remember to pick up your envelopes.

