

S E R V I C E O F H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025, 10:00 AM

Calvary Lutheran Church

860 Townline Road, Hauppauge





PRELUDE & INTROIT

*When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance for all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God.
Amen.

The assembly stands. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

**Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment or indifference.
Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.
Show us your love and restore our hearts,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of baptism, live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **ELW #668** *O Zion, Haste*

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.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people.

Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

The assembly sings the refrain. The cantor sings it first.



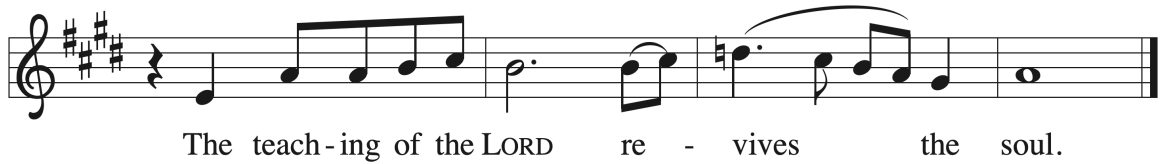
The teach - ing of the LORD re - vives the soul.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.*
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.*
- 3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,*
- 4 their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.*
- 5 It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.*
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.*

Refrain

- 7 The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.*
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.*
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*

Refrain



*11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

12 Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

*13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;*

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

*14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many members, yet one body. **21** The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." **22** On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; **24** whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a soprano clef (treble clef) and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

*The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor,
and to proclaim release to the captives.*

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW #239** *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us,
let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

As your word is opened in our midst,
we give thanks for all who share scripture:
for parents, grandparents, and godparents; for teachers and mentors;
for seminarians, deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars.
Inspire passion for the stories of faith.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work,
we lift our voices in awe of your creation.
Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community,
energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty
and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign.
Bring life to congregations that are Reconciled in Christ.*
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As your word and presence revive the soul,
accompany all experiencing depression or anxiety;
give strength to all affected by memory loss and their caregivers;
draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve.
Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us,
we remember leaders of the early church and our beloved who have died.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God,
in the hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
Amen.

**What's Reconciling in Christ? Check out the info table in the entryway!*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly exchanges signs of peace, then is seated.

Brief announcements are made.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*Gifts of bread, wine, music, and money are offered in thanks to God!
Money for Calvary's mission may be given using the QR code.*

Arise Today, Erik Stenswold

Then, the assembly stands.

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

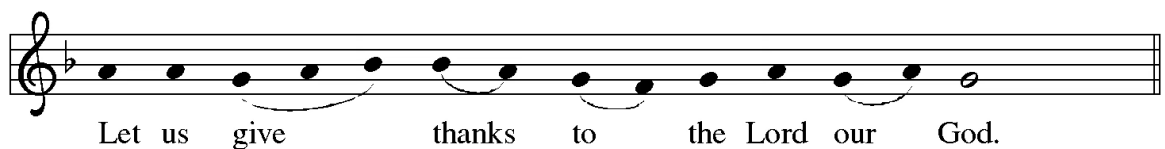
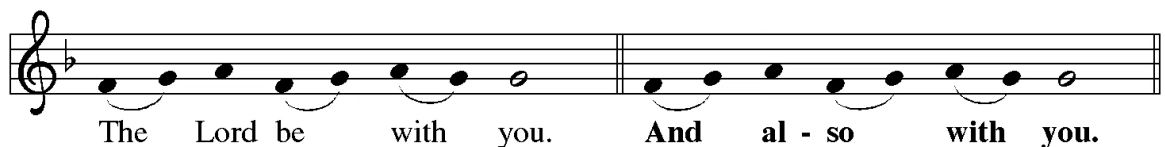
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world

signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

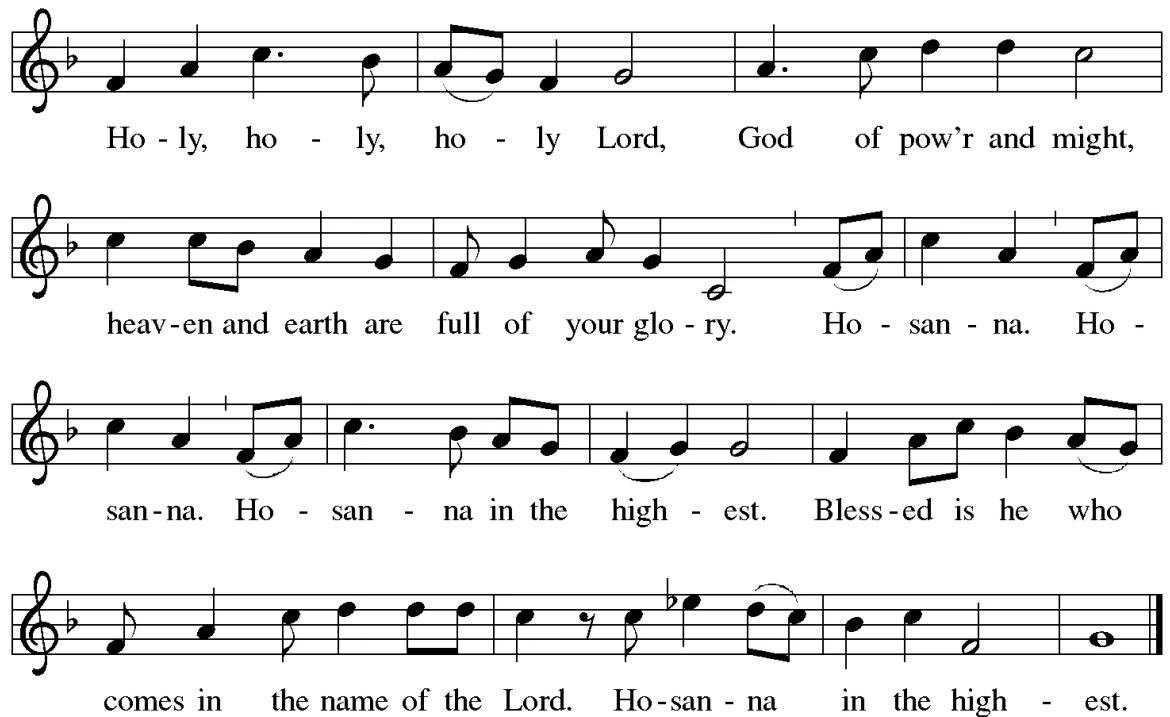
Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE



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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen, amen, amen.

**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.**

COMMUNION

The assembly is seated.

All are welcome! In Holy Communion, we meet a gracious God at a table where all are welcome and Jesus is host and the words, "given and shed for you" are good news that sustains us in our baptismal life.

ELW #507 *O, God of Light*

ELW #493 *Taste and See*

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

God of abundance,

with this bread and cup you have united us with Christ.

**Now send us forth to proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✚ bless you and keep you,
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 843** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

