

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22, 2023

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Introduction

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

Prelude

"I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Laura E. Wasson

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Greeting Matt 4:23

Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people.

All: Alleluia.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

All: Amen.

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

> > Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

All: 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.

P: 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.

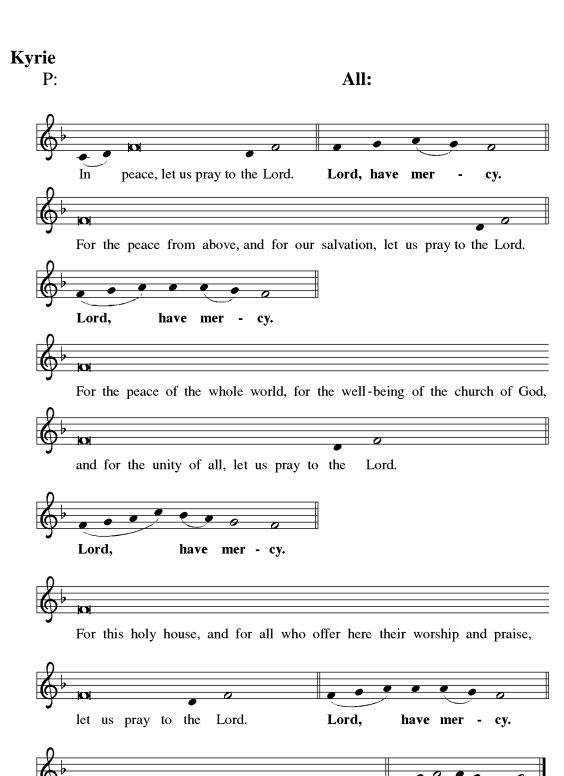
All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" ELW# 582
Verses 1, 2, and 3, pages 17-18

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

All: And also with you.





Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A

men.

This is the Feast



Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

- The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)
- AM: ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- All: ⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.
- AM: ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- All: ⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- AM: ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- All: 8My heart speaks your message "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.
- AM: ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the

gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

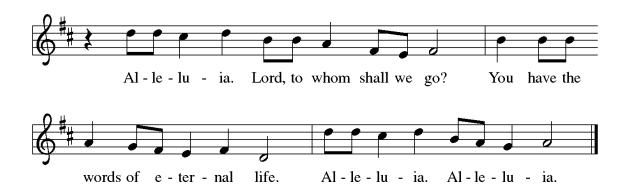
¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able

Gospel Acclamation



P: The holy gospel according to Mathew the 4th Chapter

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon "Follow Me" Becky Sliva, Intern

Please stand if you are able

Hymn of the Day "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW# 815

Verses 1, 2, and 3 found on pages 19-20

Apostle's 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 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.

Please be seated

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Prayers of Intercession

AM: Each prayer will end with: Merciful God,

All: Receive our prayer.

Please stand for the sharing of the peace

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated

MEAL

Offering Music

"Heaven is Singing for Joy" Pablo Sosa, Argentinian Composer

Heaven Is Singing for Joy ELW# 664

ENGLISH

1 Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for in your life and mine is shining the glory of God.

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for your life and mine unite in the love of our God. *Refrain*
- 3 Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for your life and mine will always bear witness to God. *Refrain*

Please stand if you are able

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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Offering Prayer:

P: 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,

All: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

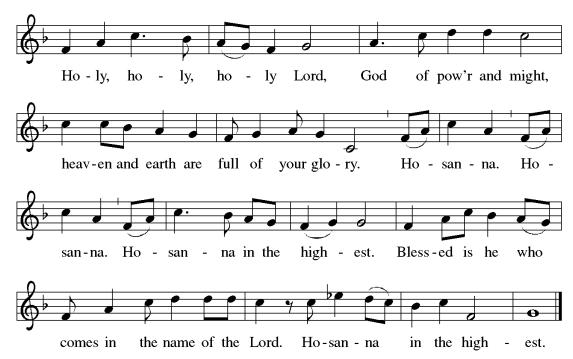
All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:



Words of Institution

- P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . .
 - ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- All: 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.

Communion

Table Blessing

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- All: Amen

Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Please stand if you are able

SENDING

Sending Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW# 661

Verses 1, 2, and 3 pages 21-22

Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

All: Amen.

Postlude "We are Marching in the Light of God" arr. Mark Sedio

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger and Intern Becky Sliva

Music: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Pam Wiehe and Diane Allmendinger

Ushers: David Almquist and Charles and Elaine Rohrbach

Hospitality: Virginia Iverson and Cindy Schrieber

Live stream Producer: Jim Persoon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today – all are invited to come see Pastor Mitch's new office after worship.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Dean Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Wayne Blossey, Tom Brackey, Carol Brockway, Linda Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Gary Clark, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Dona Haberman, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Karen Helgason, John Hollman, Richard Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Tyler King, Jan Kowitz, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Linda Nyberg, Tom Nyman, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Jackie Staples, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Holly Conners	January 3
Steve Keller	January 5
Charles Baldwin	January 5
Carol Ekblad	January 5
Jim Jaszczak	January 10
Eli Peterson	January 10
Pastor Mitch	January 11
John Togar	January 20
R. John Blomstrar	nd January 23
Betty Erickson	January 24
Amy Adams-Wes	tin January 26
Julie Anderson	January 28

PER'S ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

When: 11:00am, Saturday 1/28/23 (with food and fun to

follow)

Where: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600

Fremont Ave S. Bloomington,

MN 55420

I'd love to see some East Siders at this event and I know there are those who would love to come celebrate with me!



SAVE THE DATE! Arlington Hills Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023 following our worship service. The meeting will be held in the Reception Room and we will have a Zoom Link if you are unable to attend in person.

Church Member Wayne Hansen is offering his Tax Knowledge and Expertise to church members and friends again this year to file a complete and accurate 2022 tax return. If anyone has questions about taxes you may contact Wayne at 612-787-8161 call or text or his email is wkhanse@comcast.net



Verses 1, 2, and 3 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.
Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night; Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high; living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ: you we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry; quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Verses 1, 2 and 3

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light.I want to follow Jesus.God set the stars to give light to the world.The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.I want to look at Jesus.Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
 I want to be with Jesus.
 When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Text © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

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Verses 1, 2, and 3 I Love to Tell the Story



Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

I Love to Tell the Story

of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

- 2 I love to tell the story:
 how pleasant to repeat
 what seems, each time I tell it,
 more wonderfully sweet!
 I love to tell the story,
 for some have never heard
 the message of salvation
 from God's own holy word. *Refrain*
- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

 And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

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