

Worship
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024
9:45am



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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- P. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.

C. Thanks be to God.

SONG *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy,
never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills
my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness
prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good
pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from
the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interpose his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a
fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to
leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 62)*

- L. Oh, I must find rest in God only,
because my hope comes from him!
- C. Only God is my rock and my salvation –
my stronghold! I will not be shaken.**
- L. My deliverance and glory depend on God.
God is my strong rock.
My refuge is in God.
- C. All you people: Trust in him at all times!
Pour out your hearts before him!
God is our refuge!**

SONG OF PRAISE *"Here I Am to Worship"*

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you. Here I am to
worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. You're
altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

L. Let us pray together,

C. Loving God, your mercy, forgiveness and grace extend further than we can imagine. Open our hearts to receive this mercy you give us. And empower us to extend forgiveness to others – even and especially those we think of as unworthy or too far gone. Remind us that your love and grace truly are for all people. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo; glo---ria in excelsis Deo.

BIBLE READING Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed your hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.**

Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

(Children) Source of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.**

**He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!**

(Children) Savior of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all Creation!
(Children) *Mentor of all creation! Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is sung before and after the prayers.

**Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SONG *"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"*

Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give. If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live.

Refrain: **Jesus, ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.**

Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest. Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest. *Refrain*

Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place. Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face. *Refrain*

Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame. Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name. *Refrain*

Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend. *Refrain*

Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam. Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home. *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

Turn to your neighbor and say, "Remember Jesus loves you!"

BLESSING

Leader: May the love of God uphold us;

Pulpit Side: the light of Christ guide us;

Piano Side: and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill us with joy.

All: Now and forever. Amen.

SONG *"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!

DISMISSAL

L. Go forth, rejoicing in the light of God's love.

C. Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Travis Rieck, long recovery after major fall injury/surgery

Fernando, Hospice (father of Ivonne Dickerson)

Melanie Benter, chemotherapy

Carl Baumeister, recovering at home from hip replacement

Hunter Swanke, 18-year-old, needs to be hospitalized during chemotherapy,
friend of Wayne and Paula Gorr

Diane Bode, cancer, Mary Warnke's sister-in-law

Jeanette Bedow, cancer, Mary Warnke's sister-in-law

Bob Pieper, cancer

Nancy Kopet, cancer

Glenda Kryzer, cancer, friend of Robin Rank

Jennifer Becker, recovering

Jeff Gundry and family grieving the death of his wife, Sam Gundry