

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 21, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Livestream at 11:00 a.m.



Icon1 Epiphany 3B

**FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY**  
**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Rev. Alejandro Mejia, Interim Senior Pastor  
The Rev. William (Bill) Gohl, Jr., Interim Associate Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history. Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Joyfully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

✦ **GATHERING** ✦

**Prelude**

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*  
Troy Lawson, Organ

D. Buxtehude

*Please rise, as you are able.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** *God our rock and refuge,*

**C** **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

**P** *The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.*

**C** **Amen.**



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
moved us to a more pro - found  
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, for whom he won the fight:  
give us faith to sing al - ways:

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

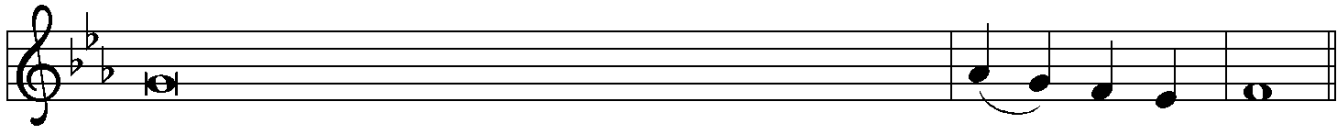
**C** **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



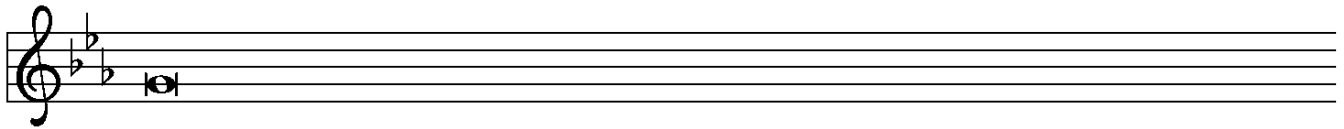
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



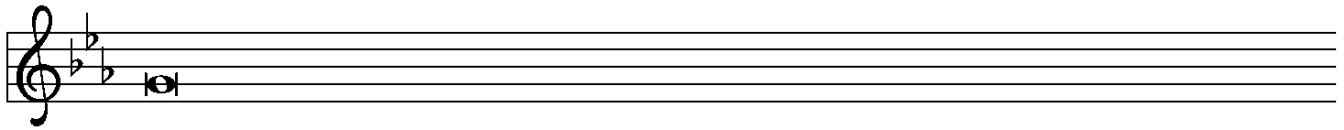
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**P** *Let us pray. Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.*

**C** **Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

✦ THE WORD ✦

**First Reading**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**A** *A reading from Jonah. <sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.*

*<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.*

**A** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 62:5-12

**A** *<sup>5</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.*

**C** **<sup>6</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

**A** *<sup>7</sup>On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.*

**C** **<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

**A** *<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are a delusion;*  
**C** **in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.**

**A** *<sup>10</sup>Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;*  
**C** **if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

**A** *<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,*  
**C** *<sup>12</sup>and steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD.  
For you repay to all according to their work.*

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**A** *A reading from first Corinthians. <sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.*

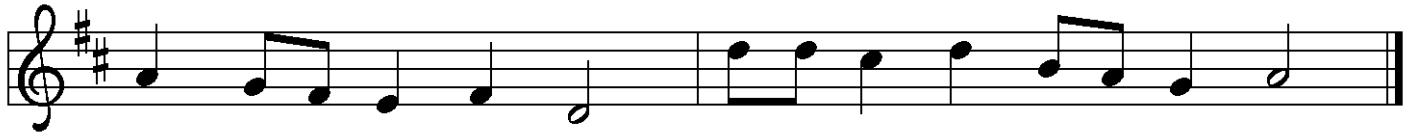
**A** *The word of the Lord.*  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, as you are able.*





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.

**Gospel**

Mark 1:14-20

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.*

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

*<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”*

*<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.*

**P** *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Alejandro Mejía

*Please rise, as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

No. 608



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

**A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.*

**C** **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 into hell. 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.**

**A** *As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** *God of grace,*

**C** **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** *Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **And also with you.**

*After sharing the peace, please be seated.*


## **Offering and Offertory**

*Vater unser im Himmelreich*      J. Krieger

*As the gifts are presented, please rise as you are able.*



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.



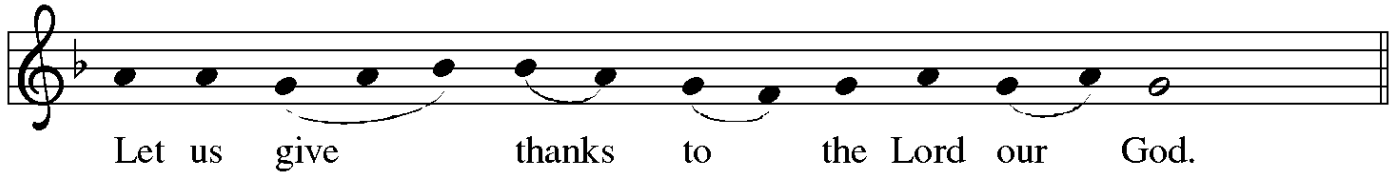
You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:



and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

**A** *Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One,*  
**C** **for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## ✦ THE EUCHARIST ✦



*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season; the congregation responds:*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

**P** *Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:  
Your mercy endures forever.*

**C** **Your mercy endures forever.**

**P** *By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of  
your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.  
Your mercy endures forever.*

**C** **Your mercy endures forever.**

**P** *By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing  
them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a  
blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation  
and calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures  
forever.*

**C** **Your mercy endures forever.**

**P** *By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us  
into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-  
giving love.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, ...*

*Again, after supper, ...*

**P** *With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** *Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.*

*With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

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

**C** **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.**

**P** *At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*We welcome to the table all who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.)*



*During the distribution, the following is sung:*



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.

## Communion Music

Prelude No. 11: *12 Little Preludes*

J.S. Bach

*Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*

No. 605



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

*After all have communed, please rise, as you are able.*

**P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray. Giver of every gift,*

**C** **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

✦ **SENDING** ✦

**P** *God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.*

**C** **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*We Are Called*

No. 720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

**A** *Go in peace. You are God's beloved.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Prelude and Fugue in g minor*

J.S. Bach

*We welcome and thank Troy Lawson for providing  
music and choir direction today!*

# *The Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by*

*Al and Tricia Horst in Honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

## *Pray for Those That Need God's Healing*

*Ray, Paul, Darius, Lynn, Ken, Donald, Al, Donna, Lind, Joan, Ed,  
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### **SERVING TODAY**

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**8:30 a.m.**

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**11:00 a.m.**

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