
*Mt. Carmel
Lutheran
Church*



Sunday, January 16, 2022

GATHER

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn

Arise Your Light Has Come

Hymn #314

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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Confession & Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us,
redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.

We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.

We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.

We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.

Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, - man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
 Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!
 Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

- ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
- ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 36:5-10 (*responsive reading*)

- ⁵Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**
- ⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- ⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

- ¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
- ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another

the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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Gospel Acclamation

Taize Alleluia

Hymn #175

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: "Alleluia 7" Jacques Berthier and the Taize Community, admin GIA Publications, Inc.

Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Richard Rollefson



1. Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
 2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and
 3. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy



thee we raise; man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges
 king su - preme; and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God - head
 ho - ly word; grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as



from a - far, branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem
 man - i - fest; man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine,
 pure art thou; that we might be - come like thee



in thy birth at Beth - le - hem: an - thems be to
 chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine; an - thems be to
 at thy great e - piph - a - ny, and may praise thee,



thee ad - dressed,
 thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 ev - er blest,

Affirmation of Faith: The 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 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 the People

Prayer requests: Sid & Beryl Bennett; Elsa Brody; The Schultze & Homer families; All who are affected by Covid

Prayers for our church family: Mike, Marina & Belen Dresp; Pat Forrest; Marc & Patti Frey

The Peace & Announcements

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God,

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

If you would like to share in our meal of Holy Communion, you are invited to gather some bread and wine (juice and crackers) at this time.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
+ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my savior,
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Refrain:

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hand
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
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Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks to:

Lector: Diane Mansell

Musicians, Singers: Paul Woodring / Dave Becker / Joan Pedersen / Richard Rollefson / Matt Schultze / Ryan Reck / Phil Strauss / Talia Ortega