

*Welcome to Worship at
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection*

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—JANUARY 31, 2021

11:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

SERVICE OF WORD & PRAYER

— GATHERING —

WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.

SABBATH REFLECTION

"This Little Light of Mine"

—Traditional Spiritual

Tom Crawford, guitars, Mitchell Frey, brass, Ron Russell, drums, Helen Phelps, piano

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG "This Little Light of Mine"

ELW # 677

G

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

C G

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

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B Em

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oh,

G A D⁷ G C G

let * it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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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. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

And also with you.

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. *(John 1)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Compassionate God,

you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

—WORD—

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in

my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111 *(read responsively)*

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God’s praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL SONG "Day by Day" (from *Godspell*)

-Stephen Schwartz

Easy Waltz feel

Day by day — day by day, — oh, dear Lord, — three
7 things I pray — to see Thee more clear-ly, love Thee more dear-ly,
13 1. BACK TO BEGINNING 2. Light Rock Feeling
fol-low Thee more near-ly, — day by day. — day by day. —
19 Day by day, — day by day, — oh, dear Lord, three
25 things I pray — to see Thee more clear - ly, love Thee more
30 1.
dear - ly, fol-low Thee more near - ly — day by day. —
35 2.
day by day. — Day by day by day by day by day. —

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Bishop Kevin Strickland



RESPONSE TO THE WORD: HYMN "Forever Reign"

-J. Ingram, R. Morgan

VERSE

1. You are good, You are good, when there's noth-ing good in me. You are
 2. You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is cri-p-pl-ing. You are

3
 love, You are love, on dis-play for all to see. You are light, You are light, when the
 6 true, You are true, e-ven in my wan-der-ing. You are joy, You are joy, You're the

dark-ness clos-es in. You are hope, You are hope, You have cov-ered all my sin. —
 rea-son that I sing. You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting. —

9 | 1. Back to VERSE 2 | 2. to CHORUS

CHORUS

2. You are Oh, I'm run-ning to Your

14
 arms, I'm run-ning to Your arms; the rich-es of Your love will al-ways be e-
 17 nough. Noth-ing com-pares — to Your em-brace; — Light of the world,
 20 — for-ev-er reign. — *end 2nd time* 3. You are more, You are more, than my

24
 words will ev-er say. "You are Lord, You are Lord!" all cre-a-tion will proclaim. You are
 27 here, You are here, in Your pres-ence I'm made whole. You are God, You are God, of all
 30 else I'm let-ting go. *back to CHORUS*

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.** *(Ephesians 1:13-14)*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit. *(Jude 20)*

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Jude 21)*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you all your sins through our † Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

—THANKSGIVING—

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LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God

MUSICAL OFFERING "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW # 815

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; today we are thankful for Bishop Kevin Strickland and his presence among us to proclaim the Gospel. We ask your blessing upon his ministry and his leadership in our Synod, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need, especially those affected by COVID-19; for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

— SENDING —

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

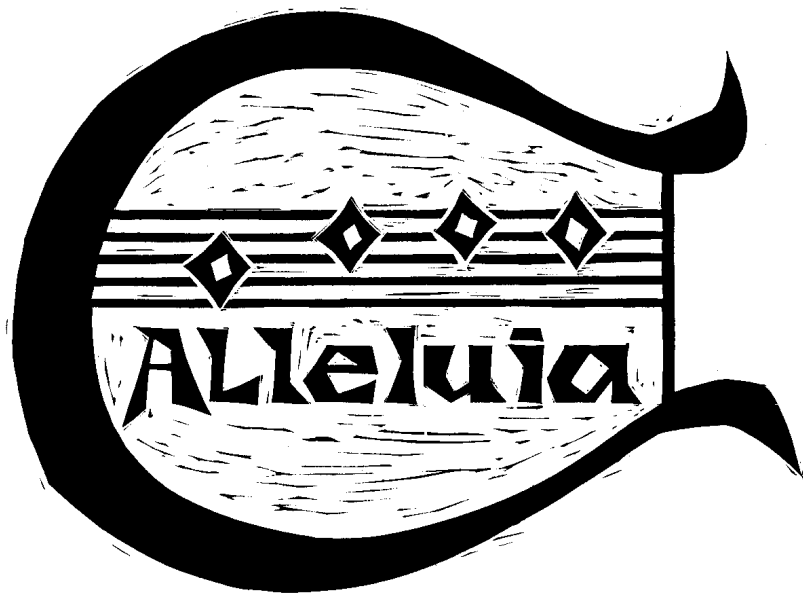
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



SENDING SONG "Let the Praises Ring"

-Lincoln Brewster

1. Oh Lord my God, in You I put my trust.
2. Oh Lord my God, in You I give my hands.

Oh Lord my God, in You I put my hope.
Oh Lord my God, in You I give my feet.

Oh Lord my God, in You I put my trust.
Oh Lord my God, in You I put my ev - 'ry thing

Oh Lord my God, in You I put my hope.
Oh Lord my God, in You I give my life.

In You, in You I find my peace. In You,
in You I find my strength. In You, I live
and move and breathe. Let
ev' - ry - thing I say and do be found-ed by my faith in You. I

lift up ho - ly hands and sing: Let the prais-es ring!

SONG ENDING

Sing Ending 4 times

Let the prais - es ring!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "May the Peoples Praise You"

- Getty/ Getty/ Townend/ Cash/Zimmer

VERSE

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1. You have called us out of dark - est night, in -
(2. May our) ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that
(3. All the) earth is Yours and all with - in, each
(4. May the) seeds of mer - cy grow in us for
(5. This our) ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your

11

to Your glo - rious light, that we may sing the won - ders of the_
broke in - to our strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with
har - vest is Your own, and from Your hand we give to__ You, to__
those who have not heard, may songs of praise build lives of__ grace to__
prais - es and Your Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue Your

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1. 3. Back to VERSE

2. 4. 5. to CHORUS

CHORUS

ris - en Christ. 2. May our
end - less__ life. May the peo - ples praise You, let the
make Christ known. 4. May the
spread Your__ Word.
church pro - - - claim.

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na - tions be glad! All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may

25

1. 2. Back to VERSE

3. to BRIDGE

praise the Name of Je - sus. 3. All the Je - 5. This our

32

BRIDGE

sus. Ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord Al might - y.

38

1. Repeat BRIDGE

2. to ENDING

Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. praise Your glo - ri - ous All cre - a - tion

43

CHORUS

Name. May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad! All Your

48

bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of ___

52

Je - sus. May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be

56

glad! All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may

60

praise the name of ___ Je - sus.



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