

Windsor Heights Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
LARGE PRINT & ONLINE BULLETIN



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.

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Gathering Music - *A Greater Song*- Paul Baloché, Matt Redman

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
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.

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. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn - *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* - ELW 886


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.**

Kyrie

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the




u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day *Response after prayer Amen*

First Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - *Faith Begins by Letting Go*, Carl P. Daw Jr, RATISBON, J. G. Werner



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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Gospel Acclamation



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



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

Gospel - Mark 1:21-28

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel is read.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon - The Rev. Chris Olkiewicz

Hymn of the Day - *There Is A Balm In Gilead* - ELW 614

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

– MEAL –

Offering - May The Words- Ellie Holcomb, Brown Bannister, & Anthony Skinner

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

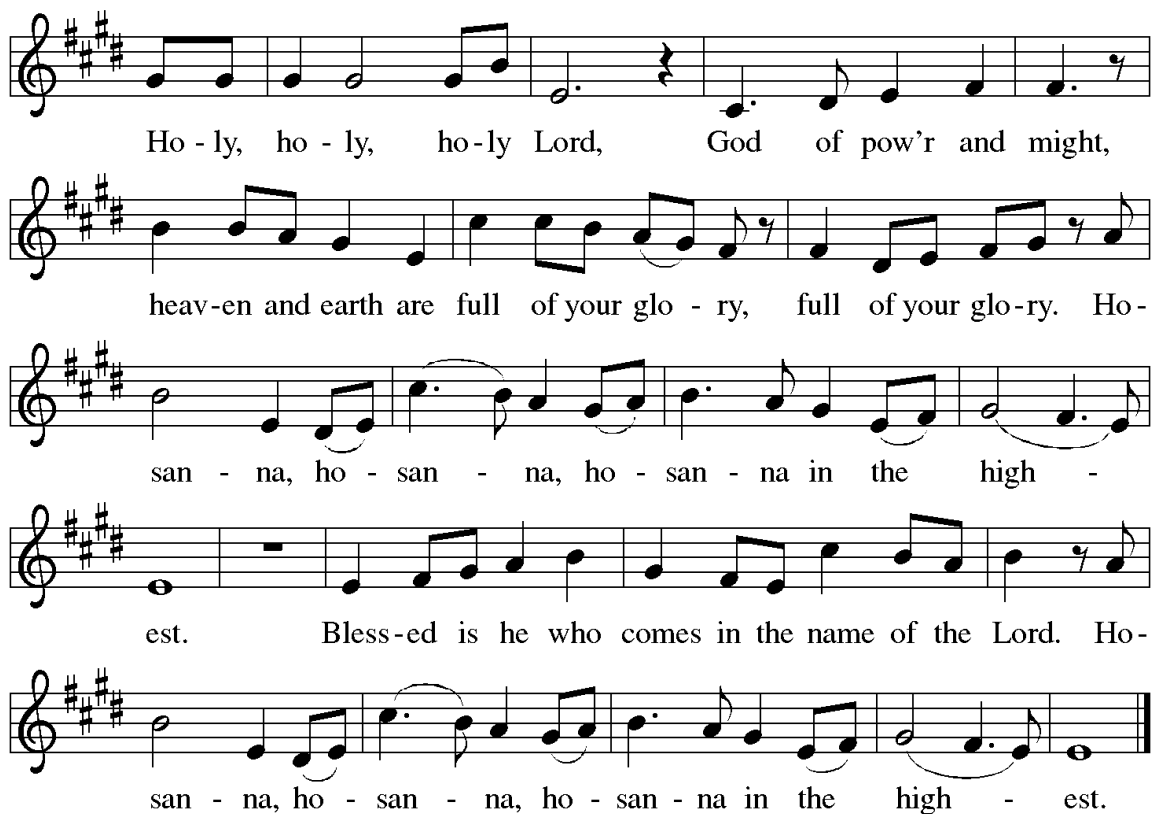
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



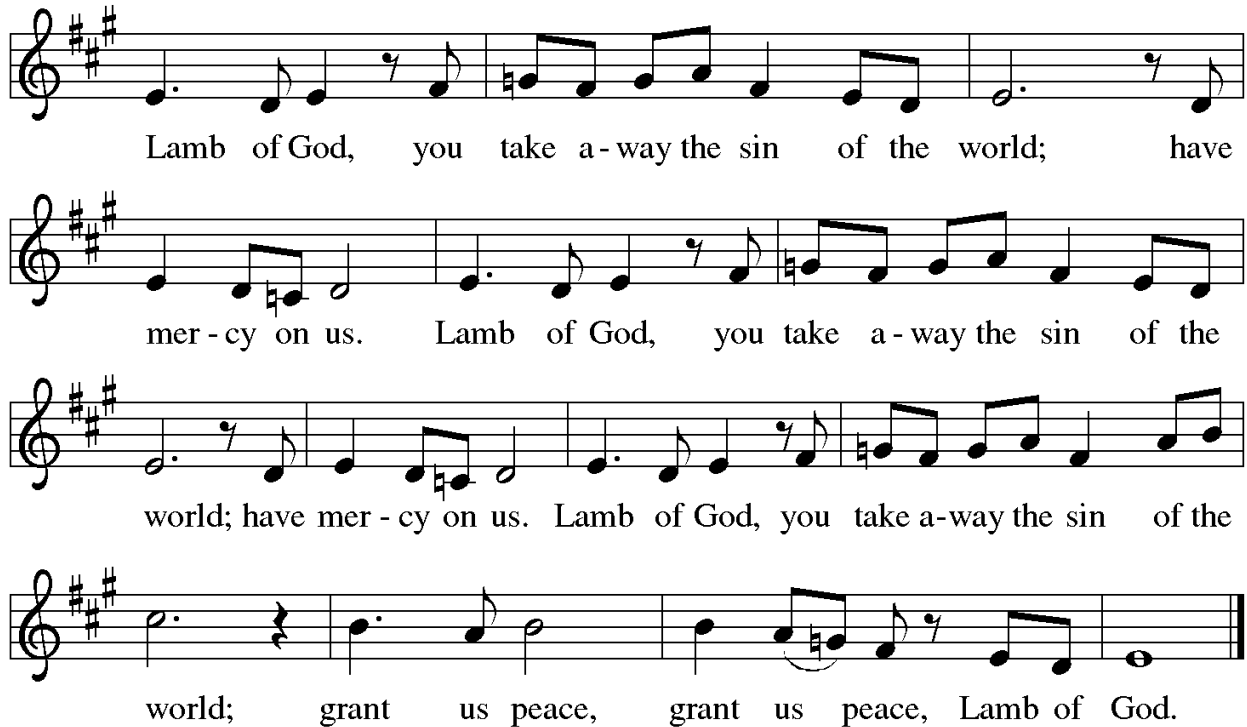
The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases featuring longer note values and rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score consists of five lines of music.

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san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presiding minister continues, using an appropriate form.

Lord's Prayer

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.



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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn - ELW 612

Prayer after Communion *Response after prayer Amen*

– SENDING –

Blessing

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

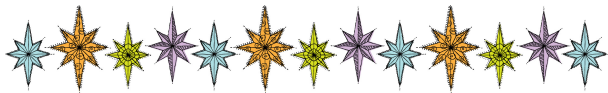
Sending Hymn - *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* - ELW 314

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude - *Love Has A Name*- Kim Walker-Smith, Ran Jackson, Ricky Jackson

We keep in our prayers:



Ross Curnow
Marilyn Deavers
Rita Dragoni
Bonnie Hyda
Marvin Kister
Dorothy Meier
Teresa Powers
Wendy Prigge
David Stewart
Ann Stoen
Vivien Wells
Dick Wilberg

Altar Flowers



Altar flowers were given
last week by John Groh
in loving memory of Sue.

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Sending Warm Wishes



Offering Envelopes



New
Offering
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2024 offering envelopes are in the narthex. A big thank you to Dick and Joni Wilberg for labeling and organizing the offering envelopes!



The Lunch Bunch Widow's Group will NOT meet in January. Our next lunch will be on Saturday, February 17 at 11:30.

David Stewart

David Stewart is at Bishop Drumm skilled care. He would love visitors! He no longer has a cell phone and does not have a phone in his room.



Just Dropping By

Dorothy Meier

Dorothy Meier is at Edgewater in the Aster Building, Room 210. She would love visitors! There are no restrictions on visitors and you can come anytime. Her phone number there is 515-978-2757.





If you haven't heard yet, the extreme cold weather unfortunately caused a bit of damage to the church. One of two water heaters ruptured from cold air blowing through the intake vent, resulting in the flooding of the music library, the choir room, and parts of surrounding rooms and hallways.

Service Master is handling the mitigation. Lots of fans and other drying equipment are running in the space. Once the drying phase is complete, they will assess the scope of restoration work needed. It seems likely that at least all of the carpet and laminate flooring will need to be replaced. Church Mutual, our insurance company, is processing the claim. Fortunately none of the contents of the rooms was damaged.

We don't know how long the process of restoration will take, so thanks for your patience! It is also an inconvenience for a number of groups who use our space, so we hope the repairs will not take too long.



Elderberries in February



Elderberries will meet on Thursday, February 1 at 11:30 a.m. for a Valentine's Day pizza party. You do not need to bring a side dish. Please bring Valentine's cards to share for a card exchange. You are welcome to bring a decorated box to collect your cards.

Isabell Wegner would love to come to Elderberries but does not have a ride. If you could give her a ride, could you please call her at 515-221-4508?

