

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Meditative Moment

Passing of the Peace Greeting

Gathering Hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (ELW 310)

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Most merciful God, **We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

Minister: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

In Peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle of Praise

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain

For the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain

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Prayer of the Day

Holy and Amazing God, **We rejoice in the privilege it is to worship You this day. God You have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of Your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by Your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6 & 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-30

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers^[a] in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Renee Patterson

Song of the Day *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (ELW 886)

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| 1 | Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace! | 4 | He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
he sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood avails for me. |
| 2 | My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name. | 5 | To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
| 3 | The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace. | | |

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Lord in Your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.

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Offering Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

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.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Gracious God, **We have received the elements of bread and wine. We have come to the table, and because we are loved, You in Christ receive us and offer to us healing and hope.**

Forgive our stubbornness. Heal our brokenness. Challenge us to truly live lives of faithfulness and discipleship. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn *O, Lord, Now Let Your Servant* (ELW 313)

- 1 O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.
- 2 Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light,
till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight;
till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore,
where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis

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Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

IN-SANCTUARY WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Keeping Safe During the Service

- Masks required while in the building.
- There will be no nursery but there is an in-sanctuary “Kid’s PRAYground.” Families are encouraged to bring quiet toys (no busy-bags will be available) and remain together as a family during the service

When You Depart

- Offertory may be left in the basket at the doors or done online on our website
- Take all of your items with you including communion supplies

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Every Third Saturday Winter Drive for Veterans:](#) (ETS) is a 501(c)3 Veterans organization located in Minneapolis. This organization helps Veterans with clothing, personal items, and counseling. <https://everythirdsaturday.com>

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Bring donations of the following items to Shepherd and place them in the marked bins in the Narthex:

Used winter clothes (coats, boots, hats, winter underwear, and gloves), blue jeans, shirts, colored T-shirts, sweat shirts and sweat pants (Sizes XL and 2XL), shoes, diabetic socks, peroxide, soft hand soap, hand lotion, mouthwash, sewing kits, muscle rub /icy hot, foot and body powder, Q-tips, baby wipes, chap stick.

[Wednesday Bible Study:](#) The afternoon Bible Study at 1 pm will be in-person in the Narthex. The evening Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm on Zoom, click [HERE](#) to join on Zoom.

[January Drive:](#) Spring Season of Service Blessing Bag Needs: • Chapstick • Socks • Washcloths
• Travel size soaps, lotions, and toothpaste • Feminine products • Toothbrush

[2022 Winter Book Study:](#)

Our Winter Book Study will be focused on *I Can Do No Other* by Anna Madsen. We will be meeting every other week on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm and Thursdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom, join us for the time that works best for you. Contact the office for more information.

[Annual Meeting Notice and Nominations Committee for the Governing Board:](#)

Shepherd’s Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30th at 11:00 am.

The congregation will ratify changes to the constitution and vote on the following new and continuing members of the Governing Board:

Dave Webb returning for another term as chair; **Elizabeth Kohen** returning for another term as treasurer; **Joshua Koepp** is nominated for the position of secretary; and **Anna Grace** is nominated for the member-at-large.

[Coffee and Bagels:](#) The next one will be on Thursday, February 3rd.

Join Pastor Brice the 1st Thursday of every month and the 3rd Monday of the month from 10 to 11:30 am at **Caribou Coffee off 694 and Rice St.** (3354 Rice St. in Little Canada).

While masking off-site is at your comfort, we do ask that you consider the comfort of others at the table when considering your own masking.

[Gathering Time Hosts needed:](#) Donut and coffee servers are needed to set up and serve donuts and coffee during our gathering time on Sunday mornings. Time commitment is 8:40 to 10:00 am Sundays on a schedule that fits your availability. Please sign up at the donut counter or contact [Maria](#) in the office to volunteer.

[Year-End Financial Gratitude:](#) It is with very grateful hearts we celebrate ending 2021 in a strong financial position, especially into the 2nd year of a pandemic. The faithfulness of this community is remarkable and inspiring. Praise God for whom all blessing flow!

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Our Gathering/Donut Time is between services at 9:00 to 10:00 am

All are welcome to enjoy donuts & coffee/tea in Shepherd's Hall. Please join us!

Please contact Maria in the office to sign-up to be a Gathering Time Host.

Serving in worship today

8am

Reader: Dan Hagen

Ushers: Dick Dragovich

Cantor: Dan Hagen

Tech Booth:

Gathering Time Host:

10am

Reader: Steve LaSalle

Ushers: Dave Nord
Chriss Latterell

Julie Streit

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