



CHURCH ON THE AVENUE

St. Luke's, Hampden



Sunday, January 26, 2025 | 10:00am
Third Sunday After Epiphany

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Whoever you are, wherever you're from, whatever you believe, whomever you love...YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

St. Luke's Church is committed to being a House of radical inclusivity. We welcome you and we are glad for your company in worship today. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know! We are committed to helping you find a congregation to call home be that here or elsewhere. We invite you to inquire more about our community and leave your information on the podium near the entrance. If you would like to formally join our community be sure to connect with Pastor Jim before you leave.

We affirm the wiggles of children and have provided a space for them to play while they listen and see what is going on. Children are not “distractions” but beloved participants in the worshipping assembly. Feel free to move about the sanctuary as needed.

Instructions for the assembly can be found in *red italics*, responses for the assembly can be found in **bold print**. You are invited to participate at your level of comfort. There will be lots of singing. Some music is printed in the bulletin, but numbered hymns can be found in the red hymnal.

RESTROOMS for your convenience can be found on this level or at the top of the stairs.

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WELCOME & INSTRUCTION

Participants are invited to respond with the text in bold type.

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

ORDER OF CONFESSION

Trusting that God knows our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

HYMN | All Are Welcome

ELW 641

APOSTOLIC 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

Blessed Lord 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.

FIRST READING | 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

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

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

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

GOSPEL READING | Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

God is with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

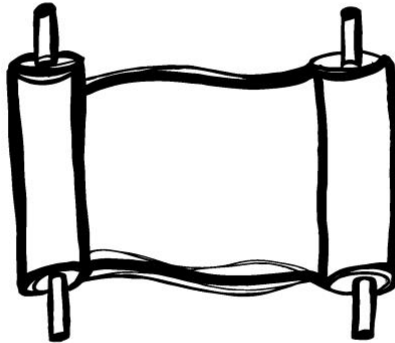
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE |

Rev. Jim Muratore

BREAKOUT QUESTIONS

- How does this passage speak to your own understanding of Jesus's mission and purpose
- What are the "good news" that we need to hear and share today?



HYMN | I Come With Joy

ELW 482

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response to each petition is: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

The assembly is invited to stand in body or spirit.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] The Lord is here

[A] God's Spir - it is with us

[P] Let us lift up our hearts

[A] We lift them to our God

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

[A] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "GREAT THANKSGIVING". It consists of seven staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first six staves are vocal parts with lyrics. The first staff is a Soprano part with lyrics "[P] The Lord is here". The second staff is an Alto part with lyrics "[A] God's Spir - it is with us". The third staff is a Tenor part with lyrics "[P] Let us lift up our hearts". The fourth staff is a Bass part with lyrics "[A] We lift them to our God". The fifth staff is a Soprano part with lyrics "[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God". The sixth staff is an Alto part with lyrics "[A] It is right to give our thanks and praise." The seventh staff is a continuation of the music, showing a 3/4 time signature change and a final cadence.

It is indeed right, our duty | and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and | praise to you,
O God our Mother and Father, through our Savior | Jesus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision | of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we | cannot see.
And so, with all the | choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the | hosts of heaven, we praise
your name and join their un|ending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, - God of power and
 might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

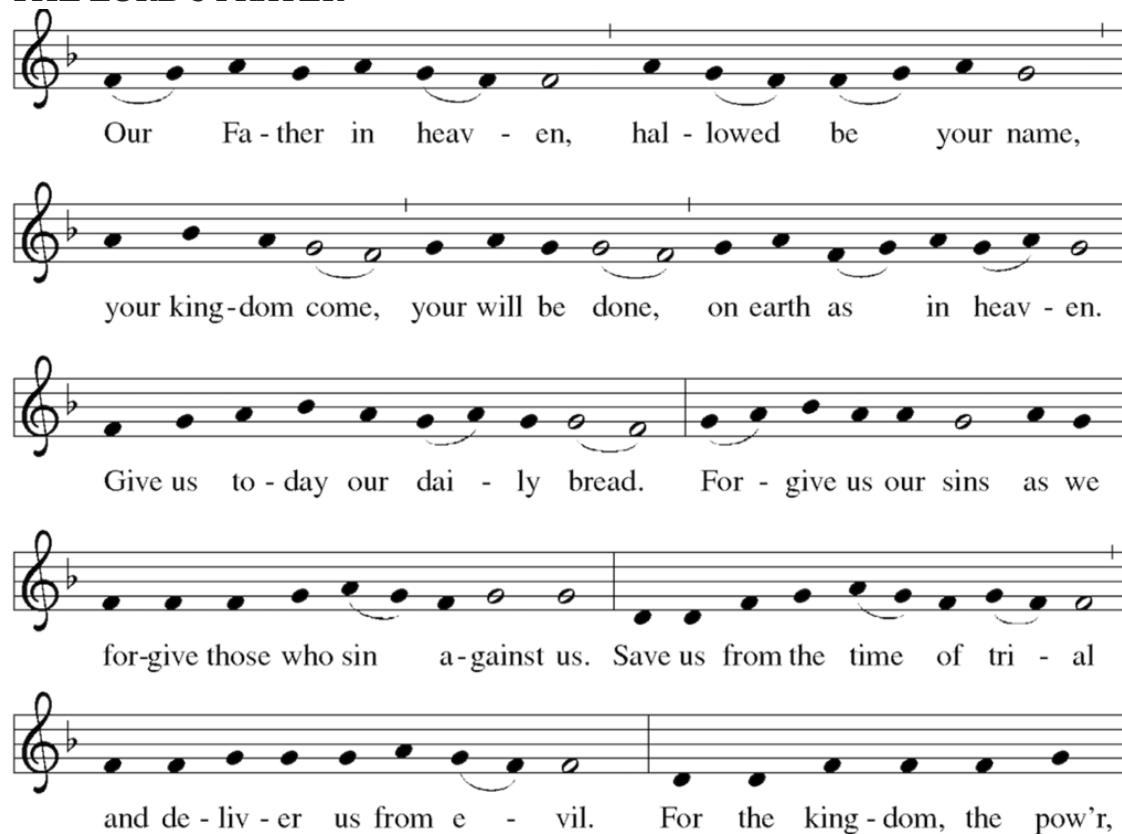
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION |

Communion is served by way of intinction. Come forward in a counter clockwise circle. Hand sanitizer is available at the altar for your use. Receive the body of Christ in your hand and dip into the cup. The clay chalices are filled with grape juice, and the metal chalices are filled with wine. The second station of chalices is reserved for gluten free recipients. If you wish not to receive you are welcome to remain seated or come forward with crossed arms to receive a blessing. ALL are welcome to come and receive without exception.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God is with you! **And also with you!**

May the Triune God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN | I Want to Walk as the Child of the Light

ELW 815

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S GAME NIGHT! | TONIGHT 4 - 8pm

Come for the board games, stay for the company! We'll meet in the chapel and let the games begin! Game Masters Brandon Wilson, Esteban Caballero, and Renee Klein-Costa will see to your questions. Next Game Night is scheduled for Feb. 23rd.

COME AND SEE!!! So much is going on here at St. Luke's Church on the Avenue, please visit our website to view the calendar and explore links to activities happening every day! Visit us at www.churchontheavenuehampden.org or by scanning the QR Code below.

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 I want to volunteer with the Thrift Shop Drop-In program Garden Food-Not-Bombs
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