



House of Prayer Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Year C

House of Prayer is a gathering of God's people connecting our faith to our daily lives,
so that all would encounter Christ in each person

(The "+" insignia indicates where the congregation should stand)

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ringling of the Bell *(please remain seated)*

Call to Worship

L: We gather as a community of faith celebrating that no darkness can extinguish the light of Christ. We gather to remember that love is more powerful than death.

C: We gather as people of faith in the light of God's world. Amen.



+Gathering Hymn: *ELW 665 Rise, Shine, You People!*

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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+Confession and Forgiveness

L: Arise, shine: for your light has come.

C: O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us.

L: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

C: We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us.

L: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

C: We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season

and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts.

L: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Silence for self-reflection and silent confession

L: Family of God, we join in the words of the psalmist's proclamation:

C: If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,"

L: Even the darkness is not dark to God, and the night is as bright as the day.

C: The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us HAS come to us in Jesus Christ who binds up the broken hearted, heals all our infirmities, and relieves our burden of sin.

L: So arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

L: God of Abundance,

C:, You demonstrate your love for us through the life and teaching of Jesus, your son. We are eager to receive your grace and mercy, but too often we try to keep it for ourselves worrying there is not enough to share with all people. Remind us that your love is multiplied in our sharing through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

You may be seated

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy,'
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Psalm 71:1-6

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you
have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a

+Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

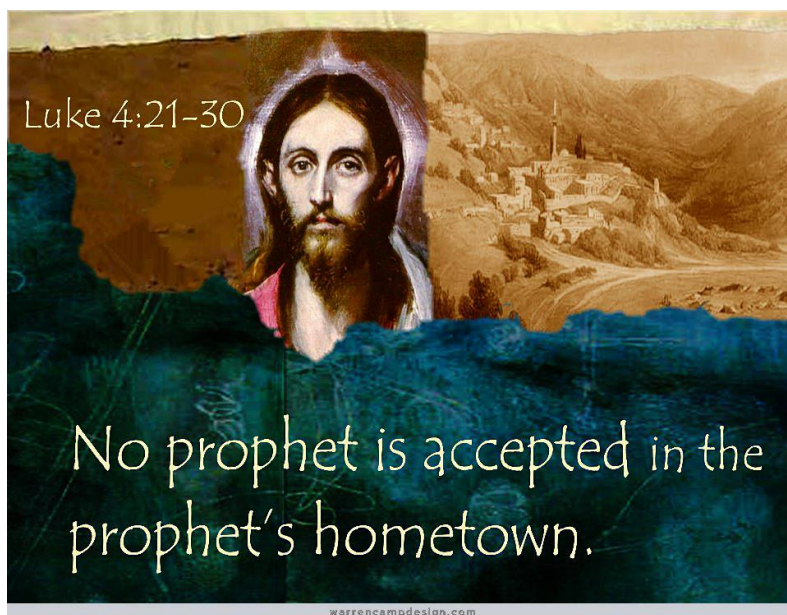
L: The Gospel according to Luke, the Fourth chapter. **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” ²³ He 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.’ ” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But 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, ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They 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. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

L: The Good News of God. **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

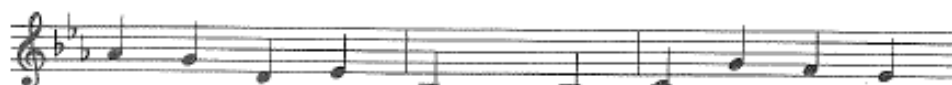
Sermon: The Truth Shall Enrage



He Comes to Us as One Unknown



All 1. He comes to us as one un-known, a
 Choir 2. He comes when souls in si-lence lie and
 Choir 3. He comes to us in sound of seas, the
 Choir 4. He comes in love as once he came by
 All 5. He comes in truth when faith is grown; be



breath un-seen, un-heard; as though with-in a
 thoughts of day de-part; half-seen up-on the
 o-cean's fume and foam; yet small and still up
 flesh and blood and birth; to bear with-in our
 lieved, o-beyed, a-dored; the Christ in all the



heart of stone, or shriv-eled seed in dark-ness sown, a
 in-ward eye, a fall-ing star a-cross the sky of
 on the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a
 mor-tal frame a life, a death, a sav-ing name, for
 Scrip-tures shown, as yet un-seen, but not un-known, our



pulse of be-ing stirred, a pulse of be-ing stirred.
 night with-in the heart, of night with-in the heart.
 voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
 ev-'ry child of earth, for ev-'ry child of earth.
 Sav-ior and our Lord, our Sav-ior and our Lord.

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+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.**

You may be seated

Prayers of Intercession

L: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need...

Spoken Response: **L:** Loving God, **C: Receive our Prayer.**

prayers end with: Receive our prayers, O God, and make your presence known through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ,

C: Amen.

Peace

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

You are invited to share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable.

Meal

Offering & Musical Offering: *The Glory of the Father*

Egil Hovland

Offering Prayer

L: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

L: 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, almighty and merciful God...we **stand** to praise your name and join their unending hymn... (*please stand*)

+Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

+Words of Institution

+Lord's Prayer

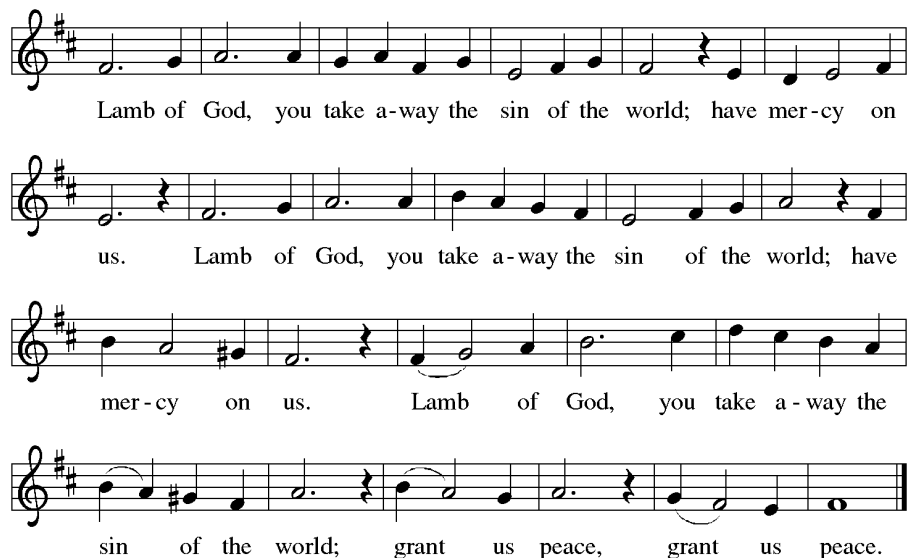
**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

+Invitation to Communion

L: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, experience God.

(You may be seated)

Communion



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.

Music during Distribution: *ELW 648 Beloved, God's Chosen*

Beloved, God's Chosen



1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

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+Prayer after Communion

L: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

+Blessing

L: We have celebrated together that Jesus Christ came not only for Christians, but to be known by every person, every country, every culture on earth. For he is the Savior of all. May we come to know him better and then make him known to others, especially by the way we live.

And may almighty God bless you, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+Sending Hymn: *ELW 631 Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-

faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

+Ringing of the Bell

+Dismissal

L: Go in peace, seeking Christ in one another,

C: We will, by the grace of God.

Postlude: *Chorale Prelude "Hyfrydol"*

Healey Willan

Worship Participants

Presider:	Pastor Eric Luedtke
Preacher:	Pastor Eric Luedtke
Musicians:	Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship
Organist	Tim Buendorf
Special Music:	HOP & Woodlake Combined Choir
Lector/Intercessor:	Karen Steenson
Communion Servers:	Pastor Eric, Sue Holton, Paul and Sue Danielson
Ushers:	Ann Barnes, Steve Sather and Larry Markes
AV Engineer:	Ethan Alberg
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