



House of Prayer Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 9, 2025
Fifth 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: *Prelude and Aria*

Robert J. Powell

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ringing 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 876 Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Let the Whole Creation Cry

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'r s of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

+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: Holy, holy, holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and angels and saints stand in awe in your presence. Surprise us with what you can do, widen our imaginations so that we notice your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

You may be seated

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I want you to understand, siblings, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴ and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

L: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God

+Gospel Acclamation:

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The melody is in G major, common time. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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+Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the

crowds from the boat.⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst.⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken,¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

You may be seated

Sermon: Light of the World



Hymn: *ELW 574 Here I am, Lord*

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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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:

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Niels Gade

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

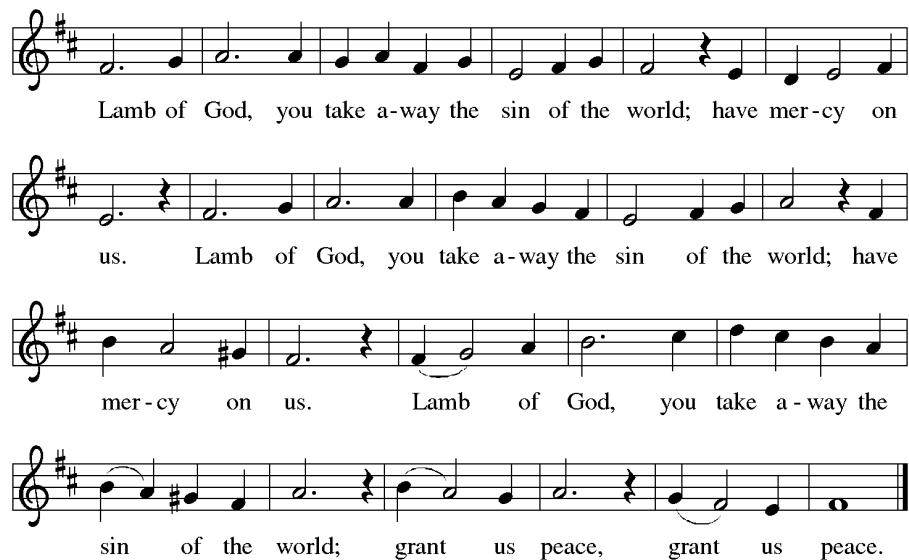
Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,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

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

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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.

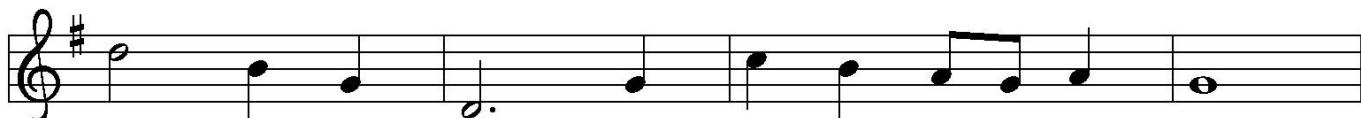


+Singing Hymn: *ELW 507 O God of Light*

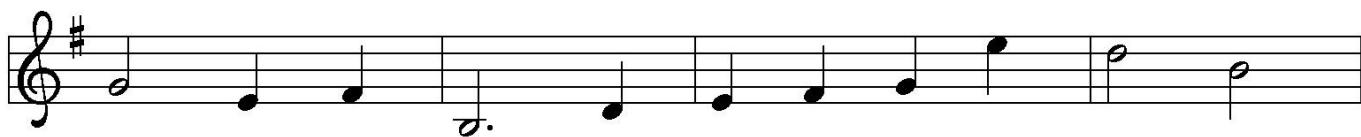
O God of Light



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - - fect day.
who wrote with ea - ger or re - - luc - tant pen.
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - - ior's face.
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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+Ringing of the Bell

+Dismissal

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

C: We will, by the grace of God.

Postlude: *Allegro*

Robert J. Powell

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