

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023



For such a time as this

Welcome to all who are gathered for worship! If you are a visitor, we are glad to have you with us and we hope you will come again.

Living in Times of Liminality. Today we will hear of a liminal time in the life of Esther. Knowing that the lives of her people, her family and herself lay in the balance, Esther had to make a moral decision. Would she bear witness to her faith and speak out against cruelty and injustice? Or would she remain silent? The liminal moments in our lives may not result in life or death decision making, but there are certainly times when we must choose to bear witness to our God or stay silent.

Communion: As Lutheran Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ is present in the sacraments of Baptism and Communion through the power of the Holy Spirit. As we gather around the Lord's table for communion, everyone is invited to come. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Those not receiving communion may come forward and receive a blessing.

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Prelude: Give Me Jesus, arr. Mark Patterson

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Welcome - If you are worshipping at home, please let us know how many are worshipping with you in the comment section, or by emailing Sandy at adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org. Thank you!

Please stand in body or spirit as you choose.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

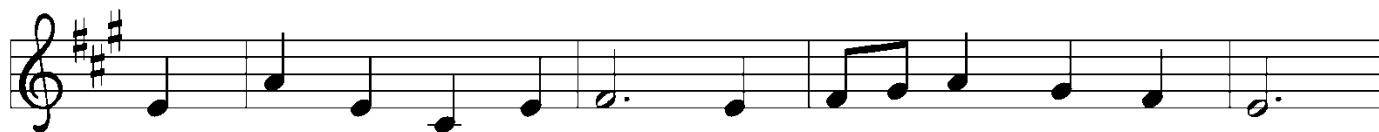
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #669, Rise Up, O Saints of God



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

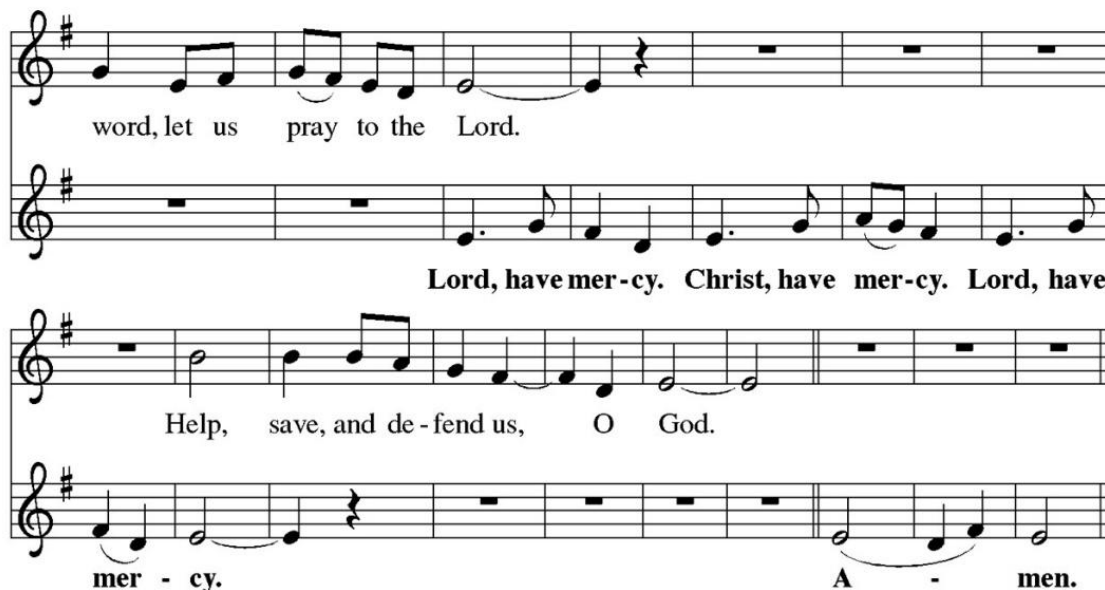
peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



Prayer of the Day:

God our strength, give us the humility to trust in your loving care, and the patience to be faithful in seeking your way, that we may come to share in the inheritance of your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Children's Time: Video, The Story of Purim

First Reading: Esther 3:8-11, 4:1-14

⁸Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and separated among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not appropriate for the king to tolerate them. ⁹If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued for their destruction, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, so that they may put it into the king's treasures." ¹⁰So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. ¹¹The king said to Haman, "The money is given to you, and the people as well, to do with them as it seems good to you."

¹When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; ²he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and

why. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.

⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, ¹¹All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law — all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days. ¹²When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

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

The Second Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews, the tenth chapter

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation:

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twelfth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW 793, Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please kneel or be seated as you prefer.

Prayers of the Faithful

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice such as racial prejudice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way. . Today, we especially pray for John, Arthur, Debbie, Shane, Wilda, Ann, Dolores, Bern, Pastor Linda , Mickey, Jay, Anna, Mackenzie, Zane, Richie, Lauren, Haley, Sandra, Kelly, Andy, Karen, Gary, Kay & Dennis, Millie, Patti and those we name before you now...brief silence...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

Please stand

Sharing of God's Peace

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

Please be seated

Offering

Stewardship Moment

Nearly a year has passed since Russian forces invaded Ukraine. Through the work of Lutheran Disaster Response the ELCA has been with the people of Ukraine the entire time, and will continue to walk alongside them as they rebuild their lives in the days, months and years ahead. Among the many projects sponsored by LWF was the repurposing of the buildings of the Lutheran Church in Kuková, Slovakia which provides housing for Ukrainian refugees. Thank you for your offering to Good Shepherd which helps to make projects like this possible.

Offertory- Adult Choir: Be Thou My Vision - Jennifer DeLapp

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Please stand

Offertory Response WOV #460, Now the Silence



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Presentation of Gifts - Offering Prayer

Let us pray together:

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

Dialogue

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 4/4. The first staff shows the Presider singing "The Lord be with you." and the Congregation responding "And al-so with you." The second staff shows the Presider singing "Lift up your hearts." and the Congregation responding "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff shows the Presider singing "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." and the Congregation responding "It is" on the next line. The fourth staff shows the Presider singing "right to give God thanks and" and the Congregation responding "praise." on the next line.

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
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 unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Invitation To Communion

Come and taste the joy of God.

Communion Song: Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

world:
fear:
peace:
love.

have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Final Stanza

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated, ushers will direct you to communion

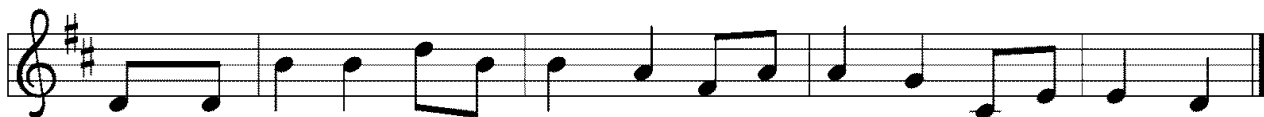
Distribution of Communion

Communion is distributed at the altar railing in a continuous fashion. As you come forward you will receive an empty cup for wine or a cup filled with grape juice from the usher. At the railing you may kneel or stand as you choose. You will first receive the bread from the pastor or Assisting Minister. If you wish to receive gluten free bread, they will have it available. The Communion Assistant will pour wine into your cup unless you are drinking grape juice. As you return to your seat a basket is provided for disposal of your communion cup.

Communion Music: ELW #781, Children of the Heavenly Father



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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ELW #789, Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Please stand

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and always. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen**

Please be seated

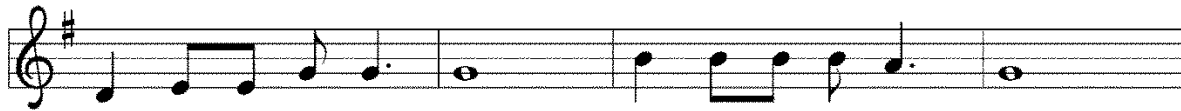
Announcements

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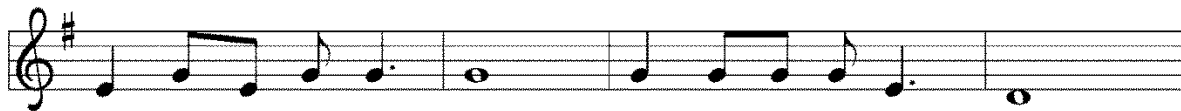
Benediction

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

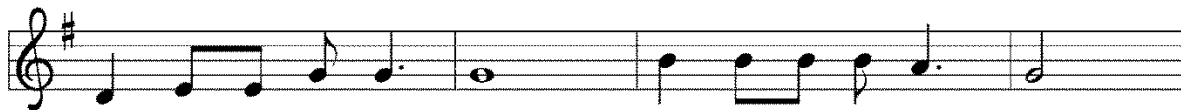
Sending Hymn: ELW 677, This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Wood Church Sunday The first Sunday of each month has been designated as *Wood Church Sunday*. As you enter the nave you will see the Wood Church on a small table in the middle of the aisle. The money received in this outreach is used to help our church family as well as the less fortunate in our community when an unexpected need or crisis arises. Please consider giving to this worthwhile cause.

Attention Ladies of LCGS - The Olivet UMC United Women in Faith group will be hosting a South District Social Action event on Saturday, February 11, 2023 with a continental breakfast and program entitled "Mental Health Awareness." The guest speaker is Rashida Henry, a licensed professional counselor. Their mission activity for the day will be asking all attendees to bring a nonperishable food item or personal care item that will be donated to the Blessings Box at LCGS.

The ladies of LCGS are invited to attend the breakfast and program that day. Anyone interested to RSVP to Becky Givler by February 8. Her phone number is 610-383-4197 or email her at beckyg48@verizon.net. Olivet United Methodist Church, 310 East Chestnut St., Coatesville

2023 Sponsorships – The signup lists are available for 2023 sponsorships of altar flowers (\$35 for one vase/\$70 for both), Eternal Candle (\$15/month), Bulletins (\$10) and Children's Bulletins (\$2). The lists are located on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's office. Thank you!

Coming February 12th – "Souper" Bowl Sunday! Support Good Shepherd's Food Table and Blessing Boxes (Good Shepherd & Coatesville Library locations) while cheering for your favorite team on "Souper" Bowl Sunday! Cash and non-perishable food donations will be collected in the Narthex on Sunday February 12. High-protein soups, canned meats, pasta, cereal, peanut butter etc. are requested to keep our Food table & Blessings Boxes stocked for members and community friends in need. Cash donations will be used to purchase additional necessities. "Souper" Bowl team donation winner to be announced!

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing, Saturday, March 25th: We are excited to announce that Good Shepherd will be hosting a "Rise Against Hunger" event to pack a thousand delicious healthy meals that will be given to local nonprofit food organizations. Opportunities to sign-up as a volunteer or make a financial gift will be available after the first of the year at luthgoodshep.org/serve/in-our-community/rise-against-hunger-event.

Blood Drive at Good Shepherd - Good Shepherd will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 11th, from 2:00 to 7:00pm. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Click [here](#) to schedule an appointment. If you would like to serve as a volunteer, please contact Allison Radwick or Pastor Heidi.

The Blessings Box: The Blessings Box is located on LCGS's drive and is replenished daily with nonperishable food, household items, and personal supplies. Built as an Eagle Scout project, the Blessings Box has become a significant part of the congregation's ministry to the community. Donations are collected weekly and come not just from members of Good Shepherd but also from neighbors.

This Fall a second Blessings Box was established at the Coatesville Public Library. Overflow donations to this "satellite" box are brought to the church. And when that box is low on supplies, members help to fill it up. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, simply bring your donations to the church.

Updated Member Hall Rental Information: Active church members will be required to pay a Sextant Fee of \$175 for use of Fellowship Hall to cover setup, tear down and cleanup costs. Members must abide by the Alcohol Policy for alcohol events. All rentals must go through Sandy in the office during regular office hours.

Prayers for the Family of God

In our prayers today from our congregation:

From our community: John Hanaway, Arthur Kuch, Debbie Ziegler, The family of Lois Anne Hagans, Shane Tucci, Wilda Horsey, Ann Gingalewski, Dolores Duffy, Bern Jackson, Pastor Linda Bonfiglio, Mickey Givler, Jay Cahill, Anna Brown, Mackenzie Burkholder, Zane Drever, Richie Aiello, Lauren Spaulding, Haley Levonski, Sandra Clayton, Kelly McMinimee, Andy Wien, Karen Moore, Gary Brown, Kay & Dennis Collopy, Millie Hoffa, Patti Casiello

We continue to pray for: Pastor Jennifer Phelps, Sam Landis, Jim Fisher, Betty Greenlee

Sponsoring & Serving Today

Eternal Candle: Ginny Lozinski, in memory of Steve Lozinski's birthday

Flowers

Bread Baker

Jeannie Broderick

Lector: Sue Durborow

Communion Assistant: Sandy Haines

Usher: Karen Smith/Bob Haines

Acolyte:

Altar Guild: Sue Durborow/Karen White

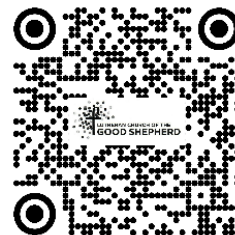
Coffee Hour: Rose Reid/Muriel Rose

Serving Today:

Attendance 1/29/23: 9:30 am: 86; 9:30am Facebook: 15

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Online</u>
Weekly Envelopes	\$2,120	\$2,061
Mortgage	\$ 95	\$125
Other	\$ 285	
Designated Giving	\$1,400	

Activate the QR Reader to make an online gift to the general fund or designated ministries.



This week's calendar 2/5/23 – 2/11/23

		Worship/Facebook
Sun 2/5	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	LIFT
	2:00 pm	Hall Rental
Mon 2/6	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Weds 2/8	10:30 am	Hanny Bible Study
	1:00 pm	Caln Seniors Group
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs 2/9	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Fri 2/10	6:00 pm	Hall Rental/Rosebud's

Looking ahead to next week 2/12/23 – 2/18/23

Sun 2/12	9:30 am	Worship/Facebook Worship
	10:30 am	LIFT
Mon 2/13	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tues 2/14	7:15 pm	Property Meeting
Weds 2/15	10:30 am	Hanny Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat 2/18	8:00 am	Pancake Breakfast

