



# January 29, 2023, 11:00AM

## The Way, the Truth, and the Life

## Who Am I?

Thank you for viewing our online bulletin for January 29, 2023. Full texts of the readings and hymns are provided below.

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In one of his most profound teachings on discipleship, Jesus asks those with him, "Who do people say that I am?" They respond with the speculation – the "word on the street" – about this one who is creating such controversy. But Jesus follows with an even more challenging question, one that rings in the air in our day and time: "Who do YOU say that I am?" It is on this that everything else depends. How we answer this question determines virtually everything else in the lives we lead. Who will Jesus be for us?

### Prelude

**Brightest and Best arr. Mark Hayes**

### Prelude

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### Welcome and Gathering

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

#### Litany

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

**Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah, his family, and the animals survive the flood. Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.**

**Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.**

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all your beloved creation.

**Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin that is within us and drown the evil that surrounds us.**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## Welcome

### **Song of Celebration**

#### ***Let All Things Now Living***

*ELW 881 --- Verses: All*

Verse 1

Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,

who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

Verse 2

God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;

the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise

till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

## **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

The light and love of Creator God embodied in the life of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lord, you call us to name you and proclaim you through the whole of our lives. Help us to hold to the truth of you and to follow as you lead. Help us to know our true selves in living your way in the world.

**Amen.**

## **Thanking of the Council**

### **The Readings**

#### **First Reading**

Isaiah 9:2-8

1 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

#### **Psalm Antiphon**

***This is the Day***

**ALLC**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice, let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.

#### **Psalm Reading**

Psalm 13

1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be

exalted over me? 3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

### ***Antiphon***

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, 4 and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. 5 But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. 6 I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

### ***Antiphon***

## **Second Reading**

Acts 22:6-15

6 Paul said, "While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone about me. 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' 8 I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' Then he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.' 9 Now those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. 10 I asked, 'What am I to do, Lord?' The Lord said to me, 'Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told everything that has been assigned to you to do.' 11 Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me to Damascus. 12 "A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews living there, 13 came to me; and standing beside me, he said, 'Brother Saul, regain your sight!' In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. 14 Then he said, 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear his own voice; 15 for you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard.'

## **Gospel Acclamation**

***Arise, Your Light is Come***

ELW 314 --- Verses: 1

Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.

## **The Gospel**

Mark 8:27-38

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this

quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

## The Message

### Children's Message

### Sermon

#### Time of Reflection

***Time of Reflection***  
*ad libitum*

### Prayers and Offerings

#### Song of the Day

***Glorious Things of You Are Spoken***

*ELW 647 (to Hyfrydol)*

#### Verse 1

Glorious things of you are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God!  
He whose word cannot be broken  
formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
you may smile at all your foes.

#### Verse 2

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply your sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

#### Verse 3

Round each habitation hov'ring,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which God gives them on their way.

#### Verse 4

Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in your name.  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,  
all their boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasures  
none but Zion's children know.

### Profession of Faith

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, eternal, almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Beloved Begotten One;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
lived and loved among us,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
who descended to the dead,  
and on the third day rose again;  
who ascended into heaven,  
sits at the right hand of the loving God,  
and will come again to make whole 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 life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

#### Special Music

***For Unto Us A Child Is Born***

by Handel arr. Mark Hayes

## Offering Prayer

God of all, we give thanks for your grace,

**Refreshment for all who will partake in it, light for all who will walk in it, strength for all who will hope in it, healing for all who have need if it, wholeness for all who will live in it.**

We come bearing our gifts,

**That we might be your hands in the work you are doing, your voice in the truth you reveal, to aid all who struggle, to reach out to all who are lost.**

Gracious God, you generously provide all that is needed to build up your church. Receive our offerings to support the ministries of this congregation,

**To be the hearts through which you love the world. Amen**

## Communion Liturgy

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### ***The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving***

Rienestra/Sterneman

The Grace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts **We lift up our hearts to God**

Let us give thanks to God! **It is good and it is right,**  
**our joy and our delight to give God praise**  
**at all times and in all ways.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

### ***The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving***

Rienestra/Sterneman

It is with joy and delight that we give thanks for Your Grace and Love  
and offer praise to you O God through Jesus Christ.

You call us to a joyful life of communion with all your creatures here on earth.  
And so with all people and all creation we join together and sing your praise:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

### ***The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving***

Rienestra/Sterneman

O holy, holy are You, God of love and light,  
the heavens and the earth are filled with your love,

filled with your Grace.  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is the one who comes in Your name  
to share Your Love.  
Hosanna in the highest!

## 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.

## Holy Communion

### Invitation

#### Communion Song

##### ***Eat this Bread***

ELW 492 --- Verses: All

Refrain  
Eat this bread, drink this cup.  
Taste and see the goodness of God.  
Bread of life, cup of love,  
we rejoice in your presence.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
praise with heart and voice;  
in my God I glory forever:  
listen and rejoice! Refrain

Look upon the Lord, be radiant,  
never turn away.

God will save in ev'ry affliction,  
hear us when we pray. Refrain

Angels fold their wings around us,  
guard through good and ill.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing;  
taste, and have your fill. Refrain

Saints of God, bow down and worship,  
bless the holy name.  
Rise to tell God's greatness forever,  
wondrous deeds proclaim! Refrain

#### Communion Song

***Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove***

*ELW 404 (to O Waly Waly))* --- Verses: 1,2,3

##### Verse 1

Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
with light and comfort from above.  
Come, be our guardian and our guide;  
o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.

##### Verse 2

The light of truth to us display  
and make us know and choose your way;  
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,  
that we from God may ne'er depart.

##### Verse 3

Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
nor let us from his pastures stray.  
Lead us in holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.

#### Communion Prayer

God of life and all creation, you welcome us to a table of your preparing in the midst of the world. In the gift of this Sacrament, you reveal your Christ present with us, nurturing us and strengthening us for the days ahead.

**Help us to live in the light of Christ. Help us to walk in the way and the truth he reveals. Lead us forth into the world, blessed to share the gift of your love, forgiveness and grace. Amen.**

#### Sending Forth

#### Announcements

## Blessing

### Sending Song

#### ***Here I Am Lord***

ELW 574 --- Verses: All

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

#### Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?"

#### Refrain

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?"

#### Refrain

## Mission and Peace

### Mission Response

#### ***Traveling Mercies***

ALLC Mission Response --- Verses: Refrain

Go in peace  
Live in grace  
Trust in the arms that will hold you  
Go in peace  
Live in grace  
Trust God's love

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## **Postlude**

**The Light of the World Is Jesus arr. Mark Hayes**

***Postlude***

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