

# United Lutheran Church

*Third Sunday After Epiphany*  
*January 27, 2019*



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## PRELUDE

### ◆ GATHERED IN GRATITUDE

**C** **Baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ and Nourished by His Supper, we are United in Gratitude, Living Everywhere the Love of the Triune God.**

**P** Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**C** **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**P** For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Psalm 100:3-5*

### ◆ GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS

**P** The Lord is with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Now share the Lord's greeting with one another.

### ◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of ✕ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Christ is coming soon. Let us prepare our hearts as we confess our sins against God and one another.

*(silence for self-examination)*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess our failure to watch for your coming and to make ready your way. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; we have not welcomed one another as we have been welcomed. Restore us, O God. Open our hearts to receive you. Clothe us in Christ that we may live in the light of your day. Amen**

**P** The light of God's face shines upon us, and we are saved. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority alone, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of ✕ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

◆ GATHERING HYMN

*"All Are Welcome"*

*Verses 1-3*

*ELW #641*

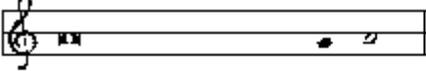
◆ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C And also with you.

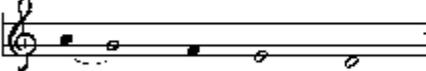
◆ KYRIE

*Pastor*



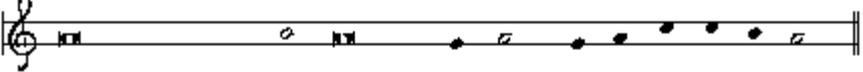
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation*



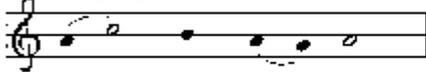
Lord, have mer - cy.

*Pastor*



For the peace from above, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation*

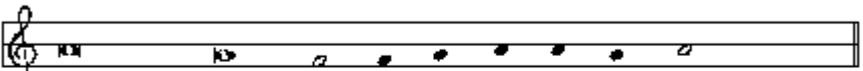


Lord, have mer - cy.

*Pastor*

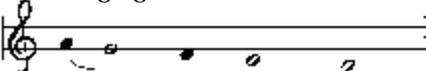


For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



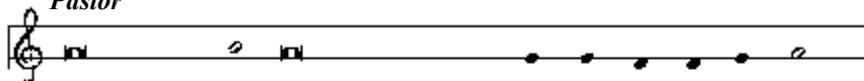
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation*



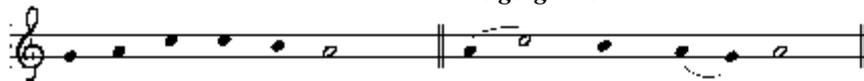
Lord, have mer - cy.

*Pastor*



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise.

*Congregation*



let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mer-cy.

*Pastor*

*Congregation*



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - - men.

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Pstora*

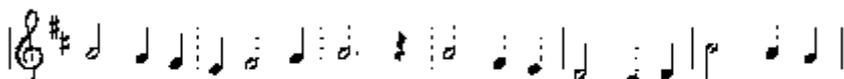


This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, Al-le-lu-ia.

*Congregation*



Wor-ship Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



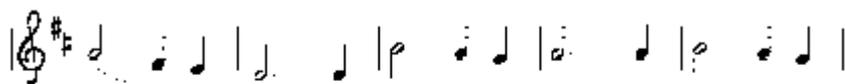
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



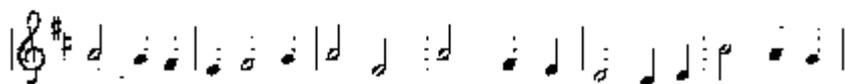
strength, and hon-our and bless-ing and glo-ry are his



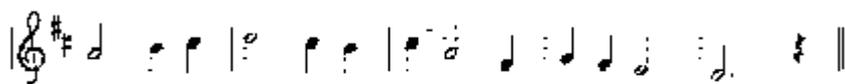
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the people of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be - us God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God,

C you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING*****Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10***

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.**

*Pray responsively:*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

**where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to <sup>1</sup>run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs  
about to the end of it again;**

**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the  
simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is sure and gives light to the  
eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine  
gold,**

**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one’s own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them  
not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great  
offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.**

**SECOND READING****1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

<sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>For 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.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If 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. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The 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.”

<sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and 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; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And 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. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

**A** Word of God, word of Life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

◆ GOSPEL

*Luke 4:14-21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When 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, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“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,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And 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. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. Neal J. Anthony*

◆ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Let Streams of Living Justice"*

*ELW #710*

◆ **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

◆ **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each Petition will end with the Pastor saying, "Lord in your mercy"  
We ask the congregation to respond by saying, "Hear our Prayer"

◆ **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & TITHES/NOISY OFFERING**

◆ OFFERTORY

*“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing, Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

◆ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Gifting God,

C you have gifted us with your Gifting Image, creating us as extensions of your generosity. By the power of your Holy Spirit, daily restore us to your Gifting Image, that we may serve with joy as grateful channels of your endless blessings; through the One whose Gifts are given without measure, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

*Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Congregation* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en 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.

◆ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

◆ LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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

COMMUNION INVITATION

P Jesus Christ died and was raised for sinners. We qualify.

*At United we practice Open Communion.*

*Those who will receive forgiveness of sins are welcome to the Table.*

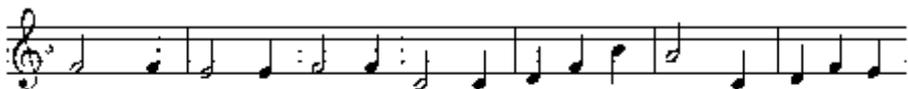
*If you are unable to come to the altar, please indicate your desire for communion to an usher.*

*The dark colored liquid is wine, and the light colored liquid is grape juice.*

*For those who need an alternative to wheat flour wafers,  
gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

*"Lamb of God"*



☪ 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.

*“Light Dawns on a Weary World”*

**ELW #726**

*“Here Is Bread”*

**ELW #483**

*“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

**ELW #611**

◆ **THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

◆ **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P God who is our Holiness,

C **in this Supper you have given us Life, Holiness, and the Promise of eternal communion with You in exchange merely for our Sin. In gratitude for this Happy Exchange, may our Thanksgiving and Joy spread from this sanctuary as we become instruments of that same Happy Exchange, covering our neighbors with your Love and Mercy this coming week; through Jesus Christ, the Pattern of our Life Together. Amen.**

◆ **BENEDICTION**

P Now receive the Benediction.

*(Congregation: Face your neighbor.)*

C **The Lord blesses you and keeps you;  
The Lord’s face shines upon you and is gracious to you;  
The Lord looks upon you with favor and gives you peace.**

◆ **DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord by taking care of one another.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Quotes**

We must be ready to allow ourselves  
to be interrupted by God.

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Worship Leaders for January 26 & 27		
Leadership Position	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Worship Coordinators		Bill & Pat Piwenzky
Acolyte		Madi Morrow
Pianist/Organist	Jenna Miller	Denice Hoops
Lectors		Owen Anthony Kara Carlson
Communion Assistants	Linda Turner	George Hill Jo Hill Luanne Schwartzkopf Karen Daffer
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Greeters	Dean & Kathy Jaeger	Jack & Jeanine Trutna
Van Driver		Dennis Heuke
Parking Lot Monitor		Jason Schmeeckle

**Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Guidelines for Wedding, Baptism, and Funeral Services at United**

Before setting a date or making plans for a wedding, baptism, or funeral at United, please contact the church office to clear a date. This is to ensure the availability of the pastor and facility. Baptisms and weddings are not done during the church season of Lent. Additionally, weddings are not held during Holy Week or busy church seasons.