# Luther Memorial Lutheran Church 13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133 Worship for Sunday, 19 January 2025 + Second Sunday after Epiphany Year C

## Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

#### **Prelude**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Please Stand

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ± one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.** 

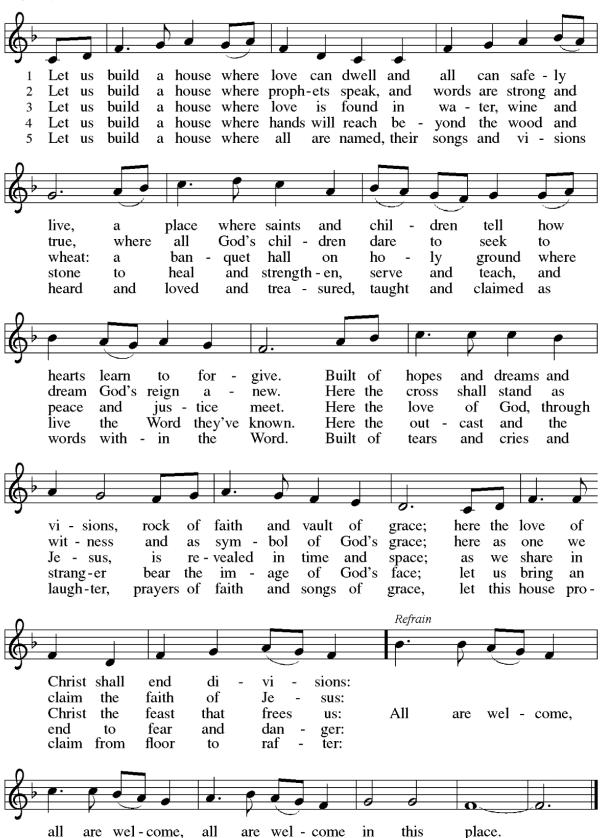
Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ± Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.** 

#### Gathering Hymn #641 All Are Welcome



## **Apostolic Greeting**

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

#### C: And also with you.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray:

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until its vindication shines out like the dawn, and its salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the rulers your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight,

and your land Married;

for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as one rejoices in marrying one's beloved, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 36:5-10

Read Responsively

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;

you save humankind and animals, O Lord.

How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

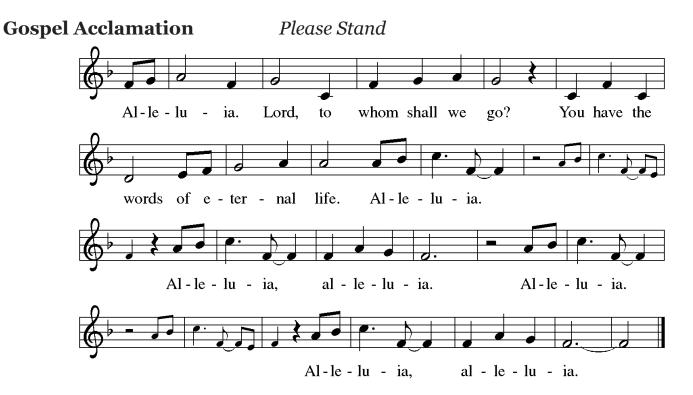
### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



#### Holy Gospel John 2:1-11

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

#### Sermon

## Hymn of the Day #531 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing Please Use the Hymnal

## **Prayers and Peace**

P: ....God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

From your place in the congregation, feel free to share a sign of peace with other members of the assembly.

## **Offering**

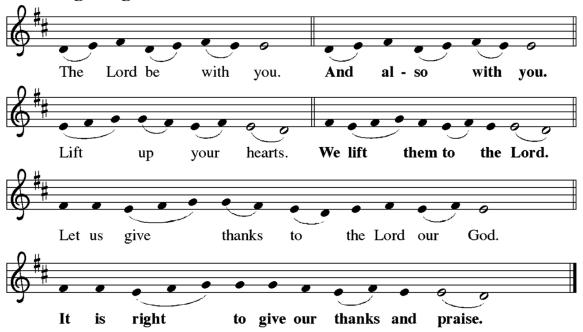
#### **Offertory Anthem**

## Offertory Prayer Please stand

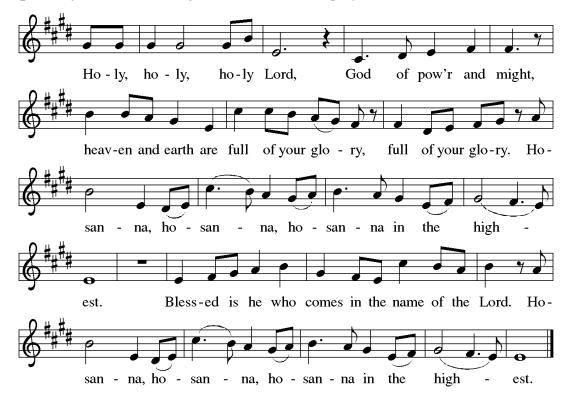
P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

#### **Great Thanksgiving**



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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



#### **Eucharistic Liturgy**

All praise to you, glorious God of grace.

Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.

With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.

With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.

With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.

Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.

Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.

Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.

One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

With Mary, we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

On the night before he died, he 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.

With Mary, again we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal.

Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.** 

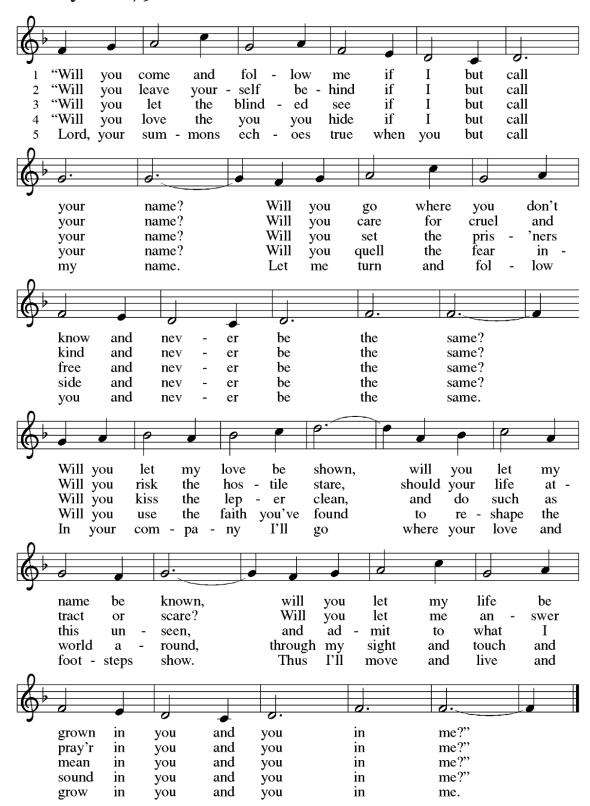
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

## **Distribution of Holy Communion** You may be seated

Please proceed up the center aisle to pick up a piece of bread from the Presiding minister. You will then take an already filled glass of either wine or grape juice from the tray the assisting minister is holding.

There will be baskets off to the side where you can dispose of your used cups. The communion bread is all gluten free, but does contain honey. All are welcome to receive from Christ's table. You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

#### Communion Hymn #798 Will You Come and Follow Me



## **Post-communion Prayer**

P: Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news

of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

#### **Blessing**

P: The Spirit of the triune God  $\oplus$  bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.



#### **Postlude**

#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Today's Worship Leaders:**

Pastor Sara Funkhouser Cynthia Dario-Good

Leia Smith Laurie Meade

Andrew Wesly (all readings, including Psalm)

Jen and Matt Smith Lollie Ellingson Presider/Preacher Musician Communion Assistant Usher Lector FOSS Transport

Altar Care

**Next Week's Readings** 

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: Psalm 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel: *Luke 4:14-21* 

**Annual Meeting:** Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, February 2nd** after worship, around 11:40 A.M.! It is important that we have as many members as possible attend this meeting as we reflect on 2024 and look to our ministry in 2025. You should be receiving the Annual Report packet by Thursday, January 21st. We will send a digital copy once it is finalized, but all households will also be receiving a paper copy to review prior to the meeting. Please let us know if you do not receive that or if you have any questions or concerns prior to our meeting.

**Seekers:** After a break for the holidays, Seekers is returning to its weekly meetings! Seekers will meet at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday mornings in the Sunday School Room, beginning Wednesday, January 8th.

**Book Club:** Book Club is also resuming after the holiday break and will meet at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 25th, meeting on Zoom. This month we are reading the book *The Red Notebook* by Antoine Laurain. Everyone is welcome to participate!

**Synod Assembly:** It's time to start thinking about our nominees for the synod assembly in 2025! This will be a bigger assembly, as 2025 is a bishop election year in the NWWA synod. This means that the synod assembly will be May 16, 1pm-8pm ...and... May 17, 9am-4pm at the Edward D Hansen Conference Center in Everett. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Sara know by Sunday, January 19th. It should be a fun assembly, as we will have a representative from Churchwide with us, and the Bishop's election is a fun process to witness!

# **Upcoming Events**

19 JAN, SUN	• 10:30 – 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary
<b>21</b> JAN, TUE	<ul><li>1 – 3pm</li><li>6:30 – 9pm</li></ul>	Quilting Group - Elaine Celebration Hall  Seattle Photograph Society 1 Celebration Hall
23 JAN, THU	<ul><li>11:30am - 12:30pm</li><li>6 - 9:30pm</li></ul>	Pause for Prayer Zoom Sound Harmony Sanctuary
24 JAN, FRI	• 4 – 8pm	Inside Health Institute Celebration Hall

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