

**January 23, 2022**

*The Third Sunday after  
the Epiphany*



If you are an online guest today, please  
leave a record of your visit, below. Thank you!

**[Online Guest Form](#)**

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

7740 Hwy 72 West, Madison, AL 35758  
(256)721-0041 / [www.mlutheran.org](http://www.mlutheran.org)

## SERVICE of WORSHIP

### *Setting 2 from Lutheran Book of Worship*

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(silence for reflection and self examination)*

Most merciful God,

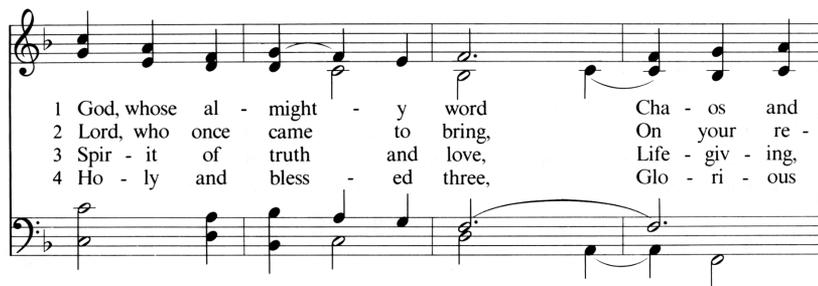
**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore 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.

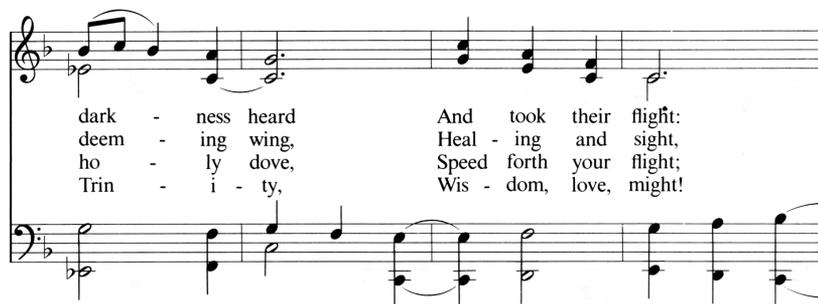
**Amen**

## God, Whose Almighty Word

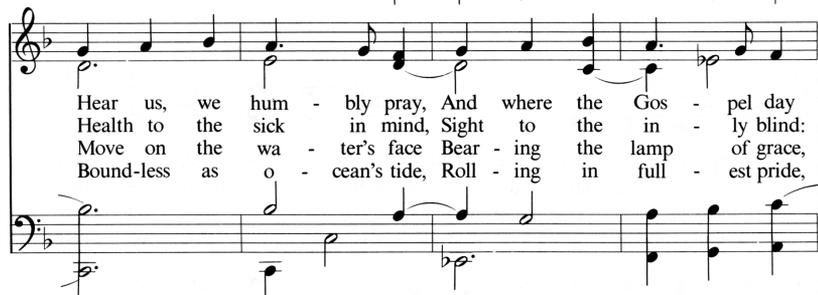
400



1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and  
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On your re -  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight:  
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight,  
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth your flight;  
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might!



Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day  
 Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:  
 Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,  
 Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



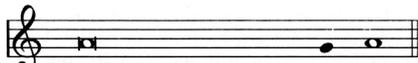
Sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!  
 And in earth's dark - est place  
 Through the earth, far and wide,

## THE 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.**

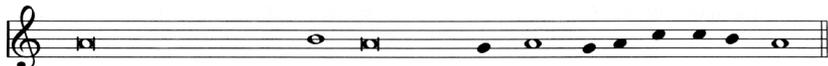
# THE KYRIE



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



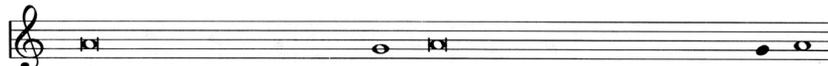
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



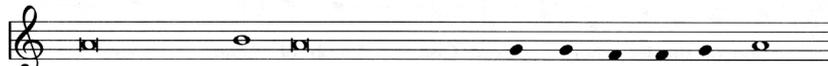
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



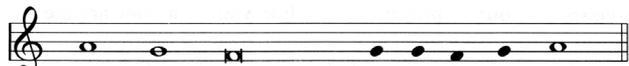
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**G** A - men

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**B** Wor - thy is 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 - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -  
le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE SALUTATION

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty God, 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**

TEMPLE TALK: *Afghan Refugee Relocation* Deacon Sara Galyon

CHOIR ANTHEM: *God Gave a Star to Guide the Wise*

THE FIRST LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup> all the people 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."

THE PSALM

*Psalm 19*

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD  
glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD  
the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD  
in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD  
is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD  
is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD  
is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD  
breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD  
breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> **he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon  
like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD  
shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD  
shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD  
makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.**

<sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the LORD  
all are crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned  
above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned  
as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD shall give strength  
to his people;  
the LORD shall give his people  
the blessing of peace.

## THE SECOND LESSON

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>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.



THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

<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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

### 433 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The Church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the

change, but Spir - it - led, Must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for  
 Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to

her - i - tage And keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, And nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.

5 We have no mission but to serve  
 In full obedience to our Lord;  
 To care for all, without reserve,  
 And spread his liberating Word.

## THE SERMON

### THE 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**

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### THE OFFERING

## THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"



**☐** 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. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**☐** The Lord be with you.



**☑** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

### THE 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.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

THE AGNUS DEI: "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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Break Now the Bread of Life"

235 Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As once you  
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, Your ho - ly  
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me, That he may

broke the loaves Be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blest the bread By Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 Word the truth That res - cues me. Give me to eat and live  
 touch my eyes And make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed

I seek you, Lord; My spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 All fet - ters fall; And I shall find my peace, My All - in - All!  
 With you a - bove; Teach me to love your truth, For you are love.  
 With - in your Word, And in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

HYMN: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

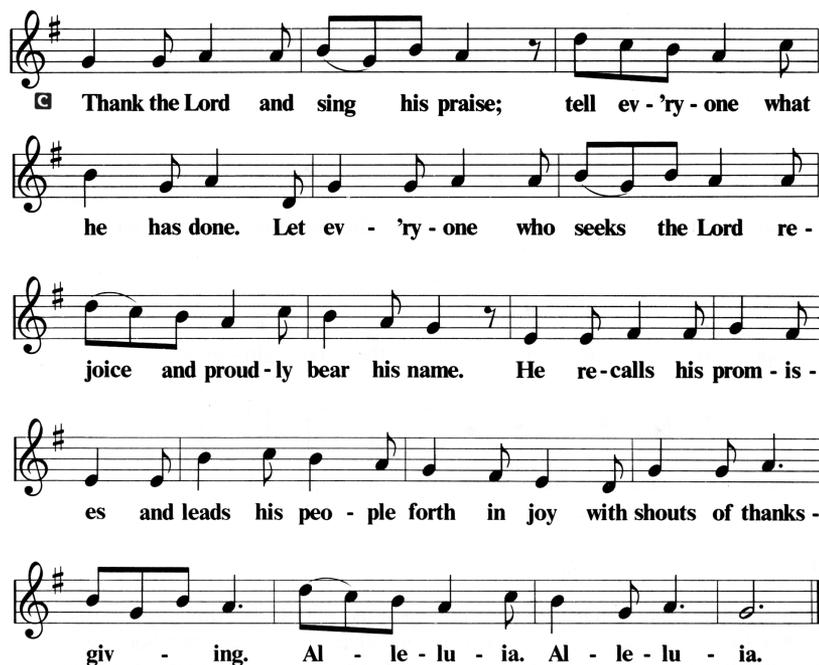
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 559

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's praise, The  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim, To  
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears And bids our sor - rows cease, Sings  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets the pris - 'ner free. His

glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!  
 spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of your name.  
 mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.  
 blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love      By saints below and saints above,  
 Be now and ever giv'n      The Church in earth and heav'n.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what  
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -  
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE DISMISSAL

## THE POSTLUDE