

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2012



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

"Building a House Where All Are Welcome"

3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a **ONE** congregation,
committed to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.
To learn more about **ONE** see www.one.org

Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation.
Our Welcome Statement is on the back of this worship folder.

Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 am
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Welcome to worship! If you are a first time guest at Gethsemane, please see one of the ushers or greeters for a “Welcome Bag.” We’re delighted you are here!
We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the blue card in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.

**Childcare is available for children up to age 4 in the Nursery on the Lower Level.*

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Liturgy of the Global Church
[Red] = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Worship Book)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Laudes Anima

WELCOME & COMMUNITY LIFE

Stand

OPENING HYMN: “Arise, Your Light Has Come”

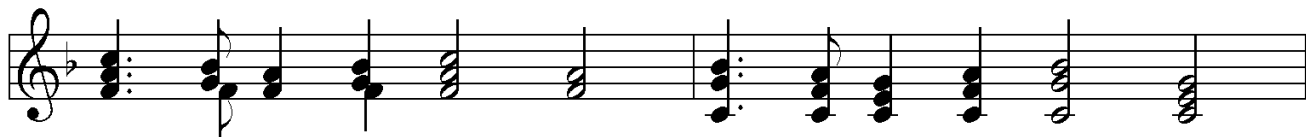
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GREETING

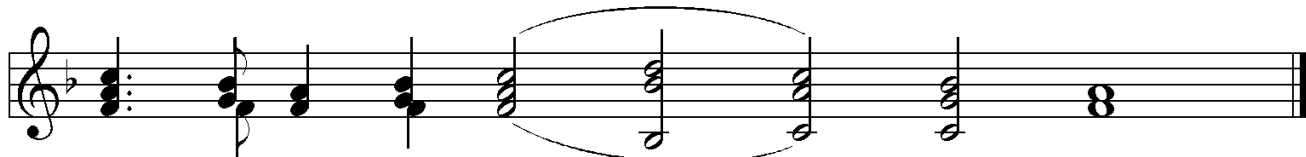
The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God, be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE: *Russian Orthodox*



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God in the Highest (Peru)*

Leader
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

All
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Leader All
To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader Leader
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Lector Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:1-11, 20c (Read responsively)

The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all¹ by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow upon the mountains.

⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. Hallelujah!

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE: *Papua New Guinea (to the tune of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore")*

Kam, ol brata, bung wantaim, Alleluia!
Kam singsing long God triwan, Alleluia!

Phonetic Version:

Come, all brah-ta, boong one time, Alleluia!

Come, sing-sing long God tree-one, Alleluia!

Kam na harim tok b'long God, Alleluia!
Em I mekim long ol man, Alleluia!

Phonetic Version:

Come, nah hahr-im talk blong God, Alleluia!

Em ee make-im long all man, Alleluia!

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter:

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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there

also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE: *Papua New Guinea (to the tune of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore")*

Come, all Christians, join with me, Alleluia!
Come and praise the Triune God, Alleluia!

Come and hear the word of God, Alleluia!
He extends his call to all, Alleluia!

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" No. 843 [Red]

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 PRAYERS

As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation.

A brief silence.

When your church grows weary and weak, give courage to our leaders, and strengthen your people for service, that everyone who searches for you might share in the blessings of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Where the earth is exhausted by our demands and the waters are polluted with our waste, bring rest to creation and restore the health of your creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When war and violence threaten innocent lives and displaced people flee in search of shelter, renew the strength of peacemakers and humanitarian aid workers. Raise up leaders who value justice more than power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Where the brokenhearted and powerless cry out for relief, lift them to new hope. Comfort all who grieve losses of any kind and sustain the suffering with your healing power especially Mary, Rich, Virgie, Ruth, Gert, Margaret, Randy, Walter, Lillie, Dawn, Fred, Howard, and all those we name before you now, either in the silence of our hearts, or spoken from our lips.... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When we are frantic and troubled, lead us into quiet places of prayer, that, restored by your peace, we gladly serve you and our neighbors in our daily lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who trusted in your steadfast love and promises. Give us the same patient hopefulness that sustained the saints before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Salzburg

Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: “Thank You, Lord” *African American Traditional*



1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
2 Been so good, been so good,
3 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord,



thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
been so good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
love you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: traditional

Music: THANK YOU, LORD, traditional

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread,

C **so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts: **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ... *Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:*

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: “You Are Holy” *Sweden*

No. 525 [Red]

**You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
Than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
To your church in wine and bread,
Raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness,
You are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

P Let us pray and sing with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Sit

COMMUNION

(The Communion Table is Christ's table. All baptized Christians who believe Jesus Christ is really present for the forgiveness of sins are welcome! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive wine from either the Common Cup or individual glasses. Grape juice is also available in individual glasses.)

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

"Lamb of God" *Finland*

No. 197 [Red]

"On Eagle's Wings"

No. 787 [Red]

"All Are Welcome"

No. 641 [Red]

Stand

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

C **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM Let us pray. Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

SENDING

BLESSING

God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 858 [Red]

DISMISSAL:

AM Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Lord of Glory, Who Has Bought Us*

Hyfrydol

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Be a Star! This Epiphany, we encourage everyone to BE A STAR by committing to five faith activities: read the Gospel of Mark, learn about and pray for our companion synods in Papua New Guinea and Eastern Russia, contact a Gethsemane member for encouragement, review one’s constellation of friends and support, and worship each Sunday. Put your name on a star if you are participating!

Today is Welcome Sunday! January 29th has been designated by Lutherans Concerned/North America as a Reconciling in Christ Welcome Sunday. Between services, there will be a Bible Study on Radical Welcome and conversation about how Gethsemane can continue to live into a Reconciling in Christ identity. Brochures are on tables in the Fellowship Hall about “Reconciling Lutherans.” Gethsemane made the decision to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation this past June by adopting the Statement of Welcome found in this worship folder.

Next Sunday, February 5th, is the “Souper Bowl of Caring.” The Gethsemane Youth Group (GYG) invites you to bring non-perishable food items to church and vote for who you think will win the big game by placing your items in the specified team's box — the New York Giants or the New England Patriots. Regardless of the score, we will all be winners as the food will go to support local food efforts at Joint Neighborhood Ministry. A special noisy offering will also be collected with money going to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Let's help out and have some fun this SOUPER Bowl Sunday! Go Team Gethsemane!!

Meeting for Youth and Adults attending the ELCA Youth Gathering, Sunday, February 5th, 10:00 am in the Youth/Stage Room. Everyone needs to be there so we can start getting our hearts ready for this awesome event.

Join Us for the Annual Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 12 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner includes Rich Schuessler's delicious spaghetti (meat or veggie sauce), salad, freshly baked bread, a variety of desserts, coffee, tea and pink lemonade. The price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under (3 and under are free). Carry-outs are available, but if you dine in you'll also be able to enjoy the wonderful musical talents of many of our members. It's a wonderful evening of good food, good friends, great entertainment - and all for a good cause. This year, proceeds from the Dinner will go to the Moe family for help with medical expenses. We will honor all cancer survivors in their journeys to "make today count" with love! If you can help, please call Lory Bowman at 406-1399.

Healthy Communities Workshop -- Our Budget, Our Value\$ All are welcome to attend a 2-part workshop presented by Metropolitan Congregations United on February 12th and 19th from 9:55 to 10:55 in the Chapel at Gethsemane. The workshop is a time to discuss what the members of our community hold sacred, learn about the Missouri budget process, and prepare to share our values and priorities with our Missouri legislators. Please be prompt so that we can begin on time and honor our guests' commitment to be with us.

Take care of your chocolate binge before Lent and give your sweetheart a special treat for Valentine's Day. An afternoon of chocolate and wine tasting will be Sunday, February 19th at Kakao Chocolate in Maplewood from 5-7pm. This is a fundraiser for the GYG trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Make your reservations with a GYG member or contact the church office. Cost is \$20 per person or the family special for \$50, which includes two reservations and babysitting at the church (provided by GYG members). Space is limited so make you reservations early by contacting the office or talking to a GYG youth.

SOCIAL ACTION MEETING - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - Please join us as the Social Action Committee meets in the Council Room at 10:00 a.m. between services on Sunday, February 5th. We will be planning some events for the upcoming months, and value everyone's input. Among the items are: packing food at the St. Louis Area Foodbank; upcoming events during February at the Christ Church Cathedral; the Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner (how to help and possible One-for-One for Joint Neighborhood Ministry's food stores; upcoming Adult Education workshop to prepare to speak with Missouri legislators about the state budget; letter-writing for Bread for the World; Reconciling in Christ/Welcoming Sunday. **WHETHER YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES, OR ALL OF THEM, PLEASE COME AND SEE HOW YOUR WORK CAN BRING GETHSEMANE'S SPIRIT TO THE WORLD.** Thank you.

Dismantling Racism Today - Saturday, February 11, 8:30 - 12:30 - Christ Church Cathedral will host a former Freedom Rider, Dr. Ernest Patton, as he shares his experience and leads an examination of dismantling racism.

Want to spend more moments in quiet connection with God, but there NEVER seems to be enough time to do it? Pastor and Spiritual Companion Tom Schoenherr will reveal the transforming power of creating Sabbath in our lives, and the wonder that God can reveal when

we step away from the crazy pace, and into awesome peace. Life Coach Jill Farmer teaches tools for getting more time in your life for the really important things, like faith and family. When: 9:30am-3pm Saturday, March 31st Where: Mercy Center-2039 North Geyer Road Cost: \$49 (includes lunch and refreshments) Registration can be done through e-mailing: jillfarmer@sbcglobal.net.

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
January 29- February 5, 2012**

1/29 Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am	Worship Services
Welcome Sunday	Between Services	Bible Study, <i>Radical Welcome</i>
	12:00pm	Chili and Cookie Cook-Off
1/30 Monday	6:00pm	Angel Wings Bell Choir
	7:00pm	Choir
2/1 Wednesday	10:00am	Bible Bunch and Wednesday Women
	6:30pm	Confirmation
	7:30pm	Health Cabinet
2/2 Thursday	7:00pm	Worship Committee
2/5 Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am	Worship Services
Souper Bowl	10:00am	Youth Gathering Meeting
Sunday	10:00am	Social Action Meeting

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation
Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.