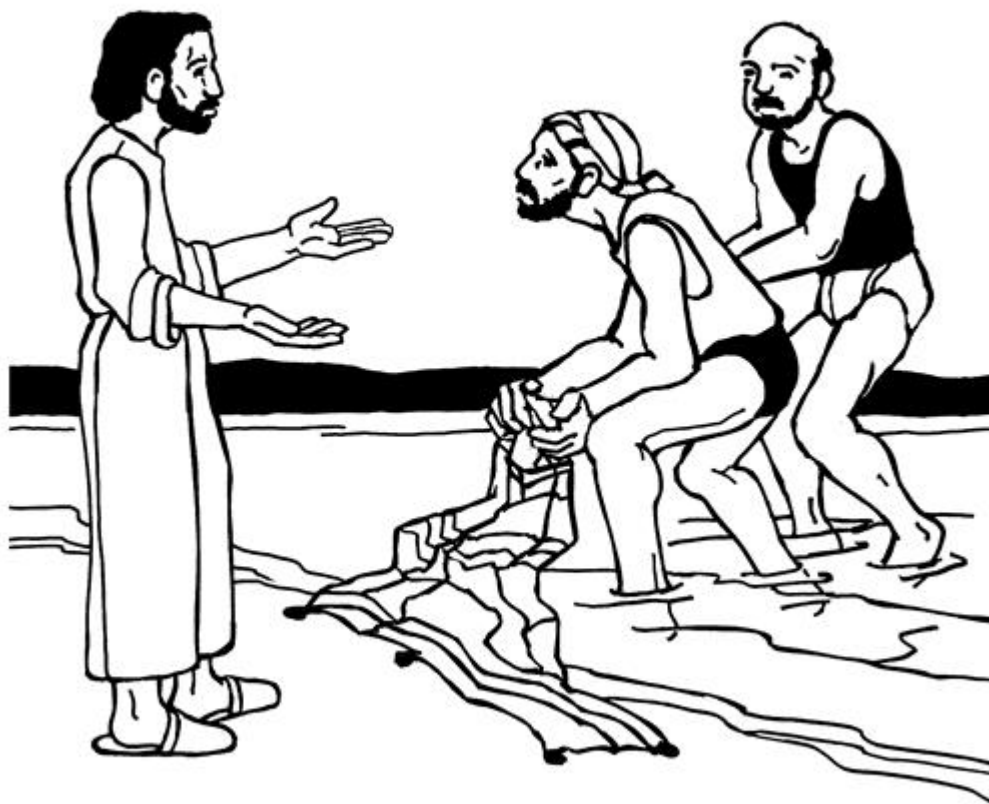


Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023



Gethsemane Lutheran Church
3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



Committed to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, Gethsemane is a *Bread for the World* and *ONE* congregation.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table. During this time of extreme caution, individual, sealed servings of Communion can be found on the table in the narthex next to the bulletins.

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Holy Communion Setting 6

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Fugue in F Major*

G.P Telemann

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Thy Strong Word*

Hymn# 511



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

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GREETING

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You 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.

⁴For 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The choir will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one ¹ thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the

beauty of the LORD and to seek God¹ in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will¹ give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up-¹ on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies¹ who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and
make music¹ to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD,¹ when I call;
have mercy on me and¹ answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—¹ “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD,¹ I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-¹ vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of¹ my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

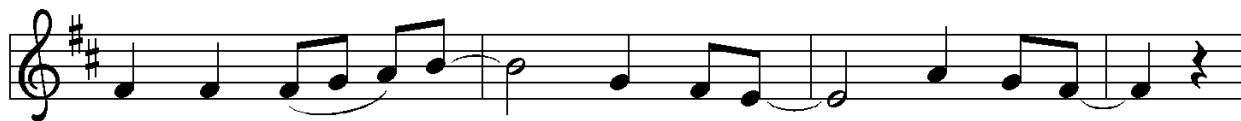
¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

Hymn# 696



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

AM: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

AM: We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

AM: In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

AM: Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Today we pray especially for Cindy, Neil, Damien, Dave, Chris, Kevin, Kathy, Troy, Elizabeth, Adayah, Fred, and those we name before you now either silently in our hearts or spoken from our lips. . . Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

AM: Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share a sign of peace with those around you.
Peace be with you.

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING:

8:30am - *What Star is This?*

11:00am Choir - *Star of Hope*

Thomas Keesecker

Barbara Furman,

arr. Patti Drennan

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

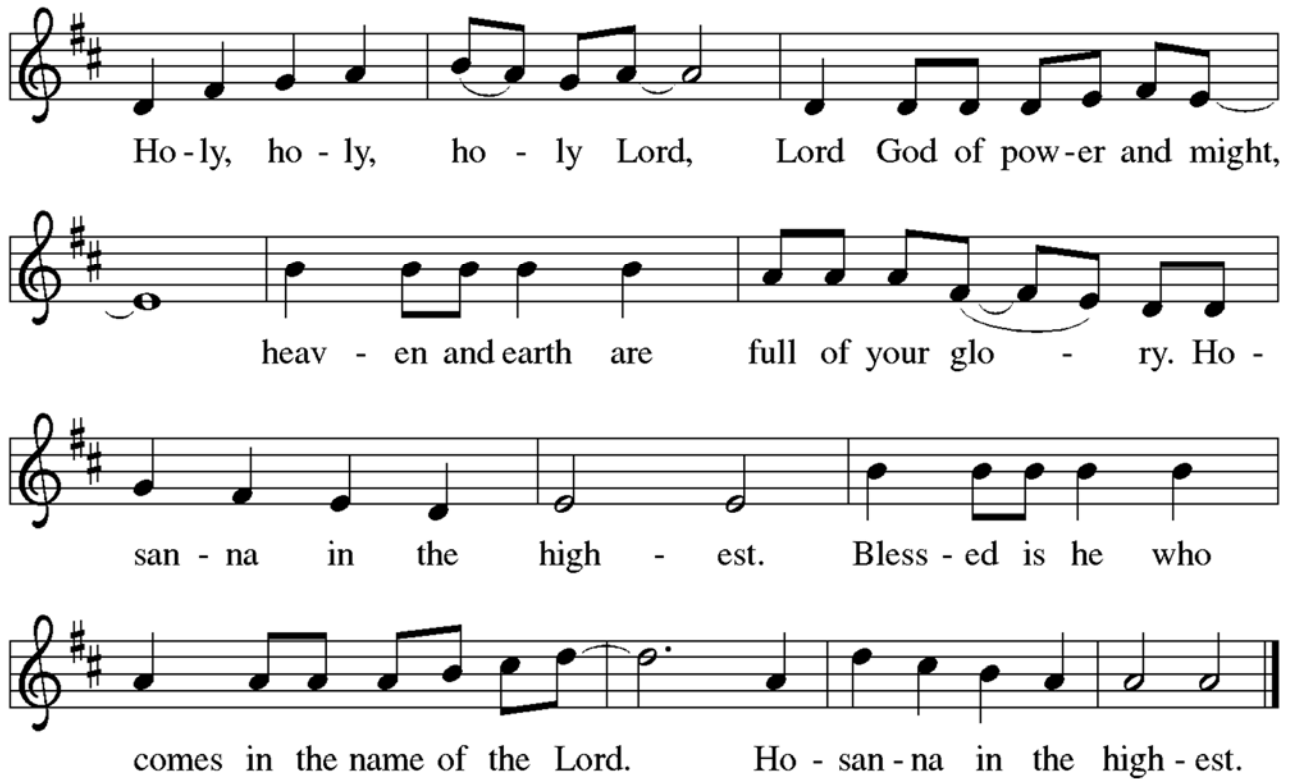
P: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray. Ask the pastor if you need gluten-free wafers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

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.

Here I Am, Lord

Hymn# 574

1 "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?"

2 "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*

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.

3 "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*



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
 2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
 3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
 Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
 Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
 hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
 glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

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

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
 Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are ways we are sharing God's Grace with our community and with the world!

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless,
 strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
Amen

SENDING HYMN: *We are Marching in the Light*

Hymn# 866

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are singing . . .

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DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *We Are Marching in the Light*

Valerie Shields

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We invite all **members, guests and visitors**
to join us for coffee and doughnuts between services
in the Walter Eckman Fellowship Hall downstairs.



Today's flowers were given by Vi Aronsson
in memory of the Aronsson family.

WORSHIP LEADERS		
PASTOR	Cheryl Walenta Gorvie	
ORGANIST	Johanna Erdman	
CHILDREN’S SERMON	Pastor Cheryl	
GREETER	Carlene Reinhardt	Available
USHERS	Sam Yemm and John Sandberg	Adam Rentchler and Rob Schainker
ASSISTING MINISTER	Fred Tatum	Carolyn Schainker
LECTOR	John Sandberg	Maryn Olson
ALTAR GUILD	Amy Repp	
BREAD BAKER	Wisch Family	
WINE	Rosemarie Lubbes	
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Wisch Family	
DONUT PICK UP	Available	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Save the Date - Annual Meeting: There will be one service next Sunday, January 29th at 9:30am which will be immediately followed by Gethsemane’s Annual meeting in the Sanctuary. We plan to still offer Sunday School for those students who are too young to participate in the meeting. Confirmation and High School students are expected to attend the meeting.

Financial Pledges 2023: There is still time to turn in your 2023 pledge card. Additional cards are available in the church narthex. You can also pledge online by going to the church website and clicking on the image of the organ. This will open a page about our 2023 Stewardship Drive where you can click another button to securely enter your 2023 financial pledge.

The Mitten Tree is up and ready to be filled with donated mittens, hats, and gloves. All items will be split between our friends at Isaiah 58 and St. Anthony’s. Thank you to all those who have already donated items – we had to empty the tree already once and collected 118 items (56 hats and 62 pairs of gloves/mittens).

Attention Trivia Lovers! LuMin’s trivia night is on Saturday, February 4 at Bethel Lutheran Church (7001 Forsyth Blvd.) \$20/person or \$160/table of 8. Money raised will support the 2023 spring break immersion program. They have a goal of raising \$10,000! You can sign up on Gethsemane’s website.

Fellowship Hosts are needed. Please consider signing up for a week in the fellowship hall.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
January 22 – 29, 2023

Today	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:50 am 11:00 am	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship Coffee Hour and Sunday School Social Action Team Meeting – Little Free Pantry Discussion in Library Worship Service: In-Person
1/23 Monday	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Vocal Choir Rehearsal
1/24 Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
1/25 Wednesday	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
1/29 Sunday	9:30 am 10:45 am	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Annual Congregational Meeting and Sunday School

2023 Chili Cook-Off and Cookie Bake-Off

The 2023 Chili Cook-Off and Cookie Bake-Off is just a couple of weeks away. On Sunday, February 5th, we will gather once again in the fellowship hall to taste and judge carefully crafted chilis and cookies created by our own members and friends. We are so excited to host this annual event again after a two year break.

John McElwee will be chairing this event hosted by the fellowship committee. If you would like to help with the planning, the setup, or cleanup, please contact John or the church office and we will make sure you are included.

If you would like to enter one or both of the competitions, you can signup on the back of your attendance form. All participants must be registered by January 29th, so that we can make sure we have enough supplies for the event. We will provide the cheese, crackers, cornbread, and drinks. We will also supply trays for our cookie bakers to serve their baked goods in.

Even if you don't want to compete, we want you to attend. Past competitions have included over a dozen chilis and even more cookies to sample and enjoy. Once the votes have been collected, large portions are available for consumption. This is a family friendly event and cooks of ages are welcome to compete. We will provide at least one vegetarian chili option and label chili spiciness. Ingredient lists are required from all chefs and available to check for allergies upon request.

Save the date and make plans to join us.

Looking for Euchre and/or Cribbage Players: Angie Fulton is looking for Euchre and/or Cribbage players. Please see Angie for details.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Cindy Breed – freedom from pain and mobility issues

Neil Gustafson – understanding, healing, strength

Damien Gustafson - guidance

Dave Hackmann – improved ability to breath

Chris Kleine – pain relief

Kevin Kopplin – continued health and strength

Kathy Lee – continued healing

Troy Mann – healing and strength

Elizabeth Penny – healing after recent surgery

Adayah Tatum

Fred Tatum – pain relief for back

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
Mary Blossfeld Clark (healing from surgery, strength)	<i>Bartholomew Family</i>
Carol (comfort, strength as she awaits diagnosis and plans for treatment)	<i>Barb Johnson</i>
Dad (good health), farmers of the world, Sheila & EB (healing, wisdom), Grayson & Annabele (healing, strength)	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Joe's aunt, Kathy (cancer)	<i>Mayhaus Family</i>
Marie (healing, strength), Ginny Olson (comfort, peace, strength), Abigail (courage, faith, strength during cancer treatments), Rodney (strength, comfort, peace, love); those who mourn; all impacted by gun violence, for peace and justice in our world	<i>Olson/Fulton Family</i>
Tina's uncle, Miguel Perez (palliative care)	<i>Tina Reyes</i>
Mary's brother Carl, Mary Ann, Venie, Margaret (health, healing)	<i>Scanlan Family</i>
Sister, Donna and her husband Damon (good health)	<i>Schejbal</i>
Prayers for a healthy and safe pregnancy	<i>Lindsay Schuessler and Brian Williams</i>
Aria's niece, Natalie (comfort, healing during treatment for cancer)	<i>Aria Thomé</i>
Q's family, friends and community at his sudden passing	<i>Unsicker Family</i>

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.

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