



was teaching in
their synagogues,
and everyone
praised him.

—*Luke 4:15, NIV*—



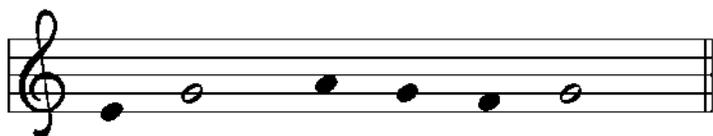
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022
First Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

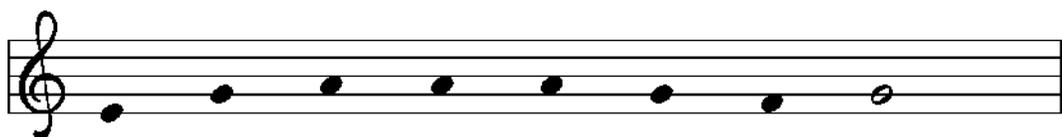
Robert Lind

YISRAEL V'ORAITA Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

Please stand.



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

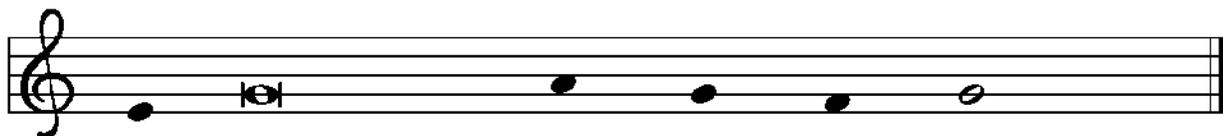
P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE PSALMODY



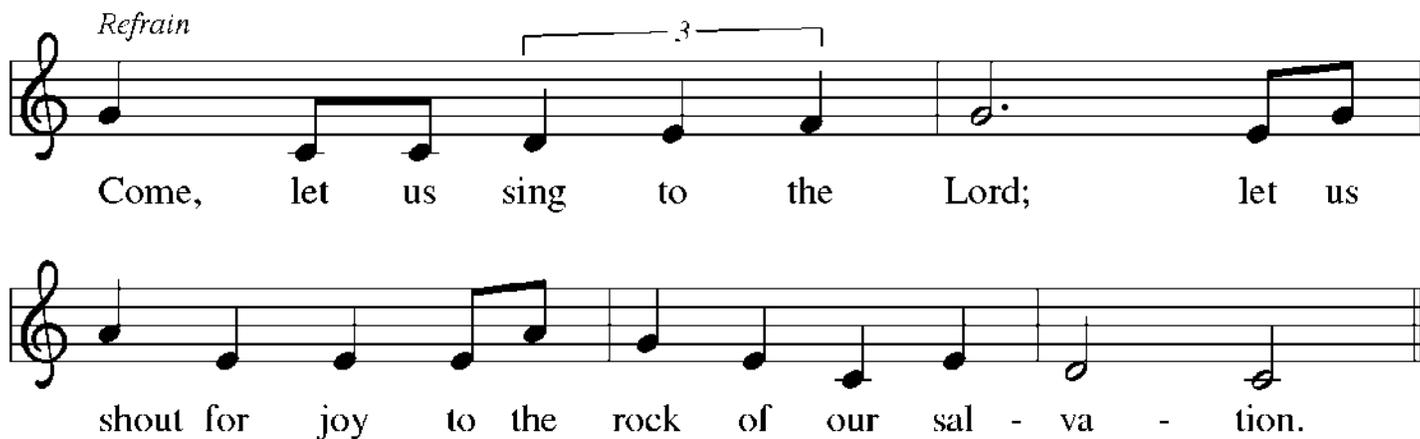
Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

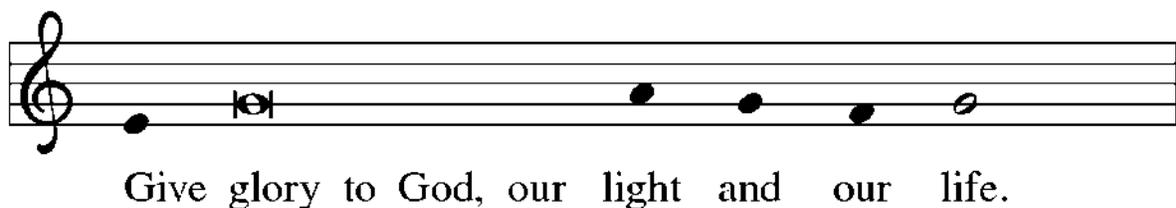
Verses will be sung by our Cantor.

Refrain



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us
shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Final response:



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

At this time, we welcome our youth to Children's Sunday School. Please gather at the Narthex doors where you will meet your teacher for today.

READING FROM NEHEMIAH 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

R: A reading from Nehemiah the 8th chapter.

¹All 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. ²Accordingly, 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. ³He 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. ⁵And 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. ⁶Then 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. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And 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. ¹⁰Then 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."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM I CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a

R: A reading from First Corinthians the 12th chapter.

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The 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.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and 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; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 4:14-21

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the tenth chapter.

C: 
Glo - ry to you, O Lord

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

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

¹⁸“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

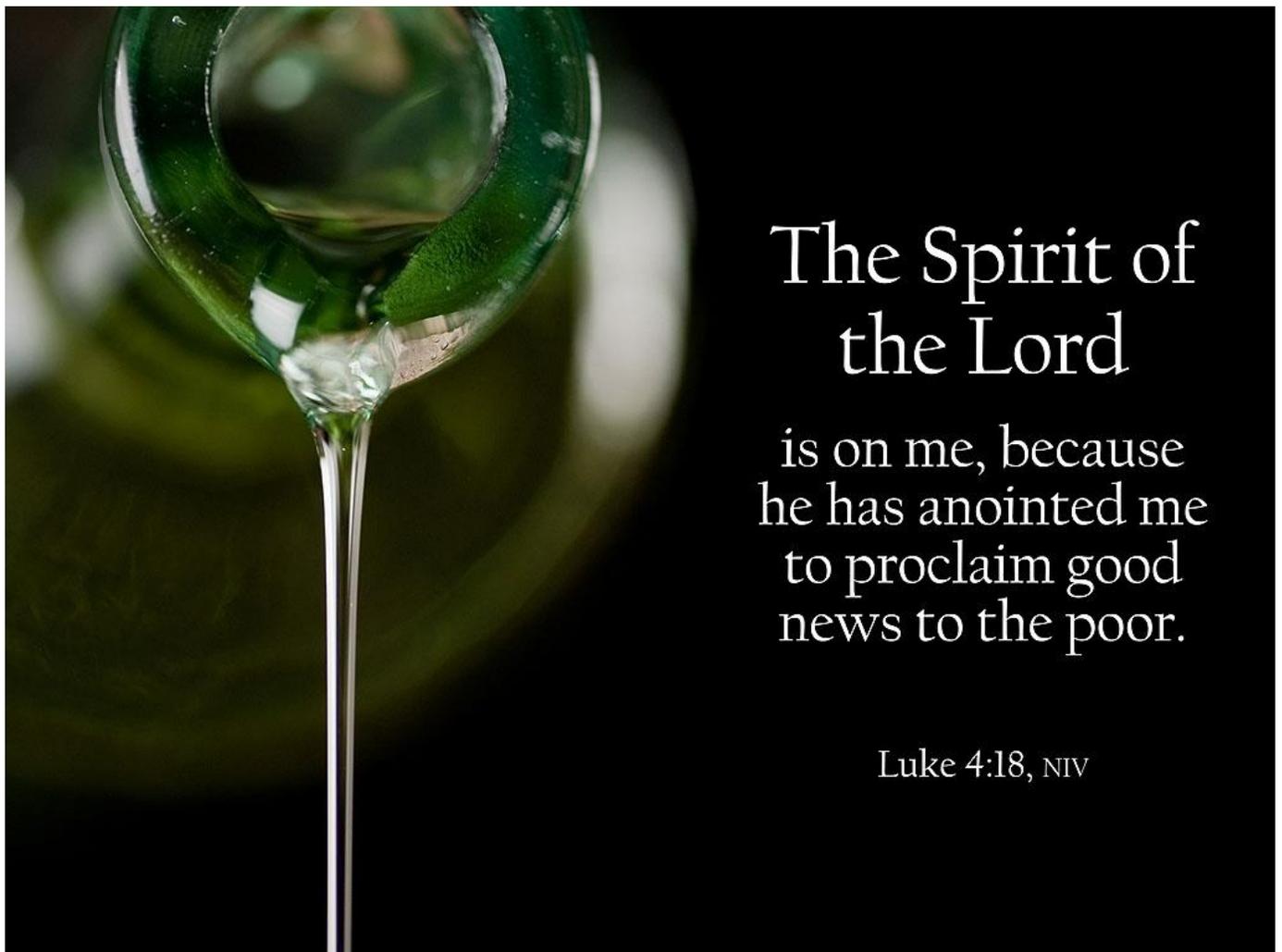
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
²⁰And 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. ²¹Then
he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in
your hearing."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C:  Musical notation on a treble clef staff. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The notes G4, A4, and B4 are grouped with a slur and a '3' above them, indicating a triplet. The notes C5, B4, and A4 are also grouped with a slur. The final note is G4, which has a fermata above it. The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the staff, with 'you,' and 'Christ.' aligned with the triplet and the final note respectively.

Praise to you, O Christ.



The Spirit of the Lord

is on me, because
he has anointed me
to proclaim good
news to the poor.

Luke 4:18, NIV

Please be seated.

OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE

ELW 519



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930. English version

Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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Please stand.

BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL ELW 250



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

C: By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

P: We are united with all the baptized into the body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Harrison James Widman has been presented for Baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

I: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten
Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Harrison and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

P: Harrison James Widman, I baptize you in the name of the Father ...and of the Son...and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Harrison, with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge, and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Harrison, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

P: Together, let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

MEDITATION & OFFERING

Tom Trenny

Variations on THAXTED

IV. Berceuse

BAPTIZED IN WATER ELW 456



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - isc, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Together we respond:

P: God of grace,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for
good works, chosen as holy and beloved, free to serve your
neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you,
that you may be a blessing to others.



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LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE

ELW 710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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DISMISSAL

P: We go with Christ into a weary world to share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

David Cherwien

Prelude and Postlude on THAXTED

II. Postlude (Toccata) With fire!

Today's Worship Leaders

Cantor: Victor Welsch Facebook Camera: Wendy & Andrew Bailey

Host: Shelley Ross SlideShow Creator: Pastor Bailey

*Lector: Melissa Chester SlideShow Operator: John Bailey
Haley Welter*

Director of Music: Curtis L. King Today's Officiant: Pastor Bailey

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship
"Apart...yet Together"
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.

ITEMS TO NOTE

* **Giving envelopes** for 2022 are on the table in the lobby area. Please take your envelopes, and help us by delivering to family/friends who may not be present today. Thank you!

* **West Ohio Food Bank distribution is this Thursday** if you are available to help.

* **The Annual Congregational Meeting is next Sunday following worship.**

* **There is a \$5 price increase in altar flowers.** A Single vase will be \$40 and Doubles will be \$55.

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"God is among us!"
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."