

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude – "Noel with Variations," Claude Louis Balbastre Sharon Zuiderveld, organist

GATHERING

**Call to Worship – "Gather Us In" ELW 532*

(piano)

- 1 **Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2 **We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3 **Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

4 **Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made
flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: Amen.

P: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

**C: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love
for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for
peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

† In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.

C: Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace*

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

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Hymn of Praise – “Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord” (piano)

1. **Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**
2. **Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**
3. **Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

WORD

First Reading: Psalm 1:1-3

Reader: Carol VanderKloot

¹ Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-16*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Song – “This Little Light of Mine” ELW 677*

(piano)

**1. This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2. Ev'ry where I go, I'm goin' a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin' a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin' a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Sermon – “The Power of Proximity”

Song of the Day – “Christ Be Our Light” ELW 715

(organ)

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. Refrain**

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. Refrain**

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. Refrain**

**5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. Refrain**

**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 to the dead. 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.

**Prayers*

Stewardship Time

“In the Bleak Midwinter,” arr. Getty
Sung by the Faith Singers

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Words of Institution*

P: 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.

**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.

Communion Songs

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People" ELW 469 (piano)

1. **By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:**

*Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life outpoured,
Given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.*

2. **In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain***
3. **Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: *Refrain***

"Blessed Assurance" ELW 638 *(organ)*

1. **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**
*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*
2. **Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***
3. **Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**
Refrain

**Post-Communion Blessing*

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

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

Sending Song – “He Has Clothed Us with His Righteousness” *(piano)

1. **He has clothed us with his righteousness, covered us with his great love.
He has showered us with mercy, and we delight to know the ... glorious favor,
wondrous favor of God.**

*Refrain: We rejoice in the grace of God poured upon our lives,
loving kindness has come to us because of Jesus Christ.
We rejoice in the grace of God, our hearts overflow.
What a joy to know the grace of God.*

2. He's brought us into his family, made us heirs with his own Son.
All good things he freely gives us, and we cannot conceive what ... God's preparing,
God's preparing for us. *Refrain*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Church Council Members:

Barb Davenport	Naomi Hahn	Mike Oldenettel	Kelly Street
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The plants at the altar today are donated by the Roth family in celebration of Drew Snodgrass' birthday on January 21

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, January 22 **Meal/Fundraiser for the Uganda Trip**

Wednesday, January 25, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Noon + 6pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study

Thursday, January 26, 6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 1, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, February 2, 5pm: Parish Worship Committee

6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 4, 8am: Cooking begins for

9am: Men's Breakfast

News Updates

Annual Reports

Annual Report packets are available in the gathering area on the coffee sales counter. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 29 after the service – you are invited to take a packet home (1 per household) and then bring it with you to the meeting next Sunday.

Pastor Adam and others plan trip to Uganda

Today after worship, we are hosting a meal to raise funds and tell our story. The lunch is a pasta & dessert bar. Pastor Adam's article in the January Newsletter just scratches the surface of how God has been opening doors and drawing us on this journey, and we want to share more. Our goal is ambitious. We seek to raise \$10,000 to support those of us from Faith, covering airfare and room and board while we are there. After the four days of travel to get there and back, we will have 10 days with our friends in Uganda to experience their lives and what God is doing through their ministry. We know that it will change their lives, and ours, forever. Stay tuned!

New Pastor's Pick for January:

“Tattoos on the Heart: the power of boundless compassion”

Start your year off with a powerful read! For 20 years, Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-prevention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In *Tattoos on the Heart*, he distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Pick up a copy at Faith for \$10, and join Pastor Adam on **January 25 at either noon or 6:00 pm** for a discussion.

Contribution Envelopes for 2023 will be available in the gathering area soon. The printing has been delayed, but the company will get them to us as soon as they can.

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea: Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf & flavored; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate—milk & dark; **\$5.50** coffee pods; **New Item: \$6.00 Cashews**). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.