



WORSHIP SERVICE

January 26, 2025

Jesus' Mission Statement

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God as it was made known to the magi and all those to whom Jesus ministered. Today we hear Jesus' own mission statement as he speaks words of both promise and challenge in Nazareth. Just as Jesus continued God's redemptive mission, so we as God's church partner with God in that redemptive mission today.

GATHERING

♪ PRELUDE

† WELCOME

† CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

♪ GATHERING SONG ~ Humble Thyself/Awesome God Medley

Praise Songbook #19/Awesome God refrain

(Twice)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

Echo: (Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

Echo: (Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.)

And He shall lift you up, higher and higher,

And He shall lift you up.

(Twice)

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from Heaven above,
With wisdom, pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God.

(Once)

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† GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C: And also with you.

†**OPENING LITANY**

P: God is on a redemptive mission!

C: God wants to bring God's Kingdom to earth. God wants to free and bless the whole world!

P: Jesus announced the coming of God's Kingdom

C: . . . where the sick are healed, the poor hear good news, the unlovable are embraced, and God's plan for all creation is revealed.

P: And the most amazing thing is that God invites us to help in God's mission.

C: We are the church. That is our job. And that is our privilege.

WORD

†**LESSONS: Genesis 12:1-4**

Romans 8:19-24a

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



♫**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

†**GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



†**SERMON**

Pastor Dana O'Brien

🎵 **HYMN OF THE DAY** ~ *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

ELW #843

Verse 1:

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Verse 2:

Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Verse 3:

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

✠ **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 to the dead.*
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.**

✠ **PRAYERS**

P: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

✠ **SHARING THE PEACE**

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



🎵 **SPECIAL MUSIC**

(Offering plate will be passed.)

MEAL

✠ **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Please join me in our offering prayer:
C: Let us give with joy because we have received freely. Let us give generously because so many are in need.
Let us give with love so that our wallets do not feel empty, but instead less burdensome. Amen.

†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 our thanks and praise.**



♪HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

†WORDS OF INSTITUTION

†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.

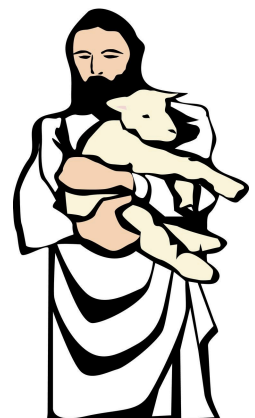
♪LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.





†THE MEAL IS SHARED

All are welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion.
The ushers will direct you to the altar to receive the gifts.
You will receive gluten free bread from the Pastor.

Then the assisting minister will offer you a prefilled cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light).



†COMMUNING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

♪COMMUNION HYMN ~ *One Bread, One Body*

ELW #496

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 2:

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Verse 1:

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Verse 3:

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

†COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you always in God's grace.

C: Amen

SENDING

†BENEDICTION

P: Receive God's blessing as you are sent to partner with God in God's redemptive mission in the world. Go with joy and see others as God sees them – beloved children of God. Live as the church in your neighborhoods and community – serve others as you have been served, love others as God has first loved you. And go with the blessing of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

♪SENDING SONG ~ *How Great Is Our God*

Blue Praise Songbook #56

Verse 1:

The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice.

Verse 2:

And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing:
How great is our God!

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing:
How great is our God!

Chorus:

How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!

How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†DISMISSAL BLESSING

P: Go with God's grace. Take it into the world as you go to love and serve the Lord!

C: Amen!

♪POSTLUDE

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GOD



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“Glory of God Lutheran Church is committed to bring people to Jesus and His love in a way that is accepting, compelling, creative and inspiring.”

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