# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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# **LOTV Worship with Holy Communion**

Sunday, February 4th Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

#### **Announcements**

## Call to Worship – Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: We worship as we live, in the Grace of God, the Compassion of Jesus Christ, and the Healing Hope of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: We have come to praise God, who has done wonderful things among us.

All: In Jesus Christ, God has shown us love, giving light for our darkness, and strength for all our days.

Leader: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry, and the life we are called to live.

All: We come as people yearning, searching for ways to live out our faith. We come, seeking direction and strength to carry on our journey.

Leader: Come, you are welcome here. Christ is with us, calling us now to life and love.

ALL: Let us celebrate life. Let us worship God.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, the Light of God is made known to the world. As we gather we confess to God and to each other the ways in which we deny and refuse to live by the Light of Christ in our lives.

(A Time of Silence for Personal Reflection and Confess)

Leader: O God of Radiant Light and Endless Love,

ALL: We confess to you the truth of our broken lives. We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways. We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of creation. We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast, and make room for those in need. We have neither worked to release the oppressed nor admitted our own captivities. We have failed to let your light shine through us in the world in which we live. Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free, that we might live with your whole creation in joy and hope. Amen.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Upon them, upon us, the light of Christ shines. Fear not! For behold I bring you good news of great joy: God loves you, and in and through this love God forgives you of all your sins. Embrace this day, for God has come to you, to abide in you. Arise! Your Light has come.

ALL: Amen. Thanks be to God!!!

# **Tree of Life**

Gathering Song "Come and Gather Beneath the Tree of Life"



Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

## ALL: And also with you.

# **Kyrie**



## **Song of Praise** "Within the Reign of God"

(The congregation sings the verse response and the refrain)



**Verse:** Come now, the feast is spread; in Jesus' name we break the bread, Here shall we all be fed, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**All you who seek God's face are welcome in this holy place; Join in the feast of grace, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD** (*Refrain*)

**Verse:** Welcome the weak and poor, the sinner finds an open door, None judged, and none ignored **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD** Here shall the weary rest, the stranger be a welcome guest. So shall we all be blest, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD** (*Refrain*)

**Verse:** One earth, one holy band, one family as our God has planned, All share the promised land, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**Come now, the feast is spread, in Jesus' name we break the bread; Here shall we all be fed, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**(Refrain)

## Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray,

ALL: 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.

## **Bible Readings**

#### Isaiah 40: 21-31

Have 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?

It 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;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely 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.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift 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.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have 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.
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

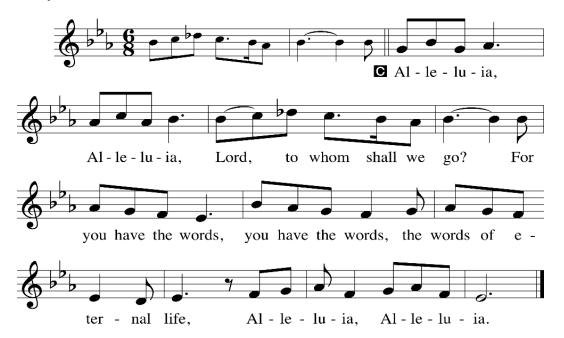
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

#### 1Corinthians 9: 16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

## **Gospel Acclamation**



#### **Gospel Reading**

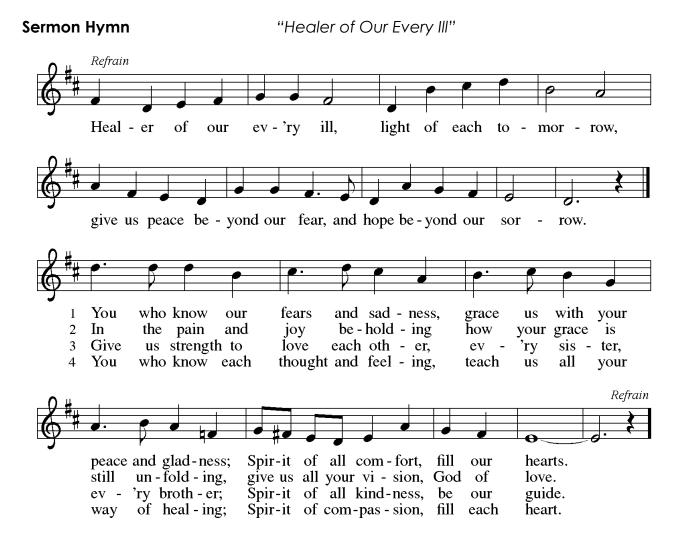
#### Mark 1: 29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And 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. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He 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.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## **Sunday School Dismissal**

#### Sermon



## **Affirmation of Faith "**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 of the People**

Leader: God of grace, **All: receive our prayer.** 

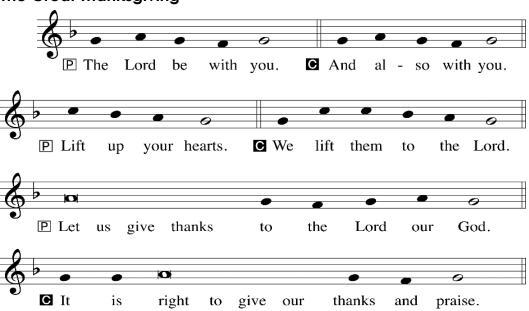
#### Offering



Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God,

ALL: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving



Leader: It is indeed right and good...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# **Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution**

Leader: Blessed are you, Holy God...with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

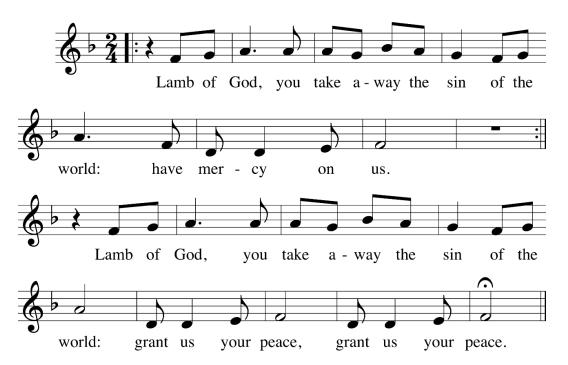


Leader: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

ALL: 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.

#### **Distribution of Communion**

### Lamb of God





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

#### **ALL: Amen**

Leader: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

#### ALL: Amen

## **Benediction / Sending**

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

#### ALL: Thanks be to God!!!

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