

## WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service. Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ, to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life, and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime arr. by Dale Wood

*The prelude is an arrangement of Une Jeune Pucelle, a 16th-century French tune. This tune was used for the first Canadian Christmas/Epiphany carol, which was written in the Huron language by French missionaries.*

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN 668 "O Zion, Haste"

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!



All: 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



*Refrain* This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain* This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to

pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



P: The Holy Gospel according to the 4th chapter of Luke.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30**

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **ANTHEM**

Men's Chorale (8:15am)

"Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One"

Mary McDonald (tune by Gustav Holst)

Chancel Choir (11am)

“One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”

Craig Courtney

*Refrain:* One faith, one hope, one Lord,  
one church for which he died, one voice,  
one song we lift in praise to him who was and is  
and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.  
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all,  
who is in you all. (*Refrain*)

Though many people, diverse with various gifts,  
we are given to each other for the unity of faith,  
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God,  
in the fulness of Christ. (*Refrain*)

**SERMON**

Pastor Seth Jersild

**HYMN 676 “Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak”**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C: 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 into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascend-  
ed 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 OF THE CHURCH

*Response:* P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: **Hear our prayer.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

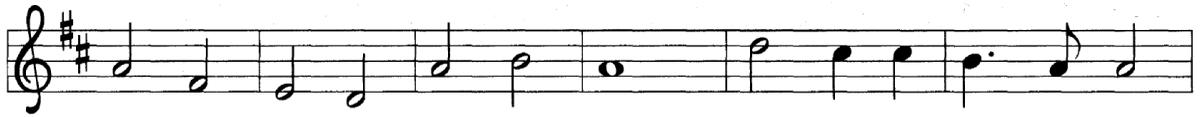
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... ..we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

## HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

## BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

## HYMN 705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

## DISMISSAL

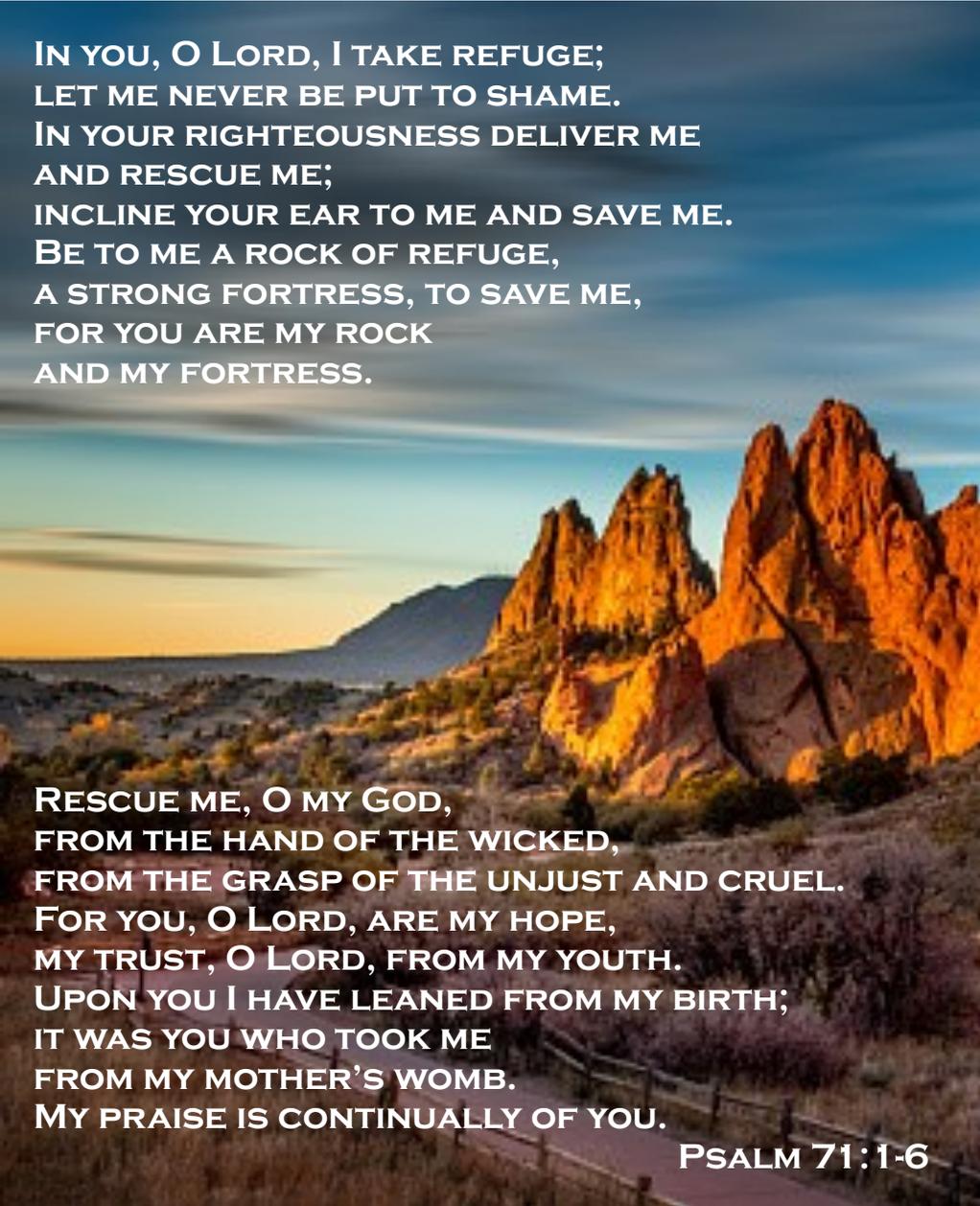
**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE: God of Grace and God of Glory**

by Paul Manz

*The postlude by American composer Paul Manz is based on this morning's final hymn. Its opening measure quotes Handel's "Halleluiah Chorus." The hymn tune is then woven through the piece.*



**IN YOU, O LORD, I TAKE REFUGE;  
LET ME NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME.  
IN YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS DELIVER ME  
AND RESCUE ME;  
INCLINE YOUR EAR TO ME AND SAVE ME.  
BE TO ME A ROCK OF REFUGE,  
A STRONG FORTRESS, TO SAVE ME,  
FOR YOU ARE MY ROCK  
AND MY FORTRESS.**

**RESCUE ME, O MY GOD,  
FROM THE HAND OF THE WICKED,  
FROM THE GRASP OF THE UNJUST AND CRUEL.  
FOR YOU, O LORD, ARE MY HOPE,  
MY TRUST, O LORD, FROM MY YOUTH.  
UPON YOU I HAVE LEANED FROM MY BIRTH;  
IT WAS YOU WHO TOOK ME  
FROM MY MOTHER'S WOMB.  
MY PRAISE IS CONTINUALLY OF YOU.**

**PSALM 71:1-6**

# Listening for the Promise

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – January 30, 2022

*“I must preach the good news...for I was sent for this purpose.” (Luke 4:42)*

What do you expect from a sermon? What would you like to happen to you when you are listening to a sermon?

Here are some possible responses: “A sermon ought to help me think about the Bible in a new way” ... “A sermon should show me ways I have gone wrong and give me ways I can get back on track.” ... “It should inspire me.” ... “I want a special feeling from the sermon.” ... “I want something easy to remember and easy to take home.”

Last Sunday Jesus preached his first sermon in his hometown synagogue. He said, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Now Jesus tells us his purpose was to preach. What do you think Jesus hoped his sermons would accomplish?

As Lutherans, we believe that a Christian sermon is to bring us closer to the true and living God. This happens because the Holy Spirit is present in the “words” of the sermon that strike your ear, mind, and heart. Sometimes you get helpful hints for better living, but they are not the main point. Sometimes you receive answers to your questions, but not every time. One of the main things you get is the gift of being with God who, in Jesus Christ, has chosen to be with you. The foremost thing in the sermon is you get to hear, in your ear, today, that God loves you, cares for you, and went to the cross to give you his forgiveness and kingdom for free!

Sometimes that closeness with God feels good, and sometimes it doesn't because you feel convicted of your sin. Lutherans call this type of preaching “Law and Gospel.” Whether you feel bad or good is not the point. The point is that you are hearing from God in his two words of Law and Gospel.

As a famous Rabbi once said, “Remember, there is a God, and you are not it.” The preacher shows up with nothing but Scripture, and preaches about who God is and what God is up to in your life.

We are always in danger of attempting to cut the Creator of the universe down to our size, to substitute other gods for the true and living God. That's when we ought to pray that we're about to hear a sermon that reminds us God is bigger than our inadequate concepts and our vain desires.