

## January 26, 2025—Third Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

'Andante in D dur' by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Opening Hymn

ELW #579 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"  
sung to tune 'Hymn to Joy'

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:

*Refrain*

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community: *Refrain*

- 3 Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty: *Refrain*

- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society: *Refrain*

- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup> All 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.

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

<sup>9</sup> And 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. <sup>10</sup> Then 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."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,

and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale | to another,**

**and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no | words or language,

and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,**

**where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

<sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;**

**nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R**

<sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | lives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

<sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joyce the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup> For 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. <sup>13</sup> For 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.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If 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. <sup>16</sup> And 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. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The 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.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and 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; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And 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. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

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

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

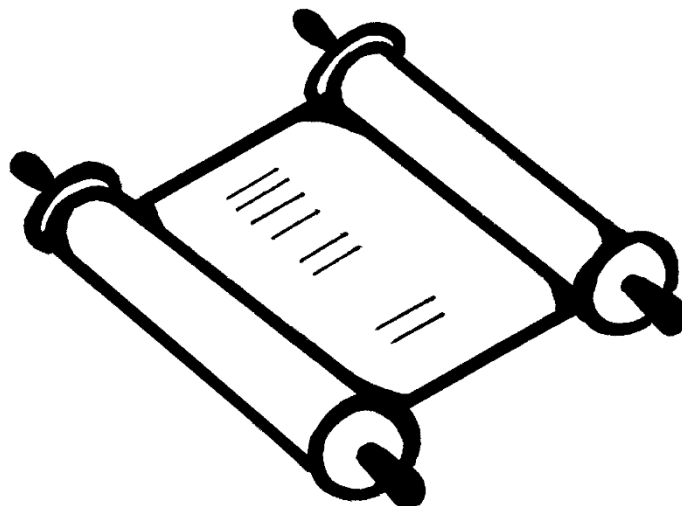
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And 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. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Hymn of the Day

ELW #677 "This Little Light of Mine"

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

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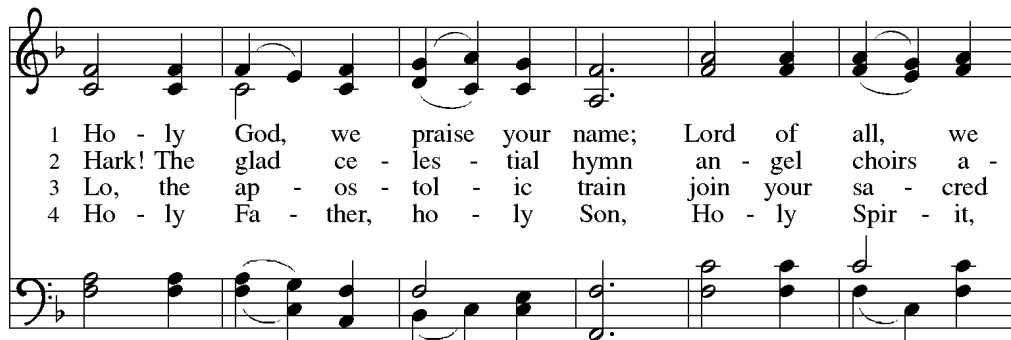
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Offertory Anthem

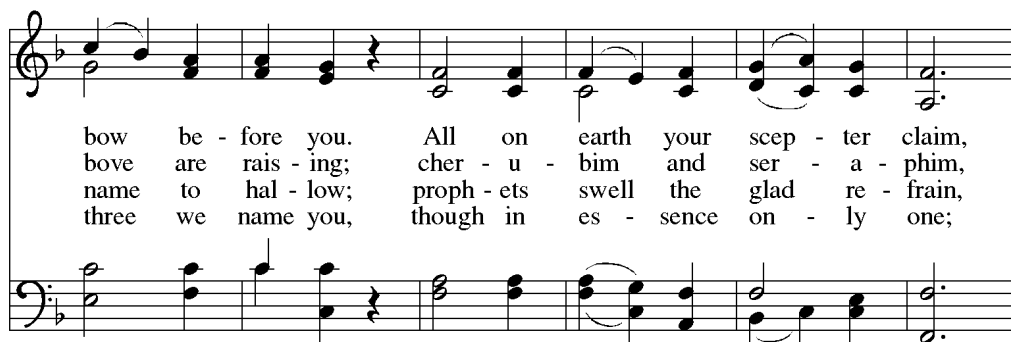
"The Trumpet Shall Sound"

Closing Hymn

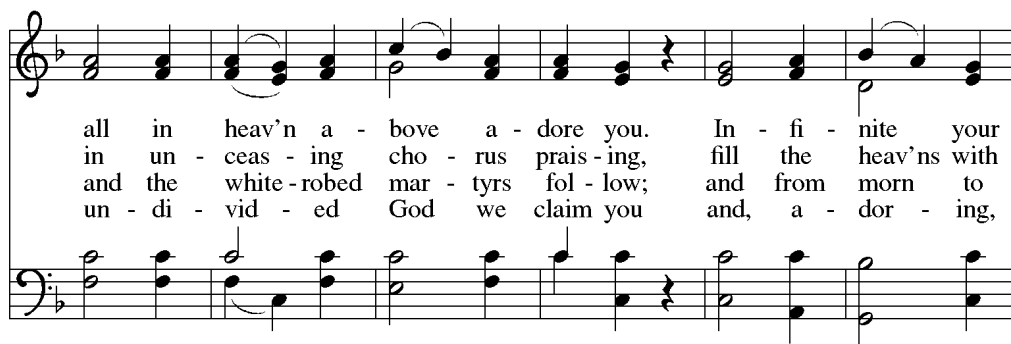
ELW #414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Postlude

Postlude on "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" arr. by Paul Fey

**Please remember these individuals in your prayers:** Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, Bob, Melanie, Roz, Lena, Tom, Rachel, Sandy, Mary, Doug, Donna, Lola, Marte, Bernie, Fr. Steve Kanonik

**Today's celebrants:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Nicholas Zook

**Deacon:** Christina Formeller

**Lector:** Mary-Ann Lupa

**Greeter:** Guenter Seidel

**Song Leaders:** Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski

**Choir members:** Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

**Organist & Choir Director:** Paul Dykstra

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## Announcements

### Concordia Church Anniversary

Concordia Church turns 127 years old this year! In celebration of this milestone, join us in the gym following worship TODAY for a special treat!



### Council Meeting

The next Council meeting is TODAY at 11:15am following the celebration in the gym. Council members will meet in the gym for the discussion.

### 2024 Giving Statements

Giving statements for 2024 were sent out this past week. For donors with an email address on file in Realm, you received your giving statement via email. For those without an email address on file, be on the lookout for a giving statement mailed to your home address. Should you have questions or need help with your giving statement, please contact Desirae at [dcontreras@concordiafaith.org](mailto:dcontreras@concordiafaith.org) OR by phone at 773-281-225.

### Adult Study

Adult study is held on Sundays at 9am in the church office. This session will study C.S. Lewis' book 'Mere Christianity' (for which you will need to purchase a copy). Discussion can also be available virtually via Zoom; let Pastor know if you'd like to join via this route. Connect with Pastor Zook for more details.