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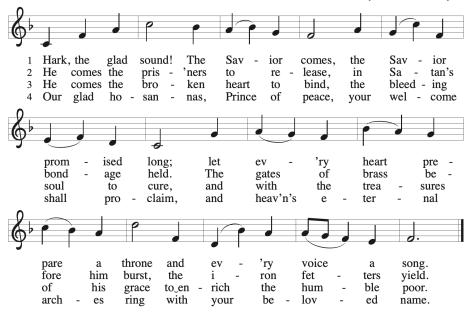
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me... to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

January 26, 2025
Third Sunday of Epiphany

PRELUDE: Here I Am to Worship (T. Hughes)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: Hark, the Glad Sound! (ELW 239)



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Brothers and Sisters,

our faults and failings may remain hidden from others and even from ourselves.

Confession before God can clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts, for God's mercy is as wide as the firmament of heaven.

We pray together.

God of our Restoration,
whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten
of your law and your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, heal us,
and restore us to our relationship with you;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

As a minister of Jesus Christ,

I assure you that you have been restored in the grace of \pm God.

Do not mourn, therefore, but rejoice,

for this is a new day for you and for me.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

let us

pray to the Lord,

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let us

pray

to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray together.
Holy One,
we thank you for the gift of the Bible,
for its psalms and poems, myths and stories,
histories, teachings, and prophecies.
May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings
continue to call us out today,
that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus,
our crucified and risen Christ,
who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard.
- ⁴ 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.

- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ 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.

- ⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ 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.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
 - O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

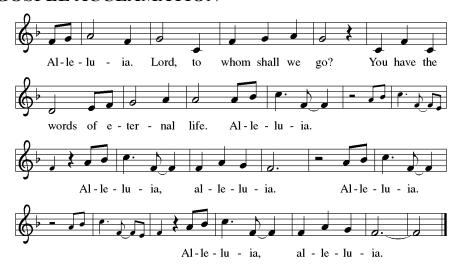
¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

18 "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,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (ELW 311)

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
 Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!
 You come to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression and rule in equity.
- 3 You shall come down like showers 4 upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.

 Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 2 You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.
 - 4 Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing. To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

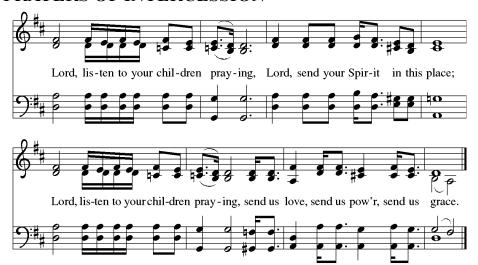
APOSTLES' CREED

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 INTERCESSION



With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray. As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, godparents, teachers, mentors, and pastors. Inspire passion for the stories of faith.

As your word and presence revive the soul, come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, peace in depression or anxiety, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness.

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world.

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world. We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among your people.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

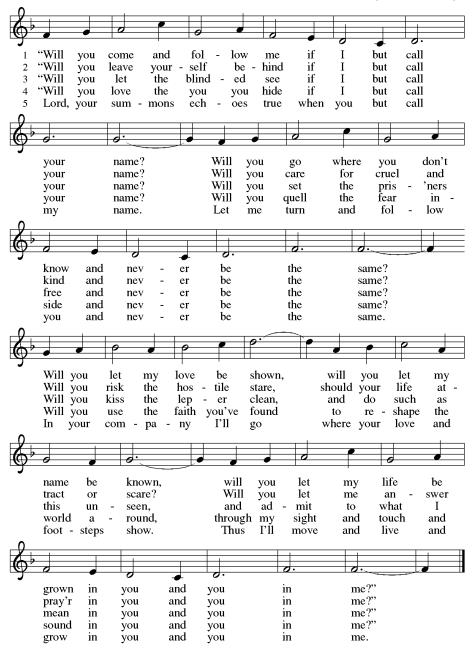
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY: Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude, now and always. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

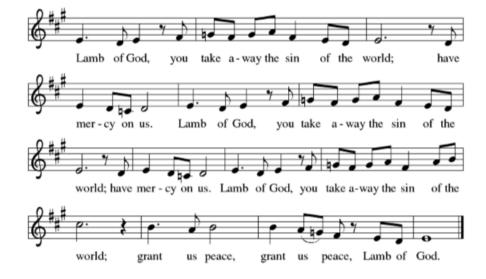
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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



COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.
White grape juice is available, and altar bread is gluten-free.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG:

You Are Holy (M. Imbodent and T. Rhoton)

DISTRIBUTION:

By Your Hand You Feed Your People (ELW 496)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

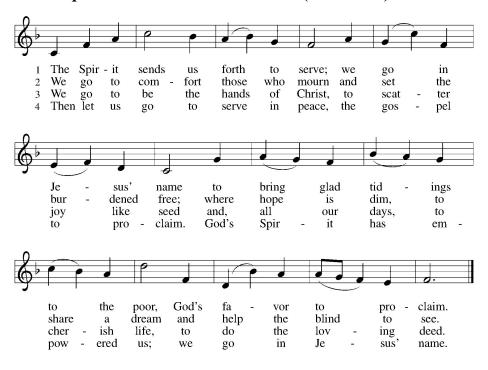
BLESSING

Now as you go from this place on this day holy to God rejoice in His strength, fix your eyes on the grace of Christ, and drink deeply of the Spirit..

And may that Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (ELW 551)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Serving in Worship

<u>TODAY — Jan 26, 2025</u>

Altar: Lori Johnson
Reader: Thom Edgar
Communion Assistant:
Thom Edgar

Fellowship: Kris Oolman

NEXT SUNDAY — Feb 2, 2025

Altar: Al & Bobbie Schimek
Reader: OPEN

Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Jan 26:
9:00am
10:15am
Band Worship
Fellowship in Gruver Rm

Mon, Jan 27:
9:00am
Becoming in Gruver Rm

Wed, Jan 29: 10:00am Women's Study in Gruver Rm

Thu, Jan 30: 11:45am MUGG Campus Meeting

@ Rendezvous Café

Sun, Feb 2: 9:00am Worship Service

10:15am Fellowship in Gruver Rm

Mon, Feb 3: 9:00am Becoming in Gruver Rm

Tue, Feb 4: 5:30pm TheologyPUB

@ Coal Creek Downtown

Wed, Feb 5: 10:00am Women's Study in Gruver Rm

Thu, Feb 6: 11:45am MUGG Campus Meeting

@ Rendezvous Café

Sun, Feb 9: 9:00am Worship Service

9:00am Sunday School behind Gruver Rm

10:15am Fellowship in Gruver Rm

10:15am Annual Meeting





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2024 Financial Snapshot through December

Income - \$219,852.51 Expenses - \$215,050.41

