



Second Sunday after Epiphany January 14, 2024

#### **WELCOME GUESTS!**

- Thank you for joining us today! We're not perfect, but we believe God has made us to live in community, and that God offers us strength, support, inspiration, and joy through each other.
- By simply being here, you are a valuable part of our praise and worship. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask anyone.
- We value neurodiversity. God has made us each different, so we welcome and value people just as they are. If you struggle to fit in other places, know that you are welcome among us, even if your brain and body operate a little differently than others'. Learn more about neurodiversity and what it means to us at www.hosannatogether.org/neurodiversity.
- We'd love the opportunity to learn more about you and share with you what we're up to. Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you, then place it in the offering plates when they are passed. You may also fill out our guest register at www.hosannatogether.org/guest.

# **WELCOME KIDS!**

Kids are as much a part of worship as the grown-ups, so we have lots of special ways for kids to participate:

- **Children's bulletins** with activities related to today's lessons are located by the front doors to the building where you enter the worship space.
- Coloring pages, art supplies, fidgets, and selected books are also available by the front doors to help kids' keep their minds and bodies busy during worship.
- We hope you'll help your kids join in prayers and songs, even if it's just dancing or swaying to the music.
- **During the offering,** kids may place gifts in the clear container at the front. These offerings will help us provide fruit trees and support to a community struggling with food insecurity. Some fruit trees--such as mango, orange and guava--can thrive in the driest of conditions. These trees are an investment in a community that can span generations and provide nutritious fruit to children and adults alike.
- Changing stations are available in both bathrooms on the main level.

#### **PRAYERS**

- Good and bad things happen in our lives. If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, please add your request to the sheet on the welcome table in the front hall or call the church office.
- It's important to us to support you, but we're not always the first to hear what's happening. If there is something significant happening in your life, good or bad, or you'd like Pastor Mike to visit with you, please let us know: 816-781-7991 or pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org.

Video of today's service is recorded and livestreamed online at www.hosannatogether.org

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**PRELUDE** 

Invocation
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Alexandre Guilmant Lani Smith

#### WELCOME

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, to follow you again. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have fallen apart, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out.

Hear God's promise to you now:

Your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

#### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(ELW 807)



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - eue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth. Repository of Sacred Music. Part II, 1813

#### **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.** 

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

#### Glory to God

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

#### Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Word of God, word of life.

#### Thanks be to God

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GOSPEL READING**

#### John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON**



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949.

## 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends:
Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

#### **OFFERING**

Amen.

**Please fill out an attendance card** from the rack on the chairs in front of you. Place in the offering plate.

**If you give electronically,** you may place an e-giving card in the offering plate as a physical gesture of your giving.

**You may give online** using a bank account, credit or debit card at www.hosannatogether.org/give. **You may give by sending a text** with your gift amount to 816-327-2002. Instructions will be sent in a reply.



**Cash and check gifts** may be placed in an envelope from the chairs racks and placed in the offering plates.

# CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Children may place their offerings in the barn at the front of the worship space.

These offerings will help us provide fruit trees and support to a community struggling with food insecurity. Some fruit trees --such as mango, orange and guava--can thrive in the driest of conditions. These trees are an investment in a community that can span generations and provide nutritious fruit to children and adults alike.

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

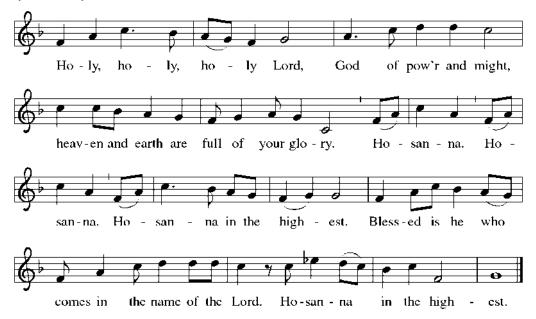
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

The thanksgiving continues . . .

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

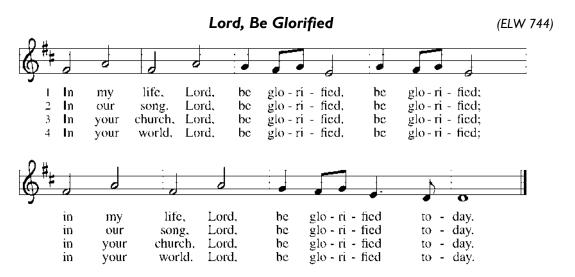
All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, where we believe Christ is truly present. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Red wine and white grape juice are available.

After communing, a child will offer you a blessing of God's love. Empty cups may be left in the container at the front of the worship space.

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**



Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898



Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

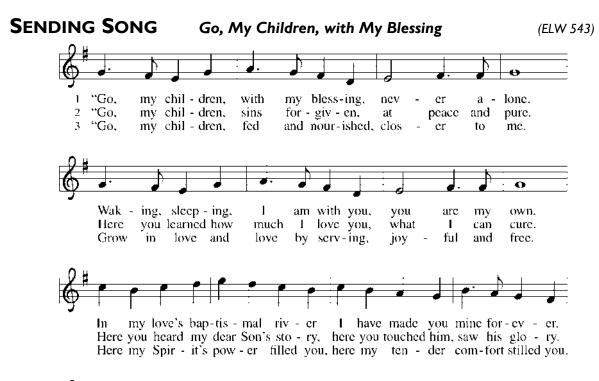
#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, we give you thanks for coming to us in this holy meal. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be your body in the world, praising you and serving your people--today, tomorrow, and every day--through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you, and give you grace and peace. **Amen.** 





Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt. Music: AR HYD Y NOS. Welsh traditional Text ⊕ 1983 Concordia Publishing House

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna!

POSTLUDE Postlude in C George Blake

# PRAYER CONCERNS

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Eva Bledsoe, January 16

#### **SYMPATHIES**

Family and friends of Irene Borys - family friend of Dan Prom

#### **CONCERNS**

Ava (Pam Schmidt's neice) - prayers for speedy recovery after MALS surgery

Jasmine - hernia repair and cyst removal surgeries on January 16

**Linda** - cancer complications

Elisa Harrison (Robbie Murta's son-in-law's mother) diagnosed with cancer

Jim Jrolf (Alissa Willett's father) recent Parkinson's diagnosis

**Everett VanNorman and his family** (friend of Nancy Kunkel) born I I weeks early, will be in the NICU for a while

John Ross (friend of the Mason's) has a diagnosis of mesothelioma

Betty Hucke - healing after hospitalizations and infection

Jackie (friend of Beth Schoening) receiving chemo and radiation for brain cancer

Kim Bonner (friend of Beth Schoening) undergoing chemo treatments

John Daniel (friend of Jeanine Stubbs) drug and alcohol rehab

Frances Jolayemi (sister of Jeanine Stubbs) mental health recovery

**Scott Green** (friend of the Bollhoefer's) stomach cancer that has metastasized to hip

**Terah Stoker** (friend of Ben Kunkel) continued treatment for brain cancer **Amelia Decker** (great-niece of Jeanine Yeager) - declining health related to cancer

#### **ONGOING**

Sam Matula - active military Christopher Jennings

Nathan Wilkerson - serving in Army

# HOSANNA! HAPPENINGS

#### **UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR**

#### Jan. 14 - Intergenerational

- Kids and adults will gather together to explore the calling of the disciples and God's call to each of us.
- Confirmation youth will join with Pastor Mike for catechism.

#### Jan. 21 - Kids Crews and Budget Caucus

- Kids will gather in the choir room for singing, then divide into PreK-K, 1st-3rd, and 4th-6th age groups for activities around the stories of the disciples. Kids 7th-12th grade may help with the younger kids or join the adults.
- Adults are invited to gather around the tables in the fellowship hall for our budget caucus

   --conversation about the state of our shared finances, the proposed 2024 budget, and
   what these speak to the future of our congregation.

#### Jan. 28 - Annual Meeting and Kids' Activity

- Confirmed members of the congregation gather to reflect on our shared ministry and plan for the year ahead.
- Kids will be led in a group activity in the fellowship hall.

#### WHO WANTS SHAKESPEARE'S PIZZA FOR THE SUPER BOWL?

Our God Squad is partnering with the youth at St. Stephen's for a Shakepeare's Pizza Super Bowl Fundraiser. Shakespeare's pizza is Columbia's best (take it from a Mizzou alum)! We will be taking orders between now and Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> for a variety of pizzas. Pizzas will sell for \$15 each and will come frozen. Just pop them in the oven and have them ready for game time! All pizzas are 12" (serves 2-3). Listed below are the pizzas you may choose from:

- Pepperoni
- Sausage
- Double Cheese
- Vegetarian (olives, mushrooms, green peppers and red onions)
- Hawaiian Style
- Four Cheese
- Spinach Artichoke
- Pizza Lover's Passion (pepperoni, sausage, mushrooms, green peppers and onions)

Pizzas will be at church for pick up after the service on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 11th. See a God Squad member today to get yours ordered or send an email to hosannatgs@gmail.com. Money will be collected at the time of order. Thanks for continuing to support our youth!

#### CHILI COOKOFF & GAME NIGHT

Join us for food, fun, & fellowship Saturday, January 20 at 5PM. We will start the evening with a chili cookoff that involves a prize. Bring a pot of your favorite chili and join the fun. Your are more than welcome to join us even if you don't have chili to bring. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for other items needed--saltines, cheese, Fritos, cornbread, desserts. We will complete the night with games. Please bring something you and/or your family enjoy playing. For questions please contact Beth Schoening at 816--225-2783 or bschoening@fairpoint.net

#### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The council has set Sunday, January 28 at 10:35 as the date and time of our annual congregational meeting. The agenda will be shared in the coming weeks and reports will be available closer to the meeting date. If you have topics you'd like us to add to the agenda, please speak with our Congregation President Tony Belcher or our Congregation Secretary Joyce Uber. We will hold a budget caucus on January 21 during the Faith Formation hour for those interested in a deeper dive into our budget and shared finances.

# JOIN THE COMMUNITY FOR A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical (inter-denominational) Christian observance celebrated internationally. Join Hosanna! and other local Christians for the following opportunities to grow in understanding and relationship.

**Ecumenical Prayer Service -** Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. at Liberty Christian Church-Disciples of Christ.

Many local congregations will gather to pray together for our community and the unity of God's church. If you are interested in singing in an interfaith community choir, the choir will meet in the sanctuary at Liberty Christian Church one hour before the service (6:00 PM). Liberty Christian Church is located at 427 E. Kansas St., Liberty, MO 64068.

Workshop - Depolarizing Ourselves--The first steps toward civil engagement - Saturday, January 20, 10:00am-noon at Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty.

This workshop is intended to help encourage unity and respect amid potentially polarizing topics such as politics and religion. For people of faith, civil discourse begins in recognizing the image of God in our conversation partner. Respect, not agreement, is an essential key for a healthy discussion. This workshop addresses how we may inadvertently be complicit in, or possibly even encourage, polarization. This workshop is cosponsored by the Liberty Area Ministerial Alliance and led by the Braver Angels organization that fosters civil discourse in our divided country. Anyone interested in examining their own inner polarization and learning strategies to disagree without condemning or ridiculing others is welcome to attend. More information and registration is

available at https://www.pbrenewalcenter.org/events/depolarizing-ourselves.

#### GOD ON TAP - JANUARY 30

Like beer and love God? It's time for another God on Tap! Join Pastor Mike at Conrads in Liberty for conversation Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00pm. We'll talk about God, faith, and what's happening in our lives, letting the conversation go where life and the Holy Spirit take us. We'll order individually, so if adult beverages consumed in moderation isn't your thing or you don't have time for supper separately, you're welcome to order food and other beverages. No need to RSVP.

#### DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR GIVING

If you pledged to increase your financial contributions for 2024, please don't forget to update the amount you give each week in the offering plate or through electronic giving. If you give automatically by credit or debit card, now is a good time to check that your card on file hasn't expired or won't expire this year. If you've initiated electronic giving through our website, you can manage those gifts by logging into your Breeze account at <a href="https://hosannaliberty.breezechms.com">https://hosannaliberty.breezechms.com</a>. If you'd like assistance, you are welcome to call the church office at 816-781-7991.

#### HOSANNA! YARD SIGNS

Thank you for displaying a yard sign inviting others to Christmas at Hosanna! We'd like to reuse them next year. You are welcome to keep and store it with your Christmas decorations or you can return it to the tub by the front doors and we'll hold onto it for you to pick up again next year.

#### **WINTER WEATHER**

If the weather causes the roads or parking lot to be unsafe or impassible, we'll cancel inperson worship and send notice via e-mail, post to Facebook, and add a note on our website. However, conditions and capabilities vary, so please always use your best judgment about whether you can make it safely to church when it is still being held, and join us online if it feels safer to you. If we cancel in-person worship, we will still hold worship online at <a href="https://www.hosannatogether.org/sunday-worship">https://www.hosannatogether.org/sunday-worship</a>.

## **JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH**

Start the new year off by joining us for lunch! Each month on the third Tuesday at 11:30 we gather together at a local restaurant for a time of fun, fellowship and good food. **Everyone** is welcome to join us—we all got'a eat, right? And what better way to get to know your church family than around the table.

To kick the new year off, we'll be meeting at one of the family favorites, **Olive Garden**. This is the Liberty location located at 105 Blue Jay Dr. Reservations are not needed but it's always helpful to have a head count so if you think you might come, just let us know. Hope to see you there!

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

Each week we need about sixteen people to help with our worship experience. Several of these positions can be covered by the same person but we need at least 10 individuals to help cover the different areas. If you have never served or it's been a while, would you consider filling a spot? Training is available if needed but most positions simply require a warm smile. See the list below or the signup sheet in the fellowship hall. Contact the church office for more information. Thank you!

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS MORNING

Please consider signing up to serve. Your participation enriches the worship experience for everyone. See the sheet in the Fellowship Hall to sign up.

Roles	Jan 14	Jan 21
Acolyte	Aiden Noel	Volunteer Needed
Altar Guild	Geli Schmitt	Joyce Uber
Audio/Video	Tony Belcher	Alison Kern
Blessers	Olivia Noel	Nora Belcher
	Easton Noel	Kristin Belcher
Communion Assistants	Kristin Belcher	Kristin Belcher
	Catherine Noel	Volunteer Needed
Counters	Kristin Belcher	Kristin Belcher
	Karen Orrill	Karen Orrill
Crucifer	Eva Bledsoe	Volunteer Needed
Fellowship Host	Volunteer Needed	Scott Carlson
	Volunteer Needed	Charlynn Marshall-Carlson
Greeters/Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Lector	Janeen Bollhoefer	Sarah Kern

#### **AGNUS DAY**

PHILIP SEEMS PRETTY EAGER FOR HIS BROTHER TO MEET JESUS.



YEAR - THE PEOPLE OF ISTRAEL WAITED CENTURIES FOR THE MESSIAH'S APPEARING!





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