

*The fear of
the Lord
is the
beginning
of wisdom*



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE

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

Rise, Shine, You People!

(ELW 665)



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWICZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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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

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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

All



The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six lines of music, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,'

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

- ¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- ²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- ³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- ⁸They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
- ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-28

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

(ELW 886)



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise.
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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|---|---|
| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Musie: AZMON, Carl G. Gilliser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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.**

Amen.

OFFERING

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.

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CHOIR SPECIAL

I'm Going on a Journey

arr. Mark Hayes

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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

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

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

(ELW 518)

Refrain



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-
rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-

Refrain



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946

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Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

(ELW 519)



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



Refrain
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930. English version

Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA. Hasidic tune

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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.**

SENDING SONG

On Our Way Rejoicing

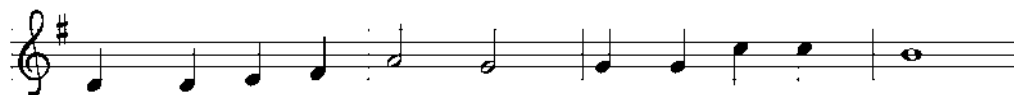
(ELW 537)



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS

Fran Schwenk, January 29

Boyd Ahrens, February 4

SYMPATHIES

Family and friends of **Wayne Kujawa** - friends of Jane Gibbs

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

CONCERNS

Robbin Musgrave - knee replacement surgery January 31

Don Baken - in rehab at the Grand Royale in Gladstone after hospitalization for an illness

Kelli Kerr (friend of the Stubbs') recent cancer diagnosis

Bart Ahrens (brother of Boyd Ahrens) - recovering from a stroke

Barb Chapman - recovering from hip replacement surgery January 15

Mary Alice Worth (friend of Mary & Brad Kunkel) hospitalized with pneumonia

Ava (Pam Schmidt's niece) - 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 11 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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND REPORT

Join us this Sunday, January 28 at 10:35 (after worship) for our annual congregational meeting. We will review our ministry this past year and discuss our future. During this time, we'll hear reports, have conversation, vote on a budget, and elect leaders. The meeting will be livestreamed at www.hosannatogether.org/meeting, though viewers will only be able to observe the meeting.

Printed copies of the annual report will be handed out before the meeting. **A digital copy of the annual report is available now online at www.hosannatogether.org/meeting.** If you would like a physical copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

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.

Feb. 4 - Kids Crews and Adult Study

- 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 story of creation. 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 to continue our conversation around other faith traditions. We'll be discussing the Methodist tradition this week.

Feb. 11 - Service Together - Valentines for Vets

- Kids and adults of all ages are invited to join us in the fellowship hall to create valentines and package personal care items for veterans.

GOD ON TAP - JANUARY 30

Like beer and love God? It's time for another God on Tap! Join Pastor Mike at Conrad's 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.

SCOUT SUNDAY IS FEB. 4

If you have a scout that would like to serve during worship on Scout Sunday, Feb. 4, please talk with Pastor Mike about what we have planned.

BUILDING BREAK-IN

Two aisle windows in the sanctuary were broken early on Wednesday morning by a member of the community who was having a mental health crisis. They were seeking help and pulled the fire alarm. The police responded and transported the individual to the hospital for injuries related to broken glass. Nothing has been found to be missing. We've cleaned up the mess and deep cleaned the sanctuary floor and chair cushions to ensure there is no residual glass. The impacted windows have been covered and secured, and we are examining our replacement options.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Lent begins early this year. Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 7pm. We'll acknowledge our mortality and need for God, while also remembering God's unconditional promise of eternal life and love. Drive-up ashes will also be available earlier in the day.

Beginning Feb. 21, we'll gather each Wednesday evening for soup, study, and prayer. In the coming weeks, we'll distribute daily devotional booklets written by local pastors and church members. Additional details about Lent and all these activities will be shared as the season nears.

NEW ADDRESSES FOR HOSANNA! MEMBERS

They have new digs! Please make a note of these new addresses for your records:

Don Baken
2115 Maturana Drive, Apartment 110B
Liberty, MO. 64068

Karen Weber
8175 83rd Place, Apt 414
Kansas City, MO 64157

A TIME FOR RENEWAL - MAKING OUR HEART SING

As we prepare our application for the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program we are asking for input from the congregation. Please think about taking time to provide your thoughts and input on the questions inserted into today's bulletin.

There will be time during Faith Formation to discuss these in our groups on February 4th. In the meantime, feel free to provide input by writing your response on the form in the bulletin or by going online and submitting your response using this link:

<https://forms.gle/TQmAbaxlf9sqxfen8>.

You are NOT limited to one response, please provide all that comes to your mind over the next few weeks.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements are ready for pickup in the Fellowship Hall.

VALENTINES FOR VETS

Each Valentine's Day we share the love with local veterans by assembling hygiene kits. Our hope is to assemble 100-150 kits and with the following items:

- Toothpaste • Toothbrush • Dental Floss • Deodorant
- Bar of soap • Combs • Valentines
- Granola/protein bars, candies, Tootsie roll pops

You are invited to donate completed kits in gallon ziplock bags or bulk quantities of these items. Either can be dropped off in the fellowship hall through February 11. After worship on February 11, kids and adults are invited to stay after worship to make valentines and assemble the kits so that they can be delivered through local veterans' organizations by Valentine's day. If you're not able to join us after worship, you can also drop off purchased (and signed) or handmade Valentine cards. In addition to gratitude for these items to help care for themselves, we've been told how very touched the veterans are to receive the words of love and appreciation.

Who Wants Shakespeare's Pizza for the Super Bowl?

Our God Squad is partnering with the youth at St. Stephen's for a Shakespeare's Pizza Super Bowl Fundraiser. Shakespeare's pizza is Columbia's best (take it from a Mizzou alum)! We will be taking orders through Jan. 28th 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 WAS A SUCCESS!!

Our chili cook-off and game night on Saturday, Jan. 20 was HOT! It was a cold night but perfect for a warm bowl of chili. About thirty-five folks enjoyed the culinary skills of six members who contributed their delicious recipes with Kristen Belcher being voted the Chili Champion! (*leaving the nonwinners licking their bowls*). Thanks to Donna Krugman for the awesome apron! A good time was had by all! Stay tuned and join us for more happenings at Hosanna!

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 28	Feb 4
Acolyte	Nona Oprinovich	Ellasyn Eickman
Altar Guild	Kristin Belcher	Pam Schmidt
Audio/Video	Tony Belcher	Tony Belcher
Blessers	Teagan Oprinovich	Nora Belcher
	Paul Oprinovich	Olivia Noel
Communion Assistants	Sarah Oprinovich	Kristin Belcher
	Joyce Uber	Catherine Noel
Counters	Kristin Belcher	Dan Prom
	Karen Orrill	Don Summers
Crucifer	Aiden Noel	Easton Eickman
Fellowship Host	Scott Schmidt	Beth Eickman
	Pam Schmidt	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Greeters/Ushers	Ben Oprinovich	Justin Noel
	Don Summers	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Lector	E.J. Marple	Karen Orrill



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