

January 29, 2023 – Liturgy

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship

Songs of Praise and Worship:

It is Good to Sing Your Praises (LUYH 513)

It is good to sing your praises and to thank you, O Most High,
showing forth your loving-kindness when the morning lights the sky.

It is good when night is falling of your faithfulness to tell,
while with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

You have filled my heart with gladness through the works your hands have wrought;
you have made my life victorious; great your works and deep your thought.

You, O Lord, on high exalted, reign forevermore in might;
all your enemies shall perish, sin be banished from your sight.

But the good shall live before you, planted in your dwelling place,
fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished by your boundless grace.

In his goodness to the righteous God his righteousness displays;
God, my rock, my strength and refuge, just and true are all your ways.

I Come with Joy (LUYH 533)

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

Prayer of Confession

Song:

I Am Not My Own (Body and Soul)

This my only comfort in my life and in my death:
You have fully paid for all my sins and all my debt.
Even when I struggle to believe - with your precious blood you set me free!

**I am not my own but belong body and soul,
in my life and in death to you, Lord, Christ my Lord**

You preserve my life in such a way that without you
not a hair can fall from me without you knowing too
Even when I'm lost in desperation all things work together for my salvation

Always with your Holy Spirit you assure me
of a renewed life and make me willing and ready
Even when I can't see my way through from now on to always live for you

Children's Blessing: Children Grade 3 and under leave for their Faith Group

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Song:

Speak, O Lord (LUYH 755)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness—
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Prayer

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Message: "Growing in Christ: Rooted Together"

Affirmation: The Church Universal (LUYH 253)

What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"? I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

A Prayer Song of Response:

Help Us Accept Each Other (LUYH 318)

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love,
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayers of the People and Offering

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

Benediction

Benediction Song:

Sent Forth By God's Blessing (LUYH 936)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face—our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.