

JANUARY 28TH 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

IF YOU ARE ONLINE

We're glad that you are with us today! We hope that you will share your prayers and participation in the chat during worship.

IF YOU ARE IN THE SANCTUARY

We're glad you're here! Please let our ushers know if there is anything that you need.

Live-Stream: Please note that our services are recorded, broadcast live, and a recording is made publicly available on YouTube. If you wish to sit off camera during service, please speak to an usher. Our pastor can bring communion to your seat. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers.

For families: We have a kids' play area in the back of the sanctuary, and an enclosed family play room is open near the main sanctuary doors. Families are welcome to use both spaces during worship, and should feel free to move about as needed. Kids in the family play room must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

COVID 19: We continue to support immunocompromised community members. Masks are no longer required, but are always welcome. We encourage you to do what you feel is best to care for yourself and others. Some worshippers prefer to maintain social distance, so please respect others' space and personal boundaries during service.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY:

Pastor	Kristofer Rhude
Deacon	Paul Thomas
Reader	Betty Stromfeld
Altar Guild	Petra Menard & Emma Steger
Accompanist	Daniel Thomas

We always welcome new lay leaders to participate in service! If you would like to join the rotation of deacons, readers, altar guild, ushers, or prayer writers, please talk with Pr. Kris or the person who was volunteering in that position this week. No experience or special knowledge is needed!

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please rise in body or in spirit

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

Pastor Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

All We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Pastor Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

All We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Pastor To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All Amen.

GATHERING SONG • FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

GREETING

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

All **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Lord, have mer - cy. _____

Leader For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Lord, have mer - cy. _____

Leader

Lord, have mer - cy. ———

Leader

Lord, have mer - cy. _____

Leader

THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Bless-ing, hon - or, glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon Let us pray,

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.

All Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Reader A reading from Deuteronomy, the 18th chapter.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what

they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

PSALM

Reader I invite you to join me in reading Psalm 111 responsively.

Reader ¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

All ²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Reader ³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

All ⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

Reader ⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

All ⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

Reader ⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

All ⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

Reader ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

All ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures
forever.**

SECOND READING

Reader A reading from First Corinthians, the eighth chapter.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please rise in body or in spirit



GOSPEL READING

Reader The Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reader ²¹[Jesus and his disciples] 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.

Reader The Gospel of our Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY • RISHE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE!



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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please rise in body or in spirit

After each petition, the deacon will pray; "Merciful God," and the congregation is invited to respond: "hear our prayer."

Deacon Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

We encourage you to share a sign of peace with respect to the concerns and boundaries of others. Giving your neighbor the peace sign and tell them "Peace be with you" or putting your hand on your heart and saying "God's peace be with you" are two of many options for sharing a sign of peace.

OFFERING

God has dealt abundantly with us. We practice that abundance by relinquishing our gifts and wealth as a sign of trust that through relationship, God continues to deal abundantly with the whole human family. Our collected offerings proclaim that abundance through our shared mission. If you would like to join this community in mission, you may drop an offering in the plates being passed, give online at www.cgsllc.org/donate, or use the Venmo QR code on the final page of this bulletin.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Offered by CGS Mixed Choir

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit



Deacon Let us pray.

All Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open yourself to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

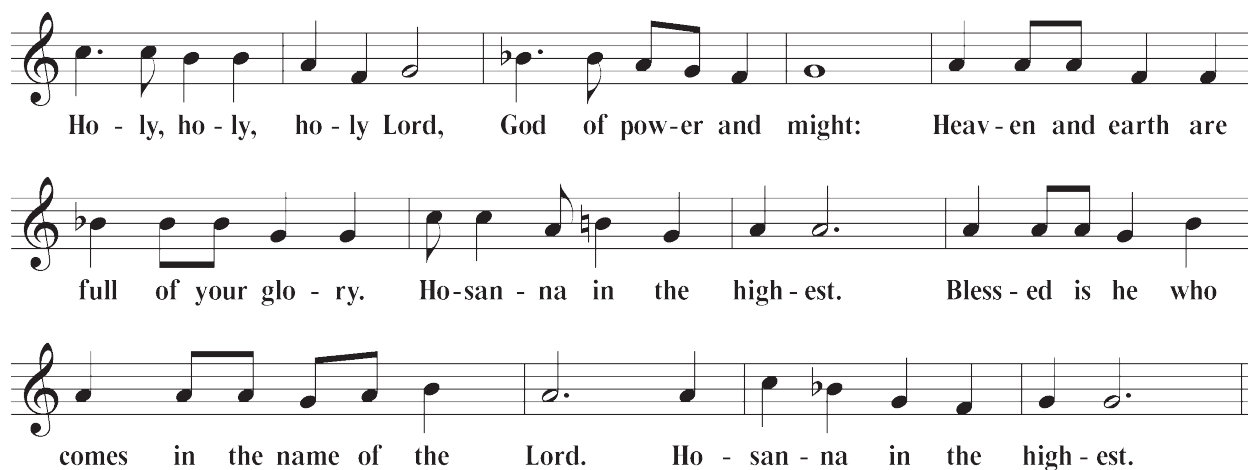
Pastor Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to God.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might: Heav-en and earth are'. The second staff contains: 'full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The third staff contains: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might: Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. 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

Pastor Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pastor With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor All praise and glory are yours, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the language of your own choosing.

Our God, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 kin-dom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at CGS. We invite you to share holy communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, physical ability or mental health.

There are gluten free wafers for those who need them; please just ask the pastor when you go forward. The small cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, just let the pastor know when you come forward. Take your time! Ask the pastor or communion server if you have any questions or needs.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

IT IS GOOD TO TRUST

It is good to trust in the Lord our God, trust and hope in the Lord our God.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord our God, to make mus-ic to your name, O God.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit

Deacon Let us pray. Giver of every gift,

All Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your
 power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Please rise in body or in spirit

Pastor God who names you,
 Christ who claims you,
 and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
 ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

SENDING SONG • GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

All Thanks be to God.

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is

Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is

vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CGS hosting Safe Car Park in February

In partnership with other local institutions, CGS regularly hosts neighbors living in their cars so these individuals and families have a safe place to sleep. We will begin hosting this week, Thursday, and through the month of February. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up for check-in and check-out shifts via the link in our newsletter, and consider donating gift cards for our guests to the office. If you haven't volunteered before, now is the perfect time!

February Children and Family Event: 2/11, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Join us after service for food, games, and a children and youth Bible study!

Ash Wednesday Services: Noon and 7pm

Holden Evening Prayer and Soup Supper, Wednesdays in Lent

Beginning February 21st, we will gather for a light soup supper and a brief prayer service on the Wednesdays of Lent. Soup starts at 6, and service starts at 7. You are welcome to come at any time. If you'd like to serve as a cantor for these prayer services please talk to Daniel Thomas, and if you'd like to be one of our soup makers, please talk to Tom Stein.

Lenten Quilting Project

When the pandemic moved church activities online, the CGS quilters had to stop their projects wherever they were at the time. After service during Lent, we'll be working to finish the quilts that were partially completed before March 2020. No quilting experience is necessary, and experienced quilters will be on hand to give instructions to newcomers. Please stop by the quilting tables in the fellowship hall after you get your refreshments during Lent to tie a quilt. We will bless the finished products and donate them at the end of the season.

Reminder: Nursery changing to family play room

CGS no longer has a nursery attendant. Families remain welcome to use the space, but children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian at all times.

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Faith Begins by Letting Go

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Holy Communion: Musical Setting, Gary A. Cornell

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