



**Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA**

*"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."*

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Communion Worship

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and '\*' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

*GATHERING*

- \* CONFESSION P: We confess our sins before God and one another. *Pause for silence and reflection.* Merciful God, **Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways.**
- \* FORGIVENESS Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his abundant love, all your sins are forgiven, that you might **✝** walk in the light of Christ. **Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

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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. **All: And also with you.**

\*KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for all salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

\* P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY P: Let us pray. Righteous God, **Judgment belongs to you alone. Make us aware of our own limitations that we may act with compassion toward those who differ from us. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

## GROWING

Our first reading comes from the Book of Psalms, number 37. Please read it aloud with me.

**<sup>16</sup>Better is a little that the righteous person has than the abundance of many wicked.**

**<sup>17</sup>For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.**

**<sup>18</sup>The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will abide forever.**

Please stand and join with me: Alleluia. **Lord, whom shall we go? You are the word of eternal life. Alleluia.**

\* *We hear the words of our Savior spoken on the mountain, to a people hungry to hear his words and live them out.* THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**  
<sup>1</sup>Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. <sup>6</sup>Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

<sup>7</sup>Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

<sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

<sup>12</sup>In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

<sup>13</sup>Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. <sup>24</sup>Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!" <sup>28</sup>Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

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## GIVING

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

P: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we all are called to offer ourselves to our Savior in thanksgiving for what he has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those in the ministry of church leadership.

The following persons, having been elected this congregation to the positions of leadership, are asked to step forward as their names are read: *Barb Vadnais, Stephany Grossbier, Steve Sweeney, Alison Young, DiAnna Scheffler, Kris Jenson, Claudeen Oebser, Marshall Fuhrman, Curtis Carothers, and David Young.*

P: As council members, you are to see that the words and deeds of this church reflect God in whose name we gather; to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and be diligent in your specific area of service, utilizing the gifts of the Spirit given to you. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation. I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully fulfill the duties of the office to which you have been elected? If so answer in unison: Yes, I do with the help of God.

**COUNCIL: Yes, I do with the help of God**

P: Congregation, people of God, I now ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? If so answer in unison: Yes, we do by the help of God. **CONGREGATION: Yes, we do by the help of God.**

P: Council members, I now declare you installed as 2023 officers/council members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ. Let us pray...For all who offer themselves in your name, **we give thanks, O God. Give them the joy of service, and constant care and guidance. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of ministry, that your name be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Merciful God, **All: You hear our prayer.**)<sup>1</sup>

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\* OFFERING PRAYER O God, **you give good gifts to your children simply because we ask. We now return our gifts to you in gratitude for your loving care. Bless them to your service wherever there is need, in Jesus' name. Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

P: What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion? **The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P: Jesus Christ's introduction of the Lord's Supper is found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Jesus took bread and wine and presented it as his body and blood to his disciples. The Christian church continues this sacrament to this day. What benefit do we receive from such eating and drinking? **The benefit which we receive from such eating and drinking is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? **It is not the eating and drinking that does this, but the words here written, "Given and shed FOR YOU for the remission of sins." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament; and whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sins.**

P: Would those receiving their First Communion and their family members please stand. Let us pray. Gracious God, thank you for Brandy Carothers & Deklan Peterson. As they grows in years, deepen their faith in Christ and their trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for their parents and family members that support and love them. **We welcome you as communing members of God's church. Together we will explore the mystery and wonder of Holy Communion and accept Christ's gifts of grace and salvation that come to us through this Holy Sacrament. Amen.**

\* 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**

\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\* LORD'S PRAYER **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

\* INVITATION God, our holy parent, gives us only good gifts, that we might grow in spirit. Here at this table we receive the best gift of all, Jesus' body and blood poured out in love for all creation. Come share in this holy gift.<sup>1</sup>

HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.*

\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER Pour out upon us... **Amen.**

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING God who longs for us to speak in prayer, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

\* SENDING HYMN *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* Sing through 2 times pg. 7

\* CLOSING LITANY/DISMISSAL (*please respond with bold-faced text*)

It is easy to judge others. **If they don't agree with us, they're wrong.**

If they make different choices, they're bad. **If we don't understand them, they're stupid.**

When the truth is we don't understand them. **Simply because we don't try.**

We are so focused on the speck in their eye. **That we don't notice the log in our own.**

Let us pause when we are tempted to judge. **Let us put ourselves into the other's place.**

Let us default to compassion, **And open our ears to truly listen.**

Then, with God's help, we might treat them **With respect and love, as we ourselves want to be treated.**

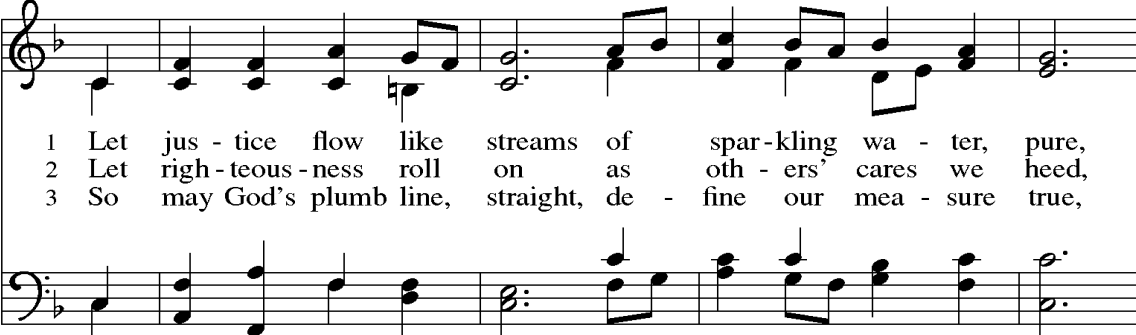
Go in peace, believe Jesus Christ IS with you. **Thanks be to God.**

BELLS/POSTLUDE

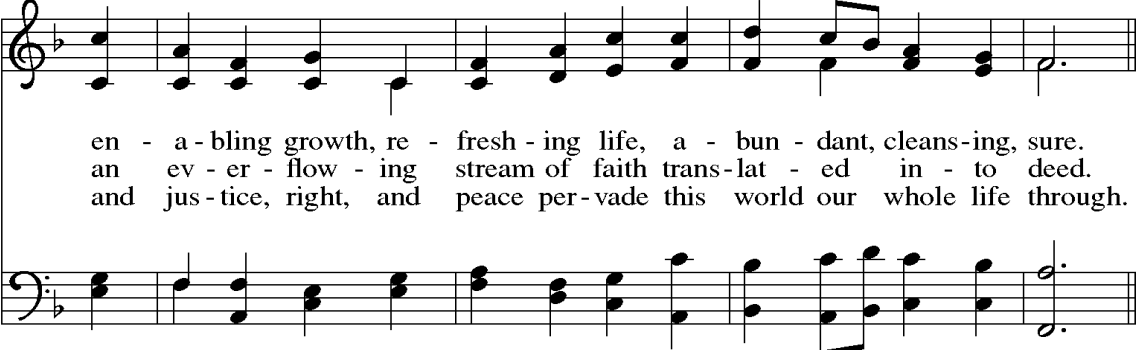
Michelle Young



## Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,




en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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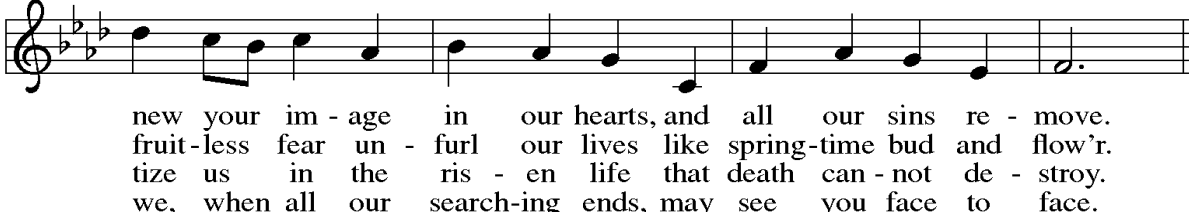
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## Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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## The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

*Enviado soy de Dios*



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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