

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

February 23, 2014
8:15am and 10:45am

Living Out Loud... Faithfully!

Prelude *"Prayer"* Jacques Lemmens

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn #652 *"Built on a Rock"* vss. 1-3**

***Prayer of the Day**

*Kyrie

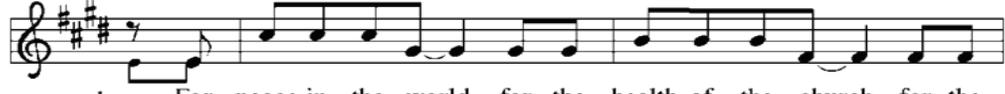
Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Sharing of the Peace

Life in Community (Please sign and pass the Friendship Folder.)

First Reading...Psalm 119:33-40 (Read Responsively)

L: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

C: **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

C: **Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.**

L: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.

C: **Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**

L: Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

C: **See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.**

Second Reading...Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Song of Response

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

(As the children gather)

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
All are precious in his sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children's Sermon

The children may bring their offerings forward at this time for "Side by Side Kids". After the Children's Sermon, children may be taken to the preschool nursery or return to their families.

***Holy Gospel...Matthew 5:38-48**

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message "In Him All Things Hold Together" Pastor Norb Firnhaber

***Message Song #798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 Community

- A: Let us pray for the world, our community, and for those in special need of God's healing and hope...
- P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- c: **Amen.**

Offering *"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity" (2 Corinthians 9:11)*

Offering Music *"Softly and Tenderly"* arr. Keveren (8:15)
Senior Choir *"Thank The Lord, For This New Day"* Lawson (10:45)

*Offertory Response *"Give Thanks"*

Give thanks
With a grateful heart
Give thanks
To the holy one
Give thanks
For he's given
Jesus Christ, his son
(x2)

And now let the weak say
I am strong
Let the poor say
I am rich
Because of what
The Lord has done
For us
(x2)
Give Thanks

*Offering Prayer

*Words of Institution

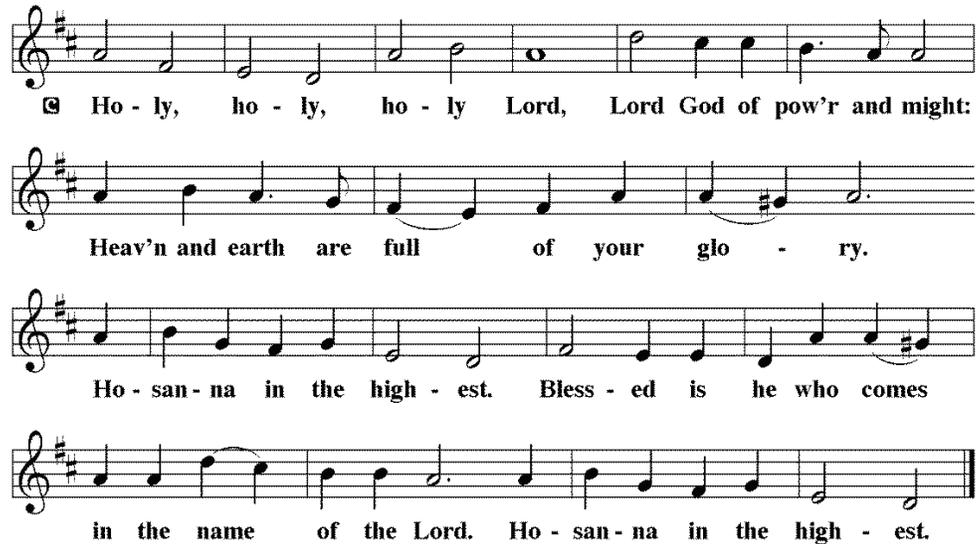
The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are as follows:

① The Lord be with you. ② And al - so with you.

① Lift up your hearts. ② We lift them to the Lord.

① Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

② It is right to give him thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. **C: Amen.**

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to the Lord's Table. God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life. Today we celebrate with Intinction Communion. Please come forward, receive a bread wafer, dip it into the wine or grape juice and consume both at the same time.

*Communion Blessing

*Prayer

A: As we taste and see your goodness, O Lord, may we choose to 'live in the light' and walk as a child of the Light in our daily lives. May we keep our eyes on Jesus, the Light in our lives.

C: Amen.

*Benediction

*Sending Song

#652 "Built on a Rock"

vvs. 4 & 5

***Sending Word**

A: As God's Light in the world, may we walk the talk as we go out to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. . . and we will!

Postlude

"Fugue in C"

Buxtehude

Thank you for worshipping God today! Following the service, you are invited to remain for fellowship. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to one of our pastors or church staff. Blessings!

Prayers of the Church

**People on our Prayer Concerns list will be rotated every two weeks unless informed otherwise.*

- Fred Kramer and David Everett on their continued recovery
- Laura Hills, Walter Buell and Mario Spinelli following their surgeries this week
- Larry Stell upon his hospitalization
- John Pollock, father of Deb Darnell
- Pam Wettstein, mother of Mollie Cullinane
- Jack Carlos, brother of Sandy Wikelius, as he deals with health issues
- Diane Morrical, sister-in-law of Tom and Ruth Felger, as she begins treatments for cancer
- Donald Donatt, father of Lory Donatt, as he deals with heart issues and pneumonia



Prayer Requests

Today's Worship Participants

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| Pastors | Rev. Norb Firnhaber |
| Director of Worship & Arts | Kevin McClure |
| Organist | Vernon Moeller |
| Instrumentalists | Lisa Larson, DeeDee Eastwood, Thom McNeil |
| Greeters | Barb and Hal Hampton (8:15am) Norma Smith (10:45am) |
| Lay Assistants | Rick Burnight (8:15am), Larry Morgan (10:45am) |
| Ushers | Dale Petersen, Ray Tackett (8:15am) Virginia Bosman, Les Doleshal (10:45am) |
| Acolyte | Jett Wright (10:45am) |
| Altar Stewards | Sharon Collins (8:15am) Fred & Lil Schleede (10:45am) |
| Offering Tellers | Charlyn Bacon, Norma Smith |
| Bulletin Team | Elnora McQuiston, Ann Watt, Carol Petersen |