

*Epiphany 2023*

# *Listening* TO GOD'S VOICE

January 15, 2023  
Worship | Holy Communion  
9:30 am



\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## **Gathering Music**

*Give Me Jesus*  
Variations on "Nettleton"

Arr. Richard Billingham  
Undine Smith Moore

## **Words of Welcome**

## **Call to Worship**

*For Everyone Born*

Shirley Murray / Brian Mann

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Hear the voice of God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

*Rise, Shine You People!*

ELW 665

## **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## **Hymn of Praise**

*This Is the Feast*

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## **Prayer of the Day**

**Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 40

I waited patiently up- | on the Lord,  
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

**The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the Lord.

**Happy are they who trust | in the Lord!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.**

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- | pared  
with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;**

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.**

And so I said, "Here I | am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

**I love to do your will, | O my God;**

**your law is | deep within me.'"**

I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O | Lord, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your  
deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.**

**You are the Lord; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;**

**may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.**

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW 151

## Gospel

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel reading in John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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**Sermon** "Come and See" Pastor Ian McConnell

**Hymn of the Day** *Now Behold the Lamb* ELW 341

## Thanks for Your Generosity

## Sharing of the Peace

**Music at the Offering** *This Little Light* Arr. Dadee Reilly

## Offertory Response | Noisy Offering

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(Children, bring your "Noisy Offering" to the front during the Offertory Response!)*

## Holy Communion

### Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... .. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** ELW 153

## Words of Institution

### 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.

**Agnus Dei** *Lamb of God* ELW 154

**Distribution Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

## Communion Blessing

**Sending Hymn** *Lift Every Voice and Sing (stanzas 1 & 3)* ELW 841

## Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord!  
Thanks be to God.

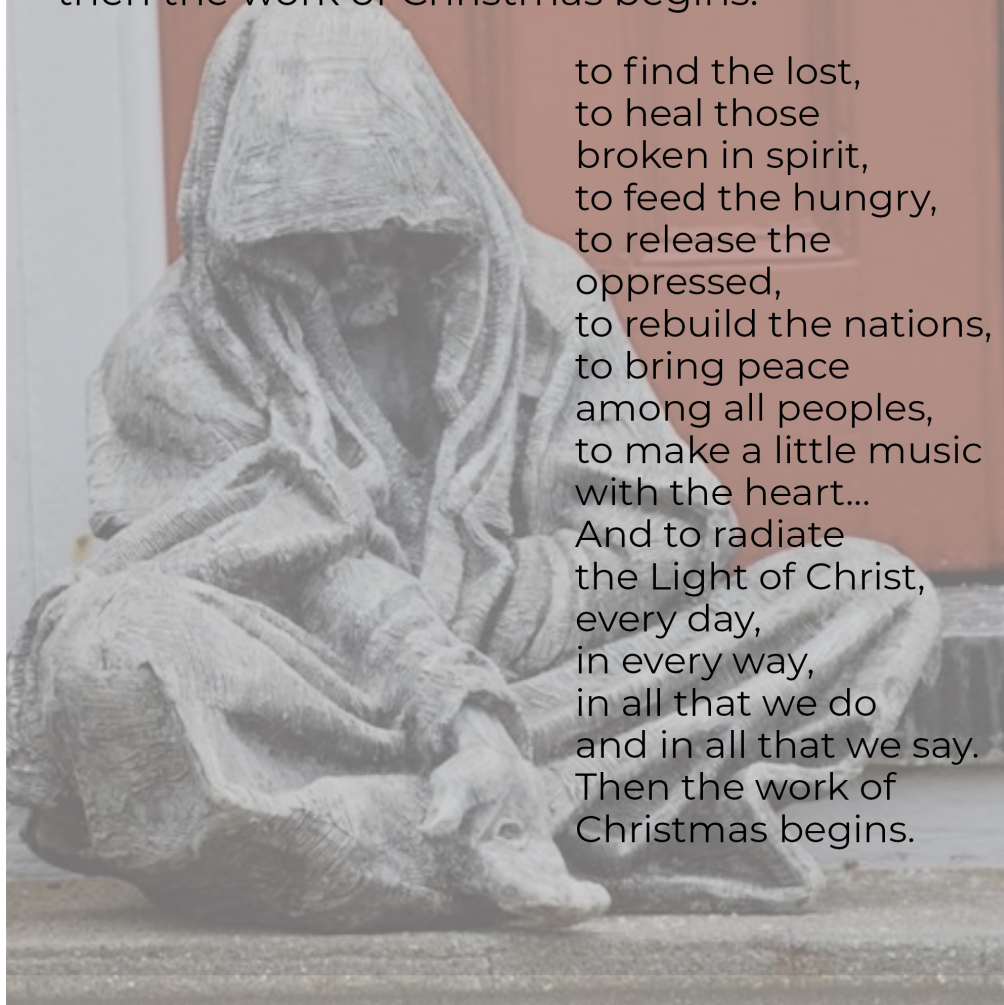
**Sending Music** *Fanfare on In Christ There Is No East or West* Charles Callahan

# The Work of Christmas Begins

by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,  
to heal those  
broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the  
oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace  
among all peoples,  
to make a little music  
with the heart...  
And to radiate  
the Light of Christ,  
every day,  
in every way,  
in all that we do  
and in all that we say.  
Then the work of  
Christmas begins.



## Worship at Normandale

### Worship Leaders

**Presider:** Pastor Ian McConnell

**Liturgist:** Pastor Paul Pettersen

**Organist | Choir Director:** Gregory Peterson

**Choir:** Normandale Choir

**Acolyte:** Carissa Goldstein

**Communion Deacons:** Jenny Bock, Kim Pinkham,  
Pat Lindstrand, Susan Sackrison

**Communion Setup:** Sarah Howard

**Lector:** Norm Teigen

**Sacristan:** Cindy Nelson

**Ushers:** Chin Team

### Hymnals:

Both the ELW (red) and ACS (purple)  
hymnals are located in the pew backs.

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to enhance your worship experience.  
Please ask an usher if one is needed.

### NLC Kids:

**The Playground**, filled with quiet  
toys and comfy seating, is located inside the  
sanctuary to the right of the altar.

**Busy Bags** is filled with quiet activities  
and can be found on pegs hanging just  
across the main entrance of the sanctuary.

**Bulletins & Coloring Sheets**  
are located on a table just outside the main  
entrance of the sanctuary.

**The Nursery** is supervised by  
professional preschool teachers and is  
available for children age 6 months to  
4 years from 9:20-11:30am every Sunday  
on the first floor.