



Poetry Sunday, January 18, 2025
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pepin, WI

*As you enter, you are invited into a time
to silently reflect and center for worship*

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN: **ELW 314** "Arise, Your Light Has Come"

GREETING

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

R/ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, beautiful in majesty, majestic in holiness: You have shown us the splendor of creation in the work of poets and writers. Teach us to peer into the world with perception, that our eyes may behold your glory, and that at last everyone may know the richness of your new creation in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

PSALM

Psalm 40: 1-11

- 1 I waited patiently up on the LORD,
who stooped to me and I heard my cry.
- 2 **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.**
- 3 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.
- 4 **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**
- 5 Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for
none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell
them! But they are more than I can count.
- 6 **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**
- 7 And so I said, "Here I am: I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- 8 **'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'**
- 9 I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

10 **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.**

11 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us, speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

John 1: 29-42

P/ The Holy Gospel according to John Chapter 1. R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

29 [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 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.' 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 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?" 39 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. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42 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).

P/ The Gospel of the Lord R/ Praise to you, O Christ.

Poems by Gerard Manly Hopkins

In the Valley of the Elwy, Pied Beauty, and God's Grandeur

HYMN: **ELW 763** "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

Poetry by John Gruber, from his book Thanksgiving Dawn

"It's Not About Me", and "Common?" with a page from "Separation"

HYMN: **ELW 666** "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 CHURCH

P/ Lord, in your mercy R/ Hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.** Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For It is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: **ELW 583** "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

OFFERING PRAYER:

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. **Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.**

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 **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**
the Lord, our God.

PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

R/ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 208

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you suffered death our lives to save, have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you set us free from guilt and grave, have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, eternal peace with God you made, give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **ELW 491 "Come, Let Us Eat"**
ELW 477 "Received the Living God"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER :

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: **ELW 866 "We Are Marching in the Light"**

DISMISSAL

P/ Go in peace. Share the harvest **R/Thanks be to God.**

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