Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

We gather to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

P = Pastor A = Assisting Pastor

G = Congregation **L** = Leader

Prelude "Meditation on NETTLETON"

Paul O. Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation

A Blessed be the Father, and the → Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.

G Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

- A Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

 Silence for reflection.
- A Most merciful God,
- A loonfess to you all my sins, with which I have offended you. I repent and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit, and bring me to life everlasting.
- A By the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us, frees us from sin and death, and calls us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I

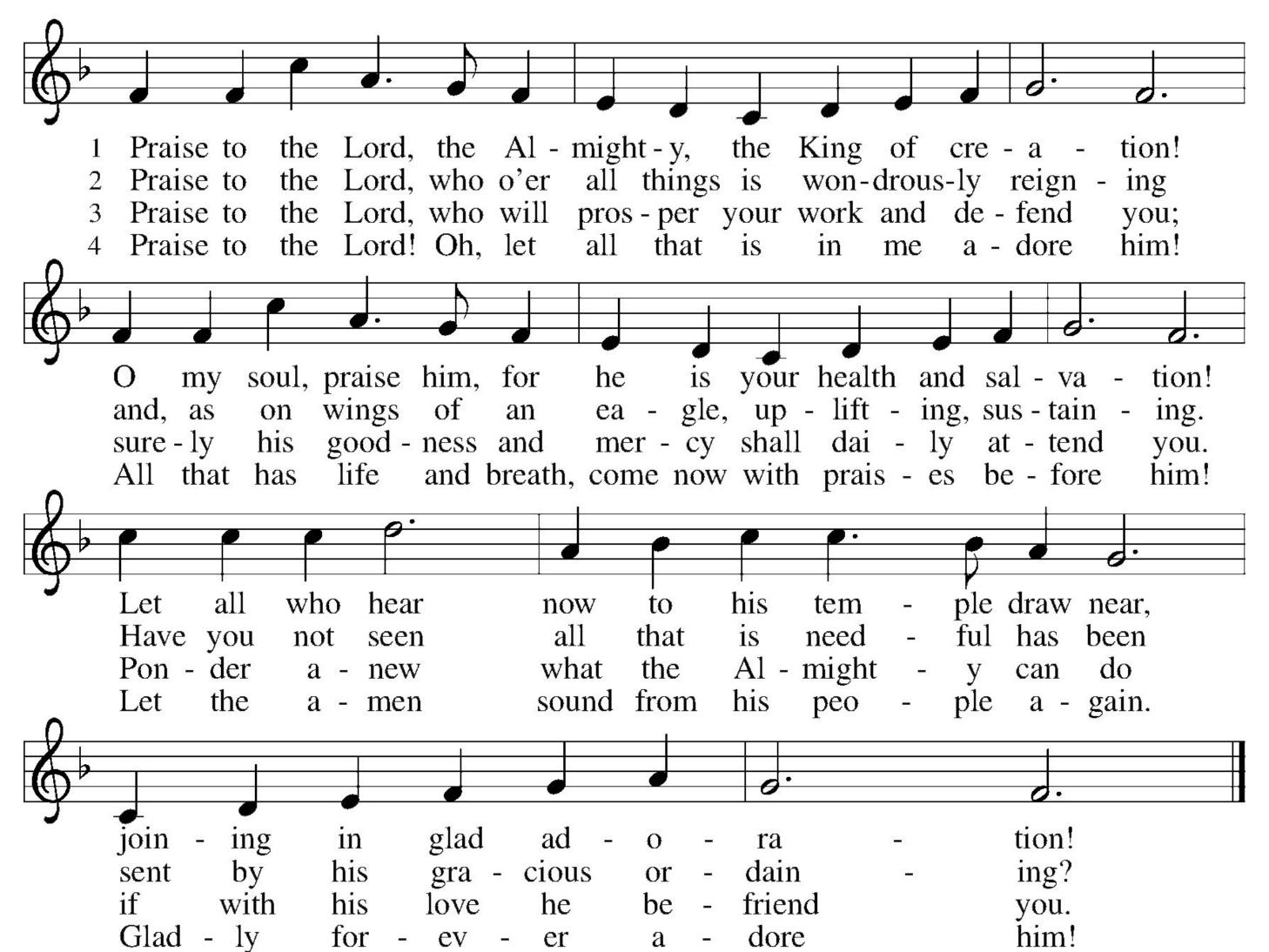
therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Entrance Hymn 858

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN



Apostolic Greeting

- A The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G And also with you.

5 рм Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

- L Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with

praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

The Lord counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.

God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner, but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who await God's steadfast love.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

- L Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

John Ferguson



Choir: The servant of God took our infirmities and bore our diseases (Matthew 8:17)



Gospel Announcement

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the

first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39 +

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jason Burggraff

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day 843

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word; Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place; praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace. Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand; joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done. us sing for calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Please be seated.

Installation of New Members

P Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for the individuals who will stand before us today, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. A congregation is not a building, but is the people, the body of Christ in the world. To our new members, I ask you—do you intend to continue

in the covenant of your baptism among God's faithful people here in this place? If so, please respond, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

- P To the whole congregation, I ask you—do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ? If so, please respond, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."
- P Let us pray. O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, you have called, gathered, and enlightened us in true faith. We thank you for the many gifts and talents that new members bring to the work of this congregation. Where two or more are gathered in your name, you are there amongst them. Continue to speak your gospel promises into our lives as we strive to make Jesus Christ known in our community and the world. Bless all you have gathered, that we may in turn be a blessing to others. All this we pray in the name in which we baptize; In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and forever. Amen. Congratulations to these newest members of First Lutheran Church! I think it is appropriate to welcome them with our applause. Please be sure to greet them after the service ends today. Would the congregation please stand as we continue with our profession of faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Following each petition:

- A Lord, in your mercy,
- G hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- A Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- G Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- A The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G And also with you.

Please be seated.

Offering

5 рм Voluntary

"Ayre"

Arcangelo Corelli; ar. S. Drummond Wolff

9 am Voluntary

"How Can I Keep from Singing" Robert Lowry; arr. Cathy Moklebust

Please stand.

Offering Presentation



Offertory Prayer

- A Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G Amen.

Sursum Corda

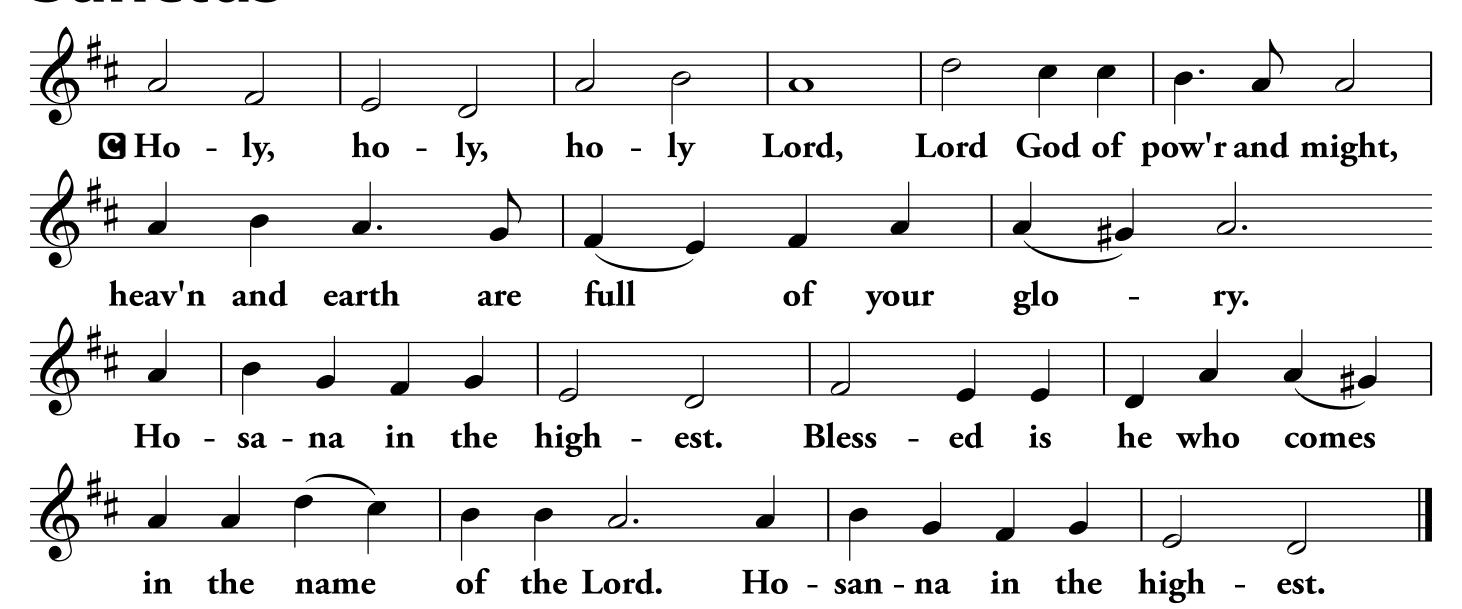
- A The Lord be with you.
- G And also with you.
- A Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

A 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

Sanctus



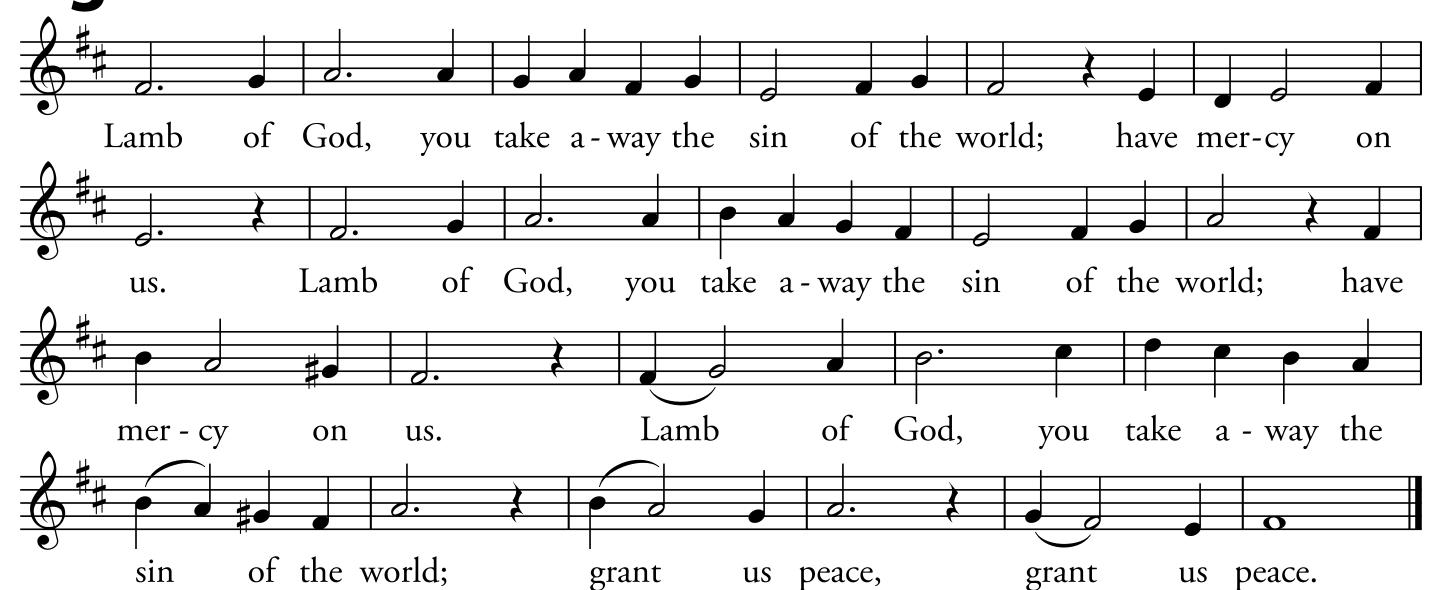
Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

- A Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- Dur 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- A Come to the table prepared for sinners.
- Let us taste of God's goodness and mercy.

 Please be seated.

Agnus Dei



Communion

Please stand.

Blessing

A The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this great feast, you have given us your very self in this bread and wine. Nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this Sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

G Amen.

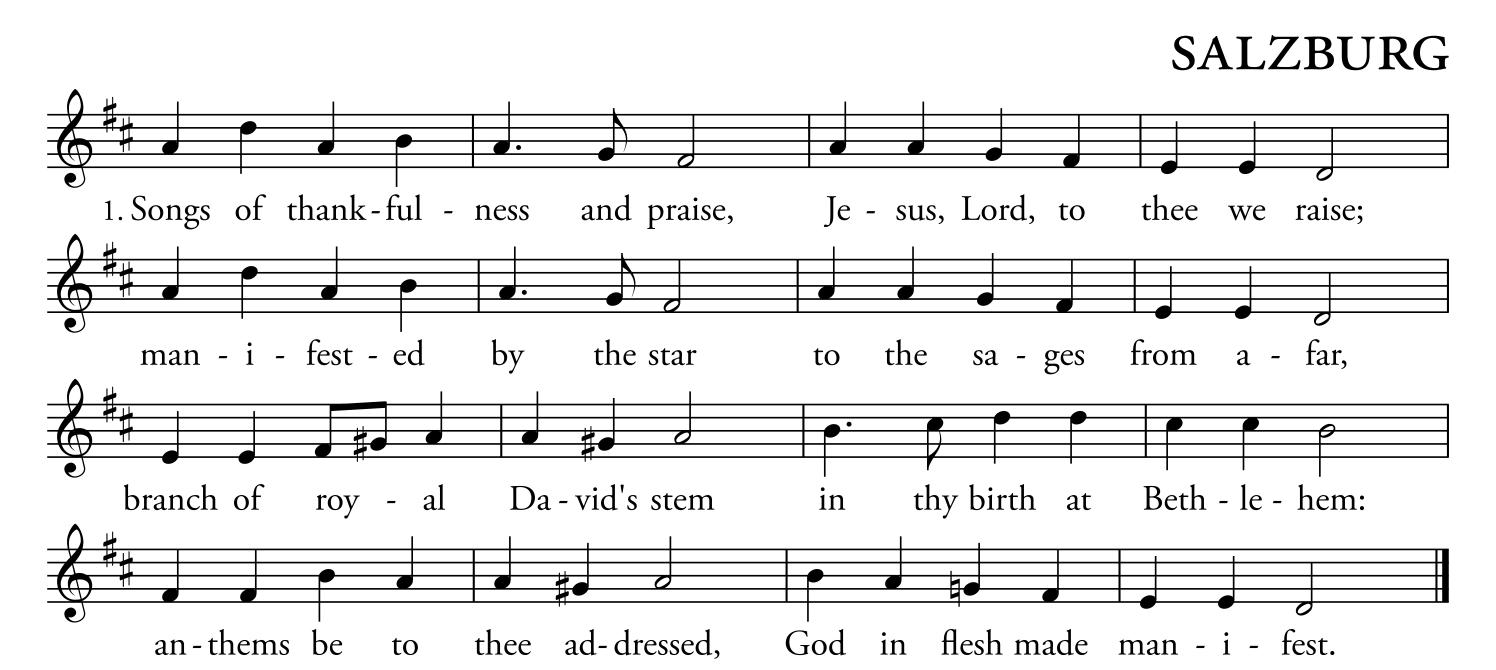
Benediction

A The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



Dismissal

- A Go in peace. We are sent in the freedom of Christ.
- Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN"
Hans Friedrich Micheelsen