



# Holy Communion

*Advent I*

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:30 a.m. Eucharist

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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Welcome to Central Lutheran Church.

You are welcome, no exceptions.

Here are a few notes you might find helpful for worship:

**Bold print** indicates responses spoken by all.

Masks are welcomed, and everyone should mask while singing.

Congregational hymns are found printed in this bulletin or in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

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## PRELUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

Johann Sebastian Bach

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

## Gathering

### OPENING SENTENCES

Many voices open the world’s hearts to the hopes and dreams of this Advent season. From the voices of many generations, hear their answers...

...What gives you hope?

**Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in the world.**

From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

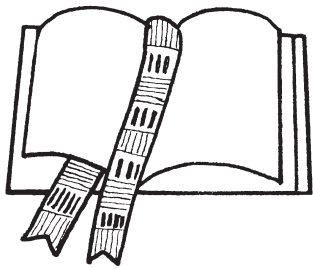
“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

Hymn 244

*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*



*The Holy Spirit gathers  
us in unity on this first  
day of the week.*



*God speaks to us in  
scripture reading,  
preaching, and song.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us—ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow—old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. In scripture we hear stories of people like us, so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening.

We are grateful. We are yours.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Word

### READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia



## GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

*(Please stand)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

printed on page 10

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In God’s house, everyone is welcome...

Let us pray:

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, “Bring your full self.

There’s room for you here.”

**But we say, “Our lives are too messy.”**

You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams.

There’s room for you here.”

**But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.”**

You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.”

**But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”**

God of today and God of tomorrow,  
we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for  
giving only our Sunday best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**There’s room for every story. Amen.**

Family of faith...

Thanks be to God!

**Amen.**

*(Please face the font)*

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of Abraham and Isaac,

God of Tamar and Ruth,

God of Mary and Joseph,

We bow our heads today hoping to catch a  
glimpse or a shimmer of you.

*Each petition concludes:*

God of grace:

**Hear our prayer.**

From Abraham to Mary, you made room for every story—and that love  
continues to make room for us. Teach us to do the same for our neighbor  
so this world will know love.

**Amen.**

#### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

## Meal

*(Please stand)*

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**



*God feeds us with the  
presence of Jesus Christ.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

#### COMMUNION

*(Please stand)*

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*All are invited to receive  
these gifts of God.*

*Children are welcome to  
come forward and receive  
communion or a blessing.*



*God blesses us and sends  
us for shared mission in  
our shared world.*

## Sending

### BLESSING

As you leave this place,  
may you go knowing that from generation to generation,  
we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God  
has been by our side. From generation to generation, we are not alone.  
The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name,  
loves you, and calls you forth, saying, “Go be the person you are called  
to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.” May it be so.

**Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

“The King Shall Come”

Hymn 260  
*Stanzas 1-4*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

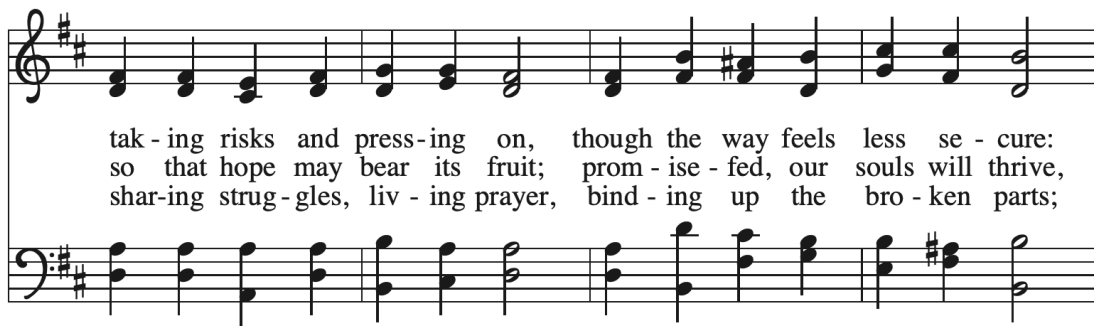
Liturgical Prelude No. 23

Gaston Litaize

# Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

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Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presider</i>
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Abigail Pribbenow	<i>reader</i>
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