

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 2025 - 9:00 am




Burke Lutheran Church
Reconnect.

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“Preach. Teach. Reach.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please rise.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



GATHERING SONG

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -



see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,



hope of a life spent with You. So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came poor. So, here I am to



wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.



And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er



won - der - ful to me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

R ¹ All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 19

R ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

C ² **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

R ³ Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

C ⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

R ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

C ⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

R ⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C ⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

R ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

- R ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- C ¹² **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- R ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- C ¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

1 *Corinthians* 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

R ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL VERSE

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

C **Praise to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

P ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Bryan Lagerstam

Please rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Are Called

720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

THE CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

R As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

R As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

R As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

R As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery. Heal any who are suffering especially Lisa Thompson, Mark Gehrke, June Chadwick, Marie McCoy, Chris McFarlin, Tina Lee, Linda Hughes, Shirley Bostad, and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church, and beloved friends and family who have died. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

By His Grace

Words and Music by

Steve Fry

By His grace I am re - deemed, by His blood I am made clean; And I now can
know Him face to face. By His pow'r I have been raised, hid - den now in
Christ by faith; I will praise the glo - ry of His grace.

The musical score is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'By His grace I am re - deemed, by His blood I am made clean; And I now can'. The second line contains 'know Him face to face. By His pow'r I have been raised, hid - den now in'. The third line contains 'Christ by faith; I will praise the glo - ry of His grace.' followed by a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody.

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Please rise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our 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.**

Please be seated.

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Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.

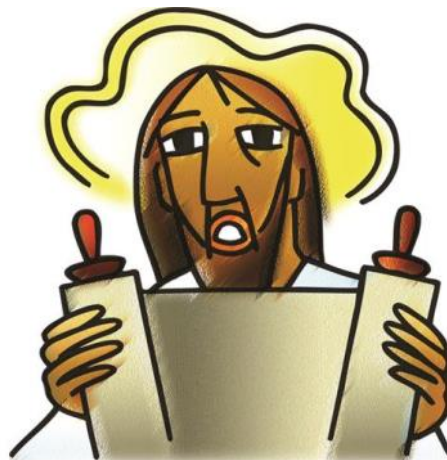


In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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The Love Of God

Verse 3, original Hebrew lyrics by
Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai

Words and Music by
Frederick Martin Lehman



1. The love of God is great - er far than tongue or pen can ev - er
2. When years of time shall pass a - way and earth - ly thrones and king - doms
3. Could we with ink the o - cean fill and were the skies of parch - ment
tell; It goes be - yond the high - est star, and reach - es to the low - est
fall, when men, who here re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and moun - tains
made, were ev - 'ry stalk on earth a quill and ev - 'ry man a scribe by
hell; The guilt - y pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His err - ing
call, God's love so sure shall still en - dure, all mea - sure - less and strong; Re - deem - ing
trade, To write the love of God a - bove would drain the o - cean dry; Nor could the
child He rec - on - ciled, and par - doned from his sin. O love of God, how rich and
grace to Ad - am's race - the saints' and an - gels' song,
scroll con - tain the whole, tho' stretched from sky to sky.
pure! How mea - sure - less and strong! It shall for - ev - er - more en - dure - The saints' and
an - gels' song!

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Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and
healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

I Saw The Light

Words and Music by
Hank Williams, Sr.



1. I wan - dered so aim - less, life filled with sin,
2. Just like a blind man I wan - dered a - long,
3. I was a fool to wan - der and stray,



I would - n't let my dear Sav - ior in; Then Je - sus came like a
Wor - ries and fears I claimed for my own; Then, like the blind man that
Straight is the gate and nar - row the way, Now I have trad - ed the



strang - er in the night- Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
God gave back his sight- Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
wrong for the night- Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

CHORUS



I saw the light, I saw the light, No more in dark - ness, no more in



night, (And) now I'm so hap - py, no sor - row in sight- Praise the Lord!



I saw the light.

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Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY:

Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

Please fill out a communion card and place it in the offering plate if you are communing today.

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PRAYERS & CARES

A Nursery (Youth Room) for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

Our Prayer List: Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke)

Mark Gehrke (son of Bob and Jeannette Gehrke)

Marie McCoy

June Chadwick

Chris McFarlin

Tina Lee

Linda Hughes

Shirley Bostad

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

QUILTING: Every Wednesday at 9:00am.

BIBLE STUDY: Every Wednesday at 1:00pm.

JAM: Every Wednesday at 6:30pm at NGMLC

BAND PRACTICE: Mondays at 10:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospitalized?: Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

ANNUAL MEETING - TODAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025.

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for today, Sunday, January 26th following the 9:00am service. Agenda items include election of officers (Vice-President and Treasurer) and board members, Board and Committee reports, the 2025 budget, election of Audit and Nominating committee members and representatives to Lutherdale, Oakwood and the Synod Assembly. Please pick up your copy located in the Narthex.

REMINDER - 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2025 are ready for pickup. They are on the table in the narthex. Please help us get these distributed to your families. If you cannot find yours please contact the church office to report it.

CALL TO ACTION

January Food Pantry Focus: January focus is “Meals in a Can,” such as soups, stews, chili, canned meat (tuna, chicken), canned vegetables, canned fruit, etc. Cans with pop tops are especially welcomed. Please place your non-perishable goods in the ‘Donations’ basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry. List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles

If you have news you would like to see in the Sunday bulletin and/or Light of Life, please email your submissions to burkelutheran@att.net (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or turn it into the church office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 20th of the month

THIS WEEK AT BURKE

Sunday, January 26	Annual Meeting, 10:15am	
Wednesday, January 29	Quilting, 9:00am	Bible Study, 1:00pm JAM, 6:30pm at NGMLC
Friday, January 31		Euchre, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 2	Worship, 9:00am	

WORSHIP LEADERS

	January 26 - 9:00am Service	February 2 - 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
Music Leaders	“Praise Band”	Dave Wisner Chris Grefe
Communion Assistant	Julie Clark	Sharon Hughes
Communion Prep	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist
Lay Reader	Julie Clark	Cheryl Beckman
Usher Team	Karl & Shari Patzer	Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson
Coffee Hour	Potluck	Donuts
Counters	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson Jean Schnick	Gloria Lundquist Rose Haney

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday 9:00am	Total	29
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