

Third Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 26, 2025

Prelude Chorale Prelude on 'Rockingham' C.H.H. Parry Charles F. von Gunten

Welcome



The Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy

Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen

P God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Now We Remain OC 620



Prayer of The Day

- P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.
- P 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. **C** Amen

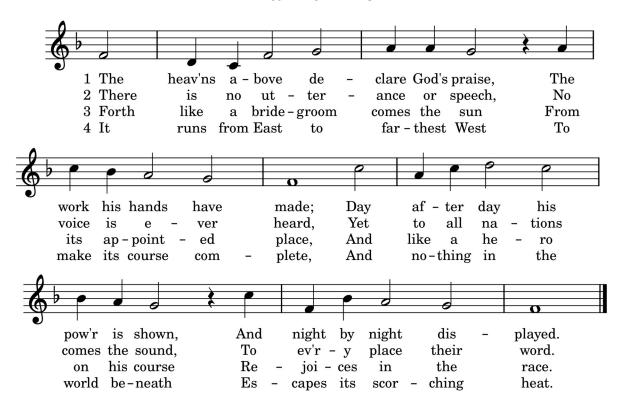
Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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 worshiped 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."

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life Congregation: Thanks be to God

Psalm 19 - ELW 847



Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

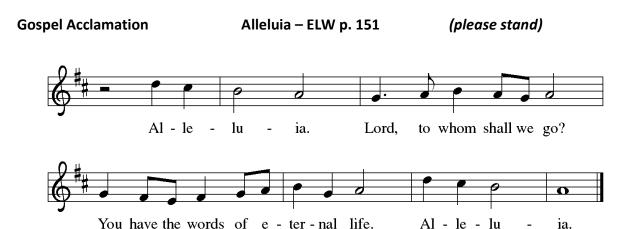
¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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.

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Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord

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."

Response after the conclusion of the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Manuel Borbón (please be seated)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Manuel: These individuals desire to ask questions, follow Christ, serve and support each other in this community of faith:

(As your name is called please come forward)

Receiving: Kevin Collins, Mitchell Little, Tommy Osowski, Chelsea Lundeen, , Renée Shepherd, Denise Taylor, Bruce Fisher, Velta Fox, Ann Marie Krug, Bonita Martinez, Grace Kilpatrick, Ian Kilpatrick.

PM: Joining in this faith-journey are their mentors:

PM: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PM: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ at Clairemont Lutheran Church/Iglesia Luterana Clairemont?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Mentors will lay a hand upon the shoulder of the new member)

PM: Let us pray: Thank you, Lord for these new members who remind us of your reforming and revitalizing hand on our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one and you will be All-in-All.

C: Amen.

Presentation

Pastor Manuel: <u>Teresa Munoz</u>, you have been equipped to serve as Stephen Minister at Clairemont Lutheran Church/Iglesia Luterana Clairemont.

Pastor Manuel: You have been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us all. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in our congregation and community who need to be comforted.

- As Jesus has responded to your needs, we ask you to be responsive to the needs of others.
- As Jesus took the burdens of the world on his shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to care for those who are burdened and troubled.
- As Jesus patiently listens when you turn to him, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world.
- As Jesus has broken down the barriers that separated you from God, we ask you to heal divisions wherever you find them and trust in God to make people whole.
- As the Spirit of Christ has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills, talents, and prayers to help those people you serve.
- As Jesus has shown his care to you, we ask you to help this congregation grow as a caring community through your own caring ministry.
- As Jesus has revealed his presence to you through faith, we ask you to share your personal experiences of faith with those around you so that they too may celebrate the presence of Christ in our world today.

Vows

Pastor Manuel: Are you prepared to meet those requests that we ask of you? If so, respond, "Yes, with the help of God."

Teresa: Yes, with the help of God.

PM: Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in their needs?

Teresa: Yes, with the help of God.

PM: Are you prepared to serve as a Stephen Minister at Clairemont Lutheran Church/Iglesia Luterana Clairemont?

Teresa: Yes, with the help of God.

PM: Now, we ask you, members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/Iglesia Luterana Clairemont, to open your hearts to Teresa's ministry of and to pray for her, that she may be a faithful servant of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

PM: Will you accept Teresa's ministry when you need help and allow her to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from her as well as other Christian brothers and sisters?

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

PM: Receive a blessing.

Blessing

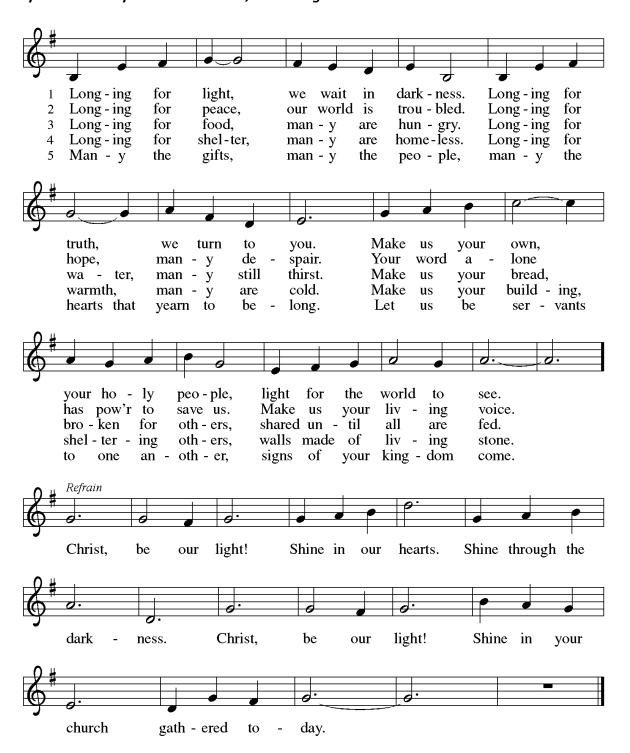
Our Lord Jesus touched the lives of people in many ways. May he shower his love upon you and sustain you in the ministry that lies before you. (1 Jn. 3:16, Ps. 18:35)

Commendation

Pastor Manuel: Because you have promised faithfully to serve the Lord Jesus and his people as Stephen Ministers, I commend you to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you in turn care for others. Work hard. Use the skills you have learned, drawing on the gifts and talents the Spirit of God has given you so that you might be a blessing to the people you meet and care for. Continue to study. Reflect upon the situations you encounter. Pray for the people whose lives you are privileged to share. Be free to share your own needs with others so that you might receive the same kind of care and love you offer others. Act boldly and without fear, for Christ is with you. And "may the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Hymn of the Day

Christ, be Our Light - ELW 715



Prayers

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

P 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.

P 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.

P 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.

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. God of grace,

P hear our prayer.

C 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 especially parish nurses, fellowship hosts, worship leaders, council, and committee members. 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 especially Timothy, Titus, Silas, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, 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.

The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

Offering

Anthem Welcome Home Sean Ivory Sanctuary Choir, Giselle Mendoza, soloist Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself, On the journey of faith, on the journey of faith, You are welcome, you are welcome.

If you think you can't go home again Because the might-haves and the should-haves

And the didn't quites have taken hold then think again.

Look homeward angel's daughters, Prodigal sons and daughters all.

Wide is the path and wide is the gate That draws us in.

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself, On the journey of faith, on the journey of faith, You are welcome, you are welcome.

Banners and balloons festoon the open door. This the day of celebration, Warm embraces, songs and feasting.

The community of faith receives us all With strong and open arms.

Claiming us as God's own special cherished treasures.

If home is where the heart is, Some safe, comfortable place. Where one is loves as is without condition, Then you are home. Then you are home!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself, On the journey of faith, on the journey of faith, You are welcome, you are welcome. Welcome, welcome home!

The Offering Prayer (please stand)

C God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

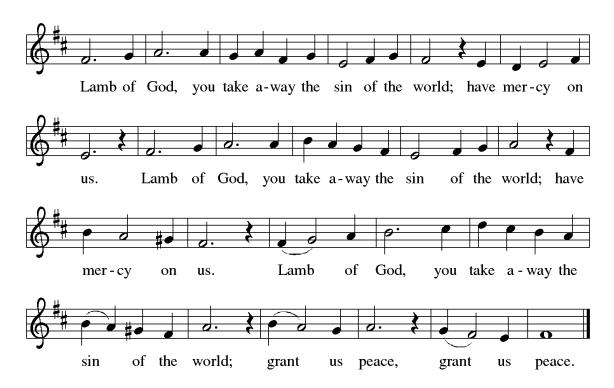
Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion (please be seated)

The Agnus Dei Lamb of God - ELW p.154



Distribution of Communion will be around the altar. Please form a single line in the center aisle to come up to communion go up the steps to the altar, if you are not able to go up the stairs please come to the front of the steps or the pastor will come to you. Return to your seats using the side aisles.

Communion Voluntary Partita on 'St. Anne': Pastorale Paul Manz Charles F. von Gunten

Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Prayer after Communion

C 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, Amen.

Announcements

Blessing (please stand)

P The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **C** Amen.

Sending Hymn We Are Marching in the Light of God – ELW 866



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



light of God.

We are march - ing in the light of God,





We are march-ing

(march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march-ing

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we are march-ing in the light of God.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Live In hope.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude Chorale Prelude on 'Dundee' C.H.H. Parry Charles F. von Gunten

Serving Us Today

Pastor Manuel Borbón Choir Director: Katy Lundeen Organist: Charles F. von Gunten Giselle Mendoza, soloist Reader: Lorri Carlsen

Communion Assistants: Harriet Carmona, Holly Boyle, Gary Lange, Rita Leatherman Welcome Team: Rita Leatherman, Harriet Carmona, Karen Creusere Offering Couriers: Jeff Archer, Linda Ten Eyck

AV: Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

All are Welcome! As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

FIRST TIME HERE? Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

FOR THOSE IN NEED If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 7. Patience.

Remember in Prayer: Sandy McCauley, Barb Coolong, Mark Nickel, Ruth Andersen, Laura Gabbard, Sue Brennecke, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Ken Hanson, Lee & Carol Shigley, Julie Stivers, Maria Medrano, Teresa Muñoz, Clark Carlson, Lucas T Bessa, Stella Penyak, Barb Kanneman, LaRae Rabe, Lewis TenHulzen, Renée Shepherd, Arlene Riordan, Peggy Ritchie, Annalisa Minitti, Lynn Ten Eyck, Bob Logan, Amina, and all the homebound members.

Next Week's Lessons: Malachi 3:1-12, Psalm 89, Hebrew 2:14-18, and the Gospel of Luke 2:22-40.

The Zoom studies for the Gospel readings for the coming Sunday led by Bill Fredericks are on Mondays at 4:00pm. You can contact Bill Fredericks at william.h.fredericks@gmail.com

Interfaith Shelter Network: Mark the dates! Volunteers are needed for cooks and overnight chaperones! This year we will be hosting 01 - 15 February 2025 at Our Mother of Confidence (OMC) Catholic church. Sign up and information for those interested is available today in the Narthex. Sign-ups will begin immediately after the Christmas holiday!

Africa Empowering children: Thank you so much to the members of the Clairemont Lutheran for your continuous support. Your support helps the children continue in schools for food and boarding. This past year has been a struggle. Our food was swept away during this season's rains. Nick has traveled to study more about irrigation and how to practice it here in our community. He is in Arizona for a few months with the help of Ox Farm America which helps farmers and nonprofit organizations learn new techniques for food security. May God Bless you, Nick & Judy.



Music Notes: The music for *Welcome Home*, today's choral anthem, was written by Sean Ivory, a contemporary composer who lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Sean directs the Grand Rapids Symphony Youth Chorus, an affiliate organization of the Grand Rapids Symphony. He is also the choral director at Forest Hills Central High School and an affiliate artist with the Youth Choral Theater of Chicago. Sean is an adjunct professor at Calvin College.

The prelude, Chorale Prelude on 'Rockingham' communion voluntary, Partita on 'St. Anne': Pastorale, and postlude, Chorale Prelude on 'Dundee", are all examples of organ works written in response to a familiar hymn tune. Familiar hymns are a feature of church families. The prelude and postlude could be characterized as rather florid treatments of the tunes as part of an effort to evoke the feeling of 'being in church' or to experience the presence of the Holy. The communion piece is written in a neo-baroque style. The composers of the Baroque, of which J.S. Bach is the master, were fascinated by how the mathematics of music were a manifestation of the perfection of God.





Fellowship afterward chicken and shrimp pasta with alfredo sauce, salad, bread. Cake will be served for dessert.

StayCONNECTED

Monday January 27

4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom 5-6pm Glee Choir, 6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir, 7:30-8:45pm Sanctuary Choir

Tuesday January 29

6:30pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday January 30

7:00am Sandwich ministry 5:30pm Cherub Choir

Friday January 31

8am-12pm Food Distribution

Sunday February 2

9:30 worship service, 11:30 Spanish worship

3pm Pastor Manuel

Installation

Fellowship and food to

follow