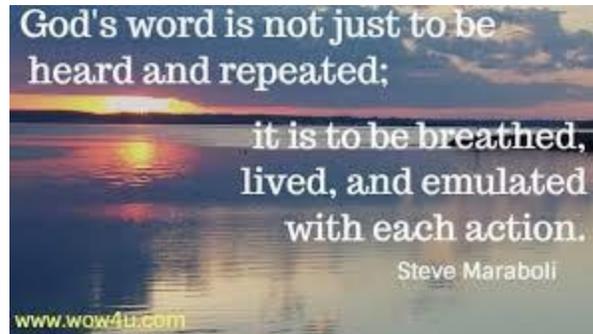


Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 23, 2022  
Our Savior Lutheran Church



**Thought:** Psalm 19:14 Let *the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. What part does hearing, reading and responding to the Word of God play in your life? Jesus is the living Word. He went home and read from Isaiah - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."

Today, Jesus says, "this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."  
What do you hear?

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me  
because The Lord has anointed us  
to preach good news to the afflicted.  
He has sent us to bind the Broken hearted.  
Isaiah 61:1

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prayer Concerns

## Sharing of the Peace

## Call to Worship

A: Look around. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

C: Come we can see. Some are invisible to our earthly eyes.

A: We recognize, too, the presence of Jesus Christ among us because we are gathered in his name.

C: We recognize Christ in one another because we are members of his body.

A: Let us come together and rejoice in the gift that God has given us in Christ.

C: Let us rejoice in the gift God has given us in one another and in the entire church, that great mystery that is the body of Christ.

## Gathering Hymn - "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW #886 vss. 1-4

<https://youtu.be/djaXi1ZBXcw>

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - Grace Community Church

## Invocation

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: All too often, merciful God, we have not recognized your presence among us.

*A time of silence for reflection and prayer.*

P: All too often,

C: we have not seen you in one another, particularly in those we consider different from ourselves. All too often we have failed in proclaiming you to others through the way we live and act.

Forgive us and open our eyes of faith that we may see you more clearly in the many ways you come to us.

Help us ever act toward our brothers and sisters as we would act toward you.

Forgive us when we fail.

P: As Jesus proclaimed that he brings good news to the poor, so too you have the good news of forgiveness and the joy of sharing the Word with others.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

### Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen and Amen!**

### **Hymn of Praise - "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" ELW#509**

*God's word is our great heritage and shall be our forever;  
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast throughout  
all generations.*

<https://youtu.be/GuhmDhGKbBw>  
God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

### **Prayer of the Day**

**A:** Heavenly Father, even as your Son was empowered by the Holy Spirit, stir up your Spirit in us today.

**C:** Motivate us to bring good news to the poor.

**A:** Send us to proclaim release to the captives.

**C:** Empower us to open the eyes of the blind.

**A:** Drive us to free those who are oppressed.

**C:** And fill us with your joyous proclamation, "This is the year of the Lord's favor!"

**A:** Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now...

**C:** and forever. Amen.

## The Word

### Old Testament reading - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 19**

### *The teaching of the Lord revives the soul*

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
<sup>4</sup>**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.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of**  
<sup>1</sup> it again;  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup>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.
- <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## Epistle reading - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately and connected we are in the church.*

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>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.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>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; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel - Luke 4:14-21

<https://youtu.be/YpPW1M4lGdA>

*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.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“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,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

<sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Time for the Children of God**

<https://youtu.be/PrU4sgj67ZE>

**Homily - “Wordle or The Word or Maybe Both?”**

[https://youtu.be/y7vdJ\\_0D6jo](https://youtu.be/y7vdJ_0D6jo)

## Hymn of the Day - "When Our Song Says Peace" ELW #709

[https://youtu.be/YSbcP\\_sH3uI](https://youtu.be/YSbcP_sH3uI)

When Our Song Says Peace - St. Peter's Choir

### Nicene Creed - 2<sup>nd</sup> Article

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.*

### Prayers of Intercession

**P:** The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation (*especially*). Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn (*especially*). Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Offering - A time of giving thanks for our abundance.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

A: Almighty Lord, you sent your Son to loose the bonds of those enslaved, to open the blind eye, to free this world from death's tight grip.

**C: Accept these gifts, tiny in comparison.**

A: And with them, accept our dedication to you.

**C: Help us to continue Christ's work.**

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord our God.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Preface

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**“Here is Bread”      ELW #483**

<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EzKas>

Here Is Bread - Chet Valley Churches

Lamb of God - Catholic Mass Song

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

### Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Distribution

## Communion Music

## Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

## Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to Nazareth's synagogue, proclaiming your mission for all to hear.

**C: You come to us now in this meal, in this gift.**

A: Grant us the confidence of your presence,

**C: and the clarity of our mission.**

A: We bless you now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

Benediction - Numbers 6

Sending Hymn - "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" ELW #551

<https://youtu.be/Jp7Qp4RE98A>

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve - Sammamish Hills Worship

Dismissal

A: Having God's Word in our hearts, we go to serve.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Postlude

