

RIC Sunday



February 2nd, 2025

Welcome to Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Today we celebrate God's LOVE and LIGHT for ALL People. Reconciling In Christ (RIC) means just that: We settle our hearts in the fact that God's love is for all! Although we name this weekly in community, this week we celebrate that Love in community with our friends from Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit (LCGS). Siblings in Christ, we welcome you warmly and we give thanks for the wisdom you will share.

Today you will see two forms of affirmation to the prayers: AHO and AMEN. Please use the word that affirms your heart.

Music During Smudging:

"Calling In the Four Grandfathers"

**Waa ba noo Ni mi shoo mis
Biin di gen Wii jii shii naam o ma
Ya He Ya, Ya He Ya
Ya He Ya, He Ya He He
Ya He Ya, He Ya He He**

**Shaa Wa Noo Ni mi shoo mis
Biin di gen Wii jii shii naam o ma
Ya He Ya, Ya He Ya
Ya He Ya, He Ya He He
Ya He Ya, He Ya He He**

**Ni gaa bii wi nong Ni mi shoo mis
Biin di gen Wee jii shii naam o ma
Ya He Ya, Ya He Ya
Ya He Ya, He Ya He He
Ya He Ya, He Ya He He**

**Gii we di noong Ni mi shoo mis
Biin di gen Wii jii shii naam o ma
Ya He Ya, Ya He Ya
Ya He Ya, He Ya He He**

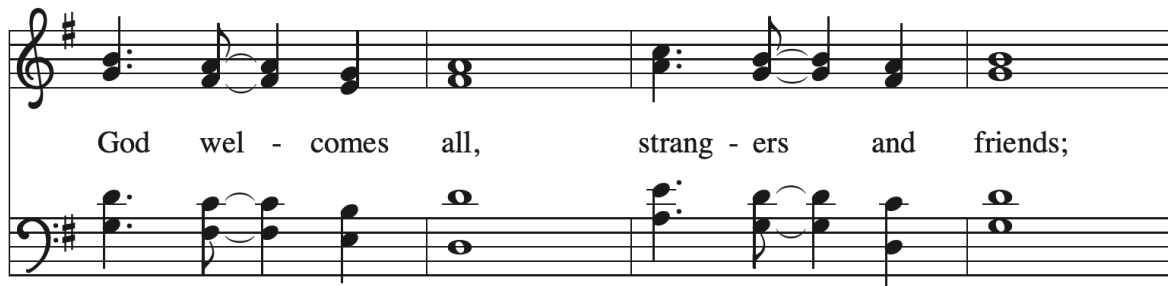
WELCOME/GREETING

PRELUDE “Over the Rainbow” by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg; arranged by Stephen DeCesare

Taylor Peterson-Burke, cantor

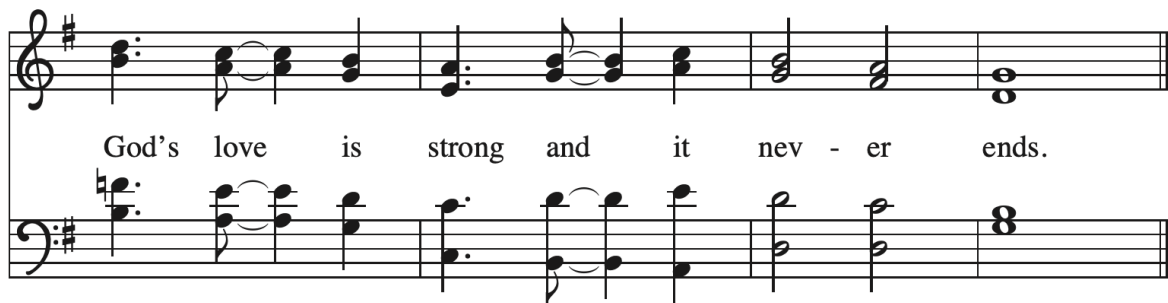
Michelle Thalacker, Electronic Wind Instrument (“EWI”)

CENTERING SONG “God Welcomes All” by John Bell



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody with notes and rests, and a bass line with chords. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing a bass line with notes and rests, and a treble line with chords. The lyrics are written below the staves.



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we begin our worship, we are mindful that as we gather here, we are on the historic lands of the Potawatomi, Ojibwe, Ottawa, Fox, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sauk, and Oneida peoples.

May we honor the people of this land.

May we remember that the oppression of Native peoples is not a relic of the past but continues today.

Through God's Spirit, we repent and walk forward together, changing systems that discriminate as we live into authentic diversity and healing

Please rise as you are comfortable

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water is life. Our bodies need water. This community needs water to be resilient and flourish.

Plants and animals need water. Water is essential for all of life on this planet to thrive and flourish.

We need water for drinking, for washing, for cooking, for cleaning, for refreshing. Water sustains our lives, and water enhances our lives. Every day of our lives includes multiple uses of water. L: Let us give thanks for the gift of water and for baptism.


We give you thanks, O God, for this water that comes to us as a gift from our Creator, the source of all that is good and life-giving. You are a generous and loving God who blesses us through water and who claims all people in the fullness of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, gender expression, immigration status, beliefs, and abilities.

Let us fill this font with water – water from our homes, water from nearby lakes and rivers, creeks and streams – water upon which all living creatures depend and that nourishes all of life on this planet. As we sing, you are invited to bring forward your water to pour into this font. We, though many, are one in the unity of God's love for us and for all the world. Water is life.

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISM/RITE OF SPRINKLING “Born Reborn” by Justin Rimbo

On the verses high voices (women) are invited to sing the words in large print, with lower voices (men) answering in smaller print


Refrain



Born, re - born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed!



Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born!



Formed, re - formed! Praise our God for - ev - er - more!



1 Drown us. Drown us. Raise us. Raise us.
2 Name us. Name us. Heal us. Heal us.



Mark us. Mark us. Claim us! Claim us!
Wash us. Wash us. Seal us! Seal us!

Refrain

O God, may we live as careful stewards, guardians of this precious gift, protectors of the health of this planet, builders of resilient communities, and cultivators of life-giving relationships that promote peace and unity.

Thanks be to God! Aho/Amen!

THE GREETING

The grace of the One who redeemed and redeems us from binaries, the love, mercy, and justice of the One who created all beyond our wildest dreams and called it all GOOD, and the wisdom of the One who challenges us to go and do likewise be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your Word teaches us, calls us, and shapes us, that we will become the wisdom of God and the body of Christ for others. On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday may your word turn us toward what is good and holy and just, that all your beloveds of all sexual and romantic orientations, identities, and expressions will know we are seen, known, and loved by you. May the example of Jesus continue to create words and action of courage in the work and ministry of antiracism. **Aho/Amen.**

Please be seated

READING 1ST CORINTHIANS 12:12-31 - Member of LCGS

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. 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.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 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. 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. 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? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 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.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are

indispensable, 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; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 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. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God. Word of Life!

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE READING: "Build a Longer Table" Text by David Bjorlin based on the Carol "Noel Nouvelet"

- 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
 feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
 Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
 Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

- 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
 where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
 For any place where justice is denied,
 Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

- 3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
 Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
 When we embrace compassion more than fear,
 Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

Please rise as you are comfortable

THE GOSPEL Luke 4:21-31

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

The First Nations Version

Glory to you, O Lord.

Please feel free to close your eyes and experience the word of God

Word of God. Word of Life!

Thanks be to God.

*All children who would like to join in the children's message, please make
your way to the front of the church.*

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Pastor Perrie*

MESSAGE *Pastor Char*

HYMN OF THE DAY “For All the Children” by David Lohman



1. God, we ga - ther as your peo - ple to raise our song a - bove, and we
 2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be free, and we
 3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame, so a -
 4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture, when child - ren far and wide can



dare to claim the prom - ise of your love. — Though the day may not yet
 sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be, — that they nev - er have a
 fraid of who they are and whom they love. — May the mes - sage now be
 live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride. — As they grow in strength and



be here, we — trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free. —
 rea - son to — doubt that they are blest. May they in your love find rest. —
 ban - ished that your love is for the few. May their faith in — you re - new. —
 sta - ture, may they join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all — hate we stand. —



— Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen wide. May there be



room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side. — For in God there is a wel - come, in



God, we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song!

Please rise as you are comfortable



LCGS' Four Directions Prayer

Member of LCGS



Great Spirit, we turn to the East, where the sun comes up as every new day in the circle of life begins. From this direction comes the power of light and refreshment for all of creation. The wind from the East blows new life into the heart of Mother Earth. We give thanks for the start of another day. We ask that You guide our steps that we may see You all around us in all the good things of Mother Earth. Let us remember in all things to give thanks and praise to You. We pray for the well-being of the people to the East. We pray for peace in the world. We pray for the life of the air and the sky that we may care for it and keep it clean. We face this direction from which the circle of life begins and ask that we may have a renewed life with You in our hearts and minds. We give thanks to You, Great Spirit, and we say..... Aho.

Great Spirit, we turn now to the South, where the sun is at its warmest and the wind blows the energy for growth into Mother Earth. We give thanks for the Sun and the crops that keep us alive. We face this direction and ask that we may receive and appreciate the warmth and the growth of Your Spirit into our hearts. Guide our steps as we go about our day, that we may follow where You lead. We pray for the well-being of the people to the South. We pray for those that are not as well as we are, for those who are in need of healing, those who are oppressed, lonely, abused, or neglected. We pray for the life of the forests, the trees, the plants, and the herbs of the earth that provide all the healing we need. We give thanks to You, Great Spirit, and we say... Aho.

Great Spirit, we turn now to the West, where the Sun goes down each day so that Mother Earth can rest. From this direction, the wind blows in the thunder and the rains to nourish our crops and

to quench our thirst with Your gift of water. We give thanks and praise for the sunsets as the day closes and for the promise of a new day to come. Guide our steps at the end of the day. Help us to teach our children the lessons of the day, with the same patience and love that You have for them. We pray for those who have gone onto the wrong path and ask for help in bringing them back. We pray for the well-being of the people to the West. We pray for the life of the oceans, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. Fill us with Your peace and protect us as You wrap us in the great mystery of the night. We give thanks to You, Great Spirit, and we say... Aho.

Great Spirit, we turn and face the North, the home of the snow and cold winds that come to bring about a time for Mother Earth to sleep until Spring. We remember and give thanks for the time we shared with those that have gone before us, and now sleep within Mother Earth. We give thanks for the wisdom of our Elders who still walk with us and ask that their days be long on Mother Earth. We pray for the life of our Mother, the Earth, and pray that we learn to treat her with tenderness and care for her. We give thanks for this church and pray that Your Spirit may grow strong in the hearts of the people here. We pray for the well-being of the people to the North. We pray for the life of the birds, animals and fish that share Mother Earth with us. Be with us during our time of rest and if the owl should call our name and our walk on Mother Earth be ended, then we ask that we may walk back into Your arms of love with strength and confidence, coming once again to the place we began. We give thanks to You, Great Spirit, and we say...Aho.

(Please turn clockwise) And now to Father Sky, and Mother Earth, Grandmother Moon and to all our relations, and to the Great Spirit of us all, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we lift our prayers in a good way, asking that You bless us and those we love with Your healing touch, O Great Spirit. Creator, renew the circle of the earth, and turn the hearts of all people to one another, that they and all the earth may live and be drawn toward you, through the power of your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, in the circle of the Trinity, forever One. Aho.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

As we have been so abundantly blessed by an ever loving God, please consider an offering to further God's mission in the world through Gethsemane and our ministries. Our offerings of time, talent and treasure are our response to God's gifts to us of freedom and life! Offering plates are located in the back of the sanctuary or you may also consider giving online.



VANCO

“A Rightful Place” by Steve Angrisano
Gethsemane Praise Band
JoAnn Haasler, violin

The congregation is invited to join singing the final refrain following verse 2:

Refrain

Let us live our lives so that all might see that our
hearts are rest - less till they rest in thee. Let us
build your king - dom in truth and grace so that
all might know they have a right-ful place.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, we give you praise! You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and en flesh your radical freedom. **Aho/Amen.**

Please rise as you are comfortable

LITURGY FOR THE TABLE

God is here!

The Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to our God!

Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

It is indeed our duty and our joy, that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful Creator, for you sent your child to be the light and life for the world. Through that child you showed us how to love and be loved, how to enact justice, and how to work for peace. And so, with the all God’s children, with all living things on this world, with earth and sea and stars, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy
Santo, santo, santo



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All thanks and praise are yours, O God, for in Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life.

Therefore, we breathe your loving Spirit:

Moment of silence to breathe prayers of praise and longing.

With all of creation, we cry out:

Breathe on us, that we may live! Ezekiel 37:9

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to this resilient community.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

AHO/AMEN!

Praying in the language of your hearts, we pray as children of God:

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.

Please be seated

Invitation to the table

Please come up the center aisle for communion and return to your seat using the side aisles. Come, eat and drink - All are welcome to the table!

Wisdom has prepared the food, poured the wine, and set her table. She calls and we respond:

Come, all are welcome to eat and drink.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "It is Well with My Soul" by Philip P. Bliss;

arranged by Gary Lanier

JoAnn Hassler, violin

Heidi Swartz, flute

"All Belong Here" by Lenora & Hannah Rand/The Many

Verse 1 (Sung by the Praise Band)

When you're not sure who you really are

When all you feel is the shape of your scars

And you have more wounds than you can count

Open your eyes, look all around

You aren't alone, this is your home

Chorus (Sung by ALL)

Come and re - mem - ber who you are here. Do this to re - mem - ber who I
am. Come and re - mem - ber you be - long here. All be - long here.

Verse 2 (Sung by the Praise Band)

When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home **(To CHORUS)**

Chorus

Bridge (Sung by the Praise Band)

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace.

Instrumental Interlude

Bridge (Sung by ALL)



At this ta - ble come as you are, bro - ken and bleed - ing's o - k.



At this ta - ble eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.

To Chorus

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of grace and mercy, in this holy meal you have fed us with wisdom, forgiveness, and grace, and we are full. By your Spirit send us out to become what we have received—new life in Christ—for the world. **Aho/Amen.**

BLESSING

Led by: Pastor Char

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices.

[Teresa of Avila]

† May the blessing of God, Holy One and Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion.

Amen.

All children and teachers are excused for Sunday school.

Please rise as you are comfortable

CLOSING HYMN: "Build Your Kingdom Here" by Rend Collective

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now
We are Your church, we need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church, we pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire, be our heart's desire
Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church, we are the hope on earth **(TO CHORUS)**

Instrumental Interlude

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire, be our heart's desire
Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here we pray

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to practice the resilient love of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Gethsemane Praise Band

Keyboard: Gary Dennison

Vocalists: Scott Ebben, Mitchell Levenhagen, and Taylor Peterson-Burke

Guitarists: Pastor Perrie Dralle and Jon Pearson

Bassist: Ben Dameron

Drummer: Hannah Johnson

Flute: Heidi Swartz

Violin: JoAnn Haasler

Electronic Wind Instrument ("EWI"): Michelle Thalacker

Sound Wizard: Dean Spears