

**We Are Called**  
**A Contemporary Worship Service**  
**January 22, 2023**  
**Third Sunday After Epiphany**

*Special thanks to greeter Kay Krause, lector John Lehman, communion assistants Dave Knudson and John Lehman, audio-visual technicians Kylee Albright and Barb Salvo, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood, altar guild Lana Buhler, Lois Bucholz, Sandy Ivanoski, Laura Jansen, Kay Krause and Joni Reske, councilperson in charge Laurie Knudson, and musicians Kate Potter Barrow, Gregg Albright and Gregory Berg for sharing their time and talent with us today.*

**PRELUDE** *A time for silence in preparation for worship.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation"* Senior Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

A.M.: What does the Lord require of us?

**ALL: To do justice**

A.M.: What does the Lord require of us?

**All: To love kindness**

A.M.: What does the Lord require of us?

**All: To walk humbly with our God**

A.M.: We come to learn, to praise, to pray;

**All: We come to worship our God.**

# All Are Welcome

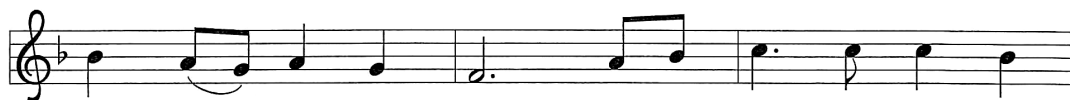
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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## CONFESSION OF SINS:

P. In the presence of God, who knows our hearts and minds, let us confess our sin:

O Holy and loving God,

**We acknowledge to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we're not what you have called us to be. We have not always stood by our faith, shared our hope, or reached out with love. We have done unkind and shameful deeds, and we have left undone, deeds which could have made a difference in the lives of those around us. Too often, we have failed to speak and act for peace, justice, and kindness in our world.**

**Have mercy upon our repentance, forgive our sin, and change our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved by God. Go into the world with changed hearts and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ! **Amen.**

## GREETING:

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

**All: And also with you.**

## \*\*SONG: Won't You Stand Up

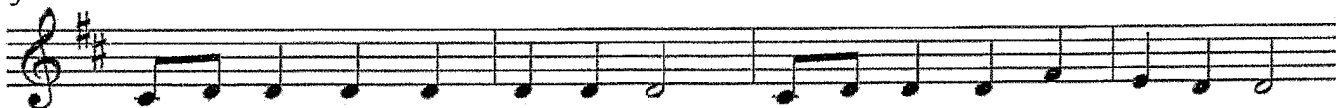
Solo: All the lonely people crying, it could change if we just get started.  
Lift the darkness, light a fire for the silent and the brokenhearted.

### Refrain:



Won't you stand up, stand up, stand up. Won't you stand up and make a choice.

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Won't you stand up, stand up, stand up. Won't you stand up and use your voice.

Solo: With the comfort, there's a healing, high above the pain and sorrow.  
Change is coming, can you feel it? Calling us into a new tomorrow! **Refrain:**

Solo: When the walls fall all around you, when your hope has turned to dust.  
Let the sound of love surround you, beat like God's heart in each of us! **Refrain:**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A.M.: Oh God who breaks barriers down and welcomes all:

**All: You invite us to walk humbly by your side. You call us to act with justice.**

**By your works, you inspire us to serve one another.**

**We pray that you will give us the courage to make a difference in this world**

**by treating people with respect and dignity, bringing healing to the broken, and living in your light**

**so that those whose spirits are darkened by hopelessness and despair**

**feel your shining presence and tender love.**

A.M. And all God's children say:

**All: Help us to walk humbly with you, Oh God! Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Cantor: We hear the ancient words of God, whose son once on this earth did trod. So we today could sing out, Hallelujah. With open mind and joyful heart, we listen, then we'll do our part—to help our broken world shout Hallelujah.

## REFRAIN

All:



## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

The holy gospel according Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

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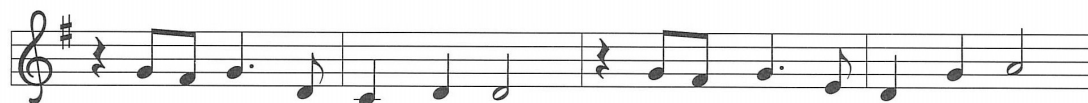
**SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten**

# CHILDREN RETURN TO WORSHIP

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Here I Am, Lord

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



*Refrain*  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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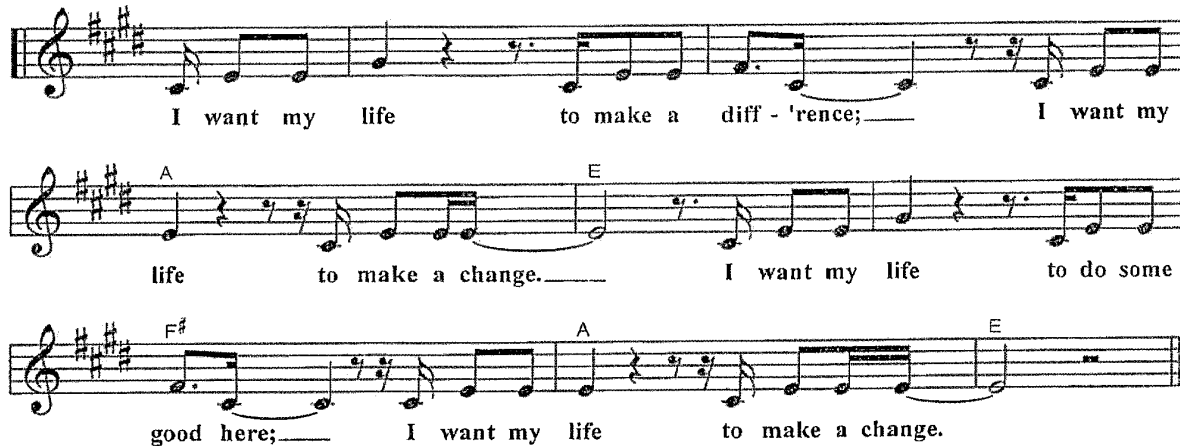
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## MEAL

### INVITATION SONG: Make A Difference - Rachel Kurtz

Pastor: You gave your life to make a difference. You gave your life to make a change.  
You welcomed all to your table. You're calling us to do the same.

#### Refrain:



Solo: Working side by side, no out or inside,  
Together we can make that change.  
With a few or many, with a lot or not any,  
Together we can make that change! **Refrain:**

Solo: Crossing the great divide, Joy and peace will abide,  
Together we can make that change.  
Jesus is our peace, all fighting will cease  
Together we can make that change! **Refrain:**

#### Words of Institution:

Solo: We're the citizens with the saints, We're the sunshine with the rain.  
We're the joy with the pain. We're the change!  
You healed the sick and fed the poor. You loved the prophet and ended war.  
Through us you will do more, You're the change! **Refrain:**

Pastor: You gave your life to make a difference.  
You gave your life to make a change.  
You welcomed all to your table.  
You're calling us to do the same.

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## 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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

**LAMB OF GOD:** This song begins with a solo. Please watch the song leader who will invite you to sing when all instruments join after the interlude.

D A . bm A G

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world - have mer-cy

A D D A bm

6 on - us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world

A G A D

12 have mer - cy on us.

D A bm G

Take a-way the ha-tred Take a-way the chains - Take a way the

A G Asus D

6 hung - er take a-way - the pain Grant us peace.



## POST COMMUNION BLESSING:


The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

## OFFERING


### OFFERTORY “Christ Be Our Light”

em bm em em C




1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for truth, -  
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the hearts that

7 D em am D em C A



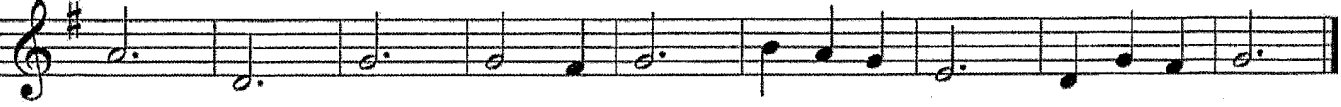
we turn to you. Make us your own, — your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to  
yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er, signs of your kind - dom

15 Dsus4 D G C G em G C D



see. ——— Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
come.

23 Dsus4 D G C G em am D C C G



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together by the Light of Christ, let us pray.

God of Light and Love, we thank you for entering the darkness of this world and dispelling it with your love and grace. Shine your light where people are treated unjustly or made to feel unvalued or unappreciated. Loving God,

**Shine your light upon us.**

God of Light and Love, we thank you for the good that your church seeks to do in this world. Bless every aspect of its ministry both here and abroad, and bless this congregation that we might faithfully bear your healing light into our community. Loving God,

**Shine your light upon us.**

God of Light and Love, we thank you for peacemakers who dare to envision a world where we live together as one human family. Bring your light of hope and grace to places rocked by war - especially to the people of Ukraine. Bring the light of understanding to all places where people are painfully divided from one another by distrust or misunderstanding. Loving God,

**Shine your light upon us.**

God of Light and Love, we thank you for the light of restoration and refreshment which you share with your people in life's darkest difficulties. Continue to be present in the lives of all who are weighed down by illness, injury, depression, addiction, or weariness. (We especially remember...) Loving God,

**Shine your light upon us.**

God of Light and Love, we thank you for all those in whom we have caught a glimpse of your light and whose example of faithfulness is an inspiration to us. As they have been faithful, make us faithful as well to the calling of bearing your light to the world. Loving God,

**Shine your light upon us.**

Hear these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, and grant us grace sufficient for all our needs through Christ, the giver of all Light.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN     “The Blessing”**

***Congregation, please join in singing the last two choruses of "Amens."***

## **DISMISSAL**

A.M.: Go in peace, walk humbly with God,  
and serve all people with joyful hearts!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**



## Announcements

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Helen Kovac given by Bob & Karen Kovac Larsen.

### Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave.

### Communion By Intinction

We are once again serving Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of wafer into chalice of wine). We understand that not all will be comfortable with this practice yet, so the individual wafer/juice cups are still available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

### Church Council Opportunity

We have a delightful ministry opportunity coming available in February 2023. Have you ever felt called by the Holy Spirit to serve on our Church Council here at Holy Communion? Well, even if you haven't, here's your chance. We have a two-year term council position that needs to be filled...and names/nominations will be received up until the Annual Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to Pastor Laura or Pastor Mark if you are interested or if you would like further information on what this position entails.



### Make a Joyful Noise!

On Sunday, February 5th, the kids and youth of HCLC will be singing a cool song called *Crowded Table*. We would like to invite folks from the congregation to join us in singing that day. If you want to give the song a listen beforehand, it's called *Crowded Table* and it's by the Highwomen. For those who'd like to participate, rehearsals will take place in the choir room after the service on Sundays 1/22 and 1/29. If you'd like to join us, grab your coffee and a snack in the lounge right after church, then waltz on down to the choir room to learn this easy, powerful piece and on Sunday, February 5th, help us make a joyful noise!

### 125th Anniversary Celebration Trivia Challenge

Keep your eyes open for a chance to challenge your knowledge of HCLC history. There will be a question pertaining to our history from the last 125 years every week. Your answer can be placed in a basket at the back of the church and a monthly drawing will be held to find the winner. Those of you who are watching online can email your answer to the church office at [office.hclc@gmail.com](mailto:office.hclc@gmail.com). Have fun discovering your hidden trivia talents! *The 125th Celebration Committee*

### Food Pantry

The food pantry is asking for donations of the following items in January: **egg noodles, saltines, pork & beans, tomato soup, cereal, and instant potatoes.** The pantry can always use large, brown paper grocery bags, clean, lightly used, plastic shopping bags, and reusable shopping bags that you no longer need. If you have any Bibles or children's religious story books you no longer use the pantry will give them out to clients who ask for them. If you have greeting cards, pens, pencils, or calendars that you will not use, you can donate those to the pantry too. Our pantry clients are very grateful to receive them.

We know budgets are tight for many people and we give thanks for the generous gifts our congregation and the larger community gives to our pantry, and to those who volunteer their time to staff the pantry. We could not continue this ministry without you!

### **Thank You Undecorating Team**

What goes up, must come down! Thank you to the amazing crew of ladder wrestlers, tub-stuffers, garland wranglers, tree dismantlers and more who undecorated the sanctuary on Saturday, January 14 th ! This hard-working and diligent crew managed to get everything down and stored in just about 2 hours! You are much appreciated! Please say thanks to these folks when you see them!

Greg Albright	Carl Lussmyer
Grace Deibert	Shelley Lussmyer
Mary Beth Huizinga	Jo Nissen
Harry Huizinga	Kate Potter-Barrow
Darlene Krueger	Carol Riekema
Dave Krueger	Barb Salvo
Pastor Laura	



### **Offering Envelopes**

The company that provides our offering envelopes had problems that prevented them from sending out all of our envelopes for the first quarter of 2023. If you did not receive your offering envelopes, you can use any leftover offering envelopes you have at home (the date on the envelope doesn't matter), a blank envelope from home, or one of the offering envelopes in the pews. The company assures us they have corrected the problem and second-quarter envelopes will go out as usual in March.

It is helpful to the counters if you put your name and offering envelope number on the front of a blank or pew envelope. The counters do have a list of all the envelope numbers, so it is not vital that you have that. If you can call or email the office, 262-632-8802, office.hclc@gmail.com, we can look it up for you.

You can also switch to electronic giving through Tithely. Here is a testimonial from Linda Godson:

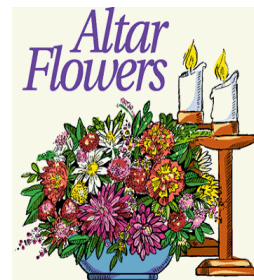
*"I love using Tithely because it supports my belief that I financially support my church whether I am able to attend on a specific Sunday. I know the church's utility bills and staff salaries are commitments that continue regardless of church attendance."* Contact our financial administrator Keri to find out more or to sign up. keri.hclc@gmail.com.

### **Greeter Sign up**

Thank you to all have signed up to be greeters for our services. Please consider volunteering to be a greeter for services in February and March. It is so nice to be greeted by a warm welcome on Sunday morning. You can sign up at [signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com) or by calling Marianne Jensen at 262-497-2420. Thank you!

### **Altar Flowers**

We have several dates still available for altar flowers! Each vase is \$25.00 and if you wish you can pick the flowers up after the service. Right now we have no one signed up for January 29, February 5, March 26, May 7 and 28, August 27, November 5, and 12. There is room for two vases each week, so other dates are also available.



You can sign up in the church office or look for the Altar Flower binder in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday morning, or you can fill out this form and turn it in to the office.

Given in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Date \_\_\_\_\_



# SHINING GOD'S LIGHT

FOR 125 YEARS

## Save the Dates for these 125th Anniversary Events

**January 22**

125th Anniversary Kick-off

**March 26**

Jello Jamboree for Coffee Fellowship

**May 21**

Ice Cream Social for Coffee Fellowship

**July 30**

Worship and Family Picnic at Johnson Park

**September 10**

125th Celebration Worship and Evening Banquet at  
Preservation Hall, downtown Racine

*Other special events through the year including trivia contests, guest  
pastors, history displays and possible float on 4th of July. ☺*

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### 125th Anniversary Trivia Question

January 22, 2023

On Sept 4, 1898 Holy Communion Lutheran Church was born. At the time there were nine flourishing Lutheran Congregations in town but not one featured English Language Services until we did. A well known dept. store in downtown Racine opened 3 days after our church was organized, what was it.

- a) JC Penney
- b) Zahn's
- c) Eitels

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Answer \_\_\_\_\_

Look for the containers in the back of the sanctuary, near the ramp door, and in the lounge where you can place your answer. If you view the bulletin online, you can email your answer to [office.hclc@gmail.com](mailto:office.hclc@gmail.com)