

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

#### The Invitation

*We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. We ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats and we will eat and drink together after all are served.*

The Communion: “Neither Death nor Life” LUYH 450  
*Soloists sing the verses, congregation joins on the chorus*

\*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4 p.939  
**Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits—  
who forgives all your sins and heals all your disease,  
who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

#### Sending

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: “Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God”  
***We are marching\* in the light of God (4x)***  
***We are marching\*, oh, we are marching\* in the light of God. (repeat)***

***\*Additional verse: singing***

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#### Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok † Piano: Jill Friend

Sound: Andy Landman † Video: Jake Miller † CCLI #493458 † OneLicense #A-721171

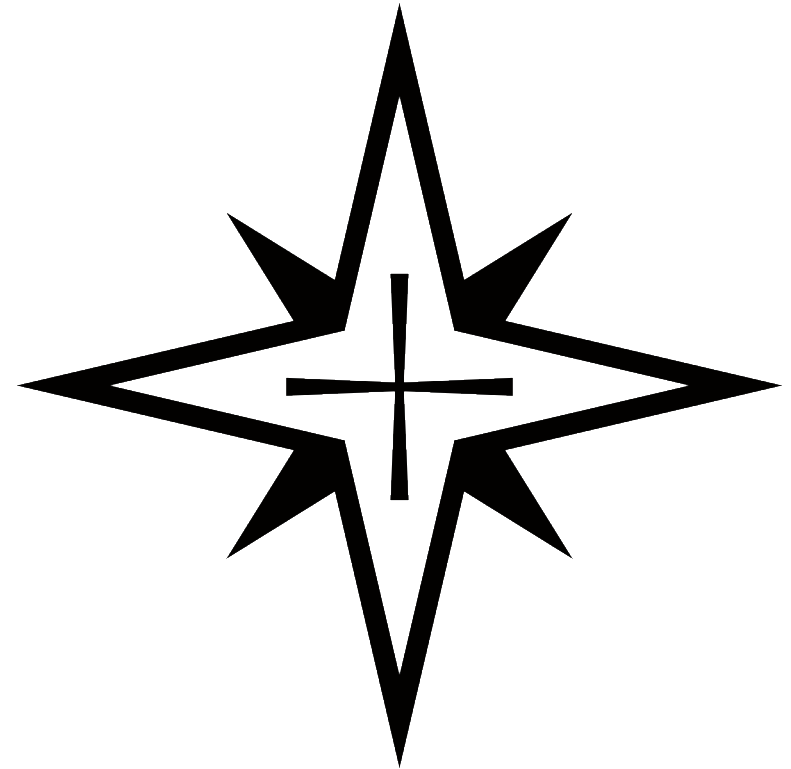
#### Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.



# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2022



#### Isaiah 60:1,2

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

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## Gathering

### Welcome

#### \*Call to Worship

We gather as the people of God,  
filled with reverence and with a special kind of joy, because

**our God reigns through love and hope.**

In our coming together, there is a Spirit that connects us and bonds us  
to one another in fellowship, for

**our God reigns through love.**

There is no better thing we can do with ourselves and our time  
than to worship with a sure confidence that

**our God reigns.**

So here we are, the people of a faith-community,  
who join in service, song, and prayer, to worship

**our God.**

\*Song of Praise: "This Is My Father's World"

LUYH 21

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "As the Deer Pants for the Water"

LUYH 332

*Vs.1—Women & Children, Vs.2—Men, Vs.3—All*

## Renewal

Call to Confession: Psalm 139:23-24

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Prayer of Confession: "God, Be Merciful to Me"

LUYH 622

Assurance of Pardon

LUYH 612

Holy God, we come to you

not as those who have obtained righteousness on our own,  
but as your dearly loved children,  
clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

**How we marvel at your love for us.**

**How grateful we are for the beauty of your holiness.**

**How astonished we are that you call us**

**to be saints, your holy people.**

**By the power of your Spirit, help us receive these gifts with joy  
and embrace our calling in Christ. Amen.**

Installation of Rev. Paul Birnbaum

Prayers for the Church and World

## Word

Children's Blessing: "This Little Light of Mine"

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

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Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service. Parents, you are welcome to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 13

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Message: "Christ Alone Never Fails"

Pastor Joel Kok

## Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Therefore, Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

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