

## God Sends; We Go Rejoicing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Lift High the Cross" LUYH 264:1,3,6

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]*

*3. From north and south, from east and west we raise  
in growing unison our song of praise. [Refrain]*

*6. Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [Refrain]*

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# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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### Mark 1:37-39

When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

+ The word *epiphany* comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance," and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. This season after the Epiphany focuses on the teaching and healing ministry of Christ.

- from *The Worship Sourcebook*

### Worship Participants

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### Hearing Assistance

An FM hearing assistance system is available for those who need it. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

## We Gather; God Welcomes

### Welcome

\*Call to Worship ( based on Psalm 147:1,3-5,7) p.981

Praise the Lord!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God!**

He heals the brokenhearted,  
binding up their wounds.

He counts the stars,  
and calls them each by name.

**How great is our God and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit.**

So come, sing out your thanksgiving to God.

**Praise the Lord!**

\*Song: "All Creatures of Our God and King" LUYH 551:1,2,6

**1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing: alleluia, alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam, and shining moon with silver gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2. O rushing wind so wild and strong,  
white clouds that sail in heaven along, alleluia, alleluia!  
New rising dawn in praise rejoice; you lights of evening find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**6. Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Words: Francis of Assisi, tr. William H. Draper; Music: Auserlesen Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LUYH 575:1,2,4

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near,  
join me in glad adoration!**

### The Invitation

*We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats. Gluten-free bread is available on the table.*

Communion Song: "Just As I Am" LUYH 627:1,3,4

**1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**4. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Words: Charlotte Elliott; Music: William B. Bradbury

Communion Song: "Jesus, Strong and Kind"

**1. Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.**

**2. Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.**

*Chorus:*

**For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.**

**3. Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield. I should come to him. (to chorus)**

**4. Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. (to chorus)**

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\*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 diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Message: "Why Jesus Is Here"

Pastor Joel Kok

\*Song of Response: "God Is Here"

LUYH 246:1,3,4

1. ***God is here! As we, your people, meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of your Spirit into open minds and hearts.***
3. ***Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.***
4. ***Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.***

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## God Provides; We Feast

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

Memorial Acclamation

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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

2. ***Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning, sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?***

4. ***Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!***

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## We Seek Jesus; God Forgives

Call to Confession: Psalm 147:2-3,6,11

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness (based on Psalm 147, Mark 1:29-39, Isaiah 40:21-31)

Song: "Praise the Lord Who Heals"

LUYH 442

***Chorus: Praise, praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. Praise, praise the Lord, our God, who heals the heart full of woe.***

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Invitation to Giving

*Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.*

Prayers for the Church and World

## God Speaks; We Listen

Children's Blessing: "Christ, Be Our Light"

LUYH 908 (refrain)

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

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*Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.*

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:29-39

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