

Living Hope Lutheran Church
The Heart of Christ in the Heart of the City

Second Sunday in Epiphany
January 15, 2023 9:00am

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Mark Wickstrom

P Let us gather this morning to worship God our creator, Jesus the risen son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit our comforter and guide.

C **Amen, let it be so.**

P God has sent prophets to every generation to prepare the way of the Lord.

C **John the baptizer was called to prepare the way during Jesus' time.**

P In our time, God called Martin Luther King, Jr. to bear witness to our generation.

C **In the tradition of the prophet Micah, Reverend Doctor King called us to act justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.**

JUSTICE, PEACE

We Are Called

720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one
God, who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us
acknowledge our failure to love this
world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

C **we confess that sin still has a hold
on us. We have harmed your good
creation.**

**We have failed to do
justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with
you. Turn us in a new
direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and
friend. Amen.**

P Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven † and you are made
whole. God points the way to new life in
Christ, who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding
love through the power of the Holy
Spirit.

C **Amen.**

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,

C **God, you care how we treat one another. You want us to treat each other with dignity and respect. Regardless of our skin color, education or wealth. Grant us the strength to treat others the way you would treat them. In Jesus' name we pray amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Arsenia Walker, soloist

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Psalm 111, et. al.)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

THE GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to **James 2:14-19**
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P 14What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.
18But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. 19You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe — and shudder.

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

SERMON

Dr. Mark Wickstrom

OFFERING

Please write down words of inspiration or a prayer and bring it up with you as you come up to receive communion.

All that we have belongs to God, and we give faithfully in gratitude for God's abundance, as a practice of discipleship, and to serve the needs of those around us. Our mission to bless and serve our neighbors matters now more than ever.

You can give your offering online to our church

at www.livinghopelasvegas.org

Using the Vanco Mobile (simply giving) on your smart phone:

1. *Download the free mobile app from the App Store or Google Play by searching for "Vanco Mobile."*
2. *Locate our church by ZIP code (89104) or name.*
3. *Donate!*

or by mail to:

Living Hope

580 E. Saint Louis Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89104

Thank you for your generosity!

For more info on giving to Living Hope, look for the Giving Brochure in the Narthex or talk to Mary La Barbara, office manager.



OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Cor. 11:23-25)

P In the night in which he was betrayed...

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 ELEMENTS

You may come forward as directed by the ushers, receive bread, and take a cup with either wine (in the round tray) or white grape juice (in the rectangular tray) and return to your seat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Life-giving God,

C Through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

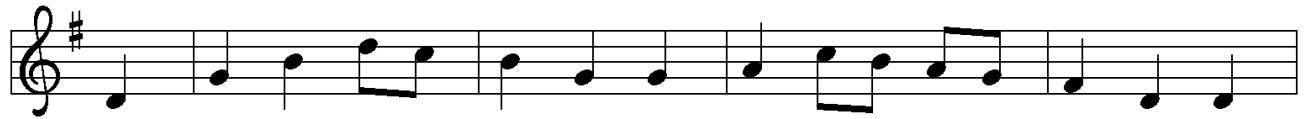
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

Hymn #881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



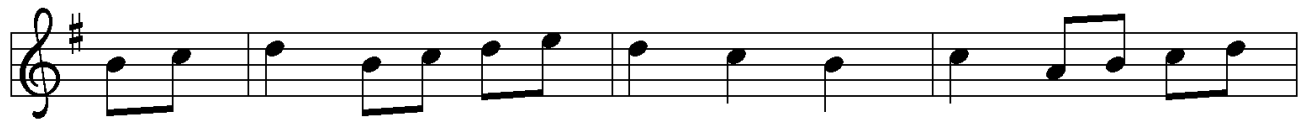
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



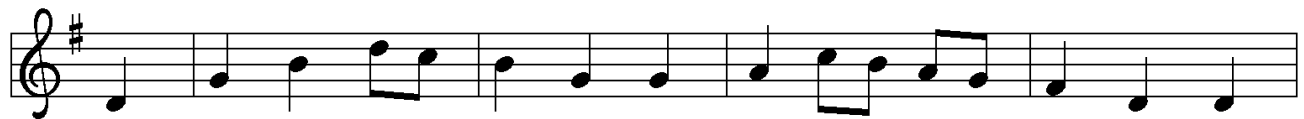
still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

SENDING

P Go in peace.

C **Sharing the heart of Christ in the Heart of
the City! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Preaching today: Dr. Mark Wickstrom

Worship: Pr. Matt Metevelis

Music: Dr. Alexandria Le

Greeter: Kristi Wickstrom

*Communion Assistants: Kristine Bailey, Dana Russell & Audra
Rael*

Usher: Sarah Filer

Next Sunday:

January 22

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Last Week's Worship Attendance:

In person: 38

Online Streaming Views: 55

PRAYERS

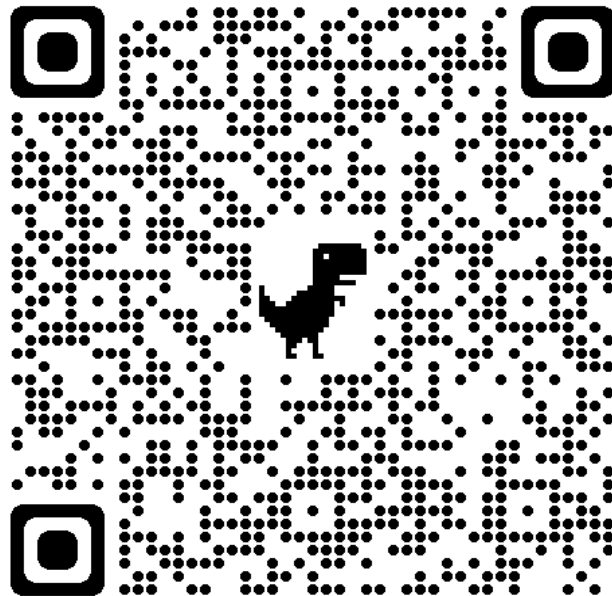
Please remember in prayer: Suzanne Cason, Han Stover, Braydin, Vinny, Tammy's sister Terry, Lois Keeton, Christy Lyn Gamber and her father Eldon, Taylor, Debby and Kelly Dailey, Helen Smith's husband Bruce, Donna Delancy Spierer, The Windes Family, Sara Siller, Stephen Sappington, Pete Geloff, Pat Ward, Jeremy Filer, refugees and all affected by the war in Ukraine.



Youth News

Notes from Living Hope Transition Team

Living Hope Church is undergoing a leadership change. In preparing to call a new senior pastor, a transition team is in place and surveying the congregation, the community that uses the church and the neighborhood. Your voice is extremely valuable as we move forward. A survey will be available January 15th-22nd. You will find a QR code in the bulletin or posted on the door. Paper copies will also be available during Sunday morning and at all meetings held on campus.



Please scan the QR code to fill out the transition survey.



Living Hope Singers

Come share your musical talents with Living Hope! Please contact Dr. Le to sign up to join the Living Hope Singers or email her at music@livinghopelasvegas.org.
Sing your praises unto the Lord.



Help Wanted

We are looking for a few good people!
Do you like to read?
Do you like to pray?
Do you like to serve people food and beverage?
Please sign up for various worship assistant positions
with Mary or Sarah Filer.
Thank you!

Adult Bible Study

Beginning January 15th, the 10:15 Sunday morning adult study will be led by Dr. Mark Wickstrom, our interim Senior Pastor.

The topic: his first book *The Gospel of Grace: Tools for building a positive understanding of the Bible.*

All adults are welcome. The course will last at least 5 weeks.

Reminder

Semi Annual Church meeting will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023.

The meeting will be in Edwins Hall at 10:15 am and will include a continental breakfast. There will be no adult bible study that day.

All members are encouraged to attend.



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& updates!**

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