



All Saints Lutheran & Zion Lutheran, ELCA

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Installation Service for Wes Kimball
Sunday, February 4, 2024**

“Meeting people where they’re at and connecting them to the full life of Christ.”
Show Up | Do Good | Be Kind

Centering Hymn — *God Is Here Today ACS 993*

God Is Here Today
Dios está aquí

Dios es - tá a - quí, tan
God is here to - day; as

cier-to co-mo el ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan
cer - tain as the air I breathe, as

cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan
cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as

cier-to co-mo que le can - to, y me pue - de o - ír.
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

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Introduction and Announcements

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus’ healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon’s mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. At All Saints we give thanks to the Wahpekute (Wah-peh-kue-teh) Dakota, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land, and are thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. For all these things we give thanks. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 859

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!
My heart is longing to offer up sweet adoration.
Melody make; dulcimer, harp, now awake.
Sound forth your praise, ev'ry nation.
- 2 Praise the Almighty, o'er all life so wondrously reigning,
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been
sent by God's gracious ordaining.
- 3 Praise the Almighty, who prospers your work and defends you;
see from the heavens the showers of mercy God sends you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do;
Infinite Love here befriends you.
- 4 Praise the Almighty! In wonder my spirit is soaring!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises outpouring.
Let the amen sound from God's people again,
gladly forever adoring.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved. Amen.

Gathering

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! **And also with you**

Kyrie

Setting 8, page 184

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.

1 For peace in the world,
for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house,
for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

4 For your Spirit to guide;
that you center our lives
in the water and the word;
that you nourish our souls
with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Traveling Song

O God, We Call

ACS 1075

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

23 who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

25 To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

27Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

28Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

29He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

30Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

31but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God, Word of Life: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation **Halle, Halle, Halle** **ELW 172**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark 1:29-39

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression.
Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death*

are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

29As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

32That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38He 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." 39And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Bishop Lull

Hymn of the Day

Healer of Our Every Ill ELW 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

Installation of a Pastor

Presentation

Having been authorized by the church to install Wesley Alexander Kimball,
our co-worker in the gospel, as Associate Pastor
I now ask for certification of this call.

Julie Smith, President of All Saints

After prayerful deliberation,
we, of All Saints Lutheran Church, ELCA,
have called Wesley Alexander Kimball to serve as a minister of word and
sacrament
in the position of Associate Pastor

I present Wesley Alexander Kimball and this letter certifying the call.

*The representative gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has
been received and accepted.*

The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and sacrament.

*A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so
I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven
them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)*

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

The presiding minister addresses questions to the minister of word and sacrament.

Wesley Alexander Kimball, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God’s care, will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world,

that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The assembly responds: **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God,

will you receive Wesley Alexander Kimball as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard Pastor Wes as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of
God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for Pastor Wes

Will you help and honor Pastor Wes in carrying out this ministry?

In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and sacrament.

Pastor Wes, the office of Associate Pastor is now committed to you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessing

*The newly installed pastor may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's
blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need (especially). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

Offertory

God of Grace

Sanctuary Choir

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One,

for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion Music

Lamb of God

ELW 195

As The Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

ELW# 773

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand I am tired,
I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

Blessing of the Meal

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Prayer after Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✝ bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me ELW 860

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Invitation to Service

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray, ask for help, be kind, fulfill a need, forgive, and give thanks.



Prayers of Comfort Shawna Day & family for her mother, Claire Monson.

Hospice Care Sally McCartin, Noosa Mikhail

Continued healing Les Beaudoin, David Bower, Audrey Bredeson, Sandi Lindstrom, Sharon Marcotte, Catherine Powers, Deb Schnack, Carrie Tokheim, Vera Sampson, Kaye, Kenia, Jeff

Good care for people in care centers: Dick Coleman, Dean Houdek, Julie Stapf

Support for Caregivers: Barbara Anderson, Marlene Axtmann, Bud Flesland, Jennifer Mlodzik, Catherine Powers, Nancy Waller

Unsheltered people. All Saints is a temporary cold-weather shelter for unhoused people.

Circle of Compassion: Immigrants held in ICE Detention are resettled refugees. Abdiwali, Albertina, Alvin, Andres, Atef, Biyalfew, Brian, Carlos, Eduardo, Emmanuel, Erickson, Farhaan, Fidele, Hatun, Heder, Herminio, Hertton, Ivan

All Saints joins with our sister church in Kipaduka, Tanzania and their evangelist Asifiwe Chengula. We pray for the safety and well-being of all the students and their families: Blaston Mgaya, Dorikas Longo, Elvin Mdeka, Ezra Medeka, Jakobo Ndolela, Lidia Nosa, Naomi Mtewa, Saraphina Msola, Tulinave Mtewa.

Zion Lutheran Church is in a year of transition and discernment. Support their Pastor Steve Biedermann and Council.

Closing Prayer. Almighty God who created the world, help us to know that no matter what we face, You can help us get through it. Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

When you have prayer requests use the Prayer Request form on the church's website allsaintscg.org/care-ceremonies or leave a message with Prayer Chain coordinator Joan Axdal at 651-270-5111.