

**La Jolla Lutheran Church**

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*Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany*

January 29, 2023

WELCOME

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS TODAY!

Today we welcome Dr. Michael Lodahl, Professor of Theology and World Religions at Point Loma Nazarene University.

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Talk to God about your week. Invite the Holy Spirit to be with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

**“This is the day the LORD has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24**

*Please stand*

## Rejoice, The Lord Is King

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the  
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the vocal line with lyrics. The bass clef staff contains the piano accompaniment. There are fermatas over the first and seventh measures of the vocal line.

REFRAIN

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your  
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

The second system of music is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the vocal line with lyrics. The bass clef staff contains the piano accompaniment. The word "REFRAIN" is written above the treble staff. The system ends with a double bar line.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

The third system of music is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the vocal line with lyrics. The bass clef staff contains the piano accompaniment. There are fermatas over the first and seventh measures of the vocal line.

*Please be seated*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read Together)

**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WELCOME, GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (see last page)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read Together)

**Your forgiveness is total,  
no notebook,  
tape recorder  
or post-it note  
to remind you of that moment  
when.....  
You take our confession,  
offered with hands outstretched  
and gently,  
like the loving  
heavenly Father that you are,  
put it to one side  
to be forgotten.  
No grudges, no itching for judgement.  
No resentment or ill-will.  
Not like us,  
who find it easy to say sorry  
but so hard to forgive.  
Forgive us, Father,  
that we are often more willing  
to accept forgiveness,  
than to forgive.  
Teach us to forgive,  
as you forgive us. Amen**

## WE WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON            Micah 6:6-8    NRSV

“With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

RESPONSIVE READING            Psalm 19:1-7    NRSV

A The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**C Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

A There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

**C yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

A which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**C Its rising is from the end of the heavens  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

A The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple.

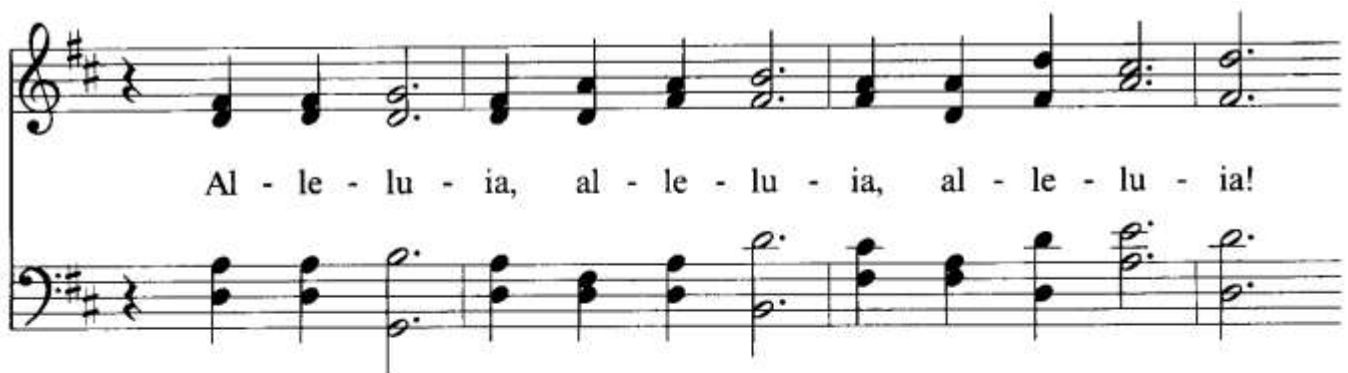
For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*Please rise for the gospel*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, joyful melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



*Please be seated*

# How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, And take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*  
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

Dr. Michael Lodahl

VERSE 1

3

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTH-ING LESS,

9

THAN JE-SUS' BLOOD AND RIGHT-EOUS-NESS... I DARE NOT TRUST THE

12

SWEET-EST FRAME, BUT WHOL-LY TRUST IN JE - SUS' NAME..

CHORUS

CHRIST A - LONE. COR-NER - STONE. WEAK MADE

20

STRONG IN THE SAV - IOUR'S LOVE... THROUGH THE STORM, HE IS LORD. LORD OF

**VERSE 2, 3**

24 **A** PNO. / E. GTR **A** SOFTLY ON D.S.

ALL. WHEN DARK-NESS SEEMS TO HIDE HIS FACE,  
WHEN HE SHALL COME WITH TRUMP-ET SOUND,

28 **D** **E** **F#m**

I REST ON HIS UN-CHANG-ING GRACE.. IN EV-'RY HIGH AND  
OH, MAY I THEN IN HIM BE FOUND.. DRESSED IN HIS RIGHT - EOUS-

31 **A/E** **D** **E** **A**

STORM-Y GALE, MY AN - CHOR HOLDS WITH-IN THE VEIL.  
NESS A-LONE. FAULT-LESS STAND BE - FORE THE THRONE. (to chorus)

CHORUS 2

**OFFERING**

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**ATTENDANCE FORMS**

*After the offering is collected, the ushers will come back to pick up worship registration forms. This form is the half-sheet in your program where you can identify your prayer requests.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

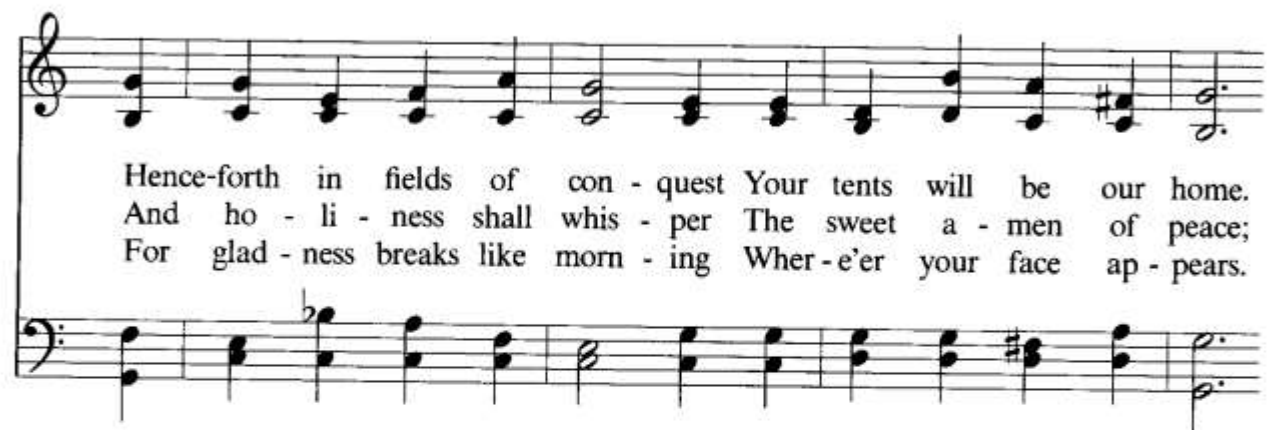
**C Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Please stand

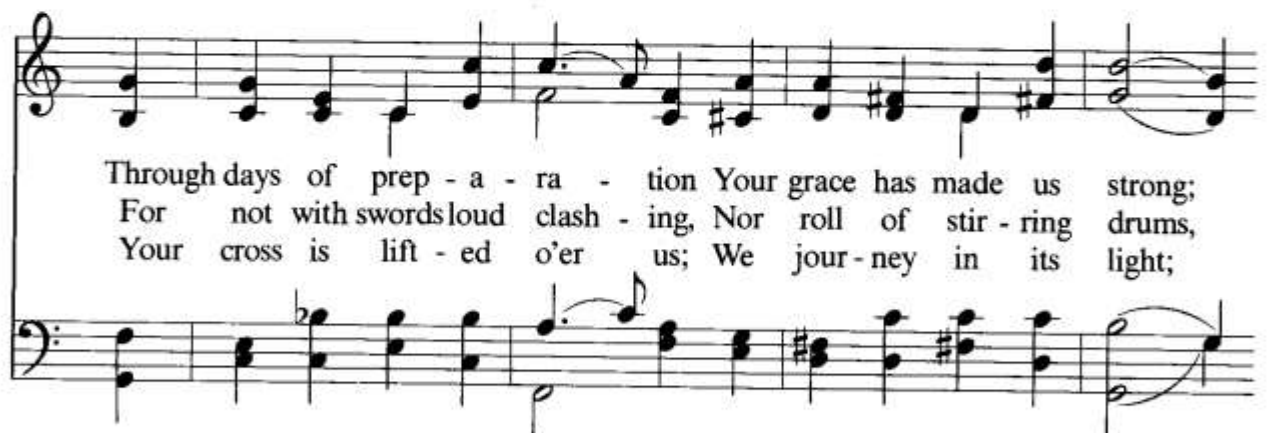
## Lead On, O King Eternal



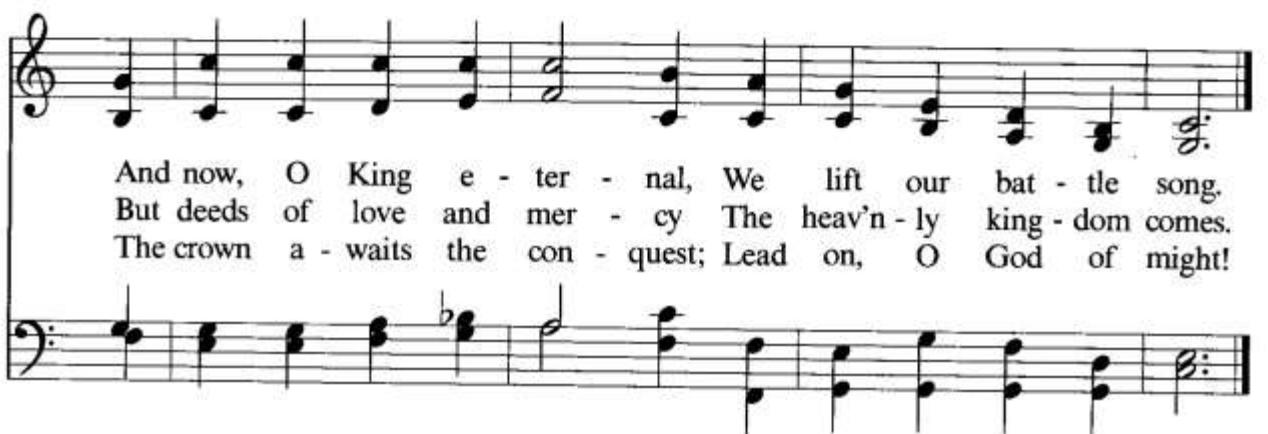
1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears,



Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Your tents will be our home.  
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;  
For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Your grace has made us strong;  
For not with swordsloud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light;



And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.  
But deeds of love and mer - cy The heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might!

## BLESSING

**P** May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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## **Events This Week**

*The link to all events on Zoom can be found at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)*

### **Sunday, January 29**

9:30 a.m. Worship / Fellowship Time

Cantor: Charlie K Prayers: Jill W Reader: Mark S

Ushers: Dale L and Barbara I Coffee: Searight family

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Monday, January 30**

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Tuesday, January 31**

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Wednesday, February 1**

10 a.m. Volunteers

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Thursday, February 2**

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)

### **Friday, February 3** Birthday of Lauren D

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### **Saturday, February 4** Birthday of Brockton H

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### **Sunday, February 5** Birthday of Dominika W

9:30 a.m. Worship / Fellowship Time

Cantor: Elaine H Prayers: Elaine H Reader: Sally A

Ushers: Brad V and Jacquelyn E Coffee: Leslie W

Communion at the Rail: Diane O

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at [LaJollaLutheranChurch.com](http://LaJollaLutheranChurch.com)