

Lenten Worship through the Senses: Week 3, Sound

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

PRELUDE

Earth and All Stars, Anne Krentz Organ
Susan Werner Reiser, piano

The assembly stands.

GATHERING LITANY

For these forty days, we journey with Jesus down the Lenten path. As we gather, we seek to experience the ways Christ's embodied life demonstrates God's love for us.

We come with hearts open to learn.

We will listen to stories of Jesus' life and of God's people, because they teach us how God calls us to live in the world.

We come to learn from the stories of God's ancient people, Christ's life, and the church.

We will engage through our senses with the power and mystery of the world God made, because this exploration calls us into wonder.

We come to learn through the gifts of our senses.

We will light candles to remind each other of the fullness of Christ's presence with us in our worship and in our world.

We come to learn how to better see and reflect the light of Christ.

We will pray as Jesus taught us and send each other back into daily life with a deeper connection to the life and love of Jesus.

We come to learn how to live more fully in the embodied image of God.

OPENING PRAYER

God incarnate,
you have given us ears to hear your voice in the sounds of nature, music,
and the voices of our siblings. Open our ears and our hearts to receive the
gifts you have for us, and teach us to share these gifts with the world.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Earth and All Stars, vs. 1-4

ELW #731



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!



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Refrain

God has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too sing prais - es with a new song!

The assembly is seated.

READING

Acts 2:1-21

As we hear the story of the church's first Pentecost, listen for the different ways sound communicates God's presence and power and for the ways in which God engages people to join in that communication.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION STATIONS

Verbal introduction of the stations concludes with the following dialogue:

God gave us ears to hear the wisdom around us.

Our ears are open for the lessons God provides.

The assembly stands.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE EMBODIED GOD

God has created and blessed us. In Jesus, God has joined us in the experience of embodied life as an expression of God's own love and joy. Through exploration of our own physical senses we are invited to know God in new ways.

In thanksgiving for the gift of incarnation, we light our candles.

Pause for the sharing of the light.

Through the beauty of the candle's light,
we see the brightness of God's love shining in every darkness.

Through the warmth of the candle's heat,
we feel the strength of God's love burning through all obstacles.

In the scent of the candle's wax,
we remember the promise that our prayers rise up as incense to God.

In the flavor of the candle's smoke on our breath,
**we taste the persistence of God's love,
surviving the flames and taking new form.**

In the sound of the candle's flame crackling,
we hear the dance of God's love, which we are invited to join.

May the light, warmth, scent, flavor, and sound of our candles lead us deeper into the love of God today and always.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

SENDING HYMN

Now the Day Is Over

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- 1 Now the day is o - ver; night is draw - ing nigh;
- 2 Je - sus, give the wea - ry calm and sweet re - pose;
- 3 Com - fort ev - 'ry suf - f'rer watch - ing late in pain;
- 4 Through the long night - watch - es may your an - gels spread



- shad - ows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
with your ten - d'rest bless - ing may our eye - lids close.
those who plan some e - vil, from their sin re - strain.
their bright wings a - bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

- 5 When the morning wakens,
then may I arise
pure and fresh and sinless
in your holy eyes.

- 6 Glory to the Father,
glory to the Son,
and to you, blest Spirit,
while the ages run.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

May the Creator God, who made you whole, bless you in body and in spirit
now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace, open to the presence of Christ all around you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Susan Werner Reiser, piano

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