



**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023**

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Read Before the Service: Psalm 67 Hymnal pg. 137

Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, be present with Your grace and mercy. Lord, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may see your loving kindness and tender mercies in Jesus' willing sacrifice for us and be moved to bless and praise you with our whole heart and soul. Move us to true repentance and faith that we may receive and rejoice in your forgiveness and salvation. By Your Holy Spirit may we be empowered to live as your true children all our days until we stand before You face to face in paradise. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 15 From All that Dwell below the Skies

1. From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, by every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Confession of Sins:

P: Jesus invites us saying, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

C: We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your own body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.



C: A - men.

Response of Praise: Hymn 244

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Salutation:

P: As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word, may the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-8

God lays a charge against His people. He was faithful to them, but they were not faithful to Him. What does God desire most from us?

Listen to what the Lord says: "Stand up, plead your case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. 2 "Hear, O mountains, the Lord's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the Lord has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. 3 "My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me.

4 I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. 5 My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”
6 With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider where you were and what you were when God called you and remember what He has made of you.

26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Response of Praise:

P: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice:

C: Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

P: The heathen shall fear the name of the Lord:

C: And all the kings of the earth Your glory.

P: When the Lord shall build up Zion:

C: He shall appear in His glory. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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C: Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1 - 12

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

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

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

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

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

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 391 Blessed Are the Sons of God

1. Blessed are the sons of God, They are bought with Christ's own blood;
They are ransomed from the grave, Life eternal they shall have:
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!

2. They are justified by grace, They enjoy the Savior's peace;
All their sins are washed away, They shall stand in God's great Day:
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!
3. They are lights upon the earth, Children of a heavenly birth;
One with God, with Jesus one; Glory is in them begun:
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!

Sermon Text: Romans 12:9-16

“9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. 11 Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. 13 Share with the saints who are in need. Be quick to welcome strangers as guests. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. 16 Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.”

Theme:

LET JESUS SHINE THROUGH YOU!

When you Love One Another, He will!

Hymn: 769 Lift High the Cross

(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where the captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
3. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Prayer:

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may truly take them to heart, that we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.



A_____men.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 400 Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all, for Thee.

Scripture Treasure to Remember

James 4:10

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:15.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth Nyman 9:30

Bible Study with Karrie at 2:30

Thursday - Shut-in visit with George 1:30.

Friday - Shut-in visit with Rosemarie 11:00

Next Sunday - **Worship Service** at 10:00.

Voter's Meeting at 11:15

Annual Voters Meeting

Our annual voters meeting is scheduled for next Sunday after the worship service. We will review the annual report, plan our budget including the Cooperative Budget Plan for the CLC, have election of officers, and make plans for the coming year. We pray for the Lord's guidance and blessings in this. If you have any suggestions for our year ahead please share them with one of the voters.

Pamphlets!

We have several pamphlets available for your own reading and to share with others. There is the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose, two Pamphlets on the Origin of the CLC, and a Pamphlet about the Leprosy of Unionism.

CLC Call News

Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI, has accepted the call to Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. **Pastor Michael Gurath** of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call to Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma and Redemption Lutheran in Lynwood, WA.

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane, WA, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

February Birthdays and Baptisms

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| Raena Huisman | 3rd |
| Waldemar Goll | 14th |
| Mattea Johnston | 21st |