



4th Sunday after Epiphany

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We Enter God's Sanctuary

Opening Prayer

P: God of Grace and Lord of Love, we come into your presence today to worship You; to receive Your grace and forgiveness; to be strengthened by your holy word; and to be filled with your Spirit. O Lord, fill us with true joy in the Lord, that we may truly see your goodness and love and rejoice in you day by day. With hearts filled with joy, may we live to serve you and praise your holy name. In our Saviour's name! Amen.

Invocation:

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



Opening Hymn: 742 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the High Eternal One.

Our Confession of Sins:

P: Thus says the Lord: "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the

heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

C: "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully." (Ps. 24:3,4)

P: O Father, we enter Your holy place to worship You. However, we are sinners. How then will You accept our worship and bless us on our way? It is only by Your grace in Christ Jesus. Therefore we pray, Cleanse us from our sins for Jesus' sake, so that with pure hearts and clean lips we can sing Your praises.

ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have seen the evil that I have done and the good that I left undone. Clinging to the cross of Jesus Christ, I appeal to You for mercy. Cleanse me in Jesus' blood. Purify my mind from every evil thought, my lips from every evil word, my hands from every evil deed. Renew my heart by the working of Your Holy Spirit so that I may present my body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to You, which is my spiritual service of worship.

P: Be of good cheer, children of God, for our Father is forever merciful! The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, for Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might sanctify and cleanse us. We are now holy and blameless before God and our worship is pleasing to Him.

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!**

God Speaks to Us

Old Testament Readings: Isaiah 61:1-6 (

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.” 4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But you shall be named the priests of the Lord, they shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast.

Response of Praise:

P: All the earth shall worship You and shall sing unto You, O God

C: They shall sing to Your name, O Most High.

P: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands,

C: Sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

P: The Lord sent His Word and healed them,

C: And delivered them from their destructions.

P: Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness,

C: and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Praise Him, all His angels,

C: Praise Him, all His hosts. Hallelujah!

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:12-21

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!”

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: “Their sound has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.” 19 But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: “I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation.” 20 But Isaiah is very bold and says: “I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me.” 21 But to Israel he says: “All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: 507 Spread, Oh Spread, Thou Mighty Word

1. Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word,

Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n.

2. Tell them how the Father's will
 Made the world and keeps it still,
 How His only Son He gave
 Man from sin and death to save.
3. Tell of our Redeemer's love,
 Who forever doth remove
 By His holy sacrifice
 All the guilt that on us lies.
4. Tell them of the Spirit giv'n
 Now to guide us up to heav'n,
 Strong and holy, just and true,
 Working both to will and do.
5. Up! The ripening fields ye see.
 Mighty shall the harvest be;
 But the reapers still are few,
 Great the work they have to do.
6. Lord of Harvest, let there be
 Joy and strength to work for Thee
 Till the nations far and near
 See Thy light and learn Thy fear.

Sermon text: John 1:35-51

“35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?” 39 He said to

them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas” (which is translated, A Stone).

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

46 And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”

48 Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” 49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

50 Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” 51 And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Theme:

Don’t Be Ashamed of Lowly Beginnings!

- 1. Consider How Blessed You Are.**
- 2. Know How Christ Builds His Church.**
- 3. See How Christ Transforms Your Life.**

Hymn: 770 I Hear the Savior Calling

1. I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless to live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now He calls for me!

2. I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven — My Savior calls for me!

3. I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others. Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings — My Savior calls for me!

4. I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.
From door to door I witness To share my Savior's plea;
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,
Beyond the simple gospel — My Savior calls for me!

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:

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

OFFERTORY



The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

The Lord Gives Himself to Us in the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We especially praise You that You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh and have revealed Him to the world as our only Saviour from sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus

C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-
san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

Words of Institution:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Distribution:

P: Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

O L O R D , N O W L E T Y O U R S E R V A N T *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - vant ther, De -
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the be - Gen - tiles - Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen - Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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: 773 Rise, Shine, You People!

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
 he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
 now are forgiven.

3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
 your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
 of Jesus' glory.

4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
 Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
 His new creation.



Scripture Treasure to Remember: Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20.

Wednesday - Online Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30.
 Midweek Bible Study at Orchard Valley at 2:00.

Thursday - PCPC Study Club at 2:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30.
 Catechism Class at 5:00.

Next Sunday- Worship Service at 10:00
Sunday School and Bible Class.

Voters Meeting

Our Annual voters meeting is scheduled for Next Sunday after the worship service. If you have any suggestions for our joint work please speak with one of the voters.

Praying for our Family

We pray for God's mercy for Karlheinz asking Him to strengthen Karl and grant that he can find a place in an assisted living home.

February Birthdays and Baptisms

Raena Birch **3rd**
Mattea Johnston **21st**

Lenten Services

Our midweek Lenten services will begin on Tuesday, February 17. They will be held at Orchard Valley Senior Residence at 6:00. Our Theme for this year's Lenten Season is "It Is Finished!" Based on texts from the prophet Zechariah.

CLC Call News

Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **received** the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's in Iron River, MI, has **received** the call to Living Hope in Appleton, WI.

Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption in Lynnwood, and Ascension in Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

Mission News

One week in Faisalabad was short but it was enough witness God's faithfulness in extending His kingdom through the preaching and

teaching of His saving word! Pastor Daub has been working with Pastor Gill for about five years, studying the Bible with him and his extended family through weekly online video chats. The group formed a congregation and began weekly worship services a couple of years ago. Pastor Daub and Pastor Ohlmann were finally able to meet this group in person.

Since Pastor Daub has been meeting with this group almost weekly via online video chat, he was familiar with many names and faces. It was almost like a family reunion, meeting distant cousins for the first time, as Pastor Daub met these Christians face-to-face for the first time.

We spent the first evening eating some delicious Pakistan foods prepared by Pastor Gil's wife and other family members. Much of our time was spent making house visits to the members of the congregation. Many of the members live within a couple of kilometres of the Gil home, so it was easy just to walk from home to home. What we found in each home were Christian brothers and sisters hungry for the Word of God and humbly dedicated to their Saviour, in a predominantly Muslim nation.

There was some uncertainty with immigration officials and the police, who seemed to be tracking our every move and our coming and going from our hotel. This kept us from the nightly public Bible studies we had planned. But Pastor Daub led a couple of Bible studies and preached at the Sunday morning worship service. Much of the remaining time was spent in discussions with Pastor Gil and another Christian pastor whom the Lord introduced us to.

All in all, the trip was successful as we were able to confirm with our eyes and ears what Pastor Daub has already witnessed through 4+ years of online correspondence and teaching. A recommendation to President Wilke to begin the formal colloquy process has already been sent and received. President Wilke will appoint a CLC representative to begin months of correspondence with Pastor Gil, involving a series of questions and answers on doctrinal matters, culminating in another face-to-face visit with Pastor Daub, me, and the CLC representative about a year from now to determine whether doctrinal unity exists.