

Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd

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The Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 15th, 2023

Included in the Prayer of the Church: Lindy Loeb, Ken Wilson, Keith Basanta, Ruby Patrick, Jack Zacharias, Lorraine Osadchuk, Walter Harder, Irma Barten, Gary Edel, Dorothy Quiring, Bruce & Carol Bird, Wally Funk, Rick Fenske, Rev. Alvin and Jean Borchardt, William Fenske, Pastor Schollenberg and family.

The Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four,

LSB 203

Opening Hymn: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
 Zion, let me enter there,
 Where my soul in joyful duty
 Waits for Him who answers prayer.
 Oh, how blessed is this place,
 Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;
 Come Thou also unto me.
 Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
 There a heav'n on earth must be.
 To my heart, O enter Thou;
 Let it be Thy temple now!
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
 Here Thy seed is duly sown.
 Let my soul, where it is planted,
 Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
 So that all I hear may be
 Fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
 Let me keep Thy gift divine,
 Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine
 As my guiding star through life,
 As my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
 Let Thy will be done indeed.
 May I undisturbed draw near Thee
 While Thou dost Thy people feed.
 Here of life the fountain flows;
 Here is balm for all our woes.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,

O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,

and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,

whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tent for the sun.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,

O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

C 1 To God on high be glory
 And peace to all the earth;
 Goodwill from God in heaven
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Father;
 Your holy name, we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glory,
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
 The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,
 You take our sins away.
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;
 Receive our heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated
 At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
 You only are the Lord.
 Forever and forever,
 Be worshiped and adored;
 You with the Holy Spirit
 Alone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Father's glory.
 "Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Sit

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to Me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb, from the body of My mother He named My Name. ²He made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hid Me; He made Me a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid Me away. ³And He said to Me, "**You are My Servant, Israel, in Whom I will be glorified.**" ⁴But I said, "**I have labored in vain; I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely My right is with the LORD, and My recompense with My God.**" ⁵And now the LORD says, He Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him; and that Israel might be gathered to Him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and My God has become My strength—⁶He says: "**It is too light a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make You as a Light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**" ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One, to One deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the Servant of rulers: "**Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, Who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, Who has chosen You.**"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

⁶Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have given Me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the Scroll of the Book it is written of me:

⁸I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart."

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O LORD.

¹⁰I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹¹As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

The Epistle Lesson

1st Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the Testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸Who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by Whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

- ☩ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- ☩ These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- ☩ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, **“Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is He of Whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man Who ranks before me, because He was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.”** ³²And John bore witness: **“I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. ³³I myself did not know Him, but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”** ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, **“Behold, the Lamb of God!”** ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, **“What are you seeking?”** And they said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), **“where are You staying?”** ³⁹He said to them, **“Come and you will see.”** So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, **“We have found the Messiah”** (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles’ Creed

- ☩ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: The Only Son from Heaven

LSB 402

- 1 The only Son from heaven,
Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given,
In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.

- 2 O time of God appointed,
O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the king anointed,
The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.

- 3 O Lord, our hearts awaken
To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken,
In spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.

- △ 4 O Father, here before You
With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You,
O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessed Trinity!"

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Sermon: A Very Important Question!

John 1:29–42a

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering: We Give Thee But Thine Own

- 1 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.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.
- 4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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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.**

Closing Collect

Benedicamus

LSB 212

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

Hymn to Depart: Lamb of God

LSB 550

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

**ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

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Announcements:

Sunday School begins @ 8:45 a.m., **Divine Worship** @ 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study Wednesday's @ 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Instruction Thursday's @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 21st: Divine Worship – Good Shepherd, Kenora @ 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 28th: LWML Ladies Breakfast @ Smitty's, 1512 Regent Ave. @ 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 28th: Red River Circuit Forum @ LCGS @ 10:00 a.m.

Installation of Elected Officers: Sunday, January 29th during the Worship Service. Please everyone try to be here to be installed!

Choir Practice: We will begin practicing for Choir Selections following the Worship Service this morning.

Socks for the Homeless: Help the homeless with a few basic essentials to keep warm. **Needed Items:** Women/men socks, Hand or foot warmers, Lip Chapstick, Soft granola bars. These items will be distributed through the Bear Clan. The Deadline for bringing these items to the Church is Sunday, January 29th, 2023. Your support and love for those in great need during our cold winter months are greatly appreciated. Our Lord calls us to help those in need. Remember the Words of our Lord: **"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me."** {Matthew 25:40}

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