



6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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***SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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## As We Gather

Throughout the season of Epiphany, we experience a sense of brightening. As springtime grows nearer, there is more daylight with each passing day. The world becomes brighter and brighter. As the weeks of this Epiphany season continue, we see our Lord Jesus more clearly, and we hear His words that speak to our hearts and lives. The hymn “Beautiful Savior” has the classic line “Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky” (*LSB* 537:3). God grant that brighter light to shine in our hearts and lives as we reflect the wondrous light that is Christ, the Light of the world.

### Prelude

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

P. Manz

### Opening Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#821 sts. 1-3

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| 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;<br>His the scepter, His the throne;<br>Alleluia! His the triumph,<br>His the victory alone.<br>Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion<br>Thunder like a mighty flood:<br>“Jesus out of ev’ry nation<br>Has redeemed us by His blood.” | 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans<br>Are we left in sorrow now;<br>Alleluia! He is near us;<br>Faith believes, nor questions how. | Though the cloud from sight received Him<br>When the forty days were o’er,<br>Shall our hearts forget His promise:<br>“I am with you evermore”?   |
|  |  | 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,<br>Here on earth our food, our stay;<br>Alleluia! Here the sinful<br>Flee to You from day to day.<br>Intercessor, Friend of sinners,<br>Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea<br>Where the songs of all the sinless<br>Sweep across the crystal sea. |

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### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

Psalm 30:10; 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:5b

**P** Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

**C** O LORD, be my helper.

**P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

**C** let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

**P** The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

**C** Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** As His daughters and sons, we do walk in His light. But our lives are also filled with sin. So we pause now to reflect on our sinful hearts and lives, that we may come to Him with humble hearts.

*A moment of silent reflection...*

**P** Assured of God’s great mercy, let us confess together that we, by our darkened sinful nature, are alienated from God, and by our thoughts, words, and deeds have sinned and deserve His condemnation now and eternally.

**C** Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. Although we deserve Your just punishment, we ask for Your unmerited blessing. Be merciful to us, and for the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be made bright by Your presence in our lives, joyfully serving You in time and through eternity.

**P** Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### Psalm

Psalm 1

**P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**C** but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

**P** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**C** The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.**

### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, You bless the poor, the hungry, the sorrowing, and the persecuted. Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people when they call to You, and give us faith to believe Your kingdom belongs to the humble of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

✠ The Sin of Judah ✠

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Anthem of Praise Solo

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Hymn #964

## Epistle

✠ The Resurrection of the Dead ✠

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

✠ Jesus Ministers to a Great Multitude ✠

Luke 6:17-26

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. <sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## ✠ Confession of Faith ✠

*The Second Article*

**P** Today we confess our faith using the words of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and the words of explanation from Luther's Small Catechism that tell of our redemption through Christ.

**C** 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

### Sermon Hymn

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”

#932

1 Jesus sat with His disciples  
On a mountainside one day;  
As the crowds of people gathered,  
He began to teach and say:  
“Blessèd are the poor in spirit,  
Heaven’s kingdom they will share.  
Blessèd are the sad and mourning,  
Joy and comfort will be theirs.

2 “Blessèd are the meek and humble,  
All the earth to them is willed.  
Those who hunger to be holy,  
They are bless’d and will be filled.

Yes, the merciful are blessèd,  
Mercy will to them be shown.  
And the pure in heart are blessèd,  
They have eyes for God alone.

3 “Blessèd are God’s sons and daughters,  
Making peace where there is strife.  
Blessèd are the persecuted,  
Who for righteousness lose life;  
Their reward is great in heaven,  
In the kingdom up above—  
So be glad to share My suff’ring  
And rejoice to know My love.”

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### Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

### Offertory Meditation

## ✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

## Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

#### Hymn

#### "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

#606

1 I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.

I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

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#### Hymn

#### "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

#684

1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,  
And I will give you rest."  
O blessèd voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction,  
Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending,  
Of love that cannot cease.

2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,  
And I will give you light."  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
And we had lost our way;  
But Thou hast brought us gladness  
And songs at break of day.

3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life."  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.

4 "And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out."  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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## Communion Blessing

**P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

## Closing Prayer

*Psalm 136:1; Psalm 34:8, adapted*

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, again in Your kindness You have granted us peace, pardon, and comfort at Your table of grace. Strengthen us through what we have received here, and keep us steadfast in faith and hope throughout our pilgrimage on earth, until we feast as invited guests at the heavenly banquet with Christ the Lamb in His kingdom. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

#737, sts. 1-3, 4 & 7

1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,  
A cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the source of ev’rything,  
Your portion shall remain.

On your Creator cast your care;  
He makes your burdens light.

2 He is your treasure, He your joy,  
Your life and light and Lord,  
Your counselor when doubts annoy,  
Your shield and great reward.

4 Did not His love and truth and pow’r  
Guard ev’ry childhood day?  
And did He not in threat’ning hour  
Turn dreaded ills away?

3 Why spend the day in blank despair,  
In restless thought the night?

7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
Here and in heav’n above.

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## Postlude

“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

S. Hofland

**Announcements & Notes:**

- **Collators are needed** to help collate and staple the Lenten Devotion Booklets. Talk to Sandy if you'd like to help.
- **Evangelism / Parish Ed** has been collecting diapers, wipes, and any new or gently used baby items to help the Southside Pregnancy Center in their ministry. The collection ends next Sunday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Monetary gifts are also appreciated; envelopes are available on the display table.
- **Elder's Dinner** – Please RSVP and turn in your payment by Fri., Feb. 18;
- **The next Voters' meeting** is Tues., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the church. Pastor Gensch will give a brief presentation on Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and Qualified Charitable Distribution (QLD) to churches or any non-profit;
- **It's time to renew subscriptions to The Lutheran Witness.** If interested, call the church office to renew your subscription or to begin a new subscription. **The deadline is Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.**



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**Please pray for these members of our St. Paul family:**

Betty Kruckow	Cathy Gleason
Helen Bonder	Dawn McNicholas
Janice Przybycien	Kevin Hickey
Mary Ann Colander	Art Hornburg
Melva Smith	Laverne Abraham
Carol Small	Mike Degidio
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Delores Stegemann	Connie Braun
Kurt Seehofer	The Polezoes Family
Lincoln & Parker Alex	Patricia Murdoch
Gloria Crook	Lois Kaminske
Janet Varnagis	

***We pray for those who grieve:***

*For Debbie Will and all the family and friends of her uncle John Carmichael, called from this life on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.*

*For Dawn Schumann and all the friends and family of her cousin Barry Wilson, called from this life on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, as well as the friends and family of Dawn's friend Wayne Johnson, who was called to his eternal rest on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.*

*For the friends and family of Marilyn Marcinkowski, Sue's sister-in-Law, called from this life on Friday due to COVID. We continue to pray for her husband Eugene, who we've been praying for as he is dealing with pancreatic cancer.*

***We give thanks with those who celebrate!***

*Both Audrey Mitchell and Jerry Aspan celebrated their birthdays on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.*

**Please pray for these friends and family of our members:**

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Anthony Krcelic, Jr.	Eric Kessling
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow	Janet Trierweiler
Alan Hecke	Kim Lamberth
Matt Favero	Sandra Wilson
Michelle Mitchell	Al Silinski
Pam Palhegyi	Carol Milazzo
Rich Huscher	The Lamberth Family
Jerry Gross	Brenda Gurgel
Gloria Folsom	Autumn Kessling
Shirley Fairchild	The Carl Hoppe Fam.
Ron Lunt	Christopher Kosary
Sandy Plath	Iris McCoy
Shirley Demyres	Raquel Rameriz
Nick & Bridget DeAngelo	Henry Bonder
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Elaine Hoffstetter	Fred Raddatz
Allyson Seehofer	Selma Carmichael
Bernadette & Rich Trusk	Dana Kahn
Donald Hakanson	Carl Hoppe
Paul Noffke	Sue Sortino
Pam Brown	Lisa Sanders
Shawn Harland	Ann Herold
Barb Potter	Wayne Volk
Charley Heitz	Sharon Bryant
Doris Potts	Brad Benfield
Doreen Holford	Janice Hernandez
Judy Collins	Phyllis Hicks
Maryann Krieg (Wilke)	Katherine Zeleny
Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.	Knox Christensen
Cathy Becker	The Dan Ball Family
Al Zirbel	Heather & Josh Turro
Donna Patri	Skip Sorensen
Joe Thomas	Patrick Pasqua Sr.
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**Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over (708) 423-1040.**

**The Elders Present**  
**An After the Holidays Dinner**  
**Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**6pm to 10pm**

At

***The Worth American Legion Hall***

*110<sup>th</sup> and Depot*

*Worth, IL*

***\$20.00 PER PERSON***

**BUFFET MENU**

Slow Roasted Pork Loin and Gravy

Polish Sausage w/Sauerkraut

Italian Sausage w/Peppers

Potato Dumplings

Baby Glazed Carrots

Salad & Dinner Rolls

Dessert

Coffee or Tea; Free Soda

**CASH BAR**

*(Catered by Jack & Pats)*

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**Reservation & Payments are due by Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

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