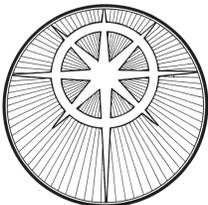


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Bow your heavens, O LORD and come down (Psalm 144:5)! Come down into our busy, complicated, sin-ridden lives that we might be made new by Your Word and Spirit. Renew me by Your grace and power that I would ever and always be considered Your friend. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day.

All sorts of people were drawn to the public ministry of Jesus: fishermen, lepers, paralytics and their family members, tax collectors, Pharisees, scribes, and a whole host of others. Some people came to Jesus out of pure motives. Others, perhaps not so much. Today we hear about power going out of Jesus, a power that brought healing, not only to Jews from in and around Judea and Jerusalem, but also to Gentiles – with a very checkered past – from Tyre and Sidon.

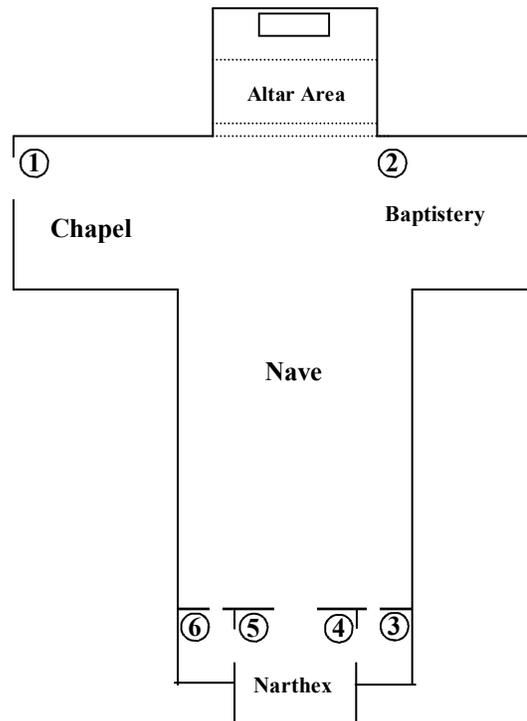
Sharing God's Blessings Today

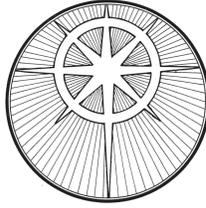
- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Barb & Gary Langbecker in loving memory of their grandsons Chase and Landon Langbecker.
- The flowers at the altar and the bulletins are sponsored by Jan Bresnahan in loving memory of her husband, Patrick Bresnahan (1934 – 2018).
- The sponsor charts for 2022 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





PRELUDE

“Ornament of Grace”

... Bernard Wayne Sanders

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*Bless the
Lord, O my
soul, and all
that is within
me, bless his
holy name!*

*Bless the
Lord, O my
soul, and
forget not all
his benefits,
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uity, who
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diseases, who
redeems your
life from the
pit, who
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with steadfast
love and
mercy, who
satisfies you
with good
so that your
youth is re-
newed like the
eagle's.*

*~ Psalm
103:3*

Jesus promises to work in the places our world would say are God-forsaken. He reveals this to us by His death on a cross. Jesus enters into painful humiliation. He bears God's wrath on a greedy and adulterous generation so He might rise and create a humble and faithful body of believers. He comes and brings grace to you. Your sins are forgiven, and your life is His...

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 therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“We Know That Christ is Raised”

... LSB #603

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



A - men.

GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

In the Kingdom of God, by grace, a job loss can be a place of God's working. Hunger can be used to draw us closer to Jesus. Weeping can inspire hopeful longing. And rejection can be endured in a courageous confession of His rule.

With these words, Jesus curses and reverses our world's way of living. He lives to stand by you in situations of suffering and bring about His promised blessing.

~ David Schmitt,
1517.org,
2022 A.D.

They came to Jesus because, knowing and feeling their need, they also perceived that Jesus was able to meet their case. Come then to Christ, O my sin-stricken hearer, because, be your condition what it may, He can meet it...He has already dealt with cases like yours, as bad as yours, as desperate as yours - in the record of His cures, there are instances parallel to your own and some which even surpass them in difficulty...

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

⁶He 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.

⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

⁸He 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: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

L: Blessèd 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.**

L: 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.

*...Depend on
it, He is able to
do again what
He has already
done, for He is
the same yes-
terday, today,
and forever*

*~ C.H.
Spurgeon,
“A Powerful
Reason for
Coming to
Christ,”
1880 A.D.*

Jesus' vision of the new world is eschatological, but it is not relegated to the future. The end has already arrived, and the values he asserts in debate with his opponents and in instruction to his followers and the crowds reflect those of this new era...

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

L: 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.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE



GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.



¹⁷[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, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²"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! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

...the new world and the values it embodies will catch un-awares those who measure their lives by the old order; their sense of well-being and self-assurance is grounded in false values.

~ Joel B.
*Green, The Gospel of Luke,
1997 A.D.*

The sincere convert accepts a complete Christ. He loves not only the reward, but labor. He seeks not only benefits, but the burden of Christ. He takes up the commands, yes, even the cross of Christ. The 'unsound convert' takes Christ by halves... They desire salvation from suffering, but do not desire to be saved from sinning.

~ Joseph
*Alleine, A
 Sure Guide
 to Heaven,
 1688 A.D.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Songs of Thankfulness & Praise"



1. Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Pres-ent in thy ho - ly word;



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In thy God - head man - i - fest;
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 Grace to im - i - tate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
 That we might be - come like thee At thy great e - piph - a - ny,



An - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 An - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 And may praise thee, ev - er blest,

*Grace to you
 and peace
 from Him
 who is and
 who was and
 who is to
 come...and
 from Jesus
 Christ the
 faithful wit-
 ness, the
 firstborn of
 the dead, and
 the ruler of
 kings on
 earth.*

*~ Saint John
 the Apostle,
 Revelation
 1:4-5*

SERMON

“The Faithful Witness to Friend and Foe”

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting God and Son of Mary, let us pray.

P: . . . O King of Kings,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY “Psalm 116:12-19” (*sung by the choir*)

In the hymnal, the Psalms are found before p.151, listed numerically.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



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



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS ("Holy")

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

We pray that the kingdom may come to those who are not yet in it, and, by daily growth that it may come to us who have received it, both now and hereafter in eternal life... And we pray that the devil's kingdom be put down, so that he may have no right or power over us, until at last his power may be utterly destroyed.

~ Martin Luther, Small Catechism, 2nd Petition of the Lord's Prayer, 1529 A.D.

Is Christianity a "reward morality?" To that we must first answer that our own self-interest, our old Adam, is seldom convinced that it can be profitable to be a Christian. He wants first to have better evidence that God really lives. And if anyone should become a Christian for the sake of rewards and not for the sake of Christ, then he is no Christian. One becomes a Christian through love to God...

C: 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

ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh.

C: And we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



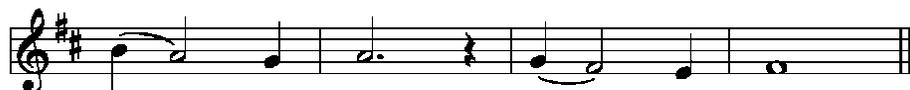
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. The pastor will hand you the holy Body. Please take a cup of the holy Blood as directed. Those who do not commune may cross their arms over their chest as they come forward to ask for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“If Christ Had Not Been Raised” (sung by the choir) ... LSB #486

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” (sung by all) ... LSB #729

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

...The reward is to possess God, to see God, and to serve God. But self-interest does not care for this kind of reward.

~ Bo Giertz,
Preaching from the Whole Bible,
1967 A.D.

A Prayer Before You God

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh what needless pain we bear — all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

~ LSB # 770



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



A - men.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“We Know That Christ Has Been Raised”... Michael Burkhardt

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

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Preaching: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson

(Pr. Gjerde to Bethany at 10:30 am)

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Clarinet: Dan Maguire

Choir: Ivan Beethe; Tim Pagel; Tyler Pagel; Jim Speckhard;

Keith Watson; Steve Zeinemann

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Radio Announcer: Paul Fandrey

Acolyte: Noah Harter

Elder: Ken Rodemeier

Altar Guild: Jane Gjerde; Donna Nuernberg

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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