



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Final Sunday After Epiphany

February 27, 2022

10:30 Service of the Word

The religious leaders of Jesus' day didn't mind that Jesus spent so much time with "sinners." They would have been perfectly happy if Jesus had criticized them and condemned them for their bad behavior. The problem was that Jesus loved them despite their failings, and even enjoyed spending time with them! Notice though that while Jesus did enjoy them he also called them to repentance. Many of them did. Jesus called the religious leaders to repentance too, but in their conviction that they were already in the right they were unable to accept his words.

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Apostles' 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.**

Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news:
In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn One Maker

(For music turn to Hymn 43 in the Songbook binder)

1. **Leaf falling, river running
flower dying in the fall.
Dead of winter, spring is coming,
Who can understand it all?
Time moving, earth spinning,
Another new beginning.
One Spirit, one Savior,
One Maker for them all.**

Refrain

**One Spirit of the earth surrounds us.
One Savior with his arms around us.
One Maker with a promise for them all.**

2. **One suffering, one crying,
one back against the wall.
One living, one dying,
One learning how to crawl.
Some given in sorrow,
Some praying for tomorrow.
One Spirit, one Savior,
One Maker for them all. *Refrain***

After final refrain:

**One Spirit, one Savior,
One Maker for them all.**

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Gathering Dialog (John 1)

P: In the beginning was the Word,
C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
P: In the Word was life,
C: and the life was the light of all people.
P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,
C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15

B: Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 75 (read responsively)

D: We praise you, God,
and give you thanks.
You are present to us
as we tell your wonders.

**C: “I, your God, choose the moment
to set things right.**

D: Though earth and its people tremble,
I secure its foundations.

**C: I say to the proud, stop boasting!
to the wicked, stop it!**

D: Stop promoting yourselves,
pitting yourselves against the Rock.”

C: No help from east or west,

from desert or mountain,

D: for God alone judges,
levels some, raises others.

**C: The Lord holds a foaming cup,
pours the wicked a heady wine;
they drain it to the dregs.**

D: But I sing praise forever,
make music for the God of Jacob,

**C: who breaks the power of the wicked
and strengthens the just.**

Second Reading 1 Samuel 21:1-6

E: David came to Nob to the priest Ahimelech. Ahimelech came trembling to meet David, and said to him, “Why are you alone, and no one with you?” ²David said to the priest Ahimelech, “The king has charged me with a matter, and said to me, ‘No one must know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.’ I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. ³Now then, what have you at hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.” ⁴The priest answered David, “I have no ordinary bread at hand, only holy bread—provided that the young men have kept themselves from women.” ⁵David answered the priest, “Indeed women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition; the vessels of the young men are holy even when it is a common journey; how much more today will their vessels be holy?” ⁶So the priest gave him the holy bread; for there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

C: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 5:27-6:16

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5th and 6th chapters.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

²⁷After this [Jesus] went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸And he got up, left

everything, and followed him. ²⁹Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. ³⁰The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹Jesus answered, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; ³²I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.” ³³Then they said to him, “John’s disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink. ³⁴Jesus said to them, “You cannot make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? ³⁵The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.” ³⁶He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. ³⁷And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, ‘The old is good.’”

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ²But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ³Jesus answered, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?” ⁵Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.” ⁶On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” He got up and stood there. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?” ¹⁰After looking around at all of them, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

¹²Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles. ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and

James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
For music turn to Hymn 815 in the Red Hymnal

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain **In him there is no darkness at all.**

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see... the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

**Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

3. I'm looking for... the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

**When we have run... with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

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Response to the Word

E: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

E: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

E: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

(Jude 20)

E: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)

E: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away;

behold, everything has become new!

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Special Music

† PRAYER †

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn In the Secret/Do Justice Medley
(For music turn to Hymn 59 in the Songbook binder)

- 1. In the secret, in the quiet place,
In the stillness You are there.
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait
Only for You, 'cause I want to know You more.**

Refrain (1) **I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.
I want to know You more.
I want to touch You. I want to see Your face.
I want to know You more.**

- 2. I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize.
Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside,
Out of my way, 'cause I want to know You more. *Refrain (1)***

- 3. Racing around, chasing idols,
unfulfilled, empty vessels.
World on the edge, out of control,
will we survive, God only knows.**

Refrain (2): **Do justice, love mercy,
Walk humbly, with our God, with our God.**

- 4. People broken, falling pieces,
dignity lost, loving ceases.
Hopeless eyes, lonely faces,
Yearning hearts, hurting places. *Refrain (2)***

- 3. Deadly hunger, desp'rate crying,
Wounded living, children dying.
Nails in the flesh, piercing fear,
Why can't we see Christ hanging here? *Refrain (2)***

Refrain (1) **I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.
I want to know You more.
I want to touch You. I want to see Your face.
I want to know You more.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: God's work. Our hands.



"Now that we've taught you how to
love yourself, Brother Mickey,
let's take it a step further...."

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers Helen Crown
Acolyte Brody Ireland
Nursery Care *not offered during the pandemic*
Counters
Coffee Hour

Worship assistants for next Sunday, March 6

Greeters and Ushers Linda Flood
Acolyte Creed White
Altar Care Linda Thompson
Communion Assistants Linda Flood
Nursery Care *not offered during pandemic*
Counters Ivan and Nancy Shuler
Coffee Hour

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