



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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*Welcome!* Words in **bold** are said together.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**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.**

### *Confession and Forgiveness*

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. Congregation: Amen.*

*L: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. (silence for reflection)*

*L: Mighty God, lover of justice, C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.*

*L: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. C: Amen.*

### *Gathering Hymn – Songs of Thankfulness #310*

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed: God in flesh made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might:  
manifest, in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
and my praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

*Prayer of the Day* – **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Scripture Readings*

Isaiah 49:1-7 p. 592

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup> He 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. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says, who formed me in 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 sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup> he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 40:1-11 p. 446

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**<sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

<sup>3</sup> He 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.

**<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

<sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

**<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**<sup>8</sup> I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

<sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

**<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your saving help 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.**

**ALL: <sup>11</sup> Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 p. 926

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1*

\*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

The holy Gospel according to *John*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 1:29-42 p. 862

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." <sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

David Ingram

*Hymn of the Day– Arise, Your Light has Come #314*

1. Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,

bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

4. Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

### *Apostle's Creed*

**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.**

### *Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

### *Offering*

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at [www.lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/giving) or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



### *Offering Hymn – Light Shone in Darkness #307*

1. Light shone in darkness at the world's creation;  
bathing in beauty nature's revelation.  
All that has being, cry in adoration, "Praise for the light. Amen!"
2. Light shone in darkness at the new creation;  
Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation.  
Sing, earth and heaven, hymns of jubilation, praise for the light. Amen!
3. Light shines in darkness till the full creation;  
Christ's body, groaning, suffers tribulation,  
longs for God's justice, global transformation, prays for the light. Amen!

### *Offering Prayer*

**God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the breadth of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near. Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving p. 107*

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108*

## *Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

### *Invitation to Communion*

*L: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.*

### *Post Communion Prayer*

*L: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.*

### *Announcements*

- Have you signed up to Serve on Sunday lately?
- Free bibles donated by Fred Austin near church offices
- Coming up: Jan. 19 OFFICE CLOSED

### *Closing Hymn – We are Marching #866*

1. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching oh, we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching oh, we are marching in the light of God.
2. We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing, we are dancing oh, we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing, we are dancing oh, we are dancing in the light of God.
3. We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.  
We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.  
We are praying, we are praying oh, we are praying in the light of God.  
We are praying, we are praying oh, we are praying in the light of God.

### *Blessing*

*L: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.*

### *Dismissal*

*L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. C: Thanks be to God.*

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1-24 Ty Peterson

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