

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

## THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

### THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: Jesus begins His active earthly ministry taking His place right alongside us in the water of His Baptism. There He laid aside His own divine powers to take on our powerlessness so that, enabled by the Holy Spirit, He could take on our sin and death into Himself to destroy it by His atoning death on the cross and victorious resurrection. Now to all who are baptized in His name He gives the power of His holiness and gift of eternal life. The Spirit, the Word, and yes, the water is our connection with His life, and by faith in Him, we are already citizens of our heavenly home even before we get there in body and soul. What confidence is ours to live by God's power and grace.

### PREPARATION

(Please stand)

### HYMN

"Today Your Mercy calls Us" *LSB 915*

**Today your mercy calls us**

**To wash away our sin.**

**However great our trespass,**

**Whatever we have been,**

However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.

Today your gate is open,  
And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,  
A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us;  
His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather  
Around the heavn'ly gates.  
No question will be asked us,  
How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father's home.

O all embracing Mercy,  
O ever open Door,  
What should we do without You  
When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.

## INVOCATION

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

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: With these words you are baptized into Christ and given the new birth of water and the Spirit.

**People: So shall we stand in faith without fear now and forever.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Yet even as God's people in this world, when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find that we daily struggle against our weakness and sin that so easily besets us. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People: God our Father, though You have made us Your own possession by our Baptism into Christ, still we struggle to live as Your redeemed children in this fallen world. Therefore, we confess our sin and weakness to You and in repentance pray You of Your mercy to forgive our sins and grant us Your grace and strength.**

Pastor: 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.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

**✠ WORD ✠**

## **INTROIT**

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**People: and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.**

Pastor: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

**People: in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

**People: Praise your God, O Zion!**

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**People: and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

## **KYRIE** (sing)

**All:** Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
Lord, have mercy upon us

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Gloria In Excelsis, Glory to God in the Highest” *LSB 154*

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His  
people on earth.

**People:** (sing)

**Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for  
your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive  
our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One. You alone are the  
Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the  
Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (sing) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 43:1–7 ESV*

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone

who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Romans 6:1–11 ESV*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

## **THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sung)

**People:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**People:** (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 3:15–22 ESV*

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## **CREED** Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” *LSB 400***

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid  
Star of the East the horizon adorning  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid**

**Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all**

**Shall we not yield Him in costly devotion  
Fragrance of Edom and off’rings divine**

**Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure  
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor**

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid  
Star of the East the horizon adorning  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid**

(Please be seated)

## **+ SERMON+**

“Providing for the Progress Paradox”

**Text:** Luke 3:15-22 (The Gospel Lesson)

**Sermon Theme:** There is a solution to the paradox of progress.

**Sermon Goal:** That the hearers are confident Christ works through Baptism to overcome human powerlessness and the futility of the world to open heaven to them.

(Please stand)

**OFFERTORY** *LSB pages 192-193 (we sing)*

**All:**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Gracious and merciful God, as the heavens were opened at the Baptism of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so You have opened the very heavens to us as Your baptized people. Give to us the confidence of faith and the power of Your love that we may live as Your children even now amid the changes of this fallen world, ever rejoicing in Your constant mercy and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant Your constant blessing upon Your whole Church. Give wisdom and confidence to all pastors and servants of Your Word and faithfulness and love to all Your people that Your truth may sound forth and prevail in our lives and through our service in the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Preserve our nation in the ways of righteousness and peace. Guide the leaders of all nations to pursue justice and peace. Guard and protect all who serve in the armed forces of our country, and all who protect us in our land. Grant to all faithfulness in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Comfort and help all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, . . . Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

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

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## ✠ SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. At His Baptism in the Jordan River, He began His active ministry by the power of Your Spirit and Your mighty declaration that He is forever Your beloved Son. Sharing our own flesh and blood, He delivered us from sin and death by His sacrifice on the cross. Now by His resurrection from the dead, all who are baptized in Him will live forever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At His Baptism, He began His journey to redeem the world, taking away our sin by His bloody sacrifice on the cross. By His resurrection, He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. As we receive His holy body and blood in this Sacrament, confirm the faith You Yourself have implanted in us and empower us by Your love and the hope of glory. Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 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 it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PAX DOMINI**

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

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”* LSB 814 vs 1-4

**O bless the Lord, my soul!**

**Let all in me join**

**And aid my tongue to bless His name**

**Whose favors are divine.**

**O bless the Lord, my soul,**

**Nor let His mercies lie**

**Forgotten in unthankfulness**

**And without praises die.**

**‘Tis He forgives thy sins**

**‘Tis He relieves thy pain;**

**‘Tis He that heals thy sicknesses**

**And makes thee young again**

**He crowns thy life with love,**

**When ransomed from the grave;**

**He that redeemed my soul from hell**

**Have sov'reign pow'r to save.**



## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

(Please stand)

### **THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to  
life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing  
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

### **THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

All who are baptized into Christ, dear Father, You  
have made partakers in the very body and blood  
with which Your Son has redeemed us, taking away  
our sins. Keep us, Your sons and daughters, firm in  
faith and constant in love; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Let Us All With Gladsome Voice” *LSB 390*

**Let us all with gladsome voice  
Praise the God of heaven  
Who to bid our hearts rejoice  
His own Son hath given**

**To this vale of tears He comes  
Here to serve in sadness  
That with him in heav’ns’ fair homes  
We may reign in gladness**

**We are rich, for He was poor  
Is no this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore  
Here on earth and yonder**

**Christ, our Lord and Savior dear  
Be Thou ever near us  
Grant us now a glad new year  
Amen Jesus, Hear us**

# THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Brown, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Thank you!!!

To everyone who helped take down the Christmas Decorations.

## Kids Club donations

Collecting Men & Women WHITE socks to donate to a homeless shelter. Collection begins now until Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a box for WHITE SOCKS ONLY placed in the Narthex/Hallway.

## Quilters

Next Quilting: Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

### Attendance

Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 37

### Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### Anniversary

#### Birthdays

Claudia Wilson – January 20<sup>th</sup>

Keri Driscoll – January 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### For the Shut-Ins

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

*Mack Mayfield, at home*

*Carmell Faulk, at home*

*Phyllis Witte, at home*

*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*

*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

#### For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

**Shirley Ripke**, prayers of thanksgiving for a successful surgery and is at home, but needs our continued prayers

**Art Warren**, friend of Lori Wilson, surgery

**For the Family of Jerry Cieszkowski**, friend of the Frank & Lori Pignanelli's, called to glory and laid to rest on Wednesday of this past week

**Mary Farrarelli**, Frank Pignanelli's sister, hospitalized with stroke

**Barbara and Frank Parise**, Frank Pignanelli's family, suffering from COVID

**Jim and Karen Bumgarner**, covid

**The family of Nadine Serra**, called to glory, cousin of Ruth Pollatz

**Lynn Mayfield**, daughter of Mack Mayfield, with ruptured cervical discs, confined to a neck brace

**Melvin Kimbrough**, Carolyn's husband, hospitalized, but home now with Carolyn, using her nursing skills taking care of him

**Barbara Kuderik**, friend of Janet Witte, we pray prayers of thanksgiving, surgery went well and she is home

**Jack Gurney**, Paul Utcai's Nephew, hospitalized

**Kent James**, nephew of Linda Panich, has progressed wonderfully under the grace of God with only a small patch on his foot that may have to have a skin graft