



## **Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church**

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# **Second Sunday after the Epiphany** **January 17th, 2021**



## HOLY COMMUNION

IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM SATURDAY AND 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

## LIFE SUNDAY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

*“Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing”*

LSB 847

(Tune LSB 924)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

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

People: **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.**

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.

People: Amen.

INTROIT

*Psalm 68:4-6, 19-20*

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

People: **lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!**

Pastor: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

People: **is God in his holy habitation.**

Pastor: God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

**People: but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;

**People: God is our salvation.**

Pastor: Our God is a God of salvation

**People: and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son<sup>✠</sup> and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“O Love, How Deep”*

LSB 544

## **COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray,

**People: Almighty God, open our eyes to behold Your great love toward us in the humility of Your Son and to know Him in the least ones, that we may serve You by serving our neighbors, until You gather us together to rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **† WORD †**

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

*1 Samuel 16:4-13*

Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought “,Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him”. But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL READING**

***Matthew 13:31-34, 44***

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable“ .The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened”.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CREED

SERMON HYMN

*“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”*

LSB 844

(Tune LSB 883)

SERMON

*“From Invisible to Indispensable”*

*John 1:43-51*

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Holy Christian Church, gathered here and scattered throughout the world,

**People: By the grace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may we believe and rejoice that He creates, redeems, and calls every human life as His own precious treasure.**

Pastor: Bless our Christian witness, that this Gospel of Jesus Christ may motivate us to speak His truth and show His love to every neighbor, no matter what age, appearance, or ability.

**People: Watch over this land and its authorities, that God grant them wisdom, nobility, and responsibility to safeguard in policy and practice the sanctity of every member of our human race.**

Pastor: Guide all medical professionals, that our Savior lend them His own courage and compassion to deliver relief and health, and to reject every temptation to use death as a solution to suffering.

**People: Be with those experiencing surprise pregnancies, those awaiting adoption, those enduring chronic pain, and those approaching death, and sustain them in their distresses. Open our hearts and hands to embrace, accompany, and encourage them.**

Pastor: Change the hearts of those who permit, promote, and participate in abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other violences against life, and heal those whose hearts have been broken by the abortion of their own children.

**People: May God forgive them and turn them from their sin and make them open to receive His healing.**

Pastor: For our brothers and sisters suffering injuries, illnesses, or disabilities (especially...), that the good Lord visit them in their affliction through the fellowship of His body, preserve their life and their faith, and grant both quick remedy and complete recovery, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Bless those among us who celebrate gifts of life and family, (especially [*names*] on their birthdays and [*names*] on their anniversaries), that they exult with us in these blessings as tokens of forgiveness in Christ Jesus and foretastes of resurrection to everlasting life in the new creation, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*(Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy")*.

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

**People: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**\*\*5:30PM SATURDAY 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE\*\***

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers as we commit our concerns to You and trust in Your perfect will for our lives. For to You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

#### **HYMN**

#### ***"How Beautiful"***

CCS 23

*Words and Music by: Twila Paris*

1. How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
2. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
3. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King!  
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

*CCLI Song No. 443594 CCLI Song No. 443594*

#### **HYMN**

#### ***"Make Me A Servant"***

CCS 32

*by Kelly Willard*

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.

***(Sung three times)***

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**HYMN**

*“Come unto Me, Ye Weary”*

LSB 684

**LORDS PRAYER**

**POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You purchased and won us by the blood of Christ. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us to live as worthy witnesses of Your grace and wisdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

LSB 849

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**OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**5:30PM WORSHIP**

**Bill Erck**

Elder

**Marie Rogers**

Organist

**9:00AM WORSHIP**

**Rick Melius**

Elder

**Xander Noonan**

**Rylee McKeown**

Acolytes

**Sarah Peterson**

Organist

**Mike Beyer**

Congregational Chairman

**Rick Melius**

Head Elder