

Third Sunday after Epiphany



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • January 23, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting *(please stand as you are able)*

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

C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, live-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, & make us New.

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, & makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"* #886 *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Vs 1: Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Vs 2: My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Vs 3: The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

Vs 4: He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Vs 5: Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

Vs 6: To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Prayer of the Day: L: Let us pray together,

C: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body — whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Gospel Acclamation: *“Hallelujah”* (Stand as you are able)

Refrain: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah 2X

Gospel Reading - Luke 4:14-30 ¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked. ²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’” ²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed — only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

L: This is the Word of our Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: *“Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet”*

Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Vs 1: When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way, still You’re there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. [chorus]

Vs 2: I will not forget your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You to the end.

Apostles’ 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. *A brief silence.* You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression especially: Keith Brown, Kathy Nardinger, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Deb Huneke, Gabriel Ryan, Roger Kurtti, Rich & Sue Majerus, Judy Carpenter, Blake Carlson, Donald & Nancy Nord, Ben Haanel, Larry Reese, Abby Tipton, Jan Benidt, Therese Bien, Jim Wilcox, the family of Deb Conrad. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: **Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: P: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you** P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.** P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: 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.

The Meal & Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" #471

Vs 1: Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Vs 2: Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

Vs 3: Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)

"I am the Bread of Life" #485

Vs. 1: I am the bread of life, You who come to me shall not hunger, & who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Vs. 2: The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever. [Refrain]

Vs. 3: Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever. [Refrain]

Vs. 5: Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the world. [Refrain]

"Here Is Bread" #483

Verse 1: Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Verse 2: Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]

Verse 3: Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: **We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing: (Please stand as you are able.) 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. **Amen.**

Sending: *"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"* #883 Vs 1,3,5

Vs 1: All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice!

Vs 3: Oh, enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

Vs 5: To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host be praise and glory ever more.

Dismissal: P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. C: **Thanks be to God!**

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