

# Second Sunday after Epiphany



Messiah Lutheran Church  
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# To our Guests: Welcome!

## Worship Patterns in Pandemic Days

God be praised for every person here this morning and for all who are with us in spirit as they watch and pray at home. God strengthen us all through his word and promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The continued threat of coronavirus infection requires us to change our habits during the time we spend together. Please follow these rules to keep each other safe:

### **On entering—**

- Masks are required. Please be sure to wear one.
- Sit only in pews marked with a bow.
- Keep the spacing rod between you and your family and the person or family at the other end.
- Greet each from a distance.

### **During the service—**

- Refrain from singing. Instead, listen to the singers in the balcony and follow the words in the bulletin.
- When we share the Peace, do not hug or shake hands except with members of your own family. Wave or bow to the people around you.
- Offering plates will not be passed. If you missed the basket on your way in, place it there when you leave.

### **During communion—**

- Keep a safe distance from the person in front of you as you approach.
- Hold out your cupped hands for the host. The pastor will not place this in your mouth or extended fingers.
- For the wine, take a plastic cup from the top of the music stand, and hold it steady as the pastor fills it. Deposit the plastic cup in the receptacle as you return to your place.

### **As you leave—**

- Unless you need the elevator, exit through front doors only.
- Feel free to gather on the front lawn for conversation, keeping safe distances.

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*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

Prelude

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word,” J.S. Bach

*Stand as you are able*

## Confession and Forgiveness

L In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

L “If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.”

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

L Most merciful God, you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us. For his sake have mercy on us, forgive our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn

# “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word,” #520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



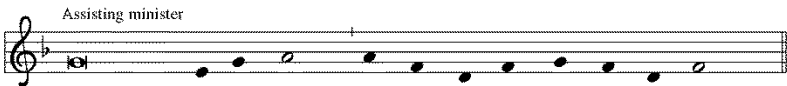
es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

## Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** And also with you.

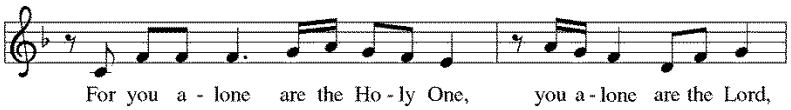
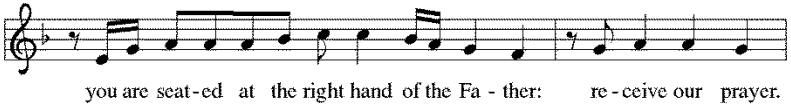
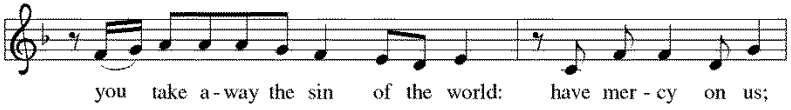
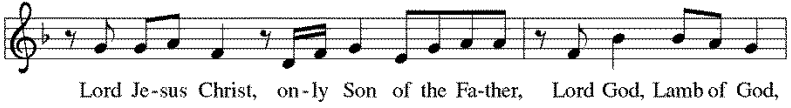
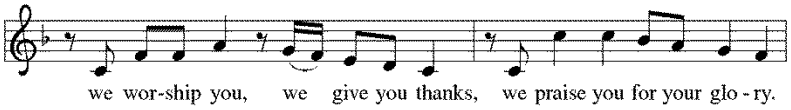
## Gloria



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

# The Word of God

## First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

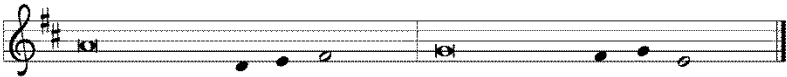
The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

139:13-18

*By the Singers*



<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother’s womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvel- | ously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hid- | den from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths | of the earth.

<sup>16a</sup>**Your eyes be- | held my limbs,  
yet unfinished | in the womb;**

<sup>16</sup>all of them were written | in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.

**<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!  
How great is the | sum of them!**

<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able*

## Gospel Acclamation

“Listen, God Is Calling,” #513

*Refrain and stanza 1*

Refrain  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

**Gospel**

John 1:43-51

*At the announcement of the Gospel:*

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

**Sermon**

Pastor Burce





1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.  
 3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Confession of Faith

P With the Church of every time and every place, we confess our faith.

A I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

C Amen.

A I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

C **Amen.**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy. . .

C **Hear our prayer.**

## Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with these or similar words, after which you may be seated in prayerful silence as the altar is prepared. Stand again as you are able at the pastor's invitation*

## Presentation of the Offering

“This Little Light of Mine,”

Sandra Eithun

A Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you bless us with gifts beyond deserving. Accept these tokens of our thanks and use them for the saving purposes of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

C **Amen.**

## The Lord's Supper

### Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

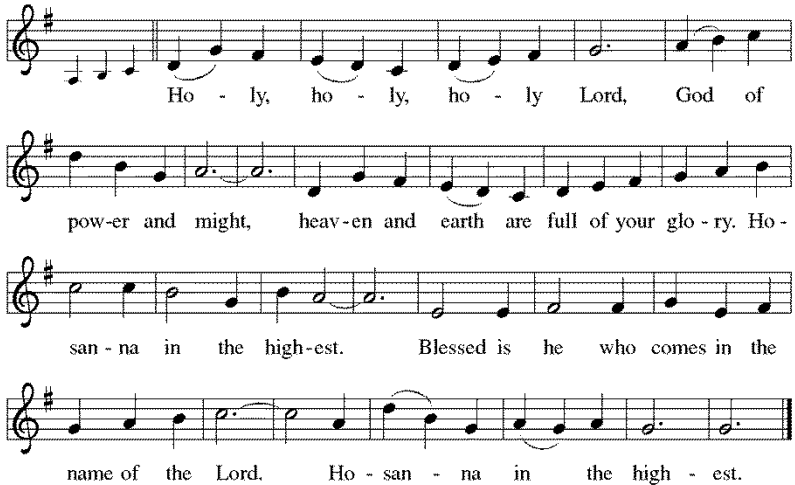
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*By the singers—*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, the Beginning and the End, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

P Gracious Father, fill us with your Holy Spirit . . . now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

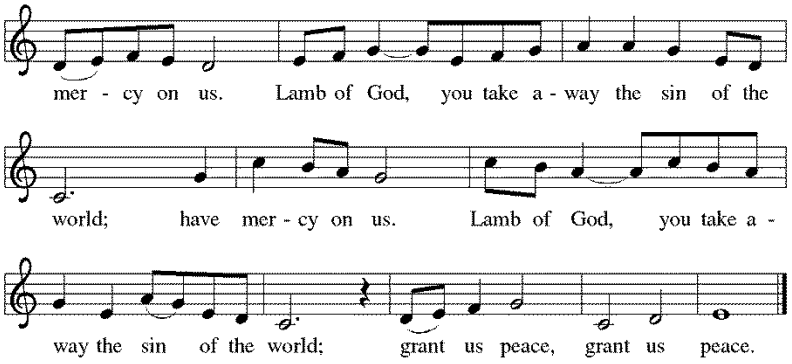
*You may be seated*

**Communion**

*By the singers—*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*When all have communed, stand as you are able*

**A** Let us pray.

We thank you, gracious Father, for this foretaste of the age to come when hunger is no more, and every heart is filled with joy. Send us now in the strength of this promise to spend our days as signs of hope for all creation, and as agents of your life-giving love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

“O Day Full of Grace,” #627 stanzas 1-3



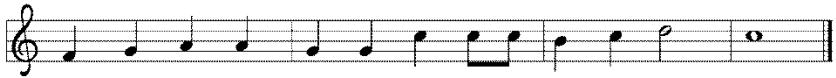
1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“God, Whose Almighty Word,” Healey Willan

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*Preaching Minister* – Pastor Burce

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*Assisting Ministers* – Carl & Linda Herhuth

*Acolyte* – Pdraig Donohoe

*Singers* – Ruth King, Tim Rosenberger

*Organist* – Connie Triplett

*Deacon* – Ray Durban

*Sound Technician* – Jared Waugaman

*Altar Guild* – Debbie Luekens, Diane Paton

# Messiah Church Council 2021

\* = Officer of the Congregation per election by the Council

The Council and Officers will be installed at a brief 10 am. Zoom meeting this morning. We invite you to join us.

## Administration and Finance Committee

Alan Parrott, Chair & Vice President\*  
Jay Machado  
James Quayle, Treasurer\*  
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Steve Swanson

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## Mission and Ministry Committee

Mike Allan, President\*  
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Cathy Zalac

## **This Week's Commemorations**

*Jan. 17*—ANTONY OF EGYPT, d. 346, and PACHOMIUS, d. 346, early leaders of the monastic movement in Egypt.

*Jan. 18*—THE CONFESSION OF PETER (see Mt. 16:13-20).

*Jan. 19*—HENRY OF UPPSALA, d. 1156, an Englishman who became bishop of Uppsala, Sweden, and led the evangelization of Finland.

*Jan. 21*—AGNES, d. ca. 304, a 13 year old Christian martyr.

## **January 24**

### **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

*We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.*

## In our Prayers

- Our country (see below)
- Give thanks with Carrie & Louis Royster on the birth of their daughter Joelle Tracey Royster
- In need of healing: Sue Nerlinger, Dan Rossbach, Chris & Molly Koenig (friends of Danielle Twigg)
- In mourning: Rita-Ann Schafer on the death of Tom, her husband; Delores Schaeffer and family on the death of Bonnie, her daughter-in-law; the family of Marie Seiler on her death

### An Invitation to Prayer for our Country

from the Council, Messiah Lutheran Church

As we reflect on the destruction and death in our nation's Capitol Building on January 6th, we ask the people of Christ at Messiah Lutheran Church to join us in urgent and steady prayer.

- Ask God Almighty to have mercy on our land.
- Ask God to heal deep divisions that we cannot bridge ourselves.
- Ask God to expel the evil spirits that beset us: of fear and anger, of scorn and suspicion, of greed, contempt, and hatred.
- Ask God to fill the hearts of every citizen with a passion for what is right and true and good.
- Ask God to strengthen the rule of law among us so that evildoers are held in check and, when necessary, brought to justice.
- Ask God so to lead us that we show each other the same patience and forbearance that God shows us all.
- Ask God to help us stand with every honest citizen against violence of every kind, and especially the violence, both physical and verbal, that tears at the fabric of our nation and our communities.
- Ask God to open our eyes to the inestimable worth of every citizen, not least the ones we disagree with.
- Ask God to help us shine at Messiah with the faith, hope, and love that we have Christ Jesus.

*“O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrow, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

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*Drawing in to Christ. Building up in Christ. Sending out for Christ.*

*To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.*