

Second Sunday after Epiphany



Messiah Lutheran Church
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To our Guests: Welcome!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know

- **Let us know that you were here.** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.



- **Restless children?** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.

- **Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.

- **May you commune at Messiah?** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"

- **Our communion procedures:** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.

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January 19, 8:30 & 11 am

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

Prelude

“The Only Son from Heaven,” Johann Walther

Confession and Forgiveness

Stand as you are able

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

“O Day Full of Grace,” #627

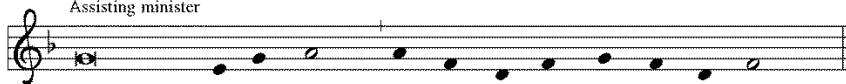
Greeting

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

And also with you.

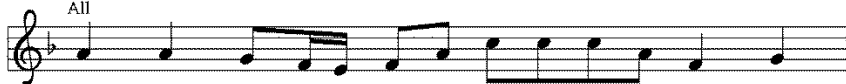
Gloria

Assisting minister



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

All



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



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

You may be seated

The Word of God

God's Word for Children (11 only)

Younger children (Pre-K to Grade 4) are invited to follow the presiding pastor and other leaders downstairs for a time of special listening designed just for them. The aim is to help them hear today's Gospel at their level. They will rejoin their parents before the offering is taken.

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7

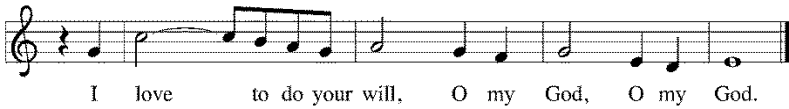
¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But 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."

⁵And 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— ⁶he 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."

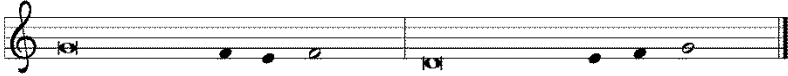
⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain



Cantor sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print



⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;**
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you
have | not required. Refrain

⁷And so I said, “Here I | am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

⁸**I love to do your will, | O my God;**
your law is | deep within me.’”

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of**
your faithfulness and | your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the
| great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me
safe. **Refrain**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To 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:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

“O Lamb of God”

First time Finnish words sung by cantor/choir; second time congregation sings in English

Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man syn - nin,
 O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

9
 ar - mah - da mei - ta, ar - mah - da mei - ta.
 mer - cy on us mer - cy on us.

15
 Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man syn - nin,
 O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; _____

23
 an - na mei - le rau ha si ja siu - na - uk - se - si.
 grant us vi - sion, grant us jus - tice, grant us your own true peace.

Gospel

John 1:29-42

At the announcement of the Gospel:

Glory to you, O Lord.

29[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water

for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.³³ 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.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ 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?”³⁹ 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.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² 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.

You may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Bridger

Stand as you are able

Song of the Day

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,” #311

Choir sings stanza 3 (8:30)

Confession of Faith

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

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.

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

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord in your mercy. . .
... **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

You may be seated

Offering

“Christ, Be Our Light,” Lynn Trapp

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Presentation of the Gifts

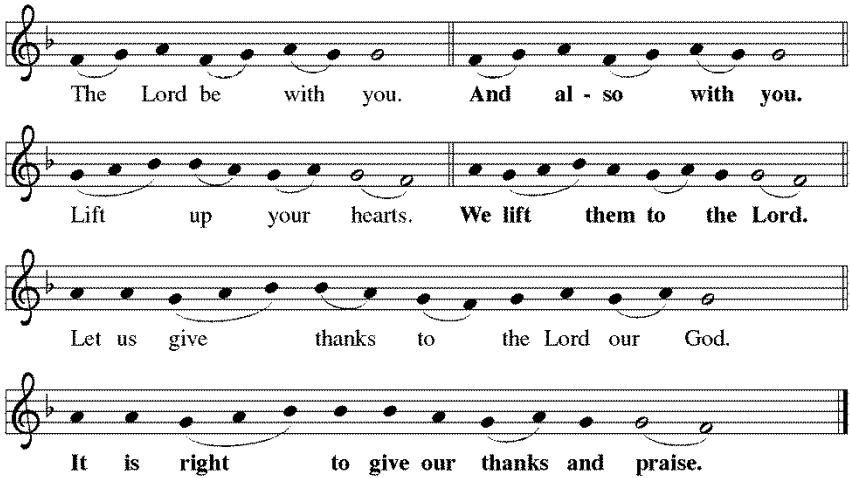
“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You,” #312
Stanza 4

**Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness,
Make us willing to receive
More than we can yet imagine,
All the best you have to give:
Let us find your hidden riches,
Taste your love, believe, and live!**

Let us pray. God of Light,
You brighten our days with the grace of Christ. Fill us with the Spirit that rested on him, and use what we offer to ease the darkness of the world you cherish. Amen.

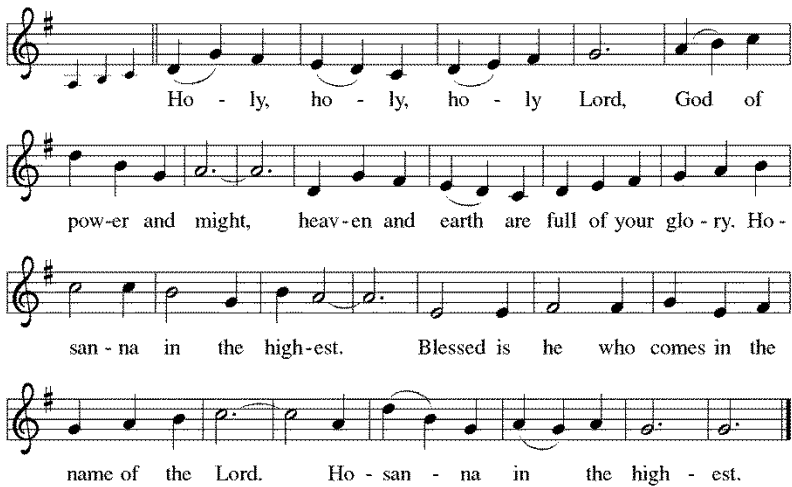
The Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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.

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . .now and forever. **Amen.**

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

To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside front cover.

Communion

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.

“Christ Be Our Light”

#715

Stand as you are able

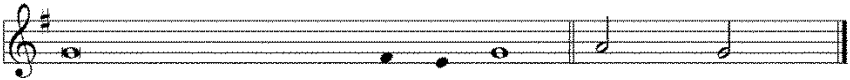
Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. We thank you, Almighty God, that, true to your promise, you have nourished us again with the food and drink of eternal life. Send us now in peace and joy to testify to your goodness, and to share your hope for all people in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing



♩ Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now ♩ A - men
and for - ever.

Sending Song

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!” #314

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“O Day Full of Grace,” Wayne Wold

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Serving Today

Preaching Minister -- Pastor Bridger

Presiding Minister – Pr. Burce

Assisting Ministers – Carl Herhuth (8:30); Mike Allan (11)

Lectors – Amy Roman (8:30); Dana Quayle (11)

Communion Assistants – Joe King, Kent Skurkey, Scott Straffen (8:30);
Mike Allan, Bob Stoddard, Linda Stoddard (11)

Acolytes – Bryce Neumann (8:30);
Adam Digney (11)

Cantor – Dale Mortensen

Organist – Connie Triplett

Messiah Choir (8:30) – Directed by Connie Triplett

Deacons – Frank Beodray, Joe Frantz(8:30);
Russ Digney, Katie Norman (11)

Greeters – Karen Beodray (8:30)
Ann & Bob Kreps (11)

Ushers – Ken Novack (8:30);
Jim Breckel, Gerhard Budaker, Chase Sherer, Ryan Szczepinski (11)

Trustee – Joshua Koza

Altar Guild – Maria Geier, Martha Trapp

Nursery – Jodi Norris, Kaylie Norris (11)

In our Prayers

- ❖ The Church's witness this Epiphany season and throughout the year of 2020. May the Light of Christ shine and give hope in the name of Christ!
- ❖ The unity of the Church
- ❖ The churches of Fairview Park as they witness to the Gospel
- ❖ All who are in harm's way from natural disasters or human-caused conflict
- ❖ The new mayor of Fairview Park, Patrick J. Cooney, and the City Council of Fairview Park as they begin serving the community this new year
- ❖ Those experiencing health concerns or recovering from surgeries: Kim Berghaus, Becky Eicher, Phil Neumann, Rae Szabo, Lorraine Wolf (Bruce Wolf's mother)

Altar Flowers Are Given

by the Waugh family in celebration of Emerson's health one year post heart transplant and in memory of her heart donor

This Week's Commemorations

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

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

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

God's Word for Next Week Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23
We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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