



**Weekend Worship**  
**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 12 & 13, 2022**

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**Weekend Worship Services:**

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM

## **PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His Name. Amen.*

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

*(We rise)*

### **WE BEGIN IN SONG**

(Saturday)                      “Today is the Day” / “What a Friend”

(Sunday)                        “Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”

**LSB 684**

“Come unto Me, ye weary, and I will give you rest.”  
O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending, of love that cannot cease.

“Come unto Me, ye wand’rers, and I will give you light.”  
O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;  
But Thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.

“Come unto Me, ye fainting, and I will give you life.”  
O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty and stronger than the strong.

“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”  
O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: We read responsively selected verses from Matthew 6: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear.*

**People: Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?**

*Pastor: Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.*

**People: Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?**

*Pastor: “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.*

**People: Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.**

*Pastor: If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire,*

**People: will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?**

*Pastor: So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’*

**People: For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.**

*Pastor: But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,*

**People: and all these things will be given to you as well.**

*Pastor: Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.*

**People: Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

*Pastor: Let us go before our Holy and gracious Father and confess our sins to Him: Lord God,*

**People: We confess that we have sinned against You. You have told us not to worry and to cast our cares on You. But we have disobediently carried them and let worry consume us. In our worrying, we have been short with others and have not**

**loved our neighbors as we ought. For the sake of Jesus, forgive us and, by Your Holy Spirit, help us to daily hand You our problems and put our trust in You. Amen.**

*Pastor: For the sake of Jesus, God does forgive you. Having been forgiven, you have His favor and blessing on your life. He is your God and you are His child. Daily hand over your troubles to Him who loves you.*

**People: Amen! Let it be so!**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Exodus 14:10-14

*(Moses reassures the Israelites that God will fight their battles for them.)*

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 Peter 5:6-7

*(We are commanded to give God all our worries and leave them there!)*

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**



## ALLELUIA

LSB 190

**People:** *(sung)* Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*(We rise)*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.*

**People:** *(sung)* **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!*

**People:** *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Pastor: Together, as God’s People, united in faith by the One Who invites us to come to Him to find rest, let us join together professing our common faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:*

**People:** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY**

**LSB 192-193**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

(Saturday)

“Cast My Cares”

(Sunday)

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

**LSB 725**

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

## **THE MESSAGE**

“WORRIES-DAY”

Pastor Ryan Clark

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Special prayers are lifted...we then join together in speaking:*

**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.**

## **THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

### **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*(We rise)*

### **WE CLOSE IN SONG**

(Saturday)

“There is a King”

(Sunday)

“Come, My Soul, With Every Care”

**LSB 779**

Come, my soul, with ev’ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself has bid thee pray, therefore will not turn away.

Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and pow’r are such none can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;  
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt.

Lord, Thy rest to me impart, take possession of my heart;  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain and without a rival reign.

While I am a pilgrim here, let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend, lead me to my journey’s end.

Show me what is mine to do; ev’ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith; let me die Thy people’s death.

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