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SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

WELCOME...to all who worship with us this morning, especially our guests. What a joy it is to worship Jesus as members of His Family! Please separate the attendance/prayer request slip and pass any prayer requests to the center aisles where the ushers will collect them.

Silence to prepare your hearts

OPENING PRAYER:

OPENING HYMN: "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

LSB 912

Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

A TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LSB p 167

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

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

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

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

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "The Lamb"

LSB 547

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain**

**He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain**

**He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Bible page(s) 1138

The prophet Isaiah speaks of God's people as being the servant of the Lord whose mission it is to bring deliverance and salvation to the world. Though Israel failed, Jesus Christ came to be that perfect righteous servant of God.

¹Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." ⁴But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—⁶he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." ⁷This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Bible page(s) 1771-1772

The Apostle Paul rejoices with the Corinthians that God has manifested his presence among that congregation in various ways. During the season of Epiphany, we celebrate how the Lord has manifested his presence in our ministry as well.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: ³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—⁶because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Ceaseless Praise*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

Bible page(s) 1647

Hearing the testimony from John the Baptizer concerning Jesus, two disciples discover for themselves that Jesus is the Messiah.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

**Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY: "How Firm a Foundation"

LSB 728

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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MESSAGE: *"Guiltless"*

OFFERING: *(As the offering is received, take this time to meditate on today's message and how God would have you apply it to your life and respond to it.)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 Lord's Supper +

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WE PREPARE

P: It is truly good, right and beneficial for us that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. In communion with all your saints gathered into the one body of your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and together with them receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. All of this is ours because of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ....

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION: *As we celebrate Holy Communion, we will sing the following hymns:*

"The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644, v. 1-3

**The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.**

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

"The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644, v. 4-5

Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace.
C: (*sing*) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

LSB 575 v. 1,2,4

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain**

**ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain**

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Serving In Worship



Sunday 01/18	8:00 worship	10:30 worship
Deacon	Joel Allison	Brian Kirn
Musicians	Diane Long	Diane Long
Greeters	Jeannie Boxdorfer	Joel Allison
Readers	Robin Cole	Susan Allison
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Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.



TO ALL WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

When Jesus said – “*This is My Body...this is My Blood*” – He really meant it. We believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. Jesus is present with His Body and Blood, given to us in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. It is an act of His love, which we don’t deserve, we cannot explain, nor even understand. It is the request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us share our faith. As we participate, we follow Scripture’s instruction to – “examine yourself,” using the questions below. We also believe Scripture’s instruction to be in unity with our brother.

- Do I believe that I have come short of God’s expectations, and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus, my Savior and Lord, forgives me?
- Will I, with a grateful heart, and in loving obedience, allow God’s Holy Spirit to improve my attitudes, and empower me to live for Him?
- Do I share the confession and therefore unity with this congregation?

If you answer “No” to any question or if it is your first time at Good Shepherd or if you have any additional questions, please speak with the Pastor.

If you wish to commune, please check the box next to your name on the attendance card and place it in the offering plates.

When you are ushered to the front for communion, you are welcome to either kneel or stand. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available to those that for health reasons cannot have wheat wafers and/or wine.