

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

We Are God's Temple
February 22 & 23, 2014
5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

The light of Epiphany shines brightly through today's Scripture readings. St. Paul confronts us with a frightful, yet amazingly graceful, truth about ourselves: "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (*1 Corinthians 3:16*). Each of the baptized is God's temple, an in-dwelling of God's Spirit! This could frighten us. Or—and this is what Paul was getting at—it could enliven us to show the mercy of God in our lives. Provide for the poor. Deal truthfully in business. Care for those with disabilities. Love your neighbor as yourself. Lutherans know that none of these earns us salvation; but we also know that since in Christ we are God's temple, where the Spirit dwells, loving our neighbor as ourselves is not optional. It is the fruit that we bear as the people God made us to be. And so again God calls us to "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (*Matthew 5:16*). This is bright Epiphany light indeed.

5:00 PRESERVICE BELL ANTHEMS *"Rigaudon" "Fantasy on Hyfrodol"*

WELCOME

*"He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart." Isaiah 40:11"*

WORD OF GREETING

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
How-so-e'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

(Rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: People of God, praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: bring an offering, and come into His courts!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord of mercy and might, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to you.
Our lack of desire to be holy as you are holy,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our building parts of our lives on shaky and ungodly foundations,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our seeking an eye for an eye and our hatred of our enemies,

People: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #940 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" *Stanzas 1,4,5*

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18 (*The LORD is holy*)

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy. “ ‘When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God ““Do not steal. ““Do not lie. ““Do not deceive one another. ““Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the Lord. ““Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. ““Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight. ““Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the Lord. ““Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. ““Do not go about spreading slander among your people. ““Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the Lord. ““Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. ““Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 3:10–23 (*The foundation is Jesus Christ*)

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is sacred, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a “fool” so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness”; and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile,” So, then, no more boasting about men! All things are yours, whether Paul or

Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future – all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

5:00 ANTHEM

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty” Kevin McChesney

Choir

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:38–48 (*Love your enemies*)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #700 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

SERMON

“Extreme Love”

Matthew 5:38-48

(Rise)

NICENE CREED *(found on the inside back cover of they hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

5:00 BELL ANTHEM

“King of Kings and Lord of Lords”

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for all God’s children who are loved by the Lord. Almighty God, you have shown the world your amazing love and grace displayed in the cross of Jesus Christ.

People: Bless pastors, missionaries, and all full-time church workers to proclaim boldly and freely the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Father in heaven, bless our congregation to grow in the grace and knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ.

People: Lead us by your good Spirit, that we would serve our neighbors with the love we have known in our Savior.

Pastor: Father in heaven, bless all Christians, granting to all a genuine, repentant faith,

People: and leading us to turn from our sins, trust in Christ for forgiveness, and to grow in walking with Christ all our days.

Pastor: Lord of lords, bless this country, that those in positions of public trust would serve honorably.

People: Grant that we might be guarded from all harm and danger and that our citizens would submit to the governing authorities, loving, honoring, serving and obeying those whom God has placed over us.

Pastor: Lord of healing and hope, we pray for the sick, the distressed, and those suffering, especially Jason Key, Jr., Almon, Rosalie, Dorothy, Ruth, Warren, Corinne, Virginia, Dorothy, Sarah and Joe, asking for relief from pain and healing for their afflictions according to your will.

People: Grant patience and perseverance to all who suffer troubles and trails, granting perseverance and peace through faith in Christ.

Pastor: Lord of life, we pray for those who grieve the death of loved ones, that they might have hope even in the face of death. We pray for comfort for all who continue to mourn those who have passed on. We also give thanks with Barb, John, and Kristy, as they remember their husband and father, Jerry.

People: Grant us all to look to the Day of the resurrection of the dead, finding hope in the promise of the resurrection and eternal life to come for all believers in Jesus.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, we ask your blessing upon the mission and ministry of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

People: Lead them by your Spirit to bring Christ to the nations and the nations to your church.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for those who receive your body and blood at this altar today.

People: Grant that we who partake would come in sincere sorrow over our sins, with the desire to repent and amend our sinful ways, filled with a genuine faith and trust in Christ and His treasures of forgiveness and everlasting life.

Pastor: These things and whatever else you know that we need, kind Father, grant us for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI #550

“Lamb of God”

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died: The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

5:00 BELL ANTHEM *“I Am the Bread of Life”*

HYMN #709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

HYMN #543 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and o the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

HYMN #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heave 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 every 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 every grace endured.

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.

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.

COMMON DISMISSAL

DEDICATION OF COMMITMENTS

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy and most gracious Lord, provider for the needs of every living creature, you have provided for us this feast of the body and blood of your Son. Forgiven in His name and joined together as His body, empower us to bear the fruit you intend to be our way of life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: You are God's temple. God's Spirit dwells in you. You shall be holy, as the LORD is holy. You are Christ's, and Christ is God's. 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 favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #793 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

(Sung to tune: LSB#367 "Angels From the Realms of Glory")

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt. Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1800–80

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