

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Behold, the Lamb of God

January 18 & 19, 2014

AS WE GATHER

Epiphany immerses us in learning about what it means for all nations to be invited and embraced by the grace of Jesus. In this season, Epistle and Gospel readings are frequently sequential from one Sunday to the next. The purpose of these continuous readings is for us to become deeply familiar with portions of Holy Scriptures that teach about the identity of Jesus. This week's Holy Gospel reading, John 1:29–42a, follows up on last week's revelation of the Baptism of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 1:1–9 is the first of many throughout Epiphany drawn from Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. Paul exhorts the Corinthians to be one in faith and love, always confessing and teaching that salvation is in Christ alone.

10:30 BELL ANTHEM

"Rigaudon"

WELCOME

"Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Deuteronomy 30:19b-20)"

MINISTRY MOMENT

A Place Of Refuge & LifeWalk

FELLOWSHIP GREETING

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #814 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within in me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!

'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.
He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th' oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Pastor: But with you there is forgiveness;

People: that you may be feared.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Pastor: But with you there is forgiveness;

People: Therefore you are feared.

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

All: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live to serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE**“This Is the Feast”**

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Refrain *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everlasting God, who govern 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. Amen.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 49:1–7 (*The Servant of the LORD*) Listen 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. He 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. He said to me, “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.” And 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 – he 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.” This 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 (*Thanksgiving*) Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To 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 – their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and in all your knowledge – because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord is faithful.**5:00 ANTHEM***“Come, Feed My Lambs”**Jr. High Choir***8:00 ANTHEM***“A Child of Hope and Love”**Choir*

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:29–42a (*Behold, the Lamb of God*) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I 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.’ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.” The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” “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. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**SERMON HYMN #684****“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”***“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!

SERMON *“The Truth About Life”*

(Rise)

LUTHER’S EXPLANATION— THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES’ CREED

People: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

(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.

10:30 BELL ANTHEM DURING OFFERING *“Alleluia”*

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us come before our Father in heaven, lifting our prayers in the name of Jesus. Almighty God, we give thanks to you that as you once formed Isaiah from the womb to be your servant, so you have also called us to be born again as your children by means of Holy Baptism. As your people now forgiven for the sake of Christ, we pray, incline your ear to us and hear our cries for your mercy.

People: Continually speak the new song of your Gospel into our ears and hearts, so that it might in turn be the song of praise upon our lips to all who will hear.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for the work of your apostle Andrew, who told Peter the Word of truth that he had heard and then brought his brother to you. Preserve us from any temptation that would lead us to conceal your steadfast love and faithfulness from others.

People: As we go about our daily lives, fulfilling our responsibilities, bestow upon us every good gift needed to tell others of you and invite them to hear your saving Word in our congregation.

Pastor: Creator and Preserver of all things, we give thanks that you form us in the womb and give us life. We pray that you would foster among us a high regard for your gifts of motherhood and childbearing. Grant us to speak up regarding the evils of destroying life in the womb. Bless the ministry of a Place of Refuge and all ministries that support mothers and their children.

People: Bless all women who are with child, granting health and safety through pregnancy, labor and delivery. Grant us all to rejoice in the gift of life from your hand.

Pastor: Almighty God, you have set authorities over us to commend the good and punish evildoers. Bless all those in positions of authority: parents, teachers, police officers, and all who lead in governing.

People: Give them wisdom and diligence to use their authority according to your will and good pleasure.

Pastor: O God, the Help of the helpless, have mercy upon all who cry to you for help. Heal the sick, injured and afflicted according to your will, and in

the meantime give them the glad confidence of your gracious favor for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray especially for those who have requested our prayers: Warren, Ruth , Corinne, Virginia, Carlene, Heidi, June, Lorina, Sarah and Joe.

People: Visit those who are incarcerated by authority or homebound by infirmity; assure them that you will not forget your people wherever they are found, and use us as your instruments to relieve their solitude as we are able.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks to you that John the Baptist revealed you to the people with the words, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Until Your return in glory, we pray that we might by faith behold you in your Holy Supper.

People: Grant us all to have prepared and penitent hearts to receive your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Pastor: Everlasting Father, with thanksgiving for all of your people whom you have delivered from this vale of tears, we pray that you would sustain us to the end, that by your grace we might be found guiltless in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: Fill us all with hope and a healthy longing for the life of the world to come.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through faith in Christ Jesus.

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

“Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(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.

10:30 BELL ANTHEM *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

HYMN #918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more:
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction, Land me safe on Canaan’s side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

HYMN #606 “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

HYMN #609 “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing, Pardon,
peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e’er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.

I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression.
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion:
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release And my ev’ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven:
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

NUNC DIMITTIS

“Thank the Lord”

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a

foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son’s body and
blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage
that, on the Day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints,
celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no
end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and +
give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

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.

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