

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
2nd Sunday After Epiphany
January 15, 2023
Service of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. *-silence-*
Holy One, source of renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Rise, Shine, You People"

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1. **Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**
2. **See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**
3. **Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**
4. **Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.**

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.

KYRIE

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**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family:
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

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**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

1. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**
2. **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
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. 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.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen 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. He 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. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But 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." And 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—he 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.” Thus 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.

ANTHEM (10:30)

"Come to the Light"

arr. Mary McDonald

PSALM 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”**

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

**I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great
congregation.**

Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To 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: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so

that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 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.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 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?" 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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 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).

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Ann Marshall

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

#311

1. **Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's' greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression and rule in equity.**
2. **You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.**
3. **You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.
Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

4. **Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church the world, and all in need.

Petitions end: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

#531

1. **The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
the feast is ready to begin.**

2. **Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
the feast is ready to begin.**
3. **The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
the feast is ready to begin.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. Liberating God,
**you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings
in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your
justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*spoken*)

The Lord be with you.

And also 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

At the conclusion: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"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; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb
 of God.

"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"

#737

1. He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
 as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
 a pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.
2. He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;
 half seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky
 of night within the heart, of night within the heart.
3. He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;
 yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
 a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
4. He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;
 to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name,
 for ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.
5. He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
 the Christ in all the scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown,
 our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

"O Morning Star"

#308

1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
 You shine with God's own truth and light,
 aglow with grace and mercy!
 Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
 our Lord and Savior, you have won
 our hearts to serve you only!
 Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
 Rule and might o'er all possessing!
2. Come, precious diamond, light divine,
 and deep with in our hearts now shine;
 there light a flame undying!
 In your one body let us be
 as living branches of a tree,
 your life our lives supplying.
 Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us,
 yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.
3. Lord, when you look on us in love,
 At once there falls from God above
 a ray of purest pleasure.
 Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
 refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
 You are our dearest treasure!
 Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you teach us
 God's own love through you has reached us.

4. **Almighty Father, in your Son
you loved us, when not yet begun
was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
to live in him here and above:
this is your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life for ever,
keeps us yours and fails us never.**
5. **Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory.**
6. **What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of Gladness! We are yearning
for the day of your returning.**

TABLE BLESSING *At the conclusion: Amen*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *At the conclusion: Amen*

SENDING

BENEDICTION *At the conclusion: Amen.*

SENDING SONG *"Jesus Calls U;s O'er the Tumult"*

#696

1. **Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me":**
2. **As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.**
3. **Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."**
4. **In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**
5. **Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE