

January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday after Epiphany



**BEHOLD
THE LAMB
OF GOD
WHO TAKES
AWAY
THE SINS OF
THE WORLD.**



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #480

"Lord of the Worlds Above"

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

C ♪ Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response

TLH 68:5

C ♪ **All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.**

The Introit

Ps. 19:1-4, 14

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
- C** **The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**
- P** Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
- C** **There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.**
- P** Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

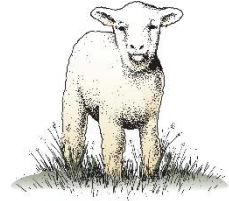
A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- 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.**

John 1:29-41

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.'³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."³² And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend

and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." ³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).



"Behold,
THE LAMB OF GOD,
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OF THE WORLD!"
JOHN 1:29, ESV

Acts 13:38-49

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰ Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: ⁴¹ "'Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.'" ⁴² As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. ⁴³ And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. ⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by

Paul, reviling him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #132:1-2, 4

"O God of God, O Light of Light"



Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ² 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. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing

and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from 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 eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- ⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."


Christ Alone Comes

"With Liberty. . . and Justice. . . for All."



The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

C  **Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.**

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

Hymn: TLH #652

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

✠ **The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C  **Amen, amen, a - men.**

Hymn: TLH #584

"Swell the Anthem, Raise the Song"

Voters' Meeting Today! The Annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for today, to be held after the potluck luncheon. There are important topics to be discussed, including setting the Church budget for 2023. Voters, please attend!

CLC Call News Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, **has been called** to serve the vacancy at Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac. WI <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ **has been called** to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA and Redemption Lutheran Church and School, Lynwood, WA. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WI, **has been called** to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, **is still considering** the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

Tanzania Missionary – Pastor Bruce Naumann has been led to accept the divine call to serve as a resident Missionary to Tanzania. His primary responsibility will be assisting the TZ-CLC as they continue to develop the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary. He will be teaching several classes and helping to develop seminary curriculum that will be used for years to come to train faithful pastors and leaders. Missionary Naumann will be commissioned in mid-March and is planning to take up residence in Tanzania by the last week of late March. This will give him a couple of weeks to get settled before second-semester classes begin shortly after the Easter break. Following a one-month furlough in the U.S. this summer he will be joined by his wife Paula when he returns to Tanzania in August in time for the beginning of the third semester. **Thank the Lord** for providing a faithful servant to take up this important work of training more workers for the harvest fields of East Africa and his faithful and willing wife!

<u>January 15th Offerings:</u>	\$ 1,466.75
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$25,193.09
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$30,382.75
Total Cash All Funds	\$70,911.68

Mon John 4:5-14 Jesus, truly human, is waiting by the well, weary from His journey, yet He displays His divine glory as He seeks to bring to a Samaritan woman the water of eternal life. She is amazed that He even speaks to her, but He patiently continues His missionary work with her.

Tues John 4:31-42 As the Samaritan woman (from yesterday's reading) returns to town rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world, Jesus sees an even greater harvest beginning. Many Samaritans in that town came out to Jesus because of the woman's testimony and became convinced because of His word.

Wed Romans 1:13-20 The apostle Paul also sees the glory of God revealed in the good news of Jesus, and seeks to bring it to all nations, Jews and non-Jews, Greeks and non-Greeks, and especially to the capital city of the Roman empire. Truly all need this gospel, for knowing the eternal power and divine nature of God, on display since creation, does not dispel His wrath over sin (v18), but Jesus does! He is the "Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations" (TLH657).

Thurs 2 Kings 5:1-5 As Jesus sought to bring blessing to the woman at the well (Jn4), a little Israelite slave girl in a foreign land shows the same spirit in seeking the best for her master, Naaman, who has leprosy. She tells of the LORD's prophet in Israel. Naaman is held in such honor by the king of Syria that he will even send him to Israel with many gifts to seek healing.

Fri 2 Kings 5:6-19 The king of Israel does not have the confidence in the LORD's prophet that the little slave has (v3), but Elisha tells the king to send Naaman to him. Through a servant Naaman is given the message to bathe in the Jordan. This seems too simple to Naaman, but when he finally follows the prophet's word, he is healed, and sees that it is not the Jordan, but the LORD who heals. Thus he was also healed spiritually.

Sat Psalm 93 The LORD is always robed in majesty and strength, but our poor eyes do not always see it. Still, He is "king of creation," mightier than the thunderous floods of waters, that wear down mountains and cut deep valleys on this earth's surface. When He bends down to help us, we behold His glory.