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5th Sunday after Epiphany

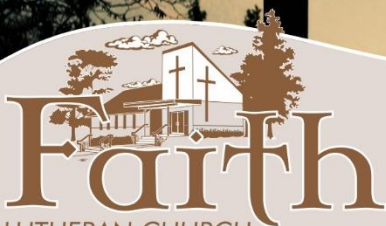


Let the one who boasts

**BOAST**

in the

**LORD**



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #16

*"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"*

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

**C** ♪ Amen.

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

### Confession of Our Sins

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

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**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** ♪ ***Who made heaven and earth.***

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** ♪ ***And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.***

**P** O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Absolution from Our God

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*"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)*

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**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** ♪ Amen.

## The Introit

Ps. 1

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

- P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- C** **But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.**
- P** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- C** **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- C** **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## The Gloria Patri

TLH 39:5

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

- C** ♪ **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before  
Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

## Collect Prayer of the Day

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

- P** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**

### Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will

contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." <sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



**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 #376**

*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to

worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**Finding Inner Weakness**

- I. By Myself: Strength Becomes Weakness
- II. With Christ: Weakness Becomes Strength

**The Offertory**

**☩ ♪ 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 #370

*"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

✠ The General Prayer & the Lord's Prayer ✠



✠ Order of Holy Communion ✠



The Preface

*To the tune of "From All that Dwell Below"*

- P** ♪ Oh, may the good Lord be with you.  
**C** ♪ **And may the Lord be with you too.**  
**P** ♪ Oh, praise Him!  
**C** ♪ **Alleluia!**  
**P** ♪ With hearts uplifted thank the Lord.  
**C** ♪ **We lift them up. Be God adored!**  
**P** ♪ Oh, praise Him!  
**C** ♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**P** Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, O Lord, holy Father, God of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our paschal Lamb, sacrificed to take away our sin and raised again that death might be swallowed up in everlasting victory. With thanks and joy we join the hymn offered by Your faithful always and everywhere:

The Sanctus

*To the tune of "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

- C** ♪ **Heav'nly hosts proclaim Your glory,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
All on earth repeat the story,  
God of hosts, by all adored.  
Blest is He who comes, victorious,  
In the name of God the King!  
Our hosannas, glad and glorious,  
To the Lord of all we sing!**

## **The Words of Institution**

*Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

### **The Agnus Dei**

*To the tune of "Christ, the Life of All"*

**C** ♪ **Lamb of God, our mighty Savior, All our sins You take away.**  
**Lamb of God, by Your great favor,**  
**Lord, have mercy now, we pray.**  
**Lamb of God, our prayers attending,**  
**Never let Your mercies cease,**  
**But, Your Holy Spirit sending, Grant us all Your gift of peace.**

### **Communion Today is for Members Only Please**

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

### **✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠**

### **Thanksgiving**

*To the tune of "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

**C** ♪ **Thank the Lord, His praises voicing,**  
**For His promised faithfulness! All who seek the Lord, rejoicing,**  
**Tell His love, His name confess.**  
**Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free**  
**By His mercy to inherit Life and joy eternally!**

**P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**The Benediction**

*To the tune of "Go, My Children"*

**P** ♪ *May the good Lord bless and keep you.*

**C** ♪ **Thanks be to God!**

**P** ♪ *May God lift His face upon you.*

**C** ♪ **Thanks be to God!**

**P** ♪ *May God's shining face behold you  
And God's favor e'er uphold you.*

*May God's peace and love enfold you.*

**C** ♪ **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn: TLH #383:1,4**

*"Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way"*

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**KINSHIP Orphan** – If you are able to contribute to the sponsorship of our congregation's orphan in Myanmar (\$540 annually), please do so in your offering! Thank you!

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

<b><u>January 29<sup>th</sup> Offerings:</u></b>	\$ 1,417.50
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,661.54
General Fund Balance	\$22,206.23
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$30,657.75
<b>Total Cash All Funds</b>	<b>\$68,199.82</b>