

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Grace Lutheran Church ~ ELCA
January 19, 2020



Good morning & Welcome to Grace!

Our mission is to invite and welcome all to the fellowship of Christ
in service to our community.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE WITH US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING.

WE ASK THAT EVERYONE – or every family - fill out the information card you received from the ushers. Thanks!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP AT GRACE! Each week, prior to the reading of scripture, a special Children's Message is offered for our young ones. Adults are welcome to accompany any little ones who are shy or nervous. Grace also provides a nursery for families to use during worship with children age 6 or younger.

YOUR BULLETIN contains the worship service in its entirety, with the exception of hymns. Your hymnal, the **ELW**, is located beneath your seat and hymns are at the back of the book.

IN THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S FREE GIFT OF GRACE TO US IN JESUS CHRIST, WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST EACH WEEK. Communion is served continuously, with rows dismissed by ushers. We ask that you come down the center aisle and return via the side aisles. More information is provided in the "MEAL" section of your bulletin.

AT GRACE, ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTAKE OF THE MEAL. *Communion* is one of two Sacraments in the Lutheran church, the other being *Baptism*. If you have questions about our worship service, about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

Again, welcome to worship!

GATHERING ~ The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*those moved to do so may stand

PRELUDE ~ “Andantino”

N.W. Gade

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ, crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us, you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God’s child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen**

***GATHERING SONG ~ “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

ELW #815

***GREETING**

The grace of our incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Detailed description: This block contains the first part of the canticle. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written on a single staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first line is the refrain: "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -". The second line continues the refrain: "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third line starts the first verse: "1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us". The fourth line continues the first verse: "free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and". The fifth line concludes the first verse: "strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his."

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

Detailed description: This block contains the second part of the canticle. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written on a single staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first line is the refrain: "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -". The second line continues the refrain: "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third line starts the second verse: "2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the". The fourth line concludes the second verse: "hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and".



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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 ~ God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 49:1-7

¹Listen 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. ²He 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. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But 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."

⁵And 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—⁶he 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.”

⁷Thus 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.**

PSALM 40:1-11 (Read responsively)

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

⁷And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’”**

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING**1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9**

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To 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:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God 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** (*we invite all who are able, to stand*)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

***GOSPEL:**

John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I 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.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ 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?”³⁹ 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.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² 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).

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON ~ *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *“Thy Strong Word”*

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***APOSTLE’S CREED**

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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE PEACE**

*Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

After the prayers, those assembled greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 A.M.) ~ “*Living Water*”

L. Larson

MEAL ~ *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERTORY ~ “*The Shepherd on the Hills*”

G. Williams

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother’s womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

The presiding minister continues with the preface of the day:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God who we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table of mercy and joy. **Amen**

The assembly is seated.

A WORD ABOUT THE MEAL:

All are welcome at the Table. Please note that the large Chalice contains wine, and you may either dip your wafer into the Cup (intinction) or drink directly from it. The trays hold small, prefilled glasses – red is wine, white is juice. Gluten free wafers are available – simply inform the pastor of your preference and they will offer you the dish from which you may take our own wafer.

We invite anyone who does not commune to come forward for a blessing. If mobility is an issue, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you at your seat.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ *“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”*
~ *“Here I Am, Lord”*

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*BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

SENDING ~ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen**

***SENDING SONG ~ “We Are Marching in the Light”**

See insert

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE ~ “Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein”

D. Buxtehude

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