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Second Sunday of Epiphany
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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Confession, Ten Commandments and Absolution:

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring 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 to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Ten Commandments

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have Mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. Amen

Hymn: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Verse 1

Praise my soul the King of heaven
To His feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed healed restored forgiven
Who like thee His praise should sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King

Verse 2

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress
Praise Him still the same forever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness

Verse 3

Father-like He tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame He knows
In His hands He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as His mercy flows

Verse 4

Angels in the height adore Him
Ye behold Him face to face
Sun and moon bow down before Him
Dwellers all in time and space
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace

Psalm – 29

P: ¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,*
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: ²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

P: ³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon
the mighty waters.

C: ⁴**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

P: ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

P: ⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

C: ⁸**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.**

P: ⁹And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"

C: ¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.**

ALL: ¹¹**The Lord shall give strength to his people;* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 6: 12-20

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Prayers for the Whole People of God - Respond **"hear our prayer"**

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1-13

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Sermon: **"Well Pleased"**

Hymn: **On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry** (*on screen*)

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry



On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And make us
that — the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken, for he
way — for God with - in, And let us all our hearts pre -
and — our great re - ward; With - out your grace we waste a -
rise — to fall no more; Oh let your face up - on us
brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
pare For Christ to come and en - ter there!
way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
shine And fill the world with love di - vine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; trans. John Chandler, 1806-1876, Tune: Michael Praetorius, 1571-1623, Sola Online eResource

The Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the 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

. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Holy Communion - Distribution of the Elements - Blessing

Benediction

P: Go in peace to serve the Risen Living Word, Jesus Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Prayer Concerns: January 17, 2021

For our active duty military & law enforcement personnel –

Jeremy Aamold, Michael Aamold, Devin Polson, Samuel Savoie; Cody Jane Wymore, Andrew Stoen, & Cory Forbrook, Brian Denke

Karen Zacho – healing following double lung transplant (Nancy Anderson's sister)

Jessica Weedman – ovarian cancer. (friend of Denke family)

Jayne Schmidt - healing of severe bone condition and pain (Friend of Paul & Paulette Johnson)

Heather Bitzen-healing from brain surgery and support for her family (friend of Denke family)

Jessica- healing of severe Chron's disease

Donna Feigum-prayers for healing (friend of Carol Fingerson)

Paulette Johnson- healing of medical issues.

Marlys Weispfennig-strength and healing (mother of Ed Weispfennig)

Tony- cancer treatment (in-law of Pastor A.J.)

Wilma Johnson – continued recovery partial hip replacement

Lyn Kreps – Healing of Ovarian Cancer (Sandy Aamold's sister-in-law)

Rick Klukken – 2nd brain tumor-Director of Gordon Men's Choir

Mitch Klammer – Prayers for healing and strength after bad fall (great nephew of Ron & Jeanette Stoen)

Hannah – struggles with addiction (granddaughter of Wayne & Karen Becker)

Rob Stenman – on dialysis, in need of a kidney transplant (Family member of Pat Denke)

Bob Shaffer – dementia

Gina Shaffer – diagnosis of cancer

Linda W. – Meningitis (Friend of Pastor Nate)

Alicia B. – recovery (Friend of Pastor Nate)

Annette – hospitalization for health concerns and strength during social distancing (Terry Berger's daughter)

Teri Peterson – Chemo for non-hodgkins lymphoma (Elder and Deloris Petersons daughter-in-law)

Pastor Dave Steffenson – healing and successful treatment from pancreatic cancer (Maren Burgau)

Dan A. – fight against brain cancer (friend of Pastor Nate)

Charlotte Johnson – for recent diagnosis and as new living arrangements are made. Robin's Mom (Pat Denke)

Bruce Mitchell – healing and recover from recent fall (friend of Elder & Deloris Peterson)

Richard Rogers – successful and quick healing following hip surgery following a fall (Paul Johnson's brother in law)

Margene Kreps – recovery and healing from a stroke (Sandy Aamolds's mother)

Julaine – successful cancer treatment (friend of Pastor Nate & Ruth)

Leisa – successful cancer treatment (friend of Pastor Nate & Ruth)

David Holt – heart issues (Darla Kaiser's nephew)

Wayne Becker – recovery and healing from knee surgery

From the Prayer Jar:

Pray for our church leadership and upcoming annual meeting.

Pray for our LW members who have not been able to worship with use physically for some time.

Pray for our LW member to dive deep into scripture as we enter this New Year.

Pray for our country. Pray that people would repent of their sin, ask for forgiveness, and turn to God to receive His mercy & grace.

Pray for all people suffering from not only the physical symptoms of the China virus, Co-vid, but also from the emotional, social & financial harm that has been caused by it.