

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 16, 2022**  
American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska  
Pastor. Jonathan Jensen, Transitional Minister, 402-768-3665

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (**Psalm 36:5-10**)

P: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**C: Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

P: How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**C: They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

P: For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

**C: Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

GATHERING HYMN: **"We Praise You, O God" LBW 241**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C; we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

**C: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 62:1-5**

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Noisy offering is taken at this time.*)  
(*Children are excused to go downstairs for Sunday School.*)

**GOSPEL John 2:1-11**

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN OF THE DAY "**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**" LBW 90

*Offerings will be received at this time.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day (Dustin and Janice). Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

**All: (spoken) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN: **LBW 224, WOV 701**

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

**All: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: **"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LBW 259**

#### SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book and feel welcome to come again. You are invited to come downstairs for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Dustin Fritch, Janice Uecker and our shut-ins.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Owen Wehrbein (Jan 18) Katelyn Sanders, Meagan Sanders (Jan 19) Brad Baehr, Xyander Scott (Jan 20) Emily Bohling (Jan 21) Jacob Condit, Ava Smith (Jan 23)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Duane and Judy Fritzen (Jan 26, 1975)

**COMING UP:**

Every Wednesday – BeLoved/Confirmation, 4:00-5:30 p.m

American Lutheran's Annual Meeting will be held today immediately following church.

**THE SHAKE AND BAKE CHICKS** will meet January 20th at 9:30 here at the church to make meals and afterwards will be tying blankets. everyone is welcome to help out.

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

Transitional Minister – Pastor Jonathan Jensen, 402-768-3665

Council – Dave Norton-President (402-520-3555), Virgil Jobman-Vice President (402-310-6339), Carol Frerichs-Secretary (402-223-7919), Brenda Hippen-Treasurer (402-688-4466), Linda Searcey-at large (402-223-8237).

Reader: -Susan Frerichs NEXT WEEK Sign up

PowerPoint Preparer/Presenter – Brenda Hippen NEXT WEEK Brenda Hippen

Audio/Video: Brad Frerichs NEXT WEEK- Sign up

Accompanist: Sarah Harder; NEXT WEEK- Contemporary Group

Fellowship Virgil and Pat Jobman NEXT WEEK -Norm and Karen Mortensen

**SUNMART RECEIPTS:** Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our goal of \$150,000 two times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about \$114,000.00. You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out – first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

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