

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sat. Jan. 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Jan. 15, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

\* indicates congregation stands

**We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!**

**John 3:16-17**

Prelude

The Church's One Foundation *Michael Helman*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation *LSB 644*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

## \* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## \* Opening Sentences

*Psalm 40:1, 3a; Isaiah 49:6*

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry.

**All: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.**

Leader: It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob. . . .

**All: I will also make you as a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.**

## \* Confession and Absolution

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

**All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ☩ Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## \* Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

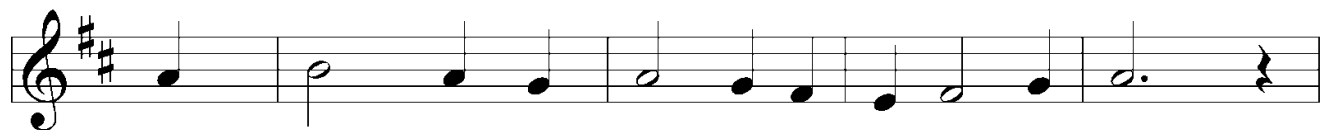
## \* Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

Leader: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



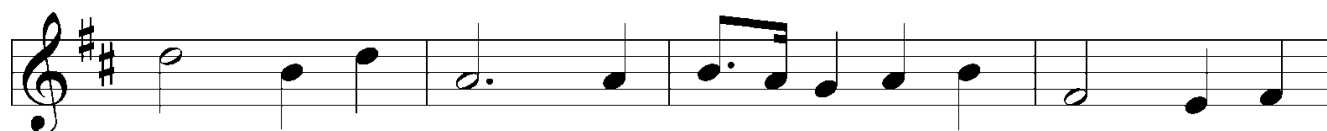
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and 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.

**\* Prayer of the Day**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. 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.

**All: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 49:1-7 *NIV*

***God's Servant is to be light for the nations.***

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 49<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

Listen to me, you islands;  
 hear this, you distant nations:  
 Before I was born the LORD called me;  
 from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.  
 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,  
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
 he made me into a polished arrow  
 and concealed me in his quiver.  
 He said to me, "You are my servant,  
 Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."  
 But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
 I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,  
and my reward is with my God."  
And now the LORD says—  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant  
to bring Jacob back to him  
and gather Israel to himself,  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD  
and my God has been my strength—  
he says:  
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.  
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."  
This is what the LORD says—  
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—  
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,  
to the servant of rulers:  
"Kings will see you and stand up,  
princes will see and bow down,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

I Corinthians 1:1–9 NIV

***God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.***

Lector: The Epistle is from the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of 1 Corinthians.

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

To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

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

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God

thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand to sing the Alleluia and Verse.***

**\* Alleluia and Verse**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\* Holy Gospel**

John 1:29–42a *NIV*

***Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.***

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

Lamb of God *LSB 550*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

**\* Nicene Creed**

**All: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service  
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

### **\* Prayer of the Church**

Leader: Confident that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake and that our heavenly Father is ready to hear our prayers, let us go to Him on behalf of ourselves, those near and dear to us, and the Church around the world.

For the leaders of the Church around the world who, like Isaiah, may question their ministry amid continued opposition, that God would remind them of His presence and move them to renewed vigor as they shine the light of Christ on the dark places of this globe, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who grow crops, tend flocks, distribute food, and alleviate hunger, that God would give them favorable weather, bountiful harvests, and the resources they need as they serve Him and work to meet the needs of people in their neighborhoods and in distant lands, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who lack decent clothing, secure shelter, and adequate nourishment, that God would surround them with caring people to meet their physical needs and share with them the forgiveness of sins won for them by Christ, the Lamb of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who labor in governments, those who go into harm's way as first responders, police forces, and deployed troops, and those who teach in schools at all levels, that God would keep them safe and give them wisdom and courage to do His will, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For ourselves and faith-filled people everywhere—individuals, couples, nuclear families, and extended clans—who seek to pass on God's forgiveness in Christ with words and actions, that God would renew their faith, increase their resolve, and provide opportunity to share their faith, hope, and love, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into Your hands, Lord our God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### \* Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

### \* Words of Institution

### \* Peace of the Lord

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

\* Agnus Dei



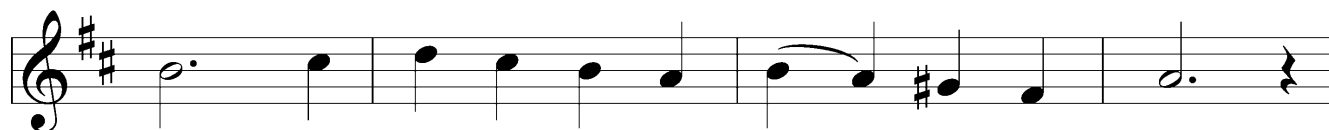
**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



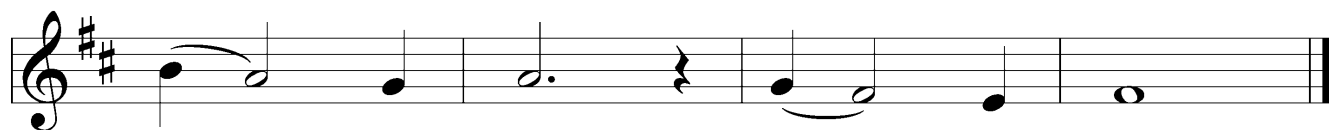
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered continuously. You may follow the direction of the usher. We invite those who are not communing to receive a blessing by crossing their arms when standing before the bread host. The wine will be offered by individual cups. Please place empty individual cups in the glass bowls in front of the aisles. Those preferring non-alcoholic wine may take the individual cups from the center of each tray. Those needing a gluten free wafer may request one from the bread host.

Music during Distribution

Not What These Hands Have Done *LSB 567*



1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;  
 2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;  
 3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;  
 4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,



Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can make my spir - it whole.  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.  
Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.  
Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

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## \* Post-Communion Dismissal

## \* Post-Communion Canticle



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



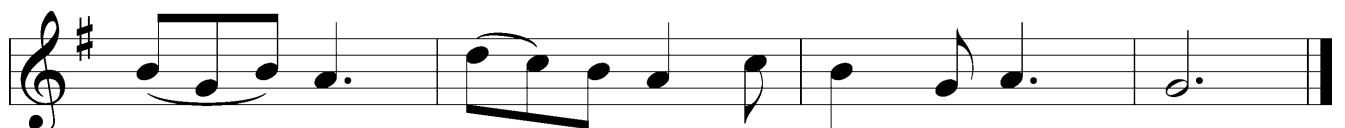
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



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

## \* Post-Communion Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together,

**All:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## \* Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Beautiful Savior *LSB 537*



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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## Postlude

The Church's One Foundation *Robert Hobby*

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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## WE WORSHIP GOD!

While we are united through faith in Jesus Christ, we express our praise and thanksgiving with different worship styles. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Saturday • 6:00 p.m. &  
Sunday • 8:30 a.m.**

Traditional worship services featuring the Lutheran liturgy, hymns and choral music.

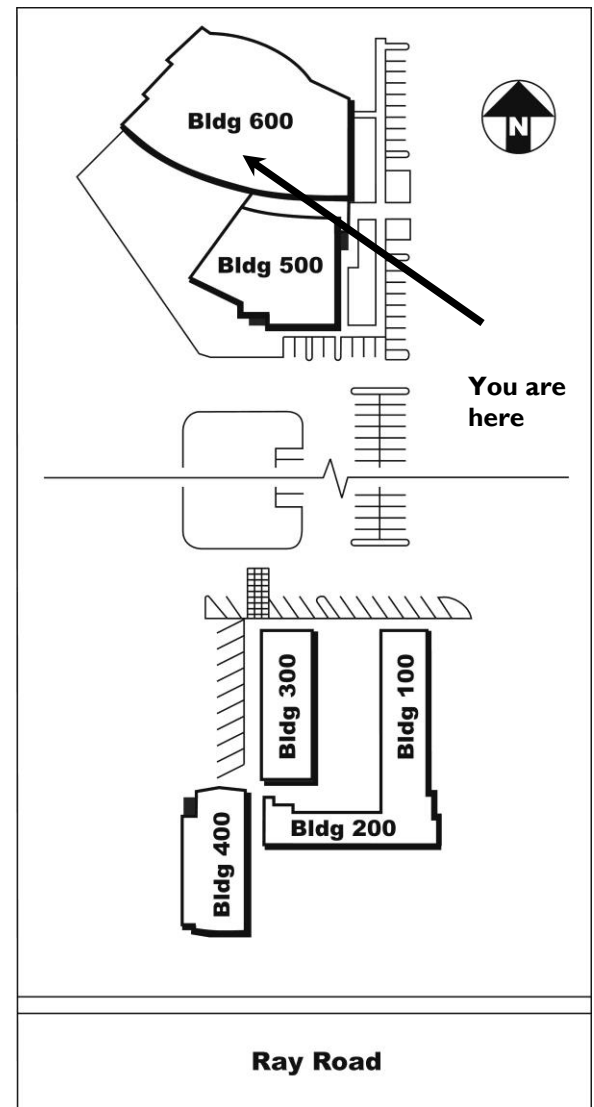
**Sunday • 11:00 a.m.**

An informal and celebrative worship experience using contemporary Christian music led by our praise band.

## WE GROW IN FAITH!

• 9:45 a.m. •

We offer simultaneous Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School classes at various rooms on our North and South Campuses. See the *Epiphany Star* insert for class descriptions and locations. Please feel free to ask Pastor Mark or ushers if you are uncertain about a location.



### Campus map

- 100 • Classrooms
  - Youth room
- 200 • Classrooms
  - Dining area/Fellowship Hall
  - Kitchen
- 300 • Classrooms
  - Ray of Light Preschool Office
- 400 • Education
- 500 • Church Office
  - Conference Rooms
  - Nursery
- 600 • Worship Center/Sanctuary

