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**THE LAMB  
OF GOD!**





## **“Look, the Lamb of God who Takes Away the Sin of the World!”**

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Epiphany

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Christian Education: 11:00 am

**OUR REDEEMER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Welcome to Our Redeemer**

Our Epiphany worship continues with a special revelation. Today we hear the declaration of John the Baptist who said of Jesus, “Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Jesus is the one to whom we look. Jesus is the one in whom we trust. Jesus is the one from whom we receive countless gifts of grace. How blessed we are to have John’s witness which confirms what God the Father proclaimed, “This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him.”

### **For Parents with Small Children**

A children’s bulletin is available in the basket with the service folders. Restrooms and a video monitor are located in the fellowship hall. Please go left and enter through the double doors of the adjacent building.

## **The Order of Worship**

### **Pre-Service Music**

#### **Call to Worship**

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you.

**Opening Hymn**      “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”  
*Christian Worship 227*

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## Invocation

P: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

To him who sits on the throne—together with the Father and the Spirit—be blessing and honor and glory and forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen!**

## Song of Praise

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take ref-uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e—

ter — nal; it stands firm in the heav —

ens. Your faith — ful — ness con — tin — ues for —

ev — er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless — ed are they who take ref—uge in him.

### Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious heavenly Father, you delight in revealing your Son to all the world. Through the declaration of John the Baptist, we come to know he is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Open our eyes by means of this proclamation to see Jesus as the precious Lamb of great worth. Prepare our hearts through the work of the Holy Spirit to trust his great work. Strengthen our faith to acknowledge the truth we are sinners in desperate need of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Then, comfort us with forgiveness. Give us peace in knowing we have been declared not guilty. Fill us with joy in knowing we will live under your divine rule, now and forever. Receive our praise for all you have done to secure our rescue as Father, Son and Spirit.



C: A ——— men.

## The Lessons from God's Word

*"God has Raised Up His Son as Lord and Savior!"*

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 49:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you coastlands.

Pay attention, you faraway peoples!

The LORD called me from the womb.

When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.

He hid me in the shadow of his hand.

He made me a polished arrow.

He concealed me in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup>He said to me, "You are my servant Israel,  
in whom I will display my glory."

<sup>4</sup>But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain.

I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.

Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD,

and my reward is with my God."

<sup>5</sup>But now the LORD,

who formed me from the womb to be his servant,

to turn Jacob back to him,

so that Israel might be gathered to him,

so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,

because my God has been my strength—

<sup>6</sup>the LORD said:

It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant

to raise up only the tribes of Jacob

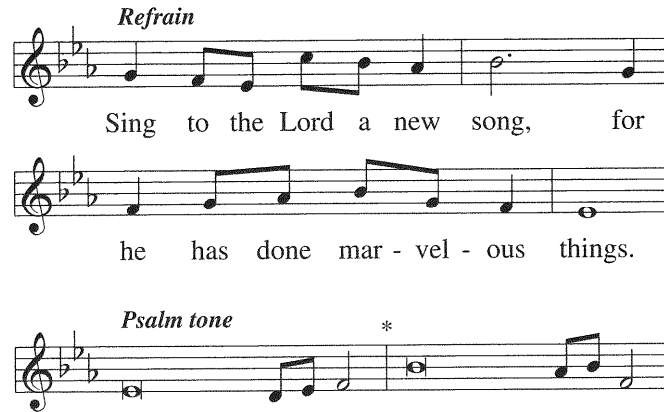
and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,

so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,

so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

## Psalm for the Day

*Psalm 111*



Great are the works | of the LORD; \*  
they are pondered by all who de- | light in them.

Glorious and majestic | are his deeds, \*  
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

He has caused his wonders to be re- | membered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and com- | passionate.

### *Refrain*

The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just; \*  
all his precepts are trust- | worthy.

He provided redemption for his | people; \*  
he ordained his covenant for- | ever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of | wisdom; \*  
all who follow his precepts have good under- | standing.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;

As it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

### *Refrain*

## Epistle

*Colossians 2:6–15*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. <sup>9</sup>For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. <sup>10</sup>And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

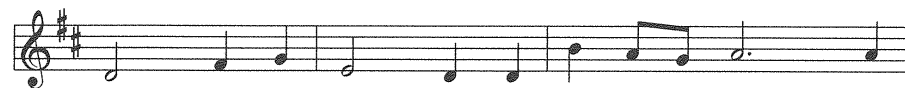
## Verse of the Day

P: These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

## Alleluia



C: Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia!



These words are writ — ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia!

### Gospel

*John 1:29-41*

<sup>29</sup>The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”  
<sup>30</sup>This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>John also testified, “I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup>He told them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

<sup>40</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup>The first thing Andrew did was

to find his own brother Simon and say to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is translated “the Christ”).

P: This is the Word of our God—a Light for those living in darkness; and hope for those living in the fear of death.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### **Hymn of the Day**

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”  
*Christian Worship 397*

### **Sermon**

*John 1:29-34*

**“Look! The Lamb of God!”**

See the fulfillment of the prophets  
See the Savior God provided

### **The Confession of Faith**

*(we unite in the words of the Apostles’ Creed)*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come 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.**

## **Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers for the Lord's Blessing** *Special Prayers and Requests*

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Hymn**

**"Lamb of God, We Fall Before You"**  
*Christian Worship 354*

#### **Closing Prayer**

**P: O Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We rejoice to hear those words proclaimed by John, in addition to the testimony of the Scriptures. Because of them, there is no doubt that you are the one provide by God the Father to secure our forgiveness. You are the one who perfectly**

fulfilled every requirement for our righteousness and reconciliation. Bless us through your Holy Spirit to rely solely on you for our peace and forgiveness. Then bless us with joy in knowing through your precious work we will come into the Kingdom of heaven. There we will praise you together with your Father and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A ——— men.

### The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord in gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with his favor; and

give you peace.



C: A — men. A — men. A ——— men.

### Closing Hymn

“O Jesus, Lamb of God, You Are”

*Christian Worship 27*

### Silent Prayer

#### Announcements

**Today**—Welcome in the name of our Savior—the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. May the blessing of forgiveness, secured by Jesus, bring you lasting peace and incomparable joy. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book. Come back and worship with us again, soon!

- Everyone is invited to enjoy some refreshments, a cup of coffee, and the gift of fellowship after the service.

- There will be no Bible Study today, however, we will have our **Annual Congregation** meeting at 11:00 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend to learn about our ministry as a group of saints for 2023.

**Tuesday**—Outreach & Fellowship Planning meeting at 7:00 pm. All are invited to come, and bring ideas to make this part of our ministry as effective as possible.

**Wednesday**—Bible Class at 7:00 pm. This evening we will consider the miracle of the “Healing of the Paralytic.”

**Friday**—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

**Saturday**—Clean—Justin Schroeder

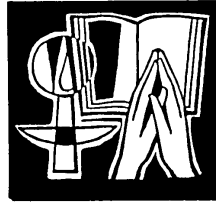
- Mowing beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup>—Todd

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>—Sunday Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am.** Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John to be his disciples with a simple invitation: “follow me.” Jesus uses the same invitation with us. We pray the Holy Spirit would work in our hearts to receive that invitation the same way the disciples did—to leave everything and follow Jesus without hesitation.

- During the service we will have the opportunity to receive the Lord’s Supper. You may register to receive the Sacrament today. If scheduling is a problem, please make arrangements to receive it privately.
- Education will follow the service and will examine the encouragement offered by the apostle John in his first epistle: “If we say we remain in Jesus, then we should walk as Jesus walked.”

## Thank You

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For the next few weeks, before the beginning of Lent, we will focus on the miracles of our Savior. These are wonders, works and signs performed by Jesus to reveal his power as God, and to reveal his faithfulness according to the Scriptures. The miracles we will consider are —

Healing of the Paralytic	January 18 <sup>th</sup>
Healing of the Blind Man	January 25 <sup>th</sup>
Raising of Lazarus	February 1 <sup>st</sup>
Healing of Malchus' Ear	February 8 <sup>th</sup>

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