

# Sunday, Feb. 2; 9 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



**St John's**  
Lutheran Church

*(An usher rings the church bell at 8:55 a.m.)*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Temple Talk

Faith Adventure Youth Group

### Prelude

*(Acolytes light the candles)*

Linda Ranney

### Confession and Forgiveness *(please stand)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**

**and release us from their grasp.  
Show us your loving kindness.  
Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.  
Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.  
**Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

ELW #705; *God of Grace and God of Glory*, vs. 1-3

- 1     God of grace and God of glory,  
      on your people pour your pow'r;  
      crown your ancient church's story;  
      bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
      Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
      for the facing of this hour,  
      for the facing of this hour.
- 2     Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
      scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
      From the fears that long have bound us  
      free our hearts to faith and praise.  
      Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
      for the living of these days,  
      for the living of these days,
- 3     Cure your children's warring madness;  
      bend our pride to your control;  
      shame our wanton, selfish gladness,

rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

## Apostolic Greeting

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

## Kyrie

'Kyrie' from *Now the Feast and Celebration* by Marty Haugen

P: In peace. in peace, . . .

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
 mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

P: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the  
 unity of all . . . (to refrain)

P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the  
 strength to live your word . . . (to refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O  
 God. A - men.

*Congregation:*

## Canticle of Praise

'Now The Feast' vs. 1, 3 from *Now the Feast and Celebration* by Marty Haugen

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,  
<sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”  
<sup>6</sup> Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me,  
“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.”  
<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,  
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reading: Psalm 71:1-6 (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
**<sup>2</sup>In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**  
<sup>3</sup>Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.  
**<sup>4</sup>Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**  
<sup>5</sup>For you, O LORD, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.  
**<sup>6</sup>Upon you I have leaned from my birth;**

**it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.**

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Time

### Gospel Acclamation *(please stand)*

'Alleluia' from *Now The Feast and Celebration* by Marty Haugen

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

### Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When

they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

### **Sermon** *(please sit)*

*Speaking for the King* -- Rev. Eric Nielsen

### **Hymn of the Day** *(please stand)*

ELW #669; *Rise Up, O Saints of God*

- 1     Rise up, O saints of God!  
      From vain ambitions turn;  
      Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
      with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2     Speak out, O saints of God!  
      Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
      as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
      the word of hope proclaim.
- 3     Rise up, O saints of God!  
      The kingdom's task embrace;  
      redress sin's cruel consequence;  
      give justice larger place.
- 4     Give heed, O saints of God!  
      Creation cries in pain;  
      stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
      with love the weak sustain.
- 5     Commit your hearts to seek  
      the paths which Christ has trod;  
      and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
      rise up, O saints of God!

## Apostles' 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 the People

Petition:  
God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you.**

*(Ushers collect offering. Begin at the back of the sanctuary on the inside aisle and collect as you move to the front and continue around to the outside aisle returning with the offering to the Gathering Area. One usher collects offering from balcony.)*

## Offering *(please sit)*

*Grace Lifted Me* arr. Patti Drennan; St. John's Choir




## Offertory (please stand – Acolytes receive the offering)

'As the Grains of Wheat' vs.1 from *Now the Feast and Celebration* by Marty Haugen

### Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

### Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
to Refrain  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.**

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

### Holy, Holy

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Eucharistic Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**


### Invitation to the Table *(please sit)*

The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*(Acolyte- comes forward for communion. The 2 ushers will go to the front of the Sanctuary and begin releasing worshippers to receive a wafer and wine.)*


### Lamb of God

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,      you   take   a - way   the   sin   of   the  
you   break   the chains of   ha - tred   and  
you   are   the way of   jus - tice   and  
you   are   the way of   mer - cy   and

*Congregation:*



world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer-cy      on      us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*



take   a - way   the sins of   the world:      grant   us peace,  
grant   us peace,      grant   us   peace.

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## Communion Hymn

ELW #574; *Here I Am, Lord*

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

### *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

## Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer *(please stand)*

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

Let us pray. Nourishing God,  
**at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,  
Amen.**

## Benediction

The Spirit of the triune God  
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*(Acolytes extinguish the candles)*

ACS #1048; *Founded on Faith*, vs. 1, 3-5

- 1      Founded on faith, the church—alive by grace—  
         proclaims the gospel here and ev'ry place.  
         The word of God resounds through time and space:  
         Alleluia!
- 3      Equipped by prayer, we live the Spirit's call.  
         Empow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,  
         we bring the living hope of God to all.  
         Alleluia!
- 4      Growing in grace for God's created earth,  
         we yearn for justice, peace, and human worth;  
         a world restored; a faithful, caring church.  
         Alleluia!

- 5      Founded on faith, called forth, empow'ered to serve,  
we share God's endless love without reserve.  
Then let us shout aloud the living Word!  
Alleluia!

## Sending

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Linda Ranney

## Altar Flowers

In Honor of our children's birthdays by Mary & Richard Spryer

## Serving at Worship Today

Presider	Rev. Eric Nielsen
Assistant	Cora Klawiter
Lector	Margaret Kinderman
Acolytes	Sophie Ziegler, Xavier Olson
Ushers	Ron Norby, Lynn Yolitz
Greeters	Kurt Kjelstand, Ruth Ann Kjelstad
Communion Servers	Teresa Burrows, Paige Burrows, Cheryl Mattison, Patti Sontag
Media & Streaming	Lydia Elko
Screen Operator	Maxx Christopherson
Musicians	Linda Ranney, accompanist; Mark Lundin, Director of Music; St. John's Choir

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