

# Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Sandi Watts, organist*

## GATHERING

*\*Call to Worship* – “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW 807 (organ)

- 1 **Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**
- 2 **Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**
- 3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

*\*Confession and Forgiveness*

P: We gather in the name of our + Triune God in whom we are baptized - the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit - who is light to the world, washes us of our sins, and gives life to all.

**C: Amen.**

P: Remembering God's baptismal love, we step out in faith to confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of glory,

**C: you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away**

**from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:  
God has come among us  
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.  
✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven  
and you are clothed in peace.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sharing of the Peace*

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

**C: And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

*Children's Sermon*

*Hymn of Praise – “All My Days”*

*(piano)*

**1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.**

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

**2 I long to be where the praise is never ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! Refrain**

## WORD

*First Reading:* Psalm 91:9-12

Reader: Mike Fenner

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling-place,  
<sup>10</sup>no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

*\*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup>But he answered, 'It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

<sup>6</sup>saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,

and “On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

\*Song – “When We Are Tested” (ACS 922)

(organ)

- 1 **When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.**
- 2 **When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
trusting your presence, our only true rest.**
- 3 **When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.**
- 4 **When we have struggled and searched through the night,  
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Savior, surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

Sermon – “Life Lived Upside Down”

Song of the Day – “We Belong to You”

(piano)

*Refrain: We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you.  
In our daily living, dying and rising We belong to you.*

1. **In the waters of your mercy, When the old becomes the new,  
Souls united in the myst'ry: we belong to you. Refrain**
2. **Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into  
All who seek to find their purpose: we belong to you. Refrain**
3. **When we share the bread you've broken With the many and the few,  
We are blessed and we are broken; we belong to you. Refrain**

4. **We are called to share your word, Lord, In all we say and all we do.**  
**As our journey moves us onward, we belong to you. Refrain**

**We belong to you. We belong to you.**

*\*The 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 to the dead. 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*

*Stewardship Time*

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me,” arr. Mier  
*Jean Welch, pianist*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*\*Words of Institution*

P: The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are gifts of God's grace to claim and sustain us in our lives as disciples of Jesus. Baptism proclaims our identity, that we are beloved children of God, called to love God and our neighbors. Holy Communion reconnects us to the Body of Christ and nurtures our lives of faith with forgiveness and life.

**C: We give thanks to God as we receive this gift of grace anew today.**

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.

*\*Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

*Communion Songs*

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465 (organ)

*Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread:*

*so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.*

1. **As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. Refrain**
2. **Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain**

"Change My Heart, O God" (piano)

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

**You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW 618 (organ)

1. **Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.**

2. **Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, shield me with your mighty arm,  
Shield me with your mighty arm.**
3. **When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.**

*\*Post-Communion Blessing*

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

*\*Closing Prayer*

## SENDING

*\*Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine on you  
and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
C: **Amen.**

*\*Sending Song – “Forever”* *(piano)*

1. **Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; his love endures forever.  
For he is good, he is above all things; his love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.**
2. **With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; his love endures forever.  
For the life that’s been reborn; his love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise!**

*Refrain: Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever.*

3. **From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise! *Refrain***

*Ending: And ever, forever.*

*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Pam Devlin

Greeter: Barb Fishback

Reader: Mike Fenner

Ushers: Angie & Mike Fenner

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Drummer: John Demien

Financial Assistants: Barb Davenport & Lisa Taylor

Chancel Committee: Kris Roth

Coffee Host: Martha Krohe



Singers:

Marilyn Dichsen

Terri Kimler

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Carol VanderKloot

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Church Council Members:

Barb Davenport

Naomi Hahn

Mike Oldenettel

Kelly Street

Ken Devlin

Kelly Hartz

Karen Sibert

Lisa Taylor

The plants at the altar today are donated by Connie & Gary Braner  
in memory of Mildred Strawn's birthday

## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Today, January 15 **Newsletter Deadline & Puzzle Exchange**

Monday, January 16, 12pm: Lunch & Movie – "Selma"

Wednesday, January 18, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

10am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

Thursday, January 19, 6pm: Church Council Meeting

6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal



Sunday, January 22 **Meal/Fundraiser for the Uganda Trip**

Wednesday, January 25, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Noon + 6pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study

Thursday, January 26, 6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

### **Song Credits**

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### **News Updates**

#### **Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange**

Today! Bring a puzzle you no longer wish to keep and take home another. They are set out in the gathering area for all to see and pick from.

#### **Annual Reports**

Anyone who would like to have an **Annual Report** included in the Annual Report Packets for 2022, please have your report to the church office (by e-mail is preferred) **by January 15**. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 29, and we need time to duplicate the reports into a packet to distribute on Sunday, January 22.

#### **Faith and Film – Monday, January 16**

Do you like the ways movies nurture and challenge our faith? Come check out this new small group as we gather for fellowship and lunch, then watch a movie and have discussion. We'll begin by watching "Selma" on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16. Join us for a free lunch at noon and then stay for the movie and discussion. Please sign up at the Coffee Sales counter to give us a number for the lunch.

#### **Pastor Adam and others plan trip to Uganda**

On January 22, after worship, we are hosting a meal to raise funds and tell our story. The lunch will be a pasta bar -- **please sign up at the Coffee Sales counter if you can bring a pasta sauce or dessert**. Pastor Adam's article in the January Newsletter just scratches the surface of how God has been opening doors and drawing us on this journey, and we

want to share more. Our goal is ambitious. We seek to raise \$10,000 to support those of us from Faith, covering airfare and room and board while we are there. After the four days of travel to get there and back, we will have 10 days with our friends in Uganda to experience their lives and what God is doing through their ministry. We know that it will change their lives, and ours, forever. Stay tuned!

### **New Pastor's Pick for January:**

#### **“Tattoos on the Heart: the power of boundless compassion”**

Start your year off with a powerful read! For 20 years, Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-prevention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In *Tattoos on the Heart*, he distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Pick up a copy at Faith for \$10, and join Pastor Adam on **January 25 at either noon or 6:00 pm** for a discussion.

### **Poinsettias**

If you would like to take a poinsettia home to enjoy, please help yourself. They are on the floor by the east entrance.

### **Financial Statements**

Financial Statements for 2022 are available in the gathering area for you to pick up.

**Contribution Envelopes for 2023** will be available in the gathering area soon. The printing has been delayed, but the company will get them to us as soon as they can.

**Sign-Up Sheets** are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

**Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea:** Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf & flavored; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate—milk & dark; **\$5.50** coffee pods; **New Item: \$6.00 Cashews**). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.