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**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 15, 2023**

**Introduction of the Day**

Today’s gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus’ baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

Announcements

Prelude *“Aria”* -David Lasky

(Please stand)

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*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,

who makes all things new,

whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,**

**and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,**

**forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another**

**for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass

and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING *SONG*** *“Rise, Shine, You People!” ELW 665*

**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.**

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**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**(Please be seated)**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7**

1Listen to me, O coastlands,  
  pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
 The Lord called me before I was born,  
  while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.  
 2He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
  in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
 he made me a polished arrow,  
  in his quiver he hid me away.  
 3And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
  Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
 4But I said, “I have labored in vain,  
  I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
 yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
  and my reward with my God.” (Continued)

5And now the Lord says,  
  who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
 to bring Jacob back to him,  
  and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
 for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
  and my God has become my strength—  
 6he says,   
 “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
  to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
  and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
 I will give you as a light to the nations,  
  that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”  
  
 7Thus says the Lord,  
  the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
  the slave of rulers,  
 “Kings shall see and stand up,  
  princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
 because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
  the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Psalm Tone**

**PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11**

1I waited patiently up- **|** on the Lord,  
  who stooped to me and **|** heard my cry.  
 2**The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,**  
  **and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**  
 3The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise **|** to our God;  
  many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust **|** in the Lord.  
 4**Happy are they who trust | in the Lord!**  
  **They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.** R  
 5Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- **|** pared with you!  
  Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than **|** I can count.  
 6**Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;**  
  **you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.** R  
 7And so I said, “Here I **|** am; I come.  
  In the scroll of the book it is writ- **|** ten of me:  
 8**‘I love to do your will, | O my God;**  
  **your law is | deep within me.’ ”**  
 9I proclaimed righteousness in the **|** great assembly;  
  I have not restrained my lips, O **|** Lord, you know. (Continued)

10**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;**  
  **I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.**  
 11You are the Lord; do not withhold your compas- **|** sion from me;  
  may your steadfast love and your truth continually **|** keep me safe. R

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

1Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
 2To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
  
 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**Gospel Acclamation**

**GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

29[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!30This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ 31I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”  
 35The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” 37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. (Continued)

41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). 42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**  Pastor Eckman

(Please stand)

***Hymn of the Day:*** *“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult” ELW 696*

**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 Church:**

**P:** Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**(Please be seated)**

**(10:45) ANTHEM*:*** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” -Paul Manz

***Communion Instructions****:* Please come forward for communion to receive a wafer and the wine. If you are in need of gluten-free wafers, please let the Pastors know when you come to receive. The cups can be disposed of in the trash cans.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Timeline

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**Words of Institution**

**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.**

Timeline

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**Sharing of Holy Communion** *“Christ, Be Our Light*” - ELW 715

**“***He Comes to Us as One Unknown” -ELW 737*

**Prayer after Communion**

Holy One,

we thank you for the healing

that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice,

love kindness,

and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice

and breaks the oppressor’s rod

☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,

today and always.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**  *“Arise, Your Light Has Come!” -ELW 314*

**Sending** P: Grow in faith. Share God’s love. Serve others.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude*:*** *"Toccata in C-Major” -Dr. Gordon Young*

**Worship Ministry Leaders**

**ALTAR GUILD :** Vicki Skonezney, Laura Keller

**FLOWER DELIVERY** : Eleanor Stepanic

**LECTOR :** (8 am) Todd Graybill (10:45) Jill Busch

**Schedule of worship services:**

**Saturday: 6 pm**

**Sunday: 8 am**

**Sunday School: 9:15 am**

**Sunday: 10:45 am**

**Prayer Concerns or Needs:** If you have prayer concerns

or needs, please notify St. John's Prayer Chain by calling

the church office at (717)761-5121. "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests ... and always keep praying for all the saints."

- Ephesians 6:18.

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| HOMEBOUND: | Florence Martin |
| CHILDREN’S GARDEN: | Children’s Garden |
| ST JOHN'S MINISTRY: | Outreach Ministries |
| CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE: | St. Paul, Enola – Pastor Illick |
| MILITARY: | David Minnich |

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Free Dinner—5—6:00pm

8th Grade Confirmation Class 6:15—7:30 pm

Bells—6:15—7 PM

Choir 7—8pm

Won’t you join us for all or part of each Wednesday night?

We have a place for you!

**Youth Group Calendar Bulletin**

**January 22, 2023**

Youth Group meeting

Join us for fun, food and learning as we gather in the Youth room at St. John’s and learn more around our theme “I Am Alive”. Friends are encouraged to join.

Middle School from 4-5pm

Dinner all together 5-6pm

High School from 6-7pm

**Adult Sunday School**

Join us for adult Sunday school to learn from the Rev. Benjamin Hogue about ELCA World Hunger on January 22nd.

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceThe Rev. Benjamin Hogue serves the Office of the Presiding Bishop’s Development Staff as a Mission Funding Director, covering Synods in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic. In his role, Ben engages with donors and congregations who give generously to the ELCA’s mission programs, including ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, International Women Leaders, Young Adults in Global Mission, Fund for Leaders, Missionaries, and more! Ben’s favorite part of his work is hearing from and sharing stories with passionate Lutheran leaders about the way God is moving and working in the world.

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR – The Rev Elizabeth P. Eckman**

**PASTOR EMERITUS –The Rev Michael L Seifried**

**SEMINARIAN – Bethany Ketchem**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC – Thomas A Notestine**

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