

Christ Lutheran

— CHURCH —

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Ferra

Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church!

Whether you are in the sanctuary, tuning to FM 93.9 in the parking lot, or streaming from home online, we rejoice that you are with us this morning! Worship in 2022 may look or feel different but know that the heart of our worship at CLC remains unchanged. Several steps are in place to ensure our mutual safety and we appreciate your help – and patience – as we gather together. May God bless us all today and in the week to come!



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Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Mary Ann, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

R: I do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Mary Ann, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Congregation: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Mary Ann with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Mary Ann, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Lisa Marie you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

... to live among God's faithful people,

... to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper

... to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

... to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

... and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others

that they may see your good works

and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Gathering Song:

“Glorious Day”

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame

Who could carry that kind of weight

It was my tomb 'til I met You

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive

All my failures I tried to hide

It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)

I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul

Now Your freedom is all that I know

The old made new Jesus when I met You

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading:

Genesis 45:3-11,15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Prayer cards will now be collected. If you are worshiping in the parking lot, an usher will collect your yellow prayer request cards during the following song. If you have one filled out, please raise it high out your window. Thank you.

Response:

“Build a Longer Table”



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 6:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon: Pastor John Ferra

Silence is kept for Meditation

Please rise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day "Healer of Our Every Ill"



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Please be seated.

Installation of New Council Members and Officers

Commemorations:

Wednesday, February 23

Polycarp

Friday, February 25

Elizabeth Fedde

Prayers of the Church:

Ending of each petition: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

Congregational response: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

Tithes and offerings will now be received to support the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. Offering envelopes are available (in the back of the pews), on which special designations may be indicated. Any quarters contributed will be given to fight world hunger.

Offertory: **“ Holy Spirit”**

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence Lord

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Please rise in body or spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving
P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

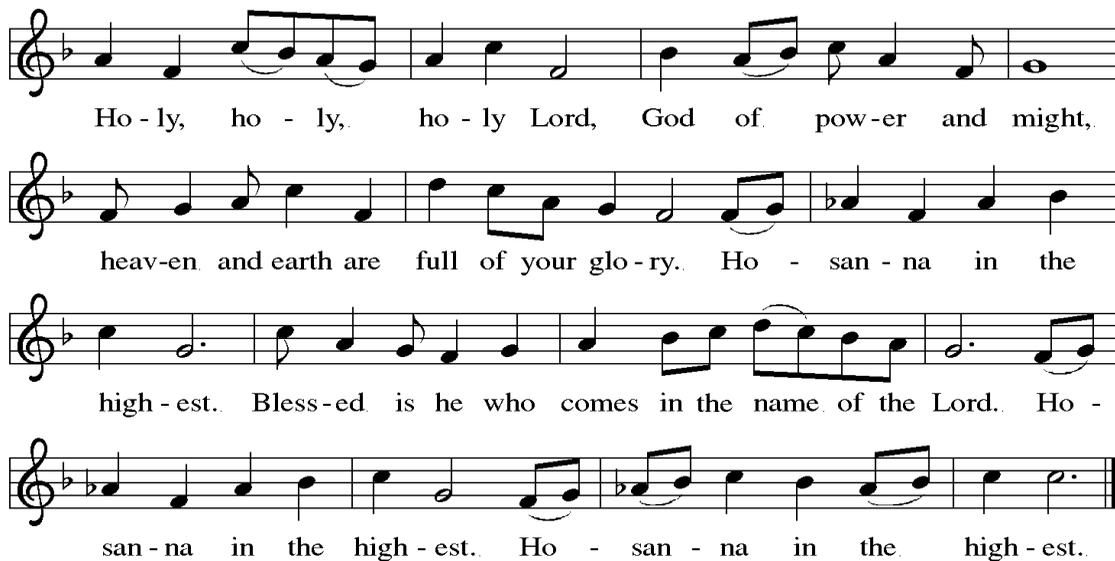
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

Please be seated.

Fraction and Communion Information

We welcome all Christians to commune at the Lord's Table. If you are worshiping inside, you will be directed forward by the center aisle in two lines. At the center, you will be offered the choice of a white flour wafer, a wrapped gluten free wafer, or a sealed wafer/juice combo. If you receive the combo you may return directly to your seat by the side aisle. If you receive a wafer, you will be handed wine or white grape juice in individual cups. Baskets for used cups are available as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you are worshiping in the parking lot, you are invited to receive the elements at the portico or wave your hand out the window and they will be brought to you. A note on opening the wafer/wine combo. Bend the side tab down and up at the crease to loosen the seal. Lift the clear plastic to access the wafer and the foil to access the juice.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song: **“Now Behold the Lamb”**

Chorus 1

Now behold the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Born into sin that I may live again
The Precious Lamb of God

Chorus 2

Holy is the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Why You love me so
Lord I shall never know
The Precious Lamb of God

Chorus 3

Thank You for the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Because of Your grace
I can finish this race
The Precious Lamb of God

Bridge

Why You love me so
Lord I shall never know
Why You love me so
Lord I shall never know
Why You love me so
Lord I shall never know
The Precious Lamb of God

Communion Song: **“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

Chorus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Please rise in body or spirit.

Post--Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: Come Holy Spirit. Enrich our lives, so that all that we do may be pleasing to you. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: **“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”**



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, “You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me.” Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you.”
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Leading Us in Worship:

Preaching: Pastor John Ferra

Minister of Music: Nicholas Hopkins

Organist: Marilyn Burgard

Council: Jennifer Miller

Worship Assistant: Curt Johnson

Ushers: Dianne Vissers, Dave and Lisa Harris, Rich Neubecker

Communion Assistants: Suzanne Snider, Aimee Paulson

Altar Guild: Open Position

Greeters: Lisa and Mark Barnes

Counters: Ron Sabin, Pete VanGessel

Video: Michael Miller

Sound: Gary Sironen

Slides: Lynn Vecziendins

Welcome Center: Open Position

Coffee Servers: Harry and Annette Wendland

Welcome Visitors!

*Please join us for a cup of coffee in the Gathering Space.
Also, be sure to stop at the Welcome Center—we have a
gift for you—adults and children!*