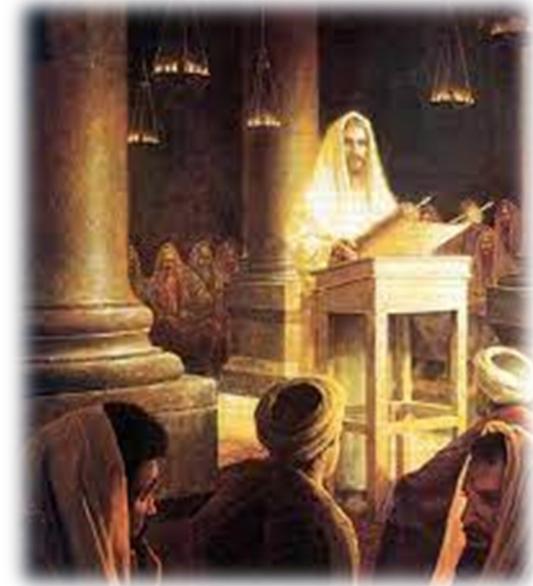


Sunday, January 23, 2022
Third Sunday After Epiphany
10:30 AM



Jesus Reading from Isaiah

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"Unroll the Scroll"

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Liturgy for Sunday, January 23, 2022

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ringling of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 19: 7-14 (responsive)

Elder Sue Latour

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

Prelude

* Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible" # 25

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Love, God of Creation, God of Scripture, we come to you as a people faltering and lacking in faith. We confess that we do not obey your laws, we confess that we do not hear the words spoken to us from Holy Scripture, we confess that we do not fill our lives with the lessons that you teach.

Current Prayer Concerns: Rose Mary McAleer, Phil Steil, Brad Soulsman, Bill Outten, Amy Perron, Nancy Kaiser, June Todd, Shami Maxwell, Esther Smith, Melissa Fields, Russ Shallcross, Shirley Warren, Jim Phillips, Carol Nelson, Joyce & Jack Vavrek, Carolyn Walston, Jack Hood, Maggie Mazcho, Lynda, Martha Sekely, Terry Campanella, Bob Lebo, Tanya Ehlers, Andy Hales, and Lydia Frasca.

Those homebound or undergoing treatment: John Snyder, Debra Latture

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Food Pantry

We are honored to work for the gospel to feed people who are spiritually and physically hungry. Thank you for participating in this Kingdom work.

Items needed this week:

- * Disposable razors
- * Small mayonnaise jars
- * Tuna cans
- * Juices
- * SPAM
- * Eggs



- * Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- * Frozen Dinners
- * Nissin Chow Mein Dinners
- * Small deodorants

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Jan 23	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Tues, Jan 25	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wed, Jan 26	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Wed, Jan 26	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Fri, Jan 28	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays: Sarah Dypsky (1/28)

Flowers: Flowers in the Chancel Vases are given:

~ To honor our Lord and Savior and we are grateful for members of our church family like Rich and Nancy Wright who have a servant's heart and a willingness to serve others. Our church is blessed. Thank you.

~ In thankfulness to Lisa Bayles, Bob Brenner, Bob Reese, Pete Hanes, and Lou LaBrunda who continue the task of maintaining the upkeep of both our church building and the manse. Thank you for a job well done. A grateful church family.

**** Both Chancel Vases are available for dedications next Sunday, January 30th ****

Have mercy on us, O God, lead us back again to the writings of your prophets, lead us back again to the words of our Savior, teach us again your ways that we may be one with you and live in your kingdom forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

The Word is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus died so that we may be dead to sin and alive to eternal life in God's kingdom. Friends believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri (unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Let us give generously from that which has been given to us, that through our offerings the good news of Jesus Christ may be fulfilled.

* Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen .

Prayer of Dedication

God of life and of new life,
bless these gifts that we have given
that they may further your reign in this world.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The Gift of Music - Jacob Todd

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of Wisdom, your Word indeed is finer than gold and sweeter than the sweetest honey which drips from the honeycomb. Feed us your precious Word that we may be sustained and nourished. Feed us your precious Word that we may harvest that Word and feed others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 [NRSV]

Deacon Marty Cropper

When the seventh month came—the people of Israel being settled in their towns— 8:1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. 8:2

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

8:3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 8:6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. 8:8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

8:9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 8:10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

2nd Scripture Reading: Luke 4: 14-21 [NRSV]

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4:14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

4:15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

4:16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 4:17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Good News of Deliverance

*The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news
to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.*

Isaiah 61: 1-3

One Body with Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;

whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

But strive for the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

4:20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant,
and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on
him. 4:21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has
been fulfilled in your hearing."

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "Unroll the Scroll"

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* Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our
Love" # 284

* Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I
believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

God of prophets and apostles,
you call us to restore that which is broken
and to proclaim your vision of a world made new.
Create in us new hearts and strong voices as we pray.
God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for those who have been anointed or chosen
as leaders of people,

that they may attend to the voices of their people and be guided by you.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for pastors and teachers of the church, that they may faithfully interpret your Word for others.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for those who are poor and in need of assistance, and for ourselves,

that we may open our hearts to their cries for help.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for those who are the captives of war and the victims of violence; may we bring them good news both in word and deed.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

We pray for those with physical challenges and spiritual struggles;

make us agents of healing and hope.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit. And we pray for

We pray for those who are oppressed by powers beyond their control;

give us courage to work to set them free.

God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

God of the Jubilee, make us the body of the risen Christ, united, in all our diversity.

Animate us by your Holy Spirit that together we may work toward your coming kingdom.

All of this we pray using the words taught to us and we pray

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn: "Take the Name of Jesus with You" # 116**

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response "Go Now in Peace"

Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Amen ... Amen ... Amen

