The Lamb of God Made Known

January 15, 2023



Second Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME, GUESTS!!! We are so glad you came! If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. Please take the time to fill out a guest register at the church's entrance. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Congregational responses are indicated by indent and boldened letters.

THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS – Jesus appears as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This Lamb would take away the sins of the world and bring both Israel and the Gentile nations into the kingdom of God. The hearts that see this Savior in faith cannot help but take news of this salvation to the ends of the earth.

MORNING PRAYER - Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN: #85

O GOD FROM GOD, O LIGHT FORM LIGHT **Pleaser stand for the last verse**



Text: John Julian, 1839-1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) Johann Störls . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch, Stuttgart, 1744.



In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



Please Be Seated

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 49: 1 - 7

Listen to the message meant for all nations: The Messiah is a weapon in the hand of God. God concealed him like an arrow in a quiver: the Messiah would come with his glory hidden in flesh. That meant the Servant would suffer, but in that suffering God would display his splendor.

Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The Lord called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory."

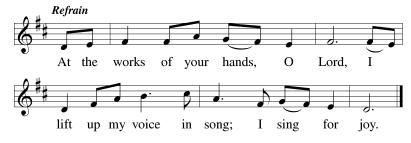
But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the Lord, and my reward is with my God."

But now the Lord, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the Lord, because my God has been my strength—the Lord said It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

This is what the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, its Holy One, says to the one deeply despised, to the one who is detested by the nation, to the servant of rulers. Kings will see and stand up. Officials will see and bow down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, because of the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 89





I will sing of the LORD'S great love for<u>ever</u>;*

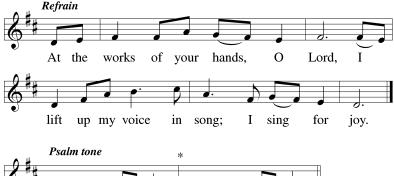
I will make your faithfulness known through all gener<u>a</u>tions.

I will declare that your love stands firm for<u>ever</u>,*
that you established your faithfulness in heav<u>en</u> itself.

The heavens praise your won<u>ders</u>, O LORD,*
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the <u>ho</u>ly ones.

**Refrain*

O LORD God Almighty, who <u>is</u> like you?*
You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness sur<u>rounds</u> you.
Blessed are those who have learned to ac<u>claim</u> you,*
who walk in the light of your pres<u>ence</u>, O LORD.
They rejoice in your name <u>all</u> day long;*
they exult in your <u>right</u>eousness.





Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 1 – 9

Paul shows the great confidence he has in the Christian congregation in Corinth—even though they struggled with many congregational problems and sins. Paul's confidence came from knowing that the burden of their sins had been picked up and carried by the Lamb of God, so that they will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God in Corinth—those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, who are called as saints—along with all in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, because the testimony about Christ was established in you. As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3 cf. NIV)



GOSPEL JOHN 1: 29 – 41

As the last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist rightly summarizes the totality of God's plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God. Though not an Old Testament title, John's name for Christ is the perfect sum of the sacrificial system. Christ is the fulfillment of all the sacrificial victims of the Old Testament.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.' I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel." John also testified, "I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples. When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" He told them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, "We have found the Messiah!" (which is translated "the Christ").



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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceive

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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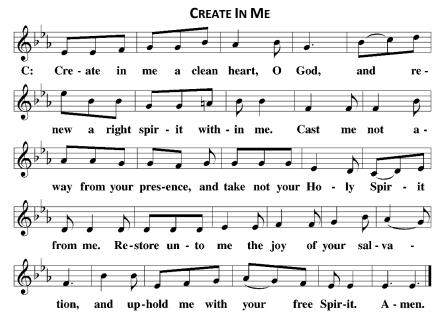
#100 **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941, alt. Tune: AN WASSERFLUSSEN BABYLON (87 87 887 887) Wolfgang Dachstein, c. 1487-1553.

JOHN 1: 29 – 41



OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver." This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

THE PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

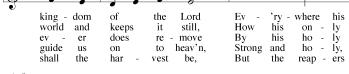
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: #576 Vs. 1-4

SPREAD, OH, SPREAD THE MIGHTY WORD







6 Lord of harvest, grant anew, Joy and strength to work for you, Till the gath'ring nations all See your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774-1841, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt Tune: HÖCHSTER PRIESTER (77 77) Erbaulicher Musicalisher Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.

Please Stand

CLOSING PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN:

SPREAD, OH, SPREAD THE MIGHTY WORD

#**576** Vs. 5, 6

What We believe:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God and is the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life, and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment and destroy this present world

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Mission Conference – Pastor Emmons will be in Chicago this week attending the WELS Leadership Conference for Home Missions January 15 to 18.

Sunday Morning Bible Study – Bible study and Sunday School are on Sunday from 9 to 10 am. We are studying Galatians and Paul's confrontation with false religions. Please feel free to come and go as you like; reading is always voluntary, bring your questions.

Midweek Bible Study – Midweek Bible study is canceled this week but we will continue 6 pm Tuesdays, January 24, with the study of Romans. You can join us at the Port's house, 1923 NW Nickernut Court, Redmond, or on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057 Password: GraceOT

Church Directory – We are putting together a church directory with pictures. We would like to thank Mavis Vandelicht for all her hard work getting everyone's information. You can view a sample of the directory on the previous page. Please let the pastor know if you do not want any of your information published. In the back of the church is everyone's information we have to date please verify your family's information. Thank you for those who have sent in their information.

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