

# Second Sunday after Epiphany



**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**8:45 AM**

**Service of the Word**

***First Lutheran Church, ELCA, Kearney, NE***

# Prelude

## PRELUDE

*“Bless the Lord”*

Myrin/Redman



# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen**



# Confession and Forgiveness

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**P:** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Holy God,

**C:** you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.

# Confession and Forgiveness

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**We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.**

# Confession and Forgiveness

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**Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

# Confession and Forgiveness

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**P:** How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven.

# Confession and Forgiveness

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In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**C: Amen**

# Gathering Hymn

*“You Are Mine”*

**ELW #581**



## **“You Are Mine”, ELW #581**

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**“I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.**

**You will hear my voice,  
    I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here.**

## **“You Are Mine”, ELW #581**

**“I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me.**

## **“You Are Mine”, ELW #581**

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**Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.”**

## **“You Are Mine”, ELW #581**

**“I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.**

**All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free.  
And all will know my name.**

## **“You Are Mine”, ELW #581**

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**Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.”**

**I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.**

**I will call your name,  
embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!**

# **“You Are Mine”, ELW #581**

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.”**

# Greeting

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**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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
most merciful redeemer, for the  
countless blessings and benefits you  
give.

## Prayer of the Day

May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Word: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

**P: A Responsive Reading from  
Psalm 139**



## Word: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

**P:** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**C:** <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

## Word: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

**P:** <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

## Word: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

**P:** <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**C:** <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful  
for me; it is so high that I cannot  
attain it.

## Word: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

**P:** <sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**C:** <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

## Word: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

**P:** <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**C:** <sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

**Word: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

**P:** <sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**C:** <sup>18</sup>I try to count them — they are more than the sand; I come to the end — I am still with you.

*(Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)*

# Word: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**P:** A Reading from 1 Corinthians  
the Sixth Chapter



## Word: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**P:** <sup>12</sup>All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other.

## Word: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

## Word: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

## Word: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?

## Word: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price;  
therefore, glorify God in your body.  
*(1 Corinthians 6:12-20)*

# Word: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**P:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** Thanks be to God



# Word: John 1:43-51

**P:** A Reading from the First Chapter  
of the Gospel of St. John

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



## Word: John 1:43-51

**P:** <sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

## Word: John 1:43-51

<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

## Word: John 1:43-51

<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

## Word: John 1:43-51

<sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*(John 1:43-51)*

# Word: John 1:43-51

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ



**Sermon**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Michelle Carlson**



# Sermon Hymn

*“God, Be the Love  
to Search and Keep Me”*



**“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”**

**God, be the love to  
search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength  
to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”**

**Bind to myself the name of Holy,  
great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
prophets, apostles, angels witness:  
    O Christ surround me;  
    O Christ, surround me.**

**“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”**

**Brightness of sun and  
glow of moonlight,  
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,  
depth of the sea to soil of planet:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”**

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**Walking behind to hem my journey,  
going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”**

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

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# Apostles' Creed

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**P:** Let us profess our faith with the  
Apostles' Creed,

**C:** 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.

# Apostles' Creed

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**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, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

# Apostles' Creed

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**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 INTERCESSION

**P:** Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

## Prayers of Intercession

**P:** For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God**

# Prayers of Intercession

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**P:** For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

## Prayers of Intercession

**P:** For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

## Prayers of Intercession

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**P:** For our country, amid all the turmoil and changes we are experiencing, remind us that your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. During this difficult time, be to us a sure guardian and rock.

## Prayers of Intercession

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Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom. Comfort those who are in distress. Shield and protect the vulnerable and marginalized. Grant us courage and hope to face the future, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

## Prayers of Intercession

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**P:** For all battling coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation.

## Prayers of Intercession

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Grant wisdom, patience, and safety to health care workers. We give thanks for researchers and scientists as they have developed therapies and vaccines for COVID-19. We give thanks for the vaccines that have come to our community to protect our health workers.

## Prayers of Intercession

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Guide us as we consider how best to respond. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always. Let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

# Prayers of Intercession

**P:** For those lacking food or shelter,  
for those who are sick or grieving, and  
for those who are imprisoned or  
homebound that God console all who  
suffer. We pray especially for....

# Prayers of Intercession

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**P:** In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

## Prayers of Intercession

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**P:** Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

# Peace

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**P:** The peace of Christ be with you  
always.

**C:** And also with you.



# Offering

## OFFERTORY

*“Fount of Every Blessing”*

Lloyd Larson

### Chancel Choir

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# Thanksgiving for the Word

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## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

**P:** Let us pray

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.

## Thanksgiving for the Word

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Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen**

# The Lord's Prayer

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**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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**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**

# Blessing

**P:** God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you; and the  
Holy Spirit the comforter † keep  
you in peace.

**C: Amen.**

# Sending Hymn

*“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

**ELW #310**



# **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”, ELW #310**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,**

# **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”, ELW #310**

**branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.**

# **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”, ELW #310**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest  
in thy Godhead manifest;**

# **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”, ELW #310**

**manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.**

# **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”, ELW #310**

**Manifest in making whole  
weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;**

# **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”, ELW #310**

**manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.**

# **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”, ELW #310**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now  
and be pure, as pure art thou;**

# **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”, ELW #310**

**that we might become like thee  
at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in flesh made manifest.**

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# Dismissal

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

# Postlude

## POSTLUDE

*“Bretheran, We Have Met to Worship”*

tune: Holy Manna



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