



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 15/16, 2022

6:00 PM & 8:45 AM

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

PRELUDE

"To God be the Glory" arr. Victor Labenske

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

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

L: Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

8:45 ANTHEM

“Holy Spirit Live in Me” Fanny Crosby/Charles Kirby, arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

WORD

A Reading from the Sixty-second Chapter of Isaiah

L: ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

(Isaiah 62:1-5)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading from Psalm Thirty-six

L: ⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**C: ⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

L: ⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**C: ⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

L: ⁹For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**C: ¹⁰O continue your steadfast love to those who know
you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

(Psalm 36:5-11)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

P: A Reading from St. John the Second Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

P: ¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have

become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

(John 2:1-11)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” ELW #523



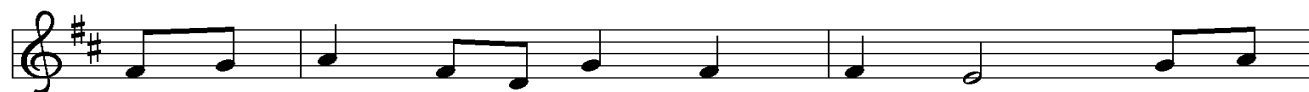
Refrain / Estribillo
Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



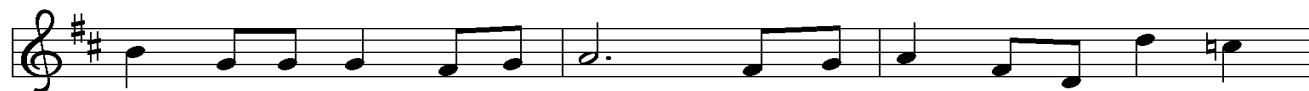
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



Refrain / Estribillo
cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence for reflection

L: By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. Accompany those still struggling with and healing from COVID-19 and its variants. Bring safety to those who experience fear and violence in their relationships. We pray especially for....

Jeanette Andersen
Vance Bricker
Janice Carnell
Heather Dederman
Justin DeKok
Dennis Drabek
Karen Foster
Michael Gitt
Nicole Gordon
Madalyn Hallford
Phyllis Handwerk
Marv Hilton
Karen Hiskett
Alexis Hobbs
Jackie Holscher
Tom & Jody Jochen
Wayne Karschner
Chuck Kinnamon
Mark Kotrc
Lavern Krenke
Talia Krumbach
Janet Loder
Vicki Maupin
Kerry McCormick
Betty McMaster
Renee J. Mentzer

Mary Lou Mintling
LeOra Molcyk
Paul Norblade
Rev. Dave Nordstrom
Walter Peden
Brenda Rae Peterson
James Phillis
Joe Rall
Ignacio Sanchez
Jeremy & Brandi Sayer & family
Denise Scott
Debbie Steinbrecher
Steve Stelling
Carrie Stithem
Louis Stithem
David & Zolee Suing
Charlie Sykes
Tony Tauer
Jeff Walker
Carl Weber
Misty White
Marilyn Willison
Frank Wright

Prayers of Peace and Comfort

- Byron and Lotys Suhr on the death of their sister-in-law, Edna Suhr
- Chad and Stacy Isaacson on the death of Chad's father, Dale Isaacson

L: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Communion Servers, please come forward at this time.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

6:00 *"How Can I Keep from Singing"* arr. Victor Labenske

8:45 *"Chanson"* Kenneth Lowenberg **Chancel Bells**

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
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:

"Sanctus"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

(Please let the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Now the Feast and Celebration" ELW #167



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

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Please stand as you are able.

TABLE GRACE

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

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in you Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ELW #310



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

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DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Here at Your Table, Lord" Mark Hayes



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Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Presiding Pastor
Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson, Co-Lead Pastor**

**8:45 AM Lil Larson, Assisting Minister
11:00 AM Lori McArthur, Assisting Minister**

Reed Wagner, Organist

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