

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope
JANUARY 16, 2022 **PASTOR ELAINA SALMON**

Prelude *“Pastorale and Sarabande”*

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING

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.

(a moment of silence)

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 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.**

Gathering Song *“Gather Us In”*

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 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.**

THE WORD

The First Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36

A Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

C **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

A How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

C **They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

A For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

C **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia”*

Gospel John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When 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 and 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.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”*

Prayers of the People

A 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 moment of silence)

A 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. We pray for our sister congregation, Bethlehem Church in Chiawelo, South Africa. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

A 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. We pray especially forGod of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A 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.**
- A 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.**
- A 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.**

THE MEAL

Offering

(Our offering is an act of worship and thanksgiving for all God has first given us. Our gifts support the mission of the church to “nurture with love and serve with hope.”)

Offering Song *“O Christ, Surround Me”*

Offertory Prayer

- A 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

- 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.**

P O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom, are both life and death,
growth and decay, the nest and the hunt,
sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.

C The earth is full of your glory.

P O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death;
we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.

C The earth is full of your glory.

P We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

P Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.

C The earth is full of your glory.

P O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

C The earth is full of your glory.

P Amen, and amen.

C Amen, and amen.

Lord's Prayer

P 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.
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, 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.
This is the body of Christ given for you.
This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
grace.
C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A 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 your Son, Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

SENDING

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 Song *"May the Road Rise to Meet You"*

Dismissal

P Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope!
C **Thanks be to God.**

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For those we name in our hearts, and for those who have not yet found Jesus.

Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope

When we are at our best you will see us:

- *Building relationships that connect people in meaningful ways*
- *Growing spiritually through the adventure of the Gospel, then and now*
- *Engaging our community with a servant's heart*
- *Welcoming and offering acceptance to all those we meet*
- *Giving generously out of the abundance of God*

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO FROZEN 2

Sometimes good news jumps out at you in surprising places...including the movies! On Sunday, January 30, our children and families will be watching Frozen 2, and then in worship, we'll connect themes in the movie to our scripture readings. Grown-ups, you're invited to preview the movie by watching on Disney+ or checking out the movie from the library.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in learning what it means to be an ELCA Lutheran? Or curious about our faith community at Bethany? Maybe you're wondering what it actually means to be a "member." Well, Pr. Elaina has a class for that! Please let her know if you're interested in participating. The schedule and format will be based on participant availability.

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When a natural disaster strikes in the United States, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is there to provide spiritual and emotional care, temporary shelters, food and other necessities. With local partners, Lutheran Disaster Response continues to accompany survivors through the years of long-term recovery. 100% of gifts given to LDR go to assist those affected by the disaster. After the wildfires in Boulder County Colorado destroyed nearly 1000 homes, LDR is there to help. You can make a gift to support their efforts online (<https://community.elca.org/uswildfires>), by mail (PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009), or over the phone (800-638-3522).

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