

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 12, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

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United Lutheran Mission Statement

"United by the grace of God's love, we come together to worship Him, to share His word with others and to reach out and care for those in need."

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◆ Congregation Stands P = Pastor A = Assistant C = Congregation

The Worship

Before the service, talk to God. During the service, let God talk to you.

After the service, talk to your neighbor

PRELUDEPRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

◆ **GATHERING SONG**

*“O Day of Rest and Gladness”
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #521)*

◆ **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.

◆ **KYRIE**

Cantor *Congregation*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation

Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation

Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise.

Congregation

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Cantor

Congregation



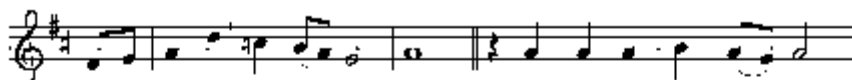
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord A - - - men.

◆ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

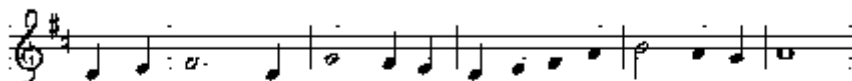
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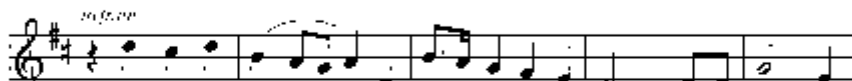
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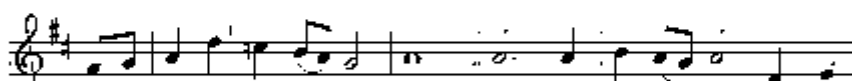
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God



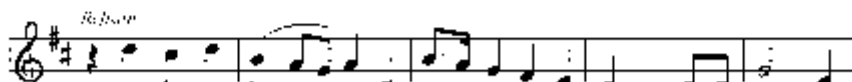
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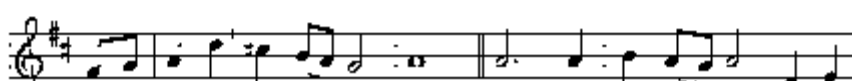
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic to ry for our God Al le lu ia.



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

(continued next page)

God, and join in the hymn of all crea- tion: Bless- ing, hon- or,

glo- ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for- ev- er. A- men.

rit. - ad lib.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

And. - rit. - ad lib.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

◆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, with mercy you look upon our weaknesses. Stretch out your wondrous hand to protect us from danger and restore us to health, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 5:1-14

Elisha tells Naaman, a Syrian general, to immerse himself in the Jordan River to be cleansed of his leprosy. Initially refusing to do this humble act, Naaman eventually obeys and is healed, revealing not the magic of the water but the power of Israel's God.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan,

according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

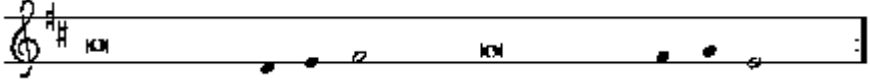
Psalm 30

Psalm is chanted to the Psalm Tone and the Refrain is chanted where indicated.

Cantor Chants the Light Printed Verses

the Congregation Chants the Bold Printed Verses

Psalm Tone



Refrain



My God, I cried out to you, and you re- stored me to health.

- ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-¹ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph¹ over me.
- ²**O LORD my God, I cried¹ out to you,
and you restored¹ me to health.**
- ³You brought me up, O LORD,¹ from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down¹ to the grave.
- ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD,¹ all you faithful;
give thanks in ho-¹ly remembrance. Refrain**
- ⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor¹ lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes¹ in the morning.
- ⁶**While I felt se-¹cure, I said,
"I shall never¹ be disturbed.**
- ⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong¹ as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was¹ filled with fear.
- ⁸**I cried to¹ you, O LORD;
I pleaded with¹ my Lord, saying,**
- ⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down¹ to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de-¹clare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer-¹cy upon me;
O LORD,¹ be my helper." Refrain**
- ¹¹You have turned my wailing¹ into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed¹ me with joy.
- ¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you¹ without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you¹ thanks forever. Refrain**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Using the athletic imagery of a runner and a boxer, Paul illustrates to the Corinthians how Christians have a focus committed to the ministry of the gospel, so that their victorious goal is not individual glory but eternal life for all.

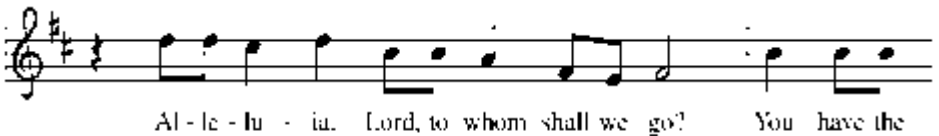
²⁴Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.

²⁵Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; ²⁷but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



◆ GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a leper and asks him to tell no one but a priest, in accordance with Levitical law. Though Jesus performs miracles, his identity as Messiah will not be understood until the cross.

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the first chapter.

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

⁴⁰A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." ⁴¹Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" ⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵But he went out and began

to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

P The gospel of the Lord

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

KIDTALK

SERMON

by Pastor Neal Anthony

◆ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Healer of Our Every Ill”
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #612)*

◆ **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

◆ SHARING OF THE PEACE

◆ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us now take a few minutes to prayerfully discern the gifts of time and talents that God has given each of us and make Christian commitment to serve Him and those around us.

(The Prayers of the Church continue)

Each Petition will end with the Pastor saying, “Lord in your mercy.”
We ask the congregation to respond by saying, “Hear our prayer.”

(Please place your completed Talent Search 2012 Sheets in the offering plate, along with your financial offering, as a sign of your Christian commitment.)

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Anthem “Those Who See Light”

Senior Choir

(Text, E. Osuna, Music, N. Elze, arr. J. Purifoy, 1958)

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all: u
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

◆ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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.

◆ **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

As Lutherans, we believe that our Lord is truly present in the bread and wine. This Sacramental Meal is open to all who are baptized and believe Christ is present. For our visitors, as a guide, if you commune at your home church, you are welcome to commune with us. For those who need an alternative to wheat flour wafers, gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world, have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the
world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the
sin of the world, grant us peace.

“We Come to You For Healing, Lord”

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #617)

“There’s A Balm in Gilead”

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #614)

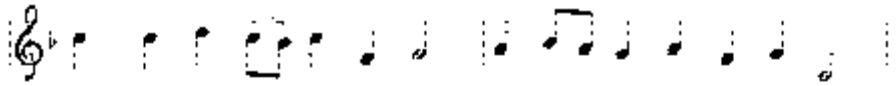
◆ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

◆ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

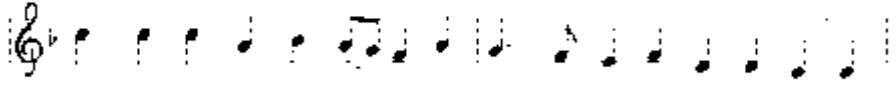
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



Thankful hearts and voices raise, tell everyone what God has done



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name



Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with



shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia Alleluia

◆ **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray . . .

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

◆ **BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

◆ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord by taking care of one another.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders This Week			
Leadership Position	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Worship Coordinators		Luanne Schwartzkopf	Janelle Hansen
Acolytes		Jessica Brennan	Melissa Maas
Cantors		Judy Anderson	Kathy Heuss
Lectors		Jeriann Heuke George Hill	Jan Francis Donita Elrod
Communion Assistants	Rev. Clint McDonald	No Communion Scheduled	Colleen Huls Cork Ramer
Ushers		Lonnie Schmidt Maryann Schmidt Matthew Schmidt Michael Schmidt	Tiara Kuhlmann Toni Loontjer Roger Cronk Mary Cronk
Greeters	Jan Akins Debbie Thomas	Richard & Marian Anderson	Cliff & Millie Becker
Van Drivers		Dennis Heuke	Mark Schroeder
Nursery Attendants		Emalea Dean	Vicki Green
Hall Monitors		Cindy Bickford & Sue Bickford	
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Jesus' healing power is among us!

The leper is confident in Jesus' power to heal. Naaman, on the other hand, is comically hard to convince that he can be healed by such an unlikely foreigner as Elisha, who directs him to wash in such a sorry excuse for a river as the Jordan. Jesus' healing power is here among us in the ordinary water of the font, in the ordinary bread, in the ordinary people who make up the body of Christ. We would be well-advised to take the advice of the least powerful among us (like the servant girl in Naaman's household) if we want to find the one who will heal us.