The Second Sunday After The Epiphany January 21, 2024 Heritage Lutheran Church Apple Valley, MN 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



Rite Two with Communion - ELH page 60

1. Welcome

2. Opening Hymn #36 "All Glory Be To God Alone"

(Please stand for the last verse)

1 All glory be to God alone, For evermore the Highest One; Who doth our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend. Among mankind may His good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

2 We praise Thee, God, and Thee we bless; We worship Thee in humbleness; From day to day we glorify Thee, everlasting God on high.

Of Thy great glory do we sing, And e'er to Thee our thanks we bring.

3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne, Our Father, the Almighty One. O Lord, the Sole begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God, to Thee we flee.

4 Thou dost the world's sin take away; Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray. Thou dost the world's sin take away; Give ear unto the prayer we say. Thou sitt'st at God's right hand for aye; Have mercy on us, Lord we pray.

5 Thou only art the Holy One; Thou art o'er all things Lord alone. O Jesus Christ, we glorify Thee only as the Lord Most High; Thou art, the Holy Ghost with Thee, One in the Father's majesty.

6 Amen, this ever true shall be, As angels sing adoringly. By all creation, far and wide, Thou, Lord, art ever glorified; And Thee all Christendom doth praise Now and through everlasting days.

3. The Invocation

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

☐ Congregation Amen.

4. Confession of Sin and Absolution

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord.

☐ Congregation Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

☐ Congregation And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Congregation Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

5. Introit (Latin, "Entrance") Psalm 67

Pastor ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—² so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. ³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁶ The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. ⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

6. The Gloria Patri (Latin, "Glory to the Father")

☐ Congregation Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

7. The Kyrie Eleison (Greek, "Lord Have Mercy")

☐ Congregation Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

8. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Latin, "Glory in the highest to God")

☐ Congregation Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

9. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

☐ Congregation And with your spirit.

10. The Collect

Pastor Let us pray: O almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all dangers and necessities stretch forth Your mighty hand to defend us against our

enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

11. Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

12. The Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

13. Heritage Choir "The Lamb" *Gerald Patrick Coleman* The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill. So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne.

He signs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness. He lives, forgives, He give me His own righteousness. Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne.

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows. His song prolong 'Till every heart to Him belong. Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne.

14. The Gospel John 1:43-51 Please stand Pastor The Holy Gospel for today is written in the... □ Congregation Glory be to You, O Lord!

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Pastor This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

☐ Congregation Praise be to You, O Christ!

15. The Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

Congregation I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

16. Chief Hymn #422 "Come, Follow Me, The Savior Spake"

1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding; Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding. Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take my example for your guide.

- 2 "I am the Light; I light the way, A godly life displaying; I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying. I am the Way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation, Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation. I am the Refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal.
- 4 "Thus when you find most hot the fray, I at your side stand ready; The fight is Mine, I lead the way, At all times firm and steady. A soldier false who will not heed when Christ the Captain takes the lead!

5 "Who seeks to save on earth his life Without Me, he shall lose it; But who for Me in earthly strife Now loses it shall find it; Who counts the cross for Me too hard Who counts not of Me, the Lord."

6 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted. For all who bear the battle's strain The crown of life they shall obtain.

- 17. Sermon "Follow Me!" John 1:43-51
- 18. The Offering
- 19. Prayer

20. Hymn #41 "Lamb Of God, Pure And Holy"

1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

2 Lamb of God, pure and holy. Who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

3 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us: Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

The Service Of Holy Communion

Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.

21. The Preface (p. 72)

Pastor The Lord be with you.

☐ Congregation And with your spirit.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

☐ Congregation We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

☐ Congregation It is good and right so to do.

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

22. The Sanctus (Latin, "Holy") (p.76)

☐ Congregation Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

23. The Lord's Prayer: (p.77)

Pastor 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.

☐ Congregation For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

24. The Words of Institution (p.79)

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

25. The Pax Domini (Latin, "The Peace of the Lord")

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

□ Congregation Amen.

26. The Agnus Dei (Latin, "Lamb of God")

☐ Congregation O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

27. The Distribution

28. The Nunc Dimittis (Latin, "Now Dismiss Us") (p.81)

☐ Congregation Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

29. The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.83)

Pastor O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

☐ Congregation And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

□ Congregation Amen.

30. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

☐ Congregation And with your spirit.

31. The Benedicamus

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

☐ Congregation Thanks be to God.

32. The Benediction

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

□ Congregation Amen, amen, amen

33. Closing Hymn #427 "Let Me Be Thine Forever"

1 Let me be Thine forever, Thou faithful God and Lord;

Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.

Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,

And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.

2 Lord Jesus, my Salvation, My Light, my Life divine, My only Consolation, Oh, make me wholly Thine, For Thou hast dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain. Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.

3 And Thou, O Holy Spirit, My Comforter and Guide, Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide, Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith. Give me Thy constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

Announcements

February Newsletter Items – Please send February newsletter items to the office by Wednesday, January 24th.

Women's Bible Study – The Monday Evening Bible Class is studying Ecclesiastes. The group meets at church at 6:30 pm. Contact Ruth Braun if you would like more information.

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Please note the new time. We will be studying I Kings.

Choir – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. New members are always welcome!

Heritage School Call Returned – We received word that Miss Nicole Roper has returned the call to teach Kindergarten – 2^{nd} Grade here at Heritage. We have notified the synod and we will begin the process to call another teacher. Pray that the Lord will provide us with a teacher for our new school year.

2024 Offering Envelopes – Please pick up your 2024 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Heritage School Open House – Our annual Open House is coming up on Sunday, January 28th from noon – 2 pm. Please help spread the word to your friends and neighbors!

Cleaning Schedule – Help is needed to clean the sanctuary, narthex and gym. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board if you are able to help out. Thank you!

Called Home to Heaven - On Friday, January 12th, long-time member Myrna Meinhardt passed away at the Havenwood Care Center in Burnsville. Her family plans a memorial service sometime next summer. Blessed be her memory!



The Exhortation

Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ; "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins. And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Communion Prayers

Before

We do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the Lord who desires always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Body of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

After

Lord Jesus Christ, even as You rose triumphant from the grave, I beseech You to grant me grace to rise from the bondage of sin, to walk in the newness of life, that when You appear as my Judge and Redeemer, I shall greet You in peace and joy, and may throughout eternity enjoy the bliss of Your unveiled Presence. Amen



"Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® (ESV®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved."