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5th Sunday after Epiphany

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 138

I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You. 2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. 3 In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul. 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, When they hear the words of Your mouth. 5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, For great is the glory of the Lord. 6 Though the Lord is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar. 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me. 8 The Lord will [a]perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

P Pastor

C Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #24

"Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care"

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from *conception*. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

INTROIT

Ps. 71:15-18

P O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

C My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

P With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

C O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

P So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jonah 1:1-9 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.” 3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. 4 But the Lord sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. 5 Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. 6 So the captain came to him, and said to him, “What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.” 7 And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, “Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” 9 So he said to them, “I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”

EPISTLE READING – 2 Timothy 2:1-3, 8-13; 3:12-17; 4:7-11 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. 12 If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have

known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. 9 Be diligent to come to me quickly; 10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

C 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will 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 in 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.

HYMN: WS #770

“I Hear the Savior Calling”


SERMON – Mark 14:51-52 Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, 52 and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

OUR LORD WANTS FLAG-BEARERS AND SOLDIERS!

OFFERTORY

WS p.16

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- C**  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

HYMN: TLH #452


“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

– OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:



OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1 “Lord, You Love...”

- C**  Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

GENERAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

The Order of Holy Communion



P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

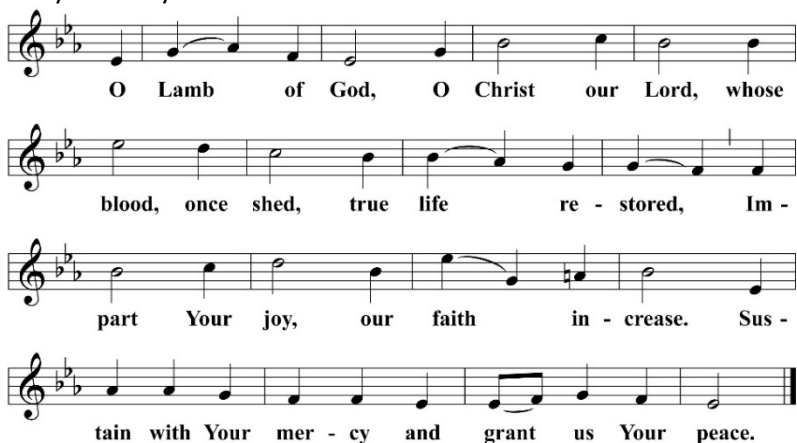
C *♩* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P 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. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way 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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!



Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain seated.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in - One; For
light as to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to now, Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

THE BENEDICTION:

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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 His peace.

C Amen!

HYMN: WS #775:5,6

"Thy Strong Word"

✠ Announcements ✠

Welcome! Vacancy Pastor Vance Fossum will be leaving today. We thank him for his service this past week and pray for his safe trip back home to South Carolina. We look forward to his return. If the services of the Pastor are needed, please call church or contact Pastor Fossum directly at 803-556-3161.

✠ **Feb. 6:** Bible Class & SS 9:15a
✠ **Feb. 6:** Annual Voters' Mtg.
✠ **Feb. 13:** Orlando Service 8a
✠ **Feb. 13:** Confirmation Sunday
WH service with Pastor Mark Bernthal preaching – meal to

Voters' Meeting Sunday, February 6 is the annual voters' meeting. We will be approving the budget and electing the church officers. If you are a voting member, please plan to attend this important meeting.

Confirmation Sunday Sunday, February 13 will be Confirmation Sunday. Grant Bernthal will be confirmed with his examination during

the service. Pastor Mark Bernthal will be preaching the sermon. There will be a meal following the service thanking the Lord for His protective care and guidance in the life of Grant. All are welcome.

Saint Called Home Our Brother-in-Christ Richard Kuehne was called to his eternal home this past weekend. He passed away in his home on Saturday, January 29th. He would have been turning 91 on February 17th. Richard's health had been slowly declining during the past several months, although, from our human perspective, his departure was unexpected. It did not come as a surprise to our Heavenly Father however, and for the Lord's shepherding of Richard's soul, both in his long life and in his death, we are very grateful. We praise the Lord that he led Richard to the baptismal waters in his early days and then kept him in that baptismal grace all the days of his life. A Victory service was held Friday with a grave-side service following. Pastor Fossum conducted the service. We pray the Lord gives comfort through His Word to the Kuehne family.

Last Week: WH – 29 Bible Class - 17 **Total Offering** = \$4,190.25

General = \$2090.25 **Tuition** = \$2100.00

Cleaner (2/12): Bernthal | **Acolyte (2/13):** Seth Bernthal

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Feb. 7-12, '22

Mon Isaiah 6:1-8 Seated on an elevated throne in His Temple, attended by winged seraphim bursting with energy to shout His praises as Architect of the Universe, God displays even greater glory by the way He deals with unclean sinners such as Isaiah. Since God has reached down from His throne and cleansed our mouths—can we not serve (with Isaiah) as God's spokesmen?

Tues Luke 5:1-11 We switch channels to a sunny beach where fishermen are cleaning their net-gear. After explaining God's love for them, Jesus took another step—to convince those who need convincing that He holds the whole wide world in His hands. Simon reacted as we would: "I'm not fit to serve Jesus; I'm scared to even try (8-10)." Jesus has other plans.

Wed Romans 10:12-17 Although God's contact person has often been one of His angels, more regularly He uses us mortals. It seems obvious that saving faith is created via God's gospel—which needs

to be heard and absorbed after being delivered via suitable carriers. You and I are like

inexpensive piping to carry His water of Life to parched souls. Praise the Lord, His water quenches spiritual thirst, and we are happy to serve as the piping (17).

Thurs Psalm 31:14-24 We may not have had the troubles which David had, but enough to bring us to our knees and cast ourselves on God's mercies (14-16). God's generous nature is warm enough to offer Himself as our hiding place (19-20)--and not just to put up with us, but to put us up in high esteem. Because the Lord preserves us, we have godly courage and spiritual vitality.

Fri Matthew 4:18-25 Simon, Andrew, James, and John fade into the back-ground during the next weeks. Now, why is that? Because Jesus was teaching by example, and they were absorbing. They watched and listened, learning what it meant to follow Jesus. We learn that way, too, and we are among the multitudes to whom Jesus revealed His Kingdom's blessings (23-25).

Sat Acts 9:13-17 is not the record of an "out-of-body" experience, but more like a conversation—wherein a servant voices an objection to the directives of the person in authority. Here Jesus shrugs off Ananais' objection and calls Saul a "chosen vessel of Mine, to bear My name/reputation to foreigners; I intend to set him straight about suffering for My name's sake." S o o o o – Ananias submitted to God's agenda, found Saul, and greeted him as "brother." What a surprise that must have been to Saul, who had been so nervous and upset that his stomach had been in knots for three days and nights. Saul was learning that God is gracious, generous, loving, forgiving, merciful, etc. We know the rest. Praise the Lord!