

The Offering

*The Offertory "Create in me....." p. 96

*The Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for your tender mercies and for all that you have so faithfully provided for us. May our gifts be a sign of our love toward you and our desire to do your holy will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer

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*The Blessing

P: Go with the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and may the Light of God's Word ever shine within your hearts and lives so that his holy name is praised throughout the world.

C: Amen

*SENDING HYMN

"Shine Jesus Shine"

INSERT

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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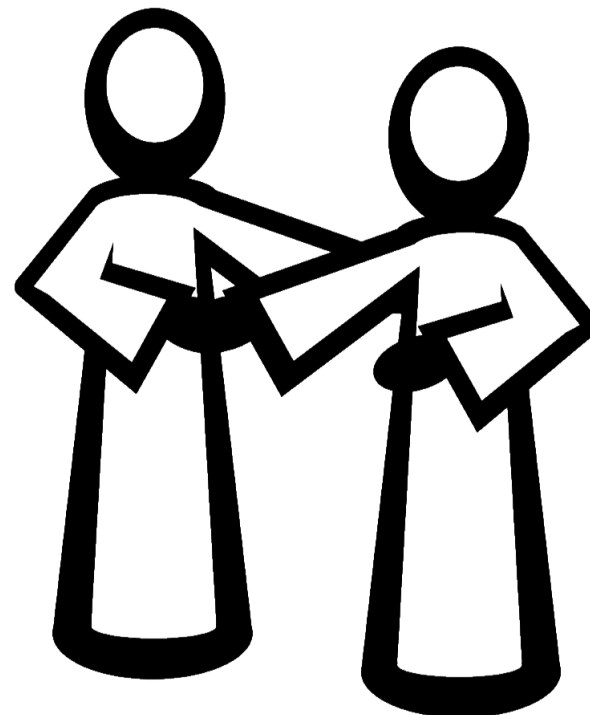
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WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given the 1st and 4th Sundays in January

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness

P: Arise, shine, your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We are gathered in this Season of Light to worship God, the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 60:1)

C: Amen

P: Let us humble ourselves before the Lord of all, confessing our sins of which we are aware and for those things that grieve Him of which we are unaware.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Gracious God who sent the Light of the World into the darkness of our human sin.

C: We come before you asking for your gracious mercy for all the things we have done and left undone. We have lived in darkness rather than seeking your light; we have ignored your call to serve our neighbors; and we have neglected to show our gratitude for all you've done for us. Forgive us, dear Lord. Let the light of Christ shine upon us and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in eternity. Amen.

P: Lift up your eyes all around and see! Your heart shall thrill and exult in the Lord's mercy. The Holy One of Israel, the Lord your God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit forgives you all your sin and grants you salvation in his holy name.

C:Amen

*OPENING HYMN "Here I Am to Worship" **INSERT**

*Greeting

P: May the glorious light of the Son of God shine upon you, the abiding love of the Father fill your hearts, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie p. 78

*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the Highest" p. 79

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son, Jesus, many came to faith in you. Bring us to faith by your grace that we may obediently worship and follow you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

PSALMS

Psalms 40: 1-11

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

*HOLY GOSPEL **John 1:29-42a**

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

PULPIT HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior" **#364**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Calls" **#494**

*Confession of Faith Apostles Creed p. 85

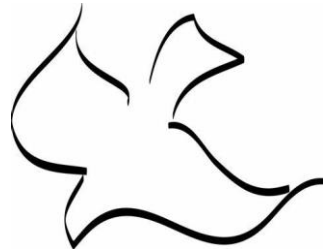
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing of the Peace

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"
³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One." ³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The first lesson is from the 49th Chapter of Isaiah

49 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." ⁷ This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Let us pray Psalm 40 (responsively)

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

² **He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.**

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

⁴ **Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.**

⁵ Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.**

⁷ Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll.

⁸ **I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."**

⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.

¹⁰ **I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.**

¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

AMEN



The second lesson is found in the 1st Chapter of 1 Corinthians

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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