

**You shall be called  
by a new name.**

*Isaiah 62:2*

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

**P** We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

**C** O Mighty God, you once revealed yourself to your people on Mount Sinai, in fire and thunder and cloud, as you gave your Ten Commandments;

**P** AND OF THE SON:

**C** O Jesus, our Lord and God, you made your divine power manifest by changing water into wine, healing the sick, and teaching the people with power and authority;

**P** AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**C** O Divine Spirit, when Jesus was baptized, you came upon him in the form of a dove. Come upon us now, in the speaking of your Word. AMEN!

**OPENING SONG:** "W Three Kings of Orient Are"

**WOV 646**

## **WE CONFESS**

**P** Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

**C** If you revealed only your power and your law to us, O Lord, we would be undone. Like the Israelites who trembled with fear at Mt. Sinai, and like the disciple Peter, who upon seeing your power over nature, cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!", we too would be reduced to fear and trembling, guilt and hopelessness. We confess that we have not and cannot live up to your righteous and good laws, and that we cannot stand before your almighty power.

## **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION**

**P** Jesus reveals himself to us most completely, not through laws, commandments, and displays of awesome power, but through lowliness and humility. He came to John the Baptist to be baptized, though he didn't need to at all. By doing so, he showed that he is not ashamed to be associated with sinners. Indeed, he loves sinners, and wants to come into their lives and be their friend. Jesus loves us sinners. In His name, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins.

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** And also with you!

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Please read in unison with Pastor Tom)

Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**P** The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING:****1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

1Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**P** The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL****John 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves

the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”  
<sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **“MINISTRY BEGINS IN CELEBRATION”**

**SONG:** “O Morning Star, ...” vv.1-4

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**STATEMENT OF FAITH:** Nicene Creed

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### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Mighty God, strengthen us as brothers and sisters in Christ, so that we may obey your will. Keep all shepherds faithful to your Word [especially ...], so that they may speak your truth to the flocks to which you have sent them. Inspire us to speak for Christ so that all would come to know your love. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God of love, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage and the union of man and woman to support and care for one another on life’s journey. Just as Jesus provided for the needs of the bride and groom at the wedding in Cana, so also we ask that you would provide for the needs of all families, that they would be strong and faithful to one another and to you. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God of glory, you are the source of all good gifts and you grant each member of the Body of Christ the gifts needed within the community of faith to do your will. Help us to embrace and develop the gifts you have given so that we might serve in humility and love. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you care tenderly for all who suffer the infirmities of old age, illness, or injury of the body, and wounds to the mind and spirit. Be present to all who have any need for healing [especially ...]. Comfort them by your compassion even as they wait upon healing and health. Remind them of your ever present Spirit. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

## OFFERING

### WE PREPARE FOR 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** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

### THE CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.      **C** Amen.  
**P** Isaiah said of old, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news."  
**C** People of God, today this prophecy has been fulfilled in your hearing.      **C** Amen!

**CLOSING SONG:** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"      **NEXT PG**

### THE BENEDICTION

- P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!      **C** Thanks be to God!

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain,  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain,




By his coun - sels guide, up - hold you,  
 'Neath his wings pro - tect - ing hide you,  
 When life's per - ils thick con - found you,  
 Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,




With his sheep se - cure - ly fold you,  
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you,  
 Put his arms un - fail - ing round you,  
 Smite death's threat - 'ning waves be - fore you,




God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
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*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we

meet at Je - sus' feet; Till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.



**ALTAR PLANT**

The plant on the altar is in remembrance of Laurice Huey who's birthday would have been on January 15.



## **WELCOME PASTOR TOM & FAMILY!**

Please welcome Pastor Tom, his wife Deaune, and three sons.  
We are looking forward to hearing God's word from him.

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**Attendance Last Saturday, 1/8:** 11

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**Offering Counters:** Mary Loomis & Donna Koehnke

**Attendance Sunday, 1/9:** 20

*Thank You!*

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who helped "undecorate" the church after Christmas. It was wonderful to see so many people to help and the task only took one hour. Many thanks!



# ANNUAL REPORT

## **ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE**

Pick up a copy of the Annual booklet report in the narthex. Please bring it back on **Sunday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>** for the Annual Meeting at 10:15am.



### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Gary Seegers 1/15

Chris Mothkovich 1/16

James Haag 1/16

Lisa Coyle 1/17

John Roser 1/19

Charlotte Haag 1/19/2018

Lucas Sunderlage 1/20/2006    Keegan Marshall 1/21/2010

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Today 1/16: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee.

Tuesday 1/18: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 1/20: Confirmation, 5:30pm.

Saturday 1/22: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/23: Worship Service with Sunday School, 9am.



**Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including:**

- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Amy Blobaum, Abby (Pahnke) Bohn and Annelise Daab, Mark Boehmer's girlfriend.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

### **Lessons for Next Week**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:[1-6] 7-14; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:16-30