



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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(with scripture readings for the 6th Sunday after the Epiphany)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

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

C O Mighty God, you once revealed yourself to your people on Mt. 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: "Beautiful Savior"

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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. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Almighty God, you are the strength of all who put their trust in you. Because of the weakness of our human nature we can do no good thing apart from you. Help us to keep your Word, that we may receive the blessings you so freely give to those who love you. Make us like trees planted by flowing streams, that we would thrive in your love and keep your commandments all our days. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

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

PSALM 1 *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this

life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷{Jesus} came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets."

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

SERMON: "SEEK THE FULLNESS NOT THE WOES"

SONG: "Blessed Assurance"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

(The offering shared before the service will be brought forward during the service. If you would like to place an offering in the offering plate, you have two opportunities to do so, before or after service. All offerings will be deposited on Sunday.)

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

Based on the Song of Simeon, also known as the “Nunc Dimittis” (Luke 2:29-32)

P Lord, now you dismiss your servants in peace.

C Now, Lord, knowing your promises, we can depart in peace; and one day, we can depart this world in peace.

P Our eyes have seen God’s salvation!

C “Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!” We have seen Christ, with the eyes of faith.

P He has prepared His salvation in the sight of every people.

C By a star, God led Gentiles from the east to His infant son. His salvation is for all people – not just for some.

P God’s Son is the light of the world, revealing Him to all nations.

C May we too be the light of the world, as Christ has called us.

P He is the glory of God’s people Israel.

C We thank God for His chosen people, and for His Messiah, Jesus Christ. And we thank Him for making us, and all who believe in Jesus, His chosen people!

P Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” **NEXT PAGE**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday, 2/5:19

Attendance at Pastor’s Installation, 4pm 2/6: 42

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Attendance Sunday, 2/6:55



Josiah Adam Blobaum was born Tuesday, February 2, at 7:03pm. He weighed 6lbs. 14oz.

His due date was Feb 9th. Amy & Josiah are doing well! Ben & Amy would like to express their sincerest thanks to everyone for their support and prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR TOM! Today is his birthday.

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.



PERSONAL CARE KITS

Personal Care items are being collected until **March 6th**. We are always in need of **BATH TOWELS**, dark colors please.

ONE light-weight bath-size towel

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*

ENGAGEMENT NEWS!!!

Peter Rasmussen & Samantha (Sam) Hughes are now engaged.
No date has been set at this time.

LUTHERAN LIFE MAGAZINE

Pick up a free magazine from Concordia Publishing House.
The magazine is in the Narthex. It is for all walks of our Christian life.

Sunday, 2/13: Join us after service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!

Newsletter items are due!

Monday 2/14: Food Truck Delivery, 9:30am; Pastor Tom will be flying to FL for Pastor's Conference; Happy Valentine's Day!

Tuesday 2/15: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 2/16: Newsletter folding, 9am.

Thursday: 2/17: Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 2/19: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 2/20: Worship Service; Sunday School, 9am.



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

- Jim Sheehan is now at Alden Debes to recover from Covid.
- Jason Gorski, Dan & Janelle Pahnke's nephew is fighting cancer. He is having a rough time with chemotherapy.
- Pastor Tom, and other Pastors who will be traveling to FL for the Pastor's Conference beginning Feb. 15th.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn and Annelise Daab, (Mark Boehmer's girlfriend) and Jamie Wittwer (Tim & Dianna's daughter-in-law).
- 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.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.