

# Worship Service ~ January 23, 2022, 9:00

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

### Annual Meeting Sunday

VISION: Be the body of Christ:  
welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.  
MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Kevin and Craig  
Danielson families in memory of Lois Danielson.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO ORDER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OPENING HYMN    *HERE I AM TO WORSHIP*

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us and calls us by name.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*~Silence for reflection~*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

L: Rejoice in this good news: In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Blessed Lord God,

**C: you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE WITH DEACON NINA

SPECIAL MUSIC            *“Acclamation on Azmon”* arr. Arnold Sherman;  
Bells of Faith and Faith Choir; Dean Jensen and Linda Burk, directors

R: A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 12:13-26

<sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION            *Alleluia*            children of Faith

R: A Gospel reading from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY    *THY WORD*

MESSAGE        Pastor John Klawiter

2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PJ: Today our congregation gathers in prayer and hope to begin another year of ministry. We bring with us the memory of a year like no other.

DN: As we move into a future we cannot yet imagine; we trust that God is our refuge and strength. In times of plenty and want, in times of conflict and peace, in times of growing and pruning, we remember:

**All: God has called us for such a time as this.**

PJ: We remember the past year with lament and gratitude. We have lost so much, and so much still feels uncertain.

DN: We have also witnessed God's hand at work in new and unexpected ways. We delight at hidden seeds bearing surprising and wonderful fruit. In moments of uncertainty, when we must rely on God alone, we remember:

**All: God has called us for such a time as this.**

PJ: We celebrate the many ways God has held us together as a community. We give thanks for the ministry of Faith Lutheran both within and outside the walls of this church building.

DN: When our bodies need sanctuary, when our minds need expanding, when your grace must transcend our limitations, we remember:

**All: God has called us for such a time as this.**

PJ: We look ahead to the road we will travel together this year. We anticipate and receive with joy the new gifts God's love has planned.

DN: We pray for the grace to let go of what has served its holy purpose. When we are trailblazers or followers, when we are seekers or visionaries, when we must walk by faith and not by sight, we remember:

**All: God has called us for such a time as this.**

PJ: Holy One, by the Spirit send us as healers and restorers of your beloved world.

DN: You are the source of our life together. You are the rock and cornerstone.

**All: You have called us for such a time as this. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG    *PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/CLOSING OF MEETING

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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