



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

February 12, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*.....#836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Confession (Let us pray together)

C: God of Wholeness, we confess that we are fractured and shattered. We sometimes think of our own needs and forget about others. We have looked to our own gain without meeting the basic needs of those in our communities. Forgive us. Call us into unity by

recognizing the needs, as well as the gifts, and encourage us to bring them forward as your body in Christ Jesus our Lord. Bind us together, Lord, by the movements of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be one. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Just as we need God's help, so may we help each other. Just as we need to be forgiven, so may we forgive one another. We know that at all times we are loved by God, and that God calls us to love one another. Know the Good News, know you are part of the body of Christ, individually and as members with one another.

C: Amen.

****Order of Service - Page 138 in the Hymnal****

Kyrie (Each petition will end with "Let us pray to the Lord"; please respond "**Lord, have mercy**".)

Canticle of Praise.....Page 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

C: God you are the giver of good news and high expectations. Please bless us as we come before you. Our thoughts need to be freed from self obsession and our crowded feelings need to make room for wonder and love. Give our spirits a glimpse of your glory, that we may be lifted from the mundane to the beauty of holiness. Through Jesus our brother and Savior. Amen.

Psalm.....Psalm 147:1-12

L: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

C: The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

L: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C: The Lord counts the number of stars and calls them all by their names.

L: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

C: The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

L: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God.

C: Who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.

L: God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

C: God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner.

L: But finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who await God's steadfast love.

C: Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.

Reading.....Nehemiah 1:1-9

Rebuilding the Walls.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*Jerusalem, My Happy Home (vs 1-3)*.....#628

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil! In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green; there grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs as nowhere else are seen.

Apostles Creed.....Page 105

Prayers of Intercession (Each petition will end with “Lord in your mercy”; please respond “**Hear our prayers**”.)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer

P: We give you thanks, O God, for you have baptized us into one body in Christ, so that with all our gifts working as one, we might announce your good news of freedom and healing and proclaim your reign in all the earth.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 144

Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1.....*Around You, O Lord Jesus*.....#468

Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill. You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body! Take, drink! This is my blood!"

We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call; your word of consolation is spoken here to all. It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing, which never will depart.

We are your own forever; until our final breath we will be true and never in joy, in grief, in death depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.

Communion Hymn 2.....*Let Us Break Bread Together*.....#471

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Communion Prayer

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with

heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*O Christ, Our Hope (vs 1-3)*.....#604

O Christ, our hope, our hearts’ desire, creation’s mighty Lord, redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured, by holy love outpoured:

How vast your mercy to accept the burden of our sin, and bow your head in cruel death to make us clean within, to make us clean within.

But now the bonds of death are burst, the ransom has been paid; you reign above at God’s right hand, in robes of light arrayed, in robes of light arrayed.

Blessing

P: Go now, and live as one body in Christ. Be at peace, and care for one another; suffer and rejoice with one another giving attention to the Word of God and proclaiming the good news to all. And may God delight your heart; may Christ Jesus keep you, thought and word, in his grace; and may the Holy Spirit sustain you and bind you together as one.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace, love and serve the Lord, and one another!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

New Board Members: We would like to congratulate and thank all the new 2017 board members for volunteering their time and service to

Our Saviour's. We would also like to thank those that have completed their terms of service this year. God bless!

"Potluck and a Movie": Join Youth and Family for a special family event today at 11:00am. Bring some food to share and come enjoy the movie "A Miracle from Heaven."

Choir Concert: The Blair Lutheran Church is holding a special musical event today at 2:00pm to raise awareness about hunger in our communities. This concert will be performed by our local church choirs. A free-will offering will be accepted to be shared with ELCA World Hunger and local community food pantries. Light refreshments will be served following the Concert.

Open House: Everybody is welcome to attend Myrtle Olson's 90th Birthday Celebration at Our Saviour's on February 18th from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Ice cream and cake will be served. Hope to see you there!

Crochet Class: Come join Life and Growth for an hour each Sunday morning, starting February 19th at 10:15am, to learn the art of crocheting. Just bring yourself and a size H, J, or K crochet hook and we will do the rest. (We have a few extra hooks if needed).

Painting Fundraiser: Join Youth and Family on February 26th at 1:30pm, as they host their 2nd Annual Painting Party. Please see Patti Zimmerman, Melissa Frank, Kathy Harms, or Peggy Kneifl for tickets.

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Barbara Harms, Halayna Macharia, Seth Olson, Jill Knudtson, David Anderson, Daytona Hensley, Tiffany Hensley, Darlene Baken, Wayne Harms, Abigail Olson, Myrtle Olson, Scott Schmitt, Olivia Schaefer, Delores Stuve, and Richard Waldera.**

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Goodwin Anderson, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Charlie Bratz, Fern Moe, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthausen, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthausen, Elaine Foss, Christin Stoutner, Bev Brey, Kaye Henrickson, Mark Windjue, Donna Fernholz, and Diane Sesvold.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday - Bible Study 6:15pm
Praise Team Practice 7:00pm

Wednesday - Bible Study 9:30am
Wednesday Worship 5:30pm
Confirmation 6:00pm
JCrew 6:30pm
Senior Choir Practice 7:00pm

Saturday - Myrtle Olson Birthday Party 2:00pm

Sunday - Sunday Worship 9:15am
Sunday School 10:15am
Crochet Class 10:15am

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Assisting in Worship Today:

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