

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

Melody Costello

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness *(You may stand or kneel.)*

D: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

D: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

D: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

D: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✙ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Song:

Rise, Shine, You People

No. 665

*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.

*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

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*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can
count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not
required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great
assembly.**

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ
Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has
been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in
him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ
has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual
gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also
strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel**

John 1:29-42

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Christ, Be Our Light

No. 715

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession** (*You may stand or kneel.*)

D: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

D: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. We pray especially for Gail, Carl, Pat, Becky, Scott, Dorothy, Laurel, Sandi, Bob, Arline, Judy, Peggy, Pat, Steve, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Born 'neath a Star
Cynthia Gray

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***Proper Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

No. 737

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

No. 696

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God.

Prayers for Healing: Gail Burke, Carl Ulich, Pat Straub, Becky, Scott Taylor, Dorothy Ulich, Laurel Mader, Sandi, Bob Madey, Arline, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Second Sunday after Epiphany, we will worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 4* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Third Sunday after Epiphany, we will worship in person at 8:30 with Praise liturgy and communion and at 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 4* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday January 15	Sunday January 15	Sunday January 22	Sunday January 22
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Logan Naida	Lucy Brown-Serban	Luke Gierhart
Reader	Melody Costello		Adam Scheid	
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan	Becky Malloy Julie Shrader	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan	
Communion Assistants	Melody Costello Scott Johnson		Becky Malloy	Linda Kostelnik
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	--	Brian Harris	--
Altar Guild				

****Worship Assistants Needed** - Readers, Ushers, and Communion Assistants. Please sign up in the narthex. Readers can also sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0544AFAC2CA4FA7-stmatthew>. Please contact Sandy Andrews with any questions.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Progressive Dinner - Saturday, April 29.

Wine Tasting - Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm at Forest Meadows.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Reports - Due today.

Book Club - The book we are reading is *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. We will read the book. When the movie is released, we will plan a movie night..

Care Package Ministry - Meeting on Monday, January 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the library. We will debrief our first round of deliveries and then brainstorm ideas for the mid-semester pick-me-up, as well as select an assembly date for our spring semester finals deliveries.

National “Wear Red” Sunday will be observed **February 5th** at St. Matthew Evangelical Church.

National Wear Red Day seeks to raise awareness about heart disease. This day encourages wearing the color **RED** as a sign of solidarity against the fight against heart disease and stroke. It aims to generate awareness and initiate change.

*If you have a “Red Dress” pin wear it to church on Feb. 5th.....or a red scarf, tie, sweater or blouse. (Also, think about when you had your last annual exam or physical with your physician.)

National Wear Red Day was established in 2003 by the American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Contact Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, if you have any questions or concerns.

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, February 5, before both services.

Game Night - Friday, January 20, 7:00 pm. Bring snack and/or beverage to share.

Roller Skating - Sunday, February 26, 1-3 p.m. All are welcome! Watch for details and a Sign-Up Genius coming soon.

Altar Flowers - 2023 Flower charts are posted in the Narthex. When signing up for Memorial or Altar Flowers, please fill out a form (located at the bottom of the charts) for the office. The form will include your name, the date you selected, and the dedication that you would like to appear in the bulletin. (One sheet for each day chosen.) Please place completed forms and payment in the office administrator’s mailbox or the mail slot on the office door. Price per arrangement is \$15.

For Sale! Sound Mixer - We are selling our Mackie SR24-4 analog mixer. It is approximately 25 years. Asking \$280. Contact Larry Mohler at 330-391-0130 with questions or interest in buying. (Still on premises if you are interested in purchasing and want to see it first.)

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St. Matthew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!

The Lord's table is open to all who believe and are baptized.

Please join us as we receive the means of grace, where Jesus promises to meet us in the bread and the wine.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.