



Sunday, January 22, 2023
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
8:15 and 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Sanctity of Life Sunday • Lutherans For Life

PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

TLH 648

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1. I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,

Even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

3. Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**
- P** His heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- C** **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**
- P** Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- C** **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
- P** They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”

C We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

P But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up.

C For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.

P By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

P You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

C so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor. In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN

TLH 27

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

1. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.
2. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!
3. 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses

And makes thee young again.

4. He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.
5. He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest:
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'opprest.
6. His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:26-31a

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was

so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

COLLECT (*In Unison*)

A Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation, grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

HYMN

TLH 514 vv1,4-6

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.
4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.
5. His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;

The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own Interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

SERMON

“Trust God’s Note”

DT. 30:19-20

APOSTLES’ CREED *(In Unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(Pastor)*

THE PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Heavenly Father, grant us all humility to recognize the sanctity of every human life You have created, redeemed, and called as Your own precious treasure and to receive each neighbor as gift and privilege. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Let us speak Your grace and show Your forgiveness to any

whose hearts have been broken by the abortion of their own children or by participation in any other violence against the sanctity of life, that they may turn to You in trust. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. By our witness and assistance, deliver from death, deception, and despair those scheduled for abortion, those awaiting adoption, those experiencing surprise pregnancy, those facing terminal diagnosis, those considering suicide or euthanasia, and those endangering embryonic human beings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. In our time, in our land, and the world over, bring an end to abortion, embryocide, physician-assisted suicide, and all pressures to use death as a solution to suffering. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Guide the minds and hands of medical professionals to serve as instruments of Your saving and healing care and to resist the temptation to hasten the end of any human life; and especially do we implore Your visitation and intervention to relieve the afflictions of our brothers and sisters, [names]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Multiply unto us the celebrations of body, family, and length of days that we rejoice with gratitude to You for these undeserved and undivided delights; and especially do we praise Your name for [birthdays and anniversaries among our number]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Provide and preserve lawmakers and officials over us who safeguard the sanctity of every human life in public

policy and practice, and move us to support and encourage them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Open our ears and loosen our tongues to advocate for every neighbor's welfare with courage and compassion, and work calm and consensus through our respectful dialogue and enthusiastic servanthood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great. Cheer our spirits with forgiveness, faith, and fellowship, until by repentance and resurrection we enter into everlasting life before You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Chanted in Unison)*

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.

(8:15 A.M. proceed to Closing Hymn)

THE HOLY COMMUNION (10:45 A.M. only)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Amen!

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE GENERAL DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(In Unison)*

We give You thanks merciful Father that You have kept Your Word and have fed us, Your unworthy servants, with the precious body and blood of Your dear Son Jesus Christ. We pray that by His grace we may walk worthy of our holy calling and learn to adorn the teaching of God our Savior by our words and deeds, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 529 vv 1,2,4,5

I Leave All Things to God's Direction

1. I leave all things to God's direction,
He loveth me in weal and woe;
His will is good, true His affection,
With tender love His heart doth glow.
My Fortress and my Rock is He:
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

2. My God hath all things in His keeping,
He is the ever faithful Friend;
He grants me laughter after weeping,
And all His ways in blessings end.
His love endures eternally;
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

4. God knows what must be done to save me,
His love for me will never cease;
Upon His hands He did engrave me
With purest gold of living grace.
His will supreme must e'er be:
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

5. My God desires the soul's salvation,
Me also He desires to save;

Therefore with Christian resignation
All earthly troubles I will brave.
His will be done eternally:
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

POSTLUDE

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Mark Gade & Jean Azar

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Remember in Your Prayers:

Ingrid Stuhldreer- who continues to recover.

Genny Liebert- who moved to Cranberry Park Asst. Living
26101 Jefferson Ave.

St Clair Shores, Mi 48081

Room 1102

Judy Dettloff – who was released from the hospital last week.

Jane Parke- recovering at home from a broken arm.

Sheila Rice- recovering from recent surgery.

The Family of Pastor Jim Elsher- who passed away last week.

Tom Bommarito- friend of Robert Wickes- who is recovering from a serious infection.

Those in care facilities: Clifford Popp and Judy Piche

Those treated for cancer: Tom Harms, Roy Koeppe, Lisa Zimmermann, Keith Josefiak, Eric Hingst, Sharon Selby

Those serving their country: Justin Kelley, Matthew Dailey, Maddy Rice, Gavin Rice.

Due to production problems with our giving envelope printing company, the giving envelopes for 2023 are not available yet. While the supplier works to get our order to us, we ask that you continue giving by either 1) using your leftover 2022 envelopes; or 2) use envelopes from the pew (marking them with your assigned envelope number and designating on the envelope, "Weekly Offering").

Counters Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to become counters for the church - counting the weekly offering and depositing the funds into the bank. No prior experience or accounting background is necessary and only requires basic math skills. Training will be provided. Your help and support in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kurt Halsey, Diane Wyrock or Ed Fleck for additional information. Thank you in advance for your support.

Life Quotes

"When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved." *Deaconess Pamela Buhler and Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Altar Guild

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Beverly Zimmermann, Tina Burns, and Julie Shanley

One Week Ago Today:

8:15 Service: 29

Communion: 27

10:45 Service: 31

Altar Flowers

The new signup sheet is now out in the lobby. If you are able, please sign up for one or both vases. The cost is \$18 for one vase, \$36 for both. You can let Shane, our office administrator, know the sentiment to be published in the Sunday bulletin, for those flowers. They can also be picked up, if you choose, after the 10:45 am service. If you have any questions, or if you have a special request (i.e. type of flower, larger bouquet) please feel free to contact Pam Zimmer, 586-578-9464. Payment should be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers".

Wednesday Bible Class resumes this Wednesday, January 25th.

Let Us Know What You Think!

Our congregation is planning for our future, both as it relates to our overall needs and as it relates to our upcoming search for a new pastor. As a part of this planning we are participating in the LCMS Re:Vitality Lutheran revitalization program. "Vital" is the key component of "revitalization." Wherever the Word is proclaimed in its purity and God's Sacraments are rightly administered, there is spiritual vitality. Re:Vitality builds upon spiritual vitality and guides the church in positive action for sustainable, adaptable, focused, and healthy ministry for years to come. The first step in the Re:Vitality process is to submit honest feedback about our congregation from everyone involved. We want to encourage every adult (18 years and older) to fill out this simple online. Simply go to this address and follow the instructions to begin.

<http://lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C383598>

Or you can use the QR CODE below.

We need to hear from everyone, individually. We want to hear from you, whether you've been a member here your whole life or you're new to Christianity; whether you're a member, frequent attendee, or occasional visitor, we want to hear from you. Your responses are completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and we will not see individual responses. It is important to be honest in your feedback so that we can have an accurate assessment about where we are as a congregation.

Help us find the answer to, "Where are we...really?" Thank you for submitting your responses by 1/29/2023.

Thank you for your participation.

The Christ the King Leadership Team



FINANCIAL PROGRESS (FINAL)		
<u>Envelope & Plate Receipts Only</u>		
Week #	2022	2021
1	\$ 26,391	\$ 7,571
2	4,344	6,174
3	7,335	10,554
4	18,514	23,176
Month-to-Date Total	\$ 56,584	\$ 47,475
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 327,187	\$ 349,472

1-1-1 Missions Update		
	MTD	YTD
	\$ 77	\$ 1,206

\$80 for 80 Years		
	MTD	YTD
	\$ 11,445	\$ 45,115