

Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

January 23, 2022 Third Sunday After Epiphany Receive Hope, Be Hope, Share Hope Hebrews 11:1

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Welcome to worship as we come together in praise and thanksgiving to our living Savior!

Holy Spirit, blow through our church with power. Open our hearts to follow your call.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

* Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Leader: There are many members in the body of Christ, but one body.

Congregation: We are all one body in Christ.

L: Just as God arranged the human body, God has arranged the church to be members of the body of Christ.

C: We are all one body in Christ.

L: Therefore, we need each other to survive.

C: We are all one body in Christ.

L: We must care for one another; for, together, we are the body of Christ.

C: There are no big gifts and little gifts. My gift is no better than your gift.

L: No one is greater than another, for we are one in Jesus Christ.

All: God has placed gifted people among us to equip the saints and to build God's kingdom. We rejoice that we are one body in Christ. Amen.

* Confession and Forgiveness

(Please rise in body, spirit or both)

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

C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God. (silent 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.

C: Amen

* Gathering Hymn: We Are Marching in the Light of God #866

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of, the light of God.

We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing,

We are dancing in the light of, the light of God.

We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing,

We are dancing in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God. We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of, the light of God. We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying, We are praying in the light of, the light of God. We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying, We are praying in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of, the light of God.We are singing in the light of, the light of God.We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing,We are singing in the light of God.

* Greeting

L: 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.

* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray:

C: : Blessed Lord God, 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.

(please be seated)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

* First Reading I Corinthians 12: 12-31

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For 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.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The 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." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and 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; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

* The Gospel Luke 4: 14-21

(Please rise in body, spirit or both)

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When 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, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"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,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And 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. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

(please be seated)

- * Children's Message
- * Sermon Pastor Kari Williamson

* Hymn: Canticle of the Sun

Refrain:

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy. Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

Sing to the sun, the bringer of day, He carries the light of the Lord in his rays: The moon and the stars who light up the way Unto your throne.

Refrain

Praise to the rain that waters our fields, And blesses our crops so all the earth yields; From death unto life her myst'ry revealed Springs forth in joy.

Refrain

Sing to the earth who makes life to grow, The creatures you made to let your life show; The flowers and trees that help us to know The heart of love.

Refrain

Praise to our death that makes our life real, The knowledge of loss that helps us to feel; The gift of yourself, your presence revealed To lead us home.

Refrain

* Prayer of Blessing

L: Let us pray

C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on your journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen

* Prayers of the People

(following each petition) L: Lord in your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

GOD COMES TO US AT THE MEAL

Words of Institution

* Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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

* Communion Distribution

* Prayer After Communion

(please rise in body, spirit, or both)

L: Let us pray

C: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of love and grace. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* The Blessing

L: God, who leads you in the pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you be name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

* Sending Hymn: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve #551

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; We go in Jesus' name To bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn And set the burdened free; Where hope is dim to share a dream And help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, To scatter joy like seed And, all our days, to cherish life, To do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, The gospel to proclaim. Gods Spirit has empowered us; We go in Jesus' name.

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* Sending

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share God's love and hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Flowers on the altar today are in honor of Shirley Redies 82nd birthday



Thank you for joining us for worship. A special welcome to our guests. If you are interested in learning more about Saint Andrew, please feel free to call Pastor Kari at 602-942-5811

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