

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday after the EpiphanyJanuary 22, 2012
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8:30 A.M.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIPP=Presiding, A=Assisting, C=Congregation

Prelude.....Karen Palmer

Congregational Greeting and Theme of the Day:
"Moving Forward"

ENTRANCE HYMN (*stand, if you are able*):
"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

Blue Book No. 784

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:Blue Book Page 28

P: Kyrie eleison;
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Christe eleison:
C: Christ, have mercy.
P: Kyrie eleison:
C: Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE:Blue Book Page 29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:Blue Book Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let us pray...
C: **You seek us, Holy One, to be participants in the building of your reign on earth. When we hear your call we sometimes respond with "I can't" resounding in our hearts. May we remember, always, that with your call comes the promise of you being with us always. Amen.**

PRAISE HYMN:

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.
My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.**

THE WORD OF GOD: First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²"Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." ³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. ⁴On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." ⁵The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

Psalm 62:5-12

- 5 Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**
- 7 My salvation and my honor depend on God ; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**
- 9 Lowborn men are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie; if weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.
- 10 Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**
- 11 One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong,
- 12 and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; ³⁰those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*stand, if you are able*):..... WOV No. 612

C: Celtic Alleluia

Al – le – lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia!

Al – le – lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, beginning with the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" ¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Moving Forward"

Pastor Mark Evans

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (*stand and sing*):..... Blue Book Page 35

**C: Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements and Recognition of Visitors

People Concerns for the Week..... Pastor Mark

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Bill Adams, Margaret Allemon, Bob Barke, Dennis Barke, Marv & Rosalie Blackett, Michelle Blaskay, Paul Blaskay & Family, Jennifer Buckley, Pat Cabala, Amy (Barr) Carbeck, Matthew Decker, Tom Dixon, Melvin Dyker, Pastor Mark, Martin Falker, Judy Gallagher, Ed Goebel, Joyce Guimond, Al & Velma Jean Havers, Bill Higgins, Margaret Hotchkiss, Jennifer Hudson, Shannon Jaquays, Deborah Joyce, Harold Joyce, Lorolei Kahl, Pat Koleda, Amy Krawciw, Josh Long, Brigitte Maday, Ellen Maddin,, Helen Mangold, Amy May, Mike, Brooklynn Oland, James Olson, Jerry Olson, Lillie Oming, Don & Betty Pinnick, Ursula Rick, Ruth Rohm & Family, Clarence Samuel, Eric Schorling, Rick Schwartz, Chris Seablom, Bob See, Ron Seglund, Debbie Shepak, Virgene Shreves, David Shirey, the Family of Larry Sieger, Jim Smith, Carol Vernier, Joyce Vestrand, Ed Werderman, Suzanne Wilson, Kenneth Wizinsky Sr., Kim Wizinsky, Peter Yelick, and our serviceman overseas, Steve Horney.

After the updates of the People Concerns, the Congregation will stand and sing together,

PRAYER HYMN: God Will Make A Way

**God will make a way where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.**

**He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way. He will make a way.**

THE PRAYERS (stand):Blue Book Page 34

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen**

THE ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Gracious God,
C: **Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name; what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a
past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

P: Jesus Christ our Savior gave himself for us, redeeming us from all sin and cleansing us
to be people who are eager to do what is good. Through the water of rebirth and the
outpouring of the Holy Spirit, God saves us, renews us in grace and ..bestows on us
eternal life.
C: **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:Blue Book Page 36

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 our thanks and praise.**
P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks . . . (*Here the minister continues with the proper preface,
concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation sings

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(stand if you are able)*

COMMUNION *(sit)*

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION **Blue Book Nos. 702, 710, 737**

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed to the Lord’s Table today. Children who have not yet been instructed for Holy Communion will be given a blessing. Please fill out one communion card per family and follow the direction of the ushers. White grape juice is available for anyone who would prefer to not drink wine. There are also gluten free wafers for those people allergic to wheat.)
(Stand, if you are able)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *(congregation sings):*..... **Green Book Page 72**

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

A: Let us pray. *(The Assisting Minister says a short prayer.)*

C: Amen

THE BENEDICTION:

P: Go into God’s world knowing that you are loved more than you can imagine. Show your love for God with all your heart, soul, and mind. Share God’s love with all you encounter. Care for them as God has cared for you and you will find and share the blessing of God Almighty.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” **Blue Book No. 771**

DISMISSAL:

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude..... Karen Palmer

To our visitors and guests, thank you for joining us for worship service today. Please fill out a visitor card and give to the usher, or sign our guest register book in the front entrance when you leave. Please come and join us again!



Ecclesiastes 5:7b, NIV

VOLUNTEER MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 22, 2012

<u>Assisting Minister:</u>	Ron Weyersberg
<u>Acolyte:</u>	1) Volunteer Please 2) Hannah & Harrison Hunt
<u>Greeters:</u>	1) Steve & Jan Alling 2) Bob & Marj Neubacher
<u>Reader:</u>	1) Karen Palmer 2) Mike Phillips (Contemporary)
<u>Nursery:</u>	1) Volunteer Please 2) Volunteer Please
<u>Ushers:</u>	1) Pat Hahn, Myron & Elvira Kukuk, Volunteers Please 2) Don & Sue Schwartz, Velma Springstubbe
<u>Counters:</u>	Steve Springstubbe, Marie Germundson
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Myron & Elvira Kukuk
<u>Saturday Service Coordinators: Jan. 21:</u>	Gary & Sharon Orr

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER MINISTERS!