

Sunday January 16, 2022

Jesus Cleanses the Temple



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Living Water”

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord God Almighty.
My soul yearns, yes it even faints for the courts of the Lord

Chorus

You fill my soul with Your living water. And I am Your child
You fill my soul with Your living water. And I am Your child

Oh Lord, God who saves me, Day night I cry out before You.
May my prayer come before You. Turn Your ear to my cry-y (Chorus)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu (Chorus)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “That’s Why We Praise Him”
(Please rise on the last verse)

1. He came to live, live a perfect life,
He came to be the living word, our Light
He came to die so we’d be reconciled,
He came to rise to show His pow’r and might.

Chorus

That’s why we praise him, that’s why we sing
That’s why we offer him our everything
That’s why we bow down and worship this king,
‘cause he gave his everything
‘cause he gave his everything

2. He came to live, live again in us
He came to be our conquering King and Friend
He came to heal & show the lost ones his love
He came to go prepare a place for us
(Chorus)

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
‘cause he gave his everything

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Patient God,

Your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong.

Amen.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Lord Reign in Me” by Brenton Brown

PSALM: Psalm 127 (*Read Responsively*)

¹Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

²**It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

³Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴**Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.**

⁵Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-25

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "When Christ Went to the Temple" (on screen)

Sung to the tune of: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

When Christ went to the Temple to worship God one day,
He entered through the courtyard where anyone could pray.
That court was for the nations — and all could enter in.
But Jesus found a market, a shameful robbers' den.

There, cattle, sheep and pigeons were sold for sacrifice,
And moneychangers shouted of quality and price.

Outsiders could not enter the inner courts for prayer.
Their only place to worship was in the courtyard there.

When prayer gave way to profit, and pride closed many doors,
The Lord cried out in anger and made a whip of cords.
He shooed the sheep and cattle and scattered pigeons, too.
God's house was for all people — not for a chosen few.

O God, you love the nations and call us all to pray.
Forgive us when our worship turns other folk away.
As Christ, in loving protest, fought prejudice and pride,
May we who follow Jesus now welcome all inside.

Please stand if you are able

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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect

food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day (especially). Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition.

Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith (especially). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE - *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,

Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER – Led by Praise Team

INVITATION to COMMUNION

Come to God’s table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION SONG: “Sanctuary”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,

for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. 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.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✚ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “This Little Light of Mine” CCLI#3376513

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no! I’m gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I’m gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won’t let Satan (pfhhhh) it out, I’m gonna let it shine.
Won’t let Satan (pfhhhh) it out, I’m gonna let it shine.
Won’t let Satan (pfhhhh) it out, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine all over Malmo, I’m gonna let it shine.
Shine all over Malmo, I’m gonna let it shine.
Shine all over Malmo, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Praise Team

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Greeters: Don & Donna Myhre

Hospitality: Jack & Paula Spetz

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, January 9, 2022: In Person: 9:00 am 33 Online: 18

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Jan. 17, 2022 – Jan. 23, 2022

Monday	1/17	10:00 am	Council Meeting – Welcome to new members Darlene Christensen & Dick Stebbins and thank you to Karen Carron for her service to the council.
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	1/18	4-6:00 pm	Grief Share
Wednesday	1/19	9-4:00 pm	WIC
		11:00 am	Estate Planning Seminar
Sunday	1/23	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream
		2-4:00 pm	Snow Days - Indoor & Outdoor Fun & Games

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Jill and London Feland, Elsa Carlson, Marilyn Andrews.

SNOW DAYS Indoor and Outdoor Fun for all ages. Sunday, January 23rd from 2-4pm. Indoor games and Outdoor snow shoeing (weather permitting). Nachos & Refreshments. Free Will Offering.

2021 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall along with your 2022 giving envelopes.

END OF LIFE SEMINARS Bethesda Lutheran Church is offering four free seminars as part of an 'End of Life' series. Our first session will be on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 11 am. Attorney Henry Brucker will discuss the differences between a will and a trust along with the importance of a power of attorney. He may also have suggestions about gifting inheritance to children. Session is about 40 minutes long with questions following. Bring your own bag lunch.