

Sunday February 20, 2022

Living Water – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



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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: “We Welcome You”

#CCLI 295357

1. We are all Together, To call upon Your name,
There is nothing we like better,
Than to sing and give You praise.

CHORUS:

**Lord, we welcome You, We welcome You,
We welcome You, Come fill this place**

2. Bring healing and salvation, Let Your kingdom come,
Right here just like in heaven, May Your will be done. **CHORUS**

3. Father, come fill this place, We welcome You,
Jesus, we seek Your face because
All we want to do is, Give our love to you.

CHORUS :

**We welcome You, We welcome You,
We welcome You, Come fill this place,
Come fill this place, Come fill this place**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Father, I Adore You”
(Please rise on the last verse)

CCLI# 26557

1. Father, I adore you lay my
life before you. How I love you.
2. Jesus, I adore you lay my
life before you. How I love you.
3. Spirit, I adore you lay my
life before you. How I love you.

(Repeat verses 1,2,3 as a round)

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.

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.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and loving God,

**Your son proclaimed living water to all who are thirsty. We are thirsty, Lord. Quench our thirst with your living water and heal our souls.
Amen.**

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “You Are My All in All”

PSALM: Psalm 147: 1-11 (Read Responsively)

¹Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

²**The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

³He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

⁴**He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸**He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**

¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-52

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." ⁴¹Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? ⁴²Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" ⁴³So there was a division in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?" ⁴⁶The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!" ⁴⁷Then the Pharisees replied, "Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? ⁴⁸Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹But this crowd, which does not know the law — they are accursed." ⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, ⁵¹Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it? ⁵²They replied, "Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "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)

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.

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political

prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled (especially). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom (especially). As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. 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: “Change My Heart, O God” Performed by the Praise Team

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 HYMNS: “Love the Lord” CCLI# 2893570

Love the Lord your God, with all your heart and
all your soul and all your mind.
And love all humankind as
You would love yourself and...
Love the Lord your God, With all your heart and
all your soul and mind. And love all humankind...

We’ve got Christian lives to live, we’ve got Jesus love to give,
We’ve got nothing to hide because in Him we all have love...

(Repeat)

“Jesus Is the Rock” CCLI# 5336582

(Chorus) Jesus is the Rock ‘n’ He rolls my blues away
(Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-Woo!)
Jesus is the Rock ‘n’ He rolls my blues away
(Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-Woo!)
Jesus is the Rock ‘n’ He rolls my blues away

When you’re out on the street And you really feel down and low
When you’re out on the street And you really feel down and low
When you’re out on the street Well, Jesus gonna’ save your soul
‘cause

(Chorus)

When you wake up in the mornin' And the sky ain't bright 'n' blue
When you wake up in the mornin' And the sky ain't bright 'n' blue
When you wake up in the mornin' Jesus gonna' pull you through
'cause

(Chorus)

When you look in the mirror And your face causes it to crack
When you look in the mirror And your face causes it to crack
Well, Jesus gonna' love you And, baby, now that's a fact
'cause

(Chorus)

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

Greeters: Praise Choir Members

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Hospitality: Dorothy & Keith Munding, Bev Wedig

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, February 13, 2022:

In Person: 9:00 am 36 Online: 12

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**Feb. 21, 2022 – Feb. 27, 2022**

Monday	2/21	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	2/22	9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	2/23	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday	2/27	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream
		2-4:00 pm	Junk Bingo

ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRAYER & CARE LIST:**

JUNK BINGO Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022. 2-4 pm. Free will donation for Bingo cards. Win some nice junk (treasures!) Bring an appetizer to share. We will supply beverages.

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

ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA You are invited to join Isle Community Lenten Choir and participate in an enriching musical and spiritual experience. First Rehearsal Feb. 27th at Faith Lutheran Church in Isle. Registration begins at 2:15pm, rehearsals 2:30-4:00pm Sundays in Lent. Performance on Good Friday, April 15, 2022, at 7:30pm. See poster in Narthex for more information.
