

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - 7TH EPIPHANY

#### Prelude & Welcome

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Congregation: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27)

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Trusting in the word of life given in Christ Jesus, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen** 

Pastor: As God's beloved daughters and sons, let us call to mind our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

~ silence for reflection and self-examination ~

Pastor: God of the nations,

Congregation: In baptism you anoint us to be your holy people in the world, yet we have not always been faithful to you. We often find it hard to love and accept one another. We at times prefer a blind eye to the suffering of others. Forgive us, and fill us with your light, that we may delight in your goodness and serve you with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastor: In Christ the grace and mercy of God are revealed; in Christ your sins are forgiven. Walk, then, as children of the light.

**Congregation: Amen** 

Gathering Song - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW #858; vs. 1, 2, 3)

#### Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

**Hymn of Praise -** Arise, Your Light Has Come (ELW #314; vs. 1, 4)

#### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen** 

Children's Message

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First Reading - Genesis 45:3-11; 15

Gospel Acclamation - Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory (ELW #561, vs. 3)

Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

Message - Pastor Jeff Frohner

Hymn of the Day - Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (ELW #605; tune #886)

Apostles' Creed | Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord in your mercy... Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace | Thanksgiving for Offerings

Holy Communion | Words of Institution | Lord's Prayer

All: 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

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you now and for life everlasting.

**Congregation: Amen** 

Communion Canticle - Let All Things Now Living (ELW #881, vs. 1)

Announcements | Benediction

**Sending Song** - We Know That Christ Is Raised (ELW #449)

Sending

Pastor: "For the Lord gives wisdom;

Congregation: ...from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2.6)

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY!

**Worship Team:** Pastor Jeff Frohner, Pastor Nate Montover Cantor: Laura Lovseth | Organ: Ruth Armstrong **Greeters:** Greg & Kay Forest | **Ushers:** Marv & Diane Peters Comm. Servers: Diane Aarni, Barb Hazelton | Comm. Set-up: Marcia Edwards Tech Team: Wes, Kara, Erik Lovseth | Nursery: Amanda Schultz Café Hosts: Mary Jo & Roger Carlson | Donut Runners: Brynn & Brett Merck Counters: Jim Dettbarn, Evelyn Beck

# WORSHIP GUIDE

## Gathering Song "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

# Hymn of Praise "ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

## Gospel Acclamation "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.

Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way, loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

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### Hymn of the Day "FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE"

(tune #886)

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: how trifling others' debts to us; how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease: then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

## **Communion Canticle** "LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING"

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, 'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

### **Sending Song** "WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED"

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!

We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life, as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three-in-One. Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!

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