
CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Epiphany 2
Pastor Mark Voss
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**SERVICE OF THE WORD
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Opening Hymn *“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”*

CW 84

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

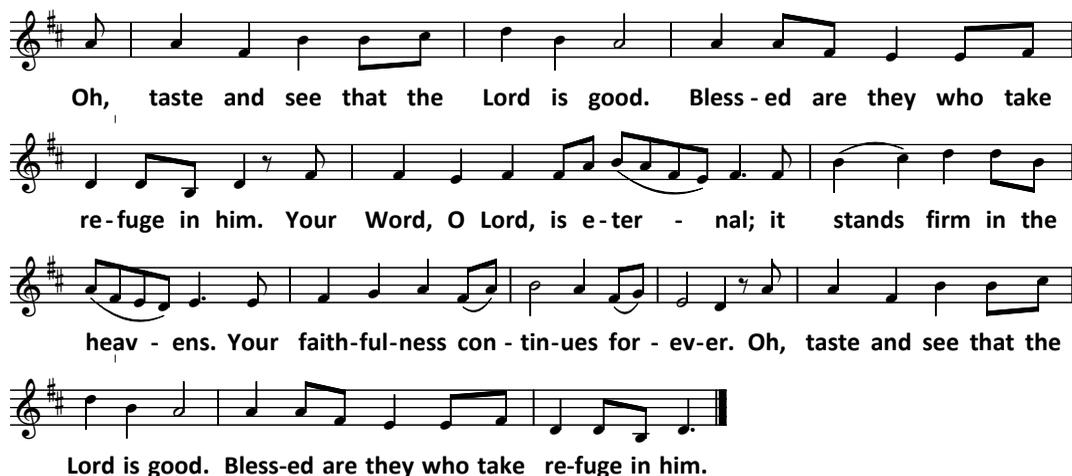
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take
re-fuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter - nal; it stands firm in the
heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con - tin-ues for - ev-er. Oh, taste and see that the
Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

Getting to know Jesus – by following his commands

Hymn – *“Come Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”*

CW 453 vv 1-2

Devotion One - 1 Samuel 3:1-10 - *I'm Listening*

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he

ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield, on him I call.**

**"I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls' salvation,
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you in your heav'nly goal."**

Devotion Two – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 – *What God says about your body*

"Everything is permissible for me"--but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"--but I will not be mastered by anything. "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"--but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

**Then let us follow Christ our Lord And take the cross appointed
And firmly clinging to his Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

Devotion Three – John 1:43-51 - *How do you relate to Jesus?*

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN – “*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*”

CW 82 vv 1-3

THANKSGIVING

Offering and signing of the Friendship Register

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fulness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

P: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, As we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Children's Lesson

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Verses

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

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**Sun and moon shall darkened be;
Stars shall fall, the heav’ns shall flee.
Christ will then like lightning shine;
All will see his glorious sign.
All will then the trumpet hear;
All will see the judge appear.
You by all will be confessed.
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see you Lord,
Mirrored in your holy Word.
May our lives and all we do
Imitate and honor you
That we all like you may be
And my praise you, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – January 14

Today	8 & 10:30a Worship
Epiphany 2	9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 12-1:30p Catechism Class
Monday	No School – Martin Luther King Day Calendar and Newsletter Information should be sent to the church office: christredeemer@corchurch.com
Tuesday	7p COR Women's Group
Wednesday	7p COR Sr. Choir resumes
Thursday	8a Bible Study 7p Worship with Communion 7:45p Bible Study
Sunday	8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion
Epiphany 3	9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 12-1:30p Catechism Class 1:30p Youth Group

SERVING OUR SAVIOR

8a Andrew Maurer / Ray Seggelke / Wayne Miller	Ushers
10:30a Dan Wilkins / Mike Friesenegger / Tony Rach	
Stacey Seggelke / Suzie Mrowicki	Altar
Rutschow / Seggelke	Outreach
8a Brian & Dee Shepherd	Greeters
10:30a Terry Miller / Amy Maurer	
Casey / Volz	Counters
Westermeyer	Nursery
Engelbrecht / Quintela / Thompson	Cleaners
Schmidt / Seggelke, S / Huth / Seggelke, J	Coffee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: To all who helped take down our Christmas tree this past week – it is appreciated!

CHOIR: Our Lenten/Easter session of choir will be starting up this week, Wednesday, January 17th, at 7p. We would be overjoyed to have you participate! We plan on singing for Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Starting February 14th our practices will be at 7:30, following the mid-week Lenten Service. Please consider joining us, we would love to have more voices!

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.