

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 12 & 15, 2023

Jesus Appears as the Lamb of God

Opening Hymn 814, “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

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Prayer of the Day: 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)..... Psalm 27C

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, / * and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (SUNG! – See Pg. 179 for melody.)*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 525, “The Lamb”

SERMON..... “Jesus Appears as the Lamb of God” John 1:29-41

Offering Hymn 748 v. 1, “Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

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Communion Hymn..... 670, “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”

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Closing Hymn 928, “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-6

The Servant of the Lord would suffer, but in that suffering, God would display his splendor to the entire world.

Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, “You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory.” But I said to myself, “I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God.” But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength—the LORD said: It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant

to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15

The Lamb of God needed to be flesh and blood, so that he could be sacrificed. And because that Lamb was the Son of God, it is a sacrifice valuable enough to forgive us all our sins.

Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. For all the fullness of God’s being dwells bodily in Christ. And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-41

As the last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist succinctly summarizes God’s plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God.

The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.’ I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel.” John also testified, “I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples. When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” He told them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is translated “the Christ”).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION: Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK: Don Koch/Doug Schulz; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING: The Annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**, at **7:00 PM**. New church officers will be elected at this meeting, and those nominated are posted in the school hallway on the church bulletin board. All voting members are encouraged to attend!

PTL MEETING: School parents are reminded of the PTL meeting which is scheduled for **Monday, January 16**, at **6:30 PM** at the school. All parents are urged to take an active role in what's happening at the school throughout the year. Your input is always valued!

SERVICE GROUP MEETING: The next Service Group meeting will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday, January 29**. Annual elections of officers will be held and activities for 2023 will be discussed. All members are invited to participate!

ALTAR GUILD: The next meeting of the Altar Guild is set for **Tuesday, January 24**, at **6:30 PM**. If you would like to become a member or would like to learn more about the Altar Guild, please feel free to attend this upcoming meeting. New members are always welcome and needed!

CHURCH CUSTODIAN NEEDED! After many years of faithful service to our church, Wayne & Bonnie Schultz would like to retire from the church custodian duties. We are looking for someone to fill their shoes. If this is something you would be willing to do or are interested in learning more about, please speak with Pastor Mose today! This is currently a volunteer position, and the work involved takes about two hours per week. You may also speak with Wayne or Bonnie to get more information.

WE THANK the children in Gr. 1-2 for their joyful song on Sunday!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 19; Sunday: 81

Offerings: \$5,752.63

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement (Undesignated Memorials): \$300.00; Kitchen Refurbishment: \$122.00

Memorials: In Memory of Alan Kanas: \$172.00 (*Undesignated: \$50.00; Kitchen Refurbishment: \$122.00*); In Memory of Marty Korroch: \$250.00 (*Undesignated*)

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

Monday: PTL Meeting.....6:30 PM

Wednesday: **ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING7:00 PM**

Thursday: Worship Service 7:00 PM
Adult Choir.....8:00 PM

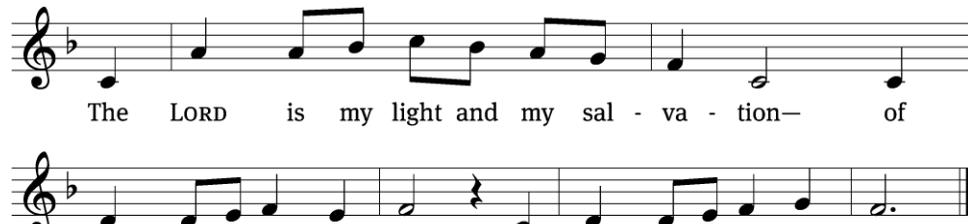
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Sunday: Worship Service9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

27C The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 27C

Refrain



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Tone



Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;
be merciful to me and / answer me.
Do not hide your / face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.
Do not reject me or for- / sake me,
God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,
the LORD will re- / ceive me.
I remain confi- / dent of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.
Wait / for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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