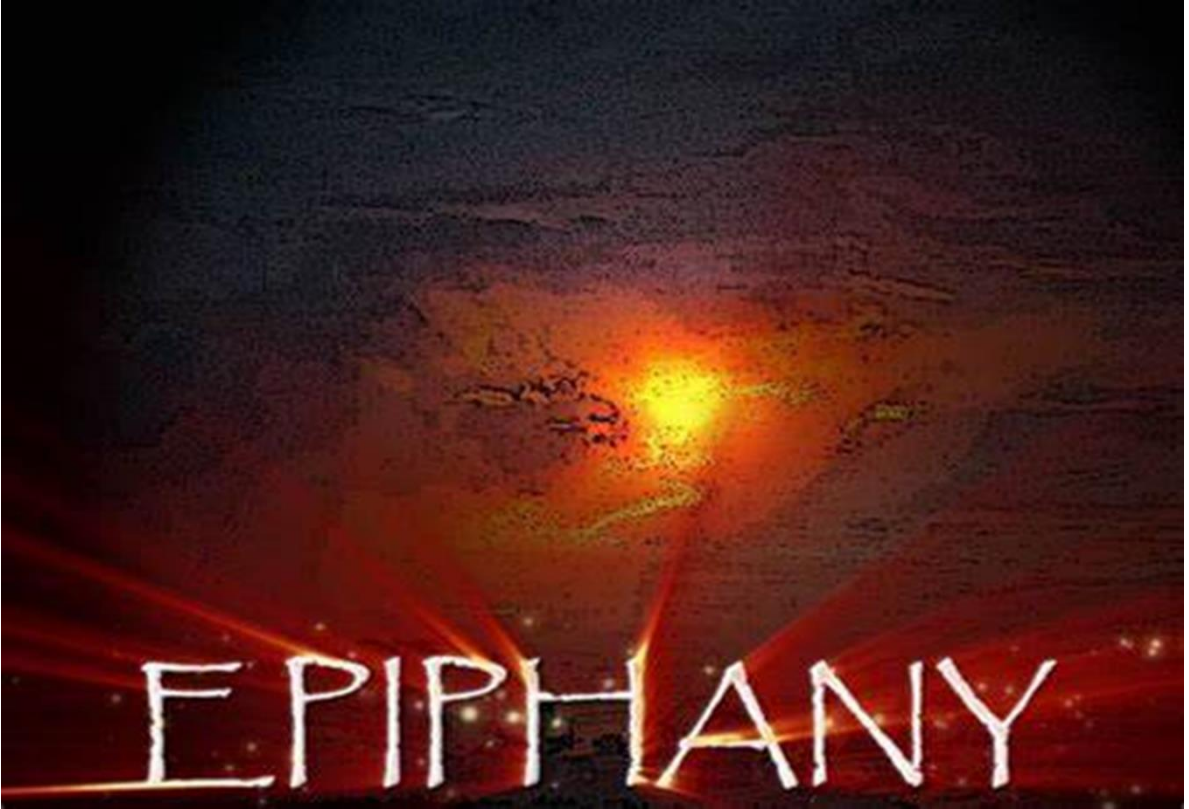


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*Epiphany 7*



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*We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## WELCOME &amp; GREETING

OPENING HYMN~ 'Open Now Thou Gates of Beauty' (vs. 1-3) LSB 901

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty;  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!
  
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou;  
Let it be Thy temple now!
  
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;  
Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**C: but his delight is in the law of the Lord.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water

**C: that yields it fruit in due season**

P: Its leaf does not wither

**C: In all he does he prospers**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Brothers and sisters, as we gather to hear the words and teaching of our Lord today, let us prepare by confessing our need to hear Him.

**C: Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess the sins of our minds, our speech, our actions, and even our inactions. We beg Your mercy and forgiveness. We ask for Your grace to fill us with faith in Your Son, our Lord, to lead and guide us through all our days that we rejoice in the new, eternal life He has won for us by His cross and resurrection.**

P: In His mercy, God has given His Son to die for you and to give you the forgiveness of all your sins. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, by Your mighty Word grant to us every spiritual blessing in Christ, Your Son, that He guide us through our days, keeping us safe from everything that would distract us from His constant guiding and care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### THE KYRIE

LSB 186

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
 Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
 Howsoe'er temptations thicken;  
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
 As my guiding star through life,  
 As my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
 Let Thy will be done indeed.  
 May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
 While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
 Here of life the fountain flows;  
 Here is balm for all our woes.

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## FIRST READING~ Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup>In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>Come, O house of Jacob,  
 let us walk in the light of the LORD.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Sing **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING~ 1 Corinthians 15:42-50

<sup>42</sup>So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; <sup>43</sup>it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup>it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

<sup>50</sup>I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:Sing            Thanks be to God.**

6:00~ HYMN OF THE WORD~ Faith & Truth & Life Bestowing

LSB 584

- 1     Faith and truth and life bestowing,  
      Open now the Scriptures, Lord,  
      Seed to life eternal sowing,  
      Scattered on the wind abroad.  
      Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,  
      Like a barren field be found,  
      Choked with thorns and unbelieving,  
      Shallow earth or stony ground.
  
- 2     May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing  
      Bring to life the hidden grain,  
      Daily in our hearts increasing,  
      Bearing fruit that shall remain.  
      So in Scripture, song, and story,

Savior, may Your voice be heard.  
Till our eyes behold Your glory  
Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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8:15~ Special Music~ Ole Oleson

(Rise)

P: This is the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: sing      Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING~ Matthew 6:25-34

<sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

<sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Sing      Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH~ Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(Be seated)*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SERMON HYMN~ 'Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God'

LSB 712

- 1      Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
          And His righteousness.  
          And all these things shall be added unto you!  
          Allelu, alleluia!
  
- 2      Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
          Seek and ye shall find,  
          Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
          Allelu, alleluia!

3 Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!

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## SERMON

## THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

*(Sing as offerings are brought forward)*

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.** *(after final petition: Amen.)*

## 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.**



CLOSING HYMN~ 'Christ the Eternal Lord'

LSB 829

- 1 Christ the eternal Lord,  
Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise  
We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days  
And make Your glory known.
  
- 2 Christ the unchanging Word  
To ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture's page;  
Transform our thought and mind,  
Enlighten all who read,  
Within Your Word by faith to find  
The bread of life indeed.
  
- 3 Christ the redeeming Son,  
Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won  
For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray,  
To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today  
And follow Him as Lord.
  
- 4 Christ the unfading Light  
Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give

To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live,  
Till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last  
To know as we are known.

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#### BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**C: but his delight is in the law of the Lord.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water

**C: that yields it fruit in due season.**

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**All: sing Amen, Amen, Amen.**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

#### POST-SERVICE MUSIC