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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**Living and trusting in god’s amazing grace we welcome all to worship, learn and serve in celebration of Christ’s love.**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 16, 2021 9:00 AM**

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God’s glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan’s banks at Jesus’ baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God’s people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW p. 94**

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN “Praise and Thanksgiving” ELW # 689**

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer

for all things living, you have made good:

harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,

hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,

that with our neighbor we may be fed.

Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,

harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 Father, providing food for your children,

by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share

one with another, so that, rejoicing

with us, all others may know your care.

4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,

freely confessing your gracious hand.

Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;

your love sustaining showers the land.

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**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE “In Peace Let Us Pray…” ELW p. 138**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE “This is the Feast” ELW p. 140**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

### 1For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  and her salvation like a burning torch.  2The nations shall see your vindication,  and all the kings your glory;  and you shall be called by a new name  that the mouth of the LORD will give.  3You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  4You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  and your land Married;  for the LORD delights in you,  and your land shall be married.  5For as a young man marries a young woman,  so shall your builder marry you,  and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  so shall your God rejoice over you.

### The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10 Reading Responsively**

### 5Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  your faithfulness to the clouds.  **6Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  your judgments are like the great deep;  you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**  7How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. **8They feast on the abundance of your house,  and you give them drink from the river of your delights.** 9For with you is the fountain of life;  in your light we see light.  **10O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

### Here ends the Psalm

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

1Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.  
  4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” ELW p. 142**

### **Gospel:   John 2:1-11**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 5His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from

### (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON Pastor Michael Buller**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW # 815**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain* In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

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**apostles’ 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**

Each portion of the prayers ends with “God of Grace”. Congregation response: “**Hear our prayer”.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you**.

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING Special Music**

**OFFERTORY**  **“We Are an Offering”** **ELW #692**

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our [lives](https://www.definitions.net/definition/lives) they are Yours

We are an offering

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

**MEAL**

**The Great Thanksgiving ELW p. 144**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD’S PRAYER ELW p. 145**

**Hymns during Communion:**

**“Lamb of God” ELW p. 146**

**“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” ELW # 588**

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,

like the wideness of the sea;

there's a kindness in God's justice

which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows

are more felt than up in heav'n.

There is no place where earth's failings

have such kindly judgment giv'n.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,

and a promised grace made good;

there is mercy with the Savior;

there is healing in his blood.

There is grace enough for thousands

of new worlds as great as this;

there is room for fresh creations

in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader

than the measures of our mind;

and the heart of the Eternal

is most wonderfully kind.

But we make this love too narrow

by false limits of our own;

and we magnify its strictness

with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;

it is something more than all:

greater good because of evil,

larger mercy through the fall.

Make our love, O God, more faithful;

let us take you at your word,

and our lives will be thanksgiving

for the goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

**“Lord of All Hopefulness” ELW #765**

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,

whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:

be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:

be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,

your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,

your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:

be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,

your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:

be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953 Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ELW #773**

1. Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, let me stand

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn

Through the storm, [through](https://www.definitions.net/definition/through) the night

Lead me on to the light

Take my hand [precious](https://www.definitions.net/definition/precious) Lord, lead me home

1. When my way [grows](https://www.definitions.net/definition/grows) drear

Precious Lord [linger](https://www.definitions.net/definition/linger) near

When my life is [almost](https://www.definitions.net/definition/almost) gone

Hear my cry, hear my call

Hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand [precious](https://www.definitions.net/definition/precious) Lord, lead me home

1. When the [darkness](https://www.definitions.net/definition/darkness) appears

And the [night](https://www.definitions.net/definition/night) draws near

And the day is past and gone

At the [river](https://www.definitions.net/definition/river) I stand

Guide my feet, hold my hand

Take my hand [precious](https://www.definitions.net/definition/precious) Lord, lead me home

**Prayer after Communion**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG “Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW # 798**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Pastor – Pastor Michael Buller

Musicians – Alison Nelson and Mariah Rudningen

Lector - Leif Carlson

Ushers – Leif and Bonnie Carlson

Communion Assistant- Zoe Olson

Acolytes –

Greeter-

***PRAYER CONCERNS:*** *(Periodically these prayer concerns will be moved to the prayer concerns list in the newsletter)* Phyllis Meyer, Lee Meyer, Doris Bakken, Phyllis Loven, Keith Lundberg, Andrea Raths, Kathy Schol, Dennis Doering, Calvin Carls

**Stewardship Snippet – January 16, 2021 - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6:** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

*God has blessed each of us with special gifts and talents for us to use for the benefit of our neighbor and community. What gift has God given you, and how can you be generous with it? --Rob Blezard Copyright © 2021, Rev. Robert Blezard. Reprinted by permission.*

**Fellowship Hour:** Please join us for fellowship hour immediately following the worship service in the fellowship hall.

**WELCA Quilting:** There will be quilting every Wednesday, weather permitting, beginning at 9:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. There is a noon lunch available for a nominal cost at noon. All are invited to take part, even if you have never quilted before there are tasks that you can do and everyone is eager to teach new skills.

**WELCA Project:** WELCA is exploring starting a prayer shawl ministry at KLC. They are asking for donations of yarn or funds to purchase supplies to be used to either knit or crochet these prayer shawls. Also, they are seeking volunteers who would like to either knit or crochet these shawls.

**WELCA Bake Sale:** WELCA is seeking donation of baked items for a bake sale which will be held at on Sunday, January 30, 2022, in conjunction with the KLC Annual Meeting. Please have your items to the church by Sunday morning, 9:00 am with prices.

**Confirmation Schedule:** Confirmation classes will began on January 12, 2022. A full schedule has been emailed to each confirmation family and also will be available on our website. Here is the schedule for the month of January.

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| January 2022 | | |
| Date | Class | Time |
| 1-12--2022 | 6th , 7th , & 8th Grades | 6:00 – 7:30 pm |
| 1-19-2022 | 9th & 10th Grades | 6:00 – 7:30 pm |
| 1-26-2022 | 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades | 6:00 – 7:30 pm |

**January Outreach Project**: **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** - **U.S. TORNADOES**

This is our project for January and will be designated to receive our Noisy Offering from next Sunday. On the night of Dec. 10 and early morning of Dec. 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 88 people are reported dead across five states, at least 75 of them in Kentucky. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and in some areas electricity and water systems will take weeks to repair.

Your gifts will support tornado survivors. Gifts to “U.S. Tornadoes” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by tornadoes now and during the long road of recovery. Together, we can provide immediate and long-lasting support.

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write “U.S. Tornadoes” on your check’s memo line

**This Week . . . January 17 - 23, 2022**

**Wednesday, January 19**

9:00 am WELCA quilting

6:00 pm 9th and 10th Grade Confirmation

**Next Sunday, January 23**: **Third Sunday of Epiphany**

9:00 am Worship Service both in person and Live Streamed

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am Sunday School

**Visiting Pastor:** Next Sunday, January 23, we will be welcoming Pastor Joyce Kapp, to KLC for our Sunday worship. She will be here as Pastor Michael will be attending the installation service of Pastor Erika at Raymond. Watch for more information on the time and date of the installation service for Pastor Michael here at KLC.

**Snow Removal Bid:** The Board of Properties and Grounds is calling for bids for snow removal at the church. There is snow blower that is available for use in the storage shed. Bids should be submitted to a member of the board or drop off at the church office.

**Altar Guild:** The Altar Guild is in need or 2 additional people to work with another team member to prepare the sanctuary for worship each week. For more information contact Barb Norton: [barb@theinwell.com](mailto:barb@theinwell.com) or 320-894-2128. Thank you.

**Annual Meeting:** The KLC Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following the potluck dinner, approximate time will be 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All executive committee, boards and organizations please if you have not already turned your annual reports into the church office please do them and soon as possible so that the annual report can be completed, assembled and distributed prior to the meeting. Thank you.

**KLC Office Hours for the Week of January 17-21:** Church office hour will be Monday - Thursday 9:00 -3:00 pm. The church office is closed on Friday. If you have questions or need assistance please call: Ann Hanson – 320-894-4464, if no answer please leave a message or send a text.

**Request from Bethesda Homes**: Today, we ask for your prayer and support for our mission and ministry. Bethesda is in need of happy hearts and helpful hands to live out God's love for older adults in our communities each day.

It is no secret that nearly every organization and business is calling on people to join their team, and Bethesda is no different. However, what Bethesda offers IS different, and you have an opportunity to help. Bethesda offers careers that have a purpose, that embody a shared faith, and proudly embrace it through each action of grace, kindness, and love for others every day.

As we begin a new year, we ask for your prayers, support and that you share our need with someone you know this month.

**On-Line Giving:** It is now possible to give your offering or a donation to KLC on-line at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YNJM> This link will now be available on our Kerkhoven Lutheran Facebook page and is available on our new website (see link above).

**KLC Website:** You are invited to visit our website. It can be found at <https://www.kerkhovenlutheranchurch.com/>

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