

10:45 a.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

Order of Service Saint Michael Lutheran Church

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2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Welcome & Announcements & Greetings

Opening Hymn

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" written by Matt Boswell

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of love has come
Look to Christ who calm descended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree

In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death a god of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord; He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As will we be when he comes

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death a god of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord; He is alive

Invocation

Pre-Confession Hymn

"Truth Be Told"

written by Matthew West

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"Your Grace Still Amazes Me"

by Philips, Craig and Dean

First Reading

Psalm 51:1-4, 7-13, 15-17 (NIV)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁵Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30 (NIV)

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of hymnal

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"The Light Will Come"

written by Phil Wickham

To the one with the wounded heart
The years fighting have left you scarred
Wait the light will come
To the one with distant eyes
All this crying has left you dry
Wait the light will come
Wait the light will come

Here is laughter beyond the tears
Here is courage to face your fears
Look the light has come
So rise you daughters and stand you sons
Claim the victory that Jesus won
Look the Light has come
Look the Light has come

Lift your eyes the sun has overcome the night
Come alive as we shine in love's true light

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Sermon

God Makes All Things New Series

Pastor Jon Zehnder

"The Dance of Grace"

To watch and listen to last week's sermon online at www.smlcs.org,
scroll down to the bottom and click on "Watch the Live Stream."

Sermon Outline:

1. Jesus said we should come to Him and learn from Him a _____ way of life.
2. The _____ that saves, redeems, frees us of our sin and justifies us is the same grace that moves us; it's how we're transformed and sanctified.
3. There are four steps in this dance of grace, and the first is sin _____.
4. The second step is that God's grace is _____.
5. "It is always a mistake to concentrate our attention on our sins; it is God's _____ on our sins that is the main event."
6. No matter how dark your past, no matter how frustrating or stuck you might feel in your sin, those things have been "wildly outdone" by the salvation that was won for us by _____ on the cross.
7. The third step that we begin to move toward is being granted a _____ spirit.
8. We need God's grace and _____ to give us the willingness that we need to change.
9. There is a fourth and final step, and that is to become a _____ of grace.
10. We are always in process; we're never finished; it's always this dance, and you can find whatever step you need to take, but the dance of grace continues on because our _____ in this dance is our Savior Jesus!

Offering

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Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns:

"Lamb of God"

550

"There Is a Redeemer"

written by Melody Green

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

When I stand in glory, I will see His face
And, there, I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain

Thank you, o my Father, for giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit
till the work on Earth is done

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Blessing

Closing Hymn

"I Will Follow" written by Tomlin, Ingram and Morgan

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow

I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You, yeah,
I will follow you, yeah.

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom
for my soul
In You there's joy,
unending joy
And I will follow

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow

Refrain:

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move

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