

# *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

**February 12, 2023    10:30 a.m.**



**Come to chapel or watch on Channel 105**

# Order of Worship

## Gathering

**Prelude**

*Hyfrydol*

Arranged by  
Mark Hayes

## Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ELW 631

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

**Text:** Charles Wesley; **Music:** Rowland H. Prichard.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you  
all.

**Response:** *And also with you.*

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#### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Word**

#### **First Reading – Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.



Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

### **Psalm 119:1-8**

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,**

who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

**You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.**

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

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**Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

### **Second Reading – I Corinthians 3:1-9**

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each.

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters

have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

### **Gospel – Matthew 5:21-37**

**Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has

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something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’

But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response:** *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Sermon**

Pr. Mandsager



*Healer of Our Every Ill*

ELW 612

**Refrain:**

**Healer of our every ill,  
 Light of each tomorrow,  
 Give us peace beyond our fear,  
 And hope beyond our sorrow.**

You who know our fears and sadness,  
 Grace us with your peace and gladness;  
 Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.     **Refrain:**

In the pain and joy beholding  
 How your grace is still unfolding,  
 Give us all your vision, God of love.     **Refrain:**

Give us strength to love each other,  
 Ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
 Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.     **Refrain:**

You who know each thought and feeling,  
 Teach us all your way of healing;  
 Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.     **Refrain:**

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## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**Response: And also with you.**

**Offertory**

*Walk in the Light*

Arranged by  
Samuel W. Shanks

## Meal



## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

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Lift up your hearts.

**Response: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Invitation**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## **Communion Distribution**

**Communion Song**    *Lamb of God*            ELW, page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Communion Music**

### **Prayer**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

### *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

ELW 544

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,  
Worship, thanks, devotion voicing:  
Glory be to God on high!  
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,  
By this eucharist declaring  
Yours the final victory.

Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,  
Lost and lonely, one voice hearing,  
Ears attentive to your word;  
By your blood new life receiving,  
In your body, firm believing,  
We are yours, and you the Lord.

Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,  
We go forth alert and living  
In your Spirit, strong and free.

Partners in your new creation,  
 Seeking peace in ev'ry nation,  
 May we faithful foll'wers be.

**Text:** Howard C. A. Gaunt, alt.; **Music:** Johann Löhner, adapt.; arr. hymnal version. Text © Oxford University Press. Arr. © 2007 Augsburg Fortress.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

*Love Divine,  
 All Loves Excelling*

Arranged by  
 Don Hustad

## Worship in Lent

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22, through March 29, we will offer vespers services every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel. The services will also be broadcast on Channel 105.

### Ash Wednesday

### February 22

Morning

NRC Neighborhoods  
 Imposition of Ashes

### Ash Wednesday

3:30 p.m.

Chapel/Channel 105  
 Imposition of Ashes

### Wednesdays in Lent: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

3:30 p.m.

Vespers

Chapel/Channel 105

# *A Sonnet for Valentine's Day*

~ William Shakespeare

Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments.  
Love is not love  
Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove:  
O, no! it is an ever-fixed mark,  
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;  
It is the star to every wandering bark,  
Whose worth's unknown, although his  
height be taken.  
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips  
and cheeks  
Within his bending sickle's compass come;  
Love alters not with his brief hours  
and weeks,  
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.  
If this be error and upon me proved,  
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.



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