

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship – Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: We worship as we live, in the Grace of God, the Compassion of Jesus Christ, and the Healing Hope of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Let us worship God with gladness; we come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's own; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

**All: We come with thanksgiving and praise. Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name.**

Leader: For God is good, God's steadfast love for all creation endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

**All: Gracious God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for our blessings, and serve you through our love and service of each other. Amen.**

Leader: From the cowardice that dares not face new truth, from the complacency that is contented with half-truth, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, we come to this place trusting in the promises of God to confess our sins to God and to each other.

(A Time of Silence for Personal Reflection and Confession.)

Leader: Gracious and merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, our words, and our actions, 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**

Leader: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you of all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become Children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

**Refrain**

*Assistant:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation:*

*Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)*

*Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)*

*Assistant:*

Help, save and defend us, O God.

*Congregation:*

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**Song of Praise:**      "Now the Feast and Celebration"

**Refrain**

Now the feast and cele - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us  
to be one great peo - ple of God.

D.C.

Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev-er.

D.C.

Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us  
peo-ple of God; to make all things new.

D.C.

## Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Living God,

**All: in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

After each reading –

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,

whose hearts turn away from the LORD.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?  
I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

### **1 Corinthians 15: 12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

### **Gospel Reading**

After reading – Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **Luke 6: 17-26**

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

**Blessings and Woes**

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.'

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.'

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

## Sermon

### Song

### "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*Refrain*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?  
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

### Affirmation of Faith

### "Nicene Creed"

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being**

with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Offering**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

### **Words of Institution**

Leader: Lord remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **Distribution of Communion**

### **After Communion Blessing and Prayer**

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you grace, mercy and peace now and in all your days!

**All: Amen**

Leader: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

**All: Amen**

**Sending Song: "Praise to You, O God of Mercy"**

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice  
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of  
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

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**Benediction**

**Sending**

Leader: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!!**