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foolishness to those
who are perishing,
but to us who are
being saved it is the
power of God.* 1 Corinthians 1:18



Sunday, January 29, 2023

4 Epiphany

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Worship Plan for Sunday, January 29, 2023

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LBW Holy Communion Setting Two

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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

ENTRANCE HYMN *Shout to the Lord* (Sing twice) Printed on pg 3

Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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GREETING (LBW p. 78)

KYRIE (LBW p. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)

This is the feast.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart,**

³ there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴ **In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

⁶ **He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

⁷ Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

JESUS LOVES ME AND CHILDREN'S SERMON

VERSE (LBW p. 83)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew , the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “God Chose Foolishness”

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blest Are They* (WOV 764)

APOSTLES’ CREED (LBW p. 85)

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE (LBW p. 86)

OFFERING HYMN *We Are an Offering*

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, 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SANCTUS (LBW p. 89)

THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 89)

LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND HIS PRESENCE IN THE BREAD AND WINE ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION (LBW p. 91)

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 92)

**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.**

Come to the Table sing twice Printed on pg. 8

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 92)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

BLESSING (LBW p. 94)

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.

Amen

DISMISSAL

SENDING HYMN *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Printed on pg. 9

Come to the Table

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;
dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;

Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a-gain,

meet at Je-sus' feet; till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.
meet a-gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896



MEMBERS

Tanya Vollan - Paul Romsdahl
Betty Jean Benjamin - Donna Lee Boyd
Ryan Voeltz - Rhoda Wold
Ella Riswold - Dorothy Sittig
Shari Fowlds - Nathan Vrchota

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

John Jorgensen—Friend of the Community
Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
Clara Shank Gabrielle—Cousin of Karen Doom
Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community
Darci Niva –Sister of Ginger Lodmell
Jennifer Even—Friend of the Community
Laurel Mader -Friend of Randall & Kim Questad

JANUARY NOISY CAN

Baltic: Adam L. Thompson Foundation
East: Baltic Fire Dept.

Our Response to God's Love

Baltic: Jan 22: Attendance: 58 General Fund \$3467.00 Noisy Can: \$32.89

East Nidaros Jan 22: Attendance: N/A ; General Fund \$N/A
Noisy Can \$ N/A



Lynda Johnson will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Sun. January 29, 2023. Let us bless her with a card shower. Her address is : PO BOX 224, Baltic, SD 57003. Happy Birthday, Lynda!



89th Birthday Open House honoring Betty Jean Benjamin. Sat. February 4, 2023 from 1-3pm at Avera Prince of Peace. 4513 S. Prince of Peace Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57103. You are welcome to mail her a birthday greeting. No Gifts Requested please.

Please contact the Baltic Lutheran's office if you want Offering Envelopes for 2023. 605-529-5471 or email to nidaros@alliancecom.net

Foot Care Clinic on Thursday, February 9, 2023

There are two spots available. If interested, please call the office this week to schedule a time. Call 605-529-5471.

FOOT CARE CLINIC NOTICE

Effective April 2023, the dates for Foot Care will be on the 1st Thursday of every other month. Need volunteer hosts for the June 1, August 3, October 5 and December 7 clinics. Please contact the office to sign up @ 605-529-5471.

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 am Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ EastNidarosLutheranChurch

Things Happening Week of January 29th

Mon Jan 30	6:30pm Bible Study @ Baltic
Tues Jan 31	1pm Bible Study @ EN
	2:30 PQ Worship @ DNRC
Wed Feb 1	5:30-6:30 6th grade intro to Confirmation @ East
	6:30-7:30pm 7th & 8th Confirmation @ East
Sun Feb 5	4pm Joint Council Retreat @ Pastor Randall's residence. 47122 251st St. Baltic

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Baltic	9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship

MAIL BOX REMINDER

Please remember to check your check your church mailbox when attending service as we place things in your mailboxes periodically. Thank you.

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

Baltic

Jan 29 Ruth Lee & Sue Aldrich
Feb 5 Lisa & Lynn Olson &
& 12 Dixie & Rick Fiala

East Nidaros

Jan 29 Randy & Trudy Hartman &
& Feb 5 Rob & Katie Siemonsma
Feb 12 Adam & Tracy Petersen
& 19 Jean Hammer