

Our Father's Lutheran Church



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Sunday, February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME TO OFLC!

We are pleased that you decided to join us in worship this morning. We hope you'll feel at home here, and God's presence! We have a few helpful notes for you on the service to do that:

All hymns are in the red hymnal in the pew in front of you, or under your pew seat. You can find them using the number next to the hymn in the order of service.

The **bold** text indicates parts of the service where the whole congregation is invited to speak together.

Communion is celebrated using small, disposable kits with a wafer and juice. We are currently celebrating communion together at the rail, but if it feels safer, you also have the option to take communion in your pew. The pastor or worship leader will give more direction at that time.

Offering is not required to be with us in worship today, but we greatly appreciate any contribution you wish to make! If you wish to do so, you can place it in the basket at the end of your pew, or in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, a service coordinator will be happy to help you!

Here at OFLC, we don't have pre-scheduled worship assistants. We allow folks to help out as the Spirit leads them, and that includes visitors as well! If you'd like to take part in worship, please see Pastor Aaron or a service coordinator before the service and they'll be happy to involve you!

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OFLC FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE:

December Total Contributions: \$ 40,555

December General Fund Contributions: \$ 22,138

December Designated Funds Contributions: \$ 18,418

Avg household giving per month to "Keep the Lights on" \$ 211

Avg household giving per month to "Carry out our Mission" \$ 267

Give to the Max \$ 22,399

Employer Retention Credit \$ 21,080

General Fund without Give to the Max and ERC \$ 6,647

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THIS WEEK AT OFLC:

Monday:

Nourishing Hope: 8a-5p

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study: 10-11am

Bell Choir: 5:30—6:30 pm

Engage & Confirm: 6pm

Choir: 6:30—7:30 pm

Thursday:

Thrift Store Helpers: all day

Saturday:

Men's Group: 7:30am

Jeffrey Blodgett Service: 11am

Sunday:

Morning Worship: 9:00 am

Sunday School: 9am

Third Wednesday with Pastor Aaron is February 15th! Come hang out for conversation with Pastor Aaron from 12-2pm at GreenRock Deli or 7:30-9pm at Billy's Bar.

Ash Wednesday service is on February 22nd, 7pm. This marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40 days before Holy Week.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, just like the woman at the well, you know everything about us and all we have done. We are grateful that despite the wrongs we have done, we receive the same gifts of love and grace and a forever changed life through you. Help us to live this day in your love and grace toward others and may it all be for your glory! In Your name we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ +, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OPENING SONG

592 Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are arranged in four verses, with the first verse being the most common. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady bass line.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871
Music: William B. Braubury, 1816-1868

WOODWORTH
L.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING & SENDING

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

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

Sunday School Family Questions

2/12/2023 *John 4:5-42*
Woman at the Well

1. Describe a time you were VERY thirsty and the water you drank never tasted so good.
2. Who is somebody from school with whom you and your friends don't ever play or sit?
3. As Jesus' disciples, what could we offer those people with whom we never interact?
4. Take a long walk together. As you walk, talk about everything you see, hear, feel, and smell. Imagine you are traveling all the way to the next town on foot. When you get home, each person can offer a glass of water to another. How does the water taste? How would living water compare to it?

CLOSING SONG

Blest Are They

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Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they . . . shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
 All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

Text: David Haas, b. 1957
 Music: David Haas
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BLEST ARE THEY
 Irregular

FIRST READING

PSALM 42:1-3

1As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God. 2I thirst for God, for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? 3My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me, “Where now is your God?”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

JOHN 4:5-42

5So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” 11“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?” 13Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” 15The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” 16He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” 17“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 18The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” 19“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. 20Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” 25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” 26 Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.”

This is the Word of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

MUSIC MINISTRY

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

During this time, if you wish to make a contribution to today's offering, you may do so by placing it in the basket at the outside end of the pew, and passing it to the inside of the pew, closest to the center of the sanctuary. Service coordinators will collect the offering and bring to the front at the conclusion of music ministry.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Worship Assistant: Let us lift up our meditations and prayers for the world, all of creation, and all people according to their need.

Worship Assistant: [reads aloud requests made by people this week]

Let us lift up any other prayers, spoken aloud, or silently within our hearts.

Pastor: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, who is our comfort, our peace, and our Savior.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFLC typically celebrates the sacrament of communion every Sunday. All are welcome to God's Table, without exception! We believe that when we gather together at the communion rail, Christ comes to be among us in the bread and wine. We experience God's grace together in a very real and powerful way that strengthens us for life's journey! If you do not wish to receive communion, or if you feel your child is not yet ready to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written on four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with: 'world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes with: 'sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.'

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