

# January 30, 2022

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### GATHERING

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **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.**

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

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.**

#### **GATHERING SONG** *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW #715 v. 1-5)

1. Longing for light, we wait  
in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to  
you.  
Make us your own, your holy  
people,  
light for the world to see.

#### *Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church  
gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our  
world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many  
despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to  
save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
3. Longing for food, many are  
hungry.  
Longing for water, many  
still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken  
for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many  
are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many  
are cold.  
Make us your building,  
sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.  
5. Many the gifts, many the  
people,  
many the hearts that yearn  
to belong.  
Let us be servants to one  
another,  
signs of your kingdom come.



### **GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray...**Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 71:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup>**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

<sup>6</sup>**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Then Jesus began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue (ELW #644 v. 1-2)*

1. Although I speak with angel's tongue,  
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,  
but have no love, my gifts are vain  
as clanging gong or blaring brass.

2. For love is patient, love is kind,  
and never vain with boasting pride;  
love bears all things, all things endures.  
All things must end; love will abide.

### **APOSTLE'S CREED** (ELW p. 105)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our  
Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. *A brief silence.*

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**PEACE** ~ The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** *Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW #186)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(ELW p. 112)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

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.**

**SENDING SONG** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW #543 v. 1-3)*

1. "Go, my children, with my  
blessing,  
never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with  
you,  
you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine  
forever.  
Go, my children, with my  
blessing,  
you are my own."

2. "Go, my children, sins  
forgiven,  
at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I  
love you,  
what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear  
Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw  
his glory.  
Go, my children, sins  
forgiven,  
at peace and pure."

3. "Go, my children, fed and  
nourished,  
closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by  
serving,  
joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled  
you,  
here my tender comfort  
stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and  
nourished,  
joyful and free."

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Fisher Annual meeting after Worship
- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:30 PM Byland Confirmation Grades 6-8  
6:15 PM Fisher Confirmation Grade 8
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Worship at Byland  
Annual Meeting following Worship  
10:00 AM Byland Sunday School  
10:15 AM Fisher Sunday School

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