

**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**  
**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran, ELCA**

**Order of Worship**

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: In the beginning when God created

C: **A wind swept over the waters,  
A breath warmed the dark voids,  
A Spirit called forth creation.**

L: God gave in grace:

C: **Let there be light for all to see,  
Let there be water for all to splash in,  
Let there be life in the midst of death**

L: Yes, let there be life beyond death.

And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

C: **It was good,  
It was awesome and awe-filled,  
It is good.**

Song "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" # 582



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;  
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;  
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;  
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;  
Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:  
Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

## Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Let us draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.  
(Silent Reflection and Self-examination)

L: God of truth and light,

C: We confess our trust and reliance on human wisdom and strength. We acknowledge the things that divide us within the church, among the nations, and in our own relationships. Pour out your great light on us. Through the power and wisdom of the cross, heal our brokenness and forgive our foolish ways, that your light may shine through us and we may give glory to you.

Amen

L: The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I 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.

C: Amen

Song of Praise "Let the Whole Creation Cry" # 876



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Prayer of the Day

First Reading 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Second Reading Ephesians 4: 1-6, 11-16

Gospel Reading- Matthew 5: 21-37

Sermon

Sermon Song

# 772

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Confession of Faith “Apostle Creed”

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**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.**

Sharing the peace  
Offering Invitation  
Offering  
Offering Prayer  
God's Giving Continues...  
Lord's Prayer  
Sharing the Meal  
Communion Blessing  
Communion Prayer  
Song "All Are Welcome" # 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

***Refrain***

**All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace. Shine the Light of Christ in all you do.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

### **An Invitation**

**Holy Communion:** All are welcome to this table. Whether you belong to this church, or another church, or no church at all, the gift of this bread and wine, and Christ's real presence are for us all. Your Children are welcome. You do not need to be a certain age to receive the gift of God at this table. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms in front of your chest (sign language for love) will let our servers know you would like a blessing. If you prefer grape juice, take the cups from the center of the tray. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, let the server know as you come forward. Please let the usher know if you would like communion brought to you.

We also celebrate the gifts of God's grace and love in **Holy Baptism**. If you have not been Baptized and would like to be, please contact the church office to visit with our pastor.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is ready!



ANNOUNCEMENTS - FEBRUARY 12, 2023

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

**PRAYER:** You are invited to light the candles on the tables in the back of the sanctuary any time before, during, or after worship for yourself, or in memory/honor of a loved one as a symbol of the promised light of Christ shining in the darkest, gloomiest, most uncertain times of our life – to give us hope.

**HELP UKRAINE** 🏠 You can support the people of Ukraine by sending donations to: *Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061*. You may also call LWR @ 800-638-3522. **Please continue to pray for peace, protection, and provisions.**

**WELCA Love offering:** WELCA has begun their February love offering for various ministries they support: VLM Camp scholarships for kids, Project CareFee Clinic, Quad Cities Food Shelf, ERDAC, Youth Foyer, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief...If you would like to partner with them, their special offering envelopes will be available in the narthex (white, stamped "WELCA" in pink. **FEB. 16<sup>TH</sup>** We'll be sewing baby blankets & packing Baby kits for LWR, 10am-12pm, join us!

**MONTHLY FOCUS ON THE "FREE LITTLE PANTRY"** We are asking for donations of boxed/dry pasta goods for the remainder of February for the outside *Free Little Pantry*. Food items like spaghetti, shell or elbow macaroni, mac & cheese boxes, ramen noodles will be collected. You can bring your donated food item to the metal shopping cart in the Social Hall. Thank you! Every month we will announce a new food item.

**CAR-POOL TEAM:** We have a few congregants who love being at church in person on Sundays, but it can be difficult for them to get here for various reasons. A new team is going to assist with this and you are invited to sign up if you are able to help! See the narthex/entry table.

**CLOTHING SALE DONATIONS:** You may bring in donated clothing for next spring's clothing sale and leave in the back left side of the social hall or the west wing of the church on **MONDAYS**. Call Gloria if you have questions @ 218-750-7362. *Our Annual Clothing Sale will be Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**PRAYER CHAIN:** You may call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143, prayer chain leader through April. Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Matt(heart), Ethan(community), Adam (community), Brandon, Maryilee, Deb, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Matt P., Ross-(needs your prayers to recover from infection, needs eye surgery & transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Marlene K., Avery(heart), Dave C., Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Carolyn, Raymon(blood circulation), Marlene S., Cliff, Gerilyn & family, Bonnie M.(MS), Victoria, Bob & Wife (ALS).

**IF YOU'RE VISITING:** Thank you for being here today. If you would like to know more about OSLC, call the church office at 218-741-6207 or Pastor Tim @ 320-226-7074 (voice messages are routed to our email, so leave us a message). Office hours are Mon-Wed from 10am to 4pm, and Fri. 10am to 4pm (except during holidays). Join us for coffee & treats in our Fellowship Hall across from the sanctuary after worship. Bathrooms are located to the left and down the hall as you exit the sanctuary. Parents: As you enter the Sanctuary, to the left, there is an activity tree holding canvas bags with toys & books for your children to use during worship, and coloring pages/books with crayons in the basket beside it - feel free to use them! You are also welcome to utilize the "Youth Room" down the hall (past the bathrooms) with your little ones if needed (Sunday School also takes place here after worship). We're glad you're here~

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP:** Today's broadcast is sponsored by Kevin & Tamera Brown, in memory of Kevin's father, James Brown, for his birthday. Thank you for supporting this important ministry. If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday worship broadcast in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in full for \$90 or in partial at \$45. Just call the +church office, and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the blue bulletin board by the fountain. Those in nursing homes, assisted living communities or at home and unable to attend in person thank you for considering. Our live worship can be heard on KRBT 1340AM & 104.9FM.

### Upcoming Meetings & misc.

- Feb. 15: Stewardship Meeting @ 10am
- Feb. 16: Baby Blankets & Baby Kits with WELCA, 10am-12pm
- Feb 16: Pastoral Nursing Home Worship @ 2pm
- Feb 21: Church Council Meeting @ 5:30pm

**Ash Wednesday & Lent:** Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> this year and will include a Soup Supper at 5pm, with worship to follow at 6pm. You may sign up to help serve for the season of Lent, the sheet is in the narthex (each Wednesday during Lent the Soup Supper will begin at 5pm, and worship at 6pm. - March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29).





Another easy way to give to the church instead of worrying about a check Sunday mornings... You can either hop on to our website and look for the green on the right side of the page, or you can scan **our new QR code** that takes you directly to the source on your phone. The BEST PART IS, you have total control of your electronic giving this way. You do not have to wait on someone from church to change/undo your e-giving! You can hop on to the site and change your desired giving yourself. It is secure and easy to do. If you want a demo, stop in at the office and we will show you how this works.

#### **HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION**

- ✓ First, open the camera on your phone
- ✓ Next, scan the QR code you see on the left
- ✓ Now, click on the link that appears under on your camera screen (myvanco.com)
- ✓ Finally, you can make a donation to any of the funds you see on your screen

