

# Welcome

**6th Sunday after Epiphany**

February 13, 2022

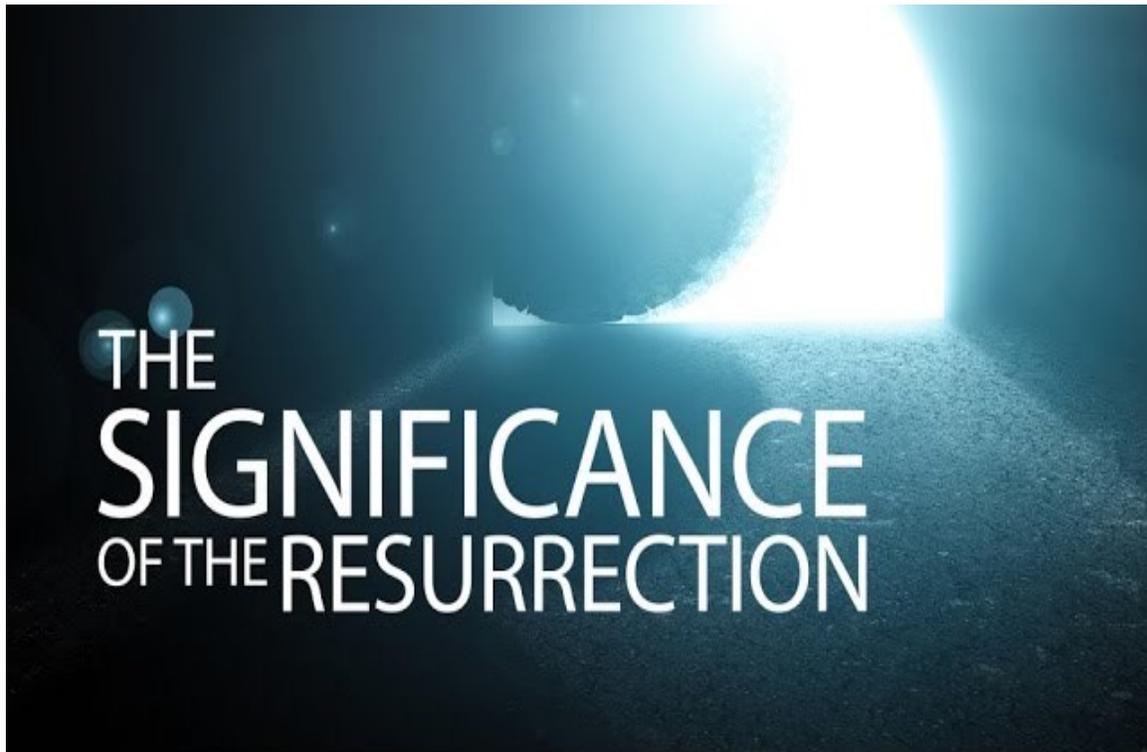
10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

**SERMON SERIES: Living Like Christians**

Due to CDC COVID-19 Guidelines, MASKS are encouraged.

Disposable masks may be found in the Narthex.

Please remember to social distance and use the sanitization centers.



## **UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Aria" on Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Wold  
*The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.*

*The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

*Please stand as able.*

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

*The minister continues, using one of the sections below.*

P 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.

C **Amen**

P 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. (1 John 1:8-9)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **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**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. (John 20:22-23)

C **Amen**

HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW# 499

## GREETING

*The minister greets the congregation.*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Mark 10:47)

**A** In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

 Help, save, com- fort, and de- fend us, gra- cious Lord.  
 A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

*Refrain*

 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa- ther, we

*Refrain*  
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy, have mer- cy on us; you are seat - ed

*Refrain*  
 at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho- ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. *Refrain*

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be mercifully relieved, for the sake of your glory, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

*We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)*

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 17:5-8

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. <sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Lay Reader The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Belles and Beaus

The Beatitudes (Helman) based on WOV 764

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to

more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. <sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Lay Reader    The word of the Lord  
**C                Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 6:68)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le - lu - ia.

P            The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6th chapter.  
**C            Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup>{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 and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. <sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON                      Significance of the Resurrection (part 1)                      Pastor Heidi Punt

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN                      I Know that My Redeemer Lives (vs. 1-4)                      LBW# 352

*Please be seated.*

## HOLY BAPTISM

*The candidates, sponsor, and parents gather at the font.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the Sacrament of Baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

**P** Do you present Harlem Jones for Baptism?

**S** I do.

**P** Harlem Jones, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

**R** I do.

**P** Harlem as you receive the gift of Baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live among God’s faithful people, to study the word of God and come to the Holy Supper, learn the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, so you can learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P Do you, Harlem promise to grow in the Christian faith and life?

R I do.

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Harlem in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Harlem and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C **We do.**

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I do.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I do.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I do.**

P Let us confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

*\*\*Or, the holy Christian Church,*

P Let us pray, Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survived the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray, praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water. Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

#### BAPTISM

P Harlem Jones, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

P Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray, we give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Harlem with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen**

P Harlem, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen**

#### LIGHTING OF CANDLE AND CERTIFICATE

P Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

#### WELCOME

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*The baptismal party may be seated.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

#### THE PEACE (John 20:19)

*In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

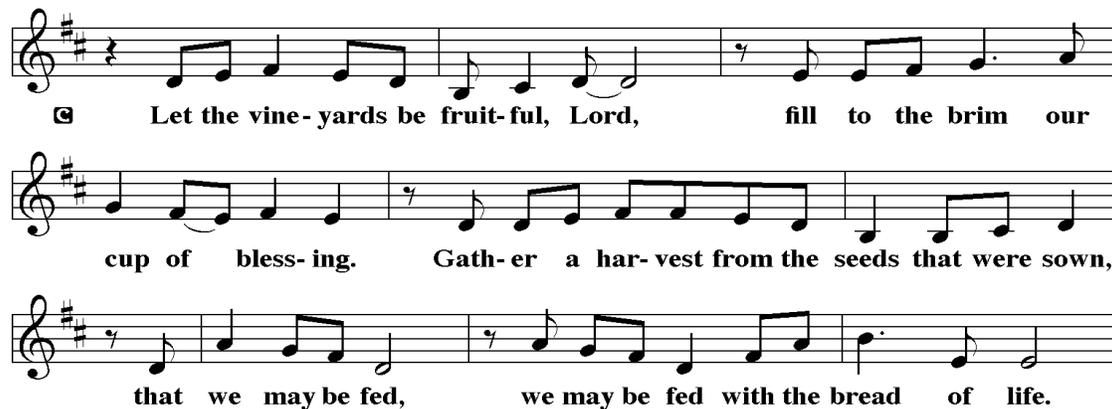
*Please be seated.*

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund. During the month of February, the Benevolence focus is on the Battered Women's Shelter. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### OFFERTORY



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.



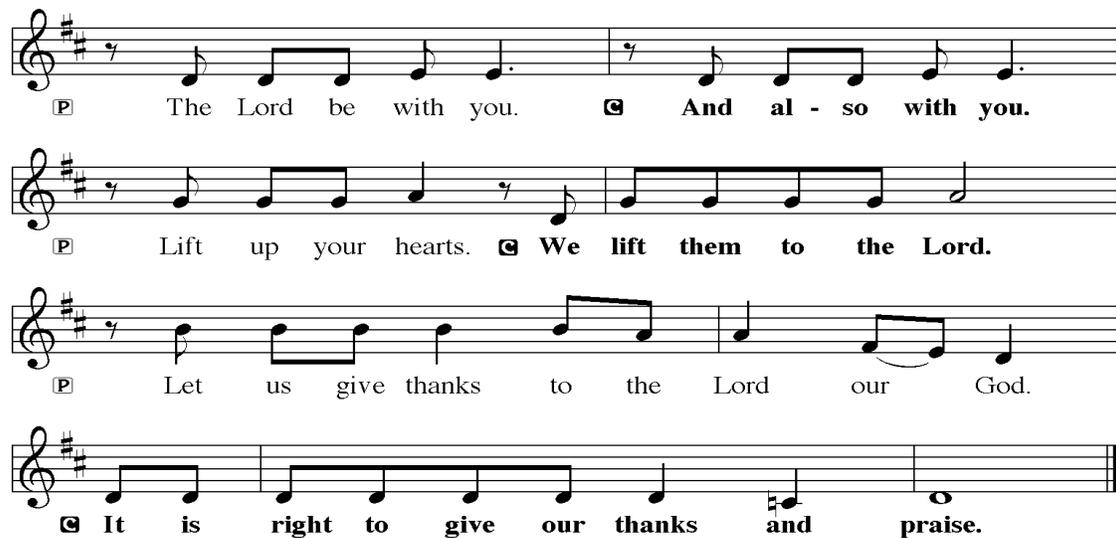
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the  
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,  
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C **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**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING (2 Timothy 4:22)



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al- so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
C **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**

*Please be seated.*

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

*As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:* Amen.

*At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers. For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate.*

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)



**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN For the Bread Which You Have Broken LBW# 200

*Please stand as you are able.*

*After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.*

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

**C** Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Luke 2:29-32)

**C** Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice, rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us, O God, with your promises, and lead us forth in joy

**with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**PRAYER**

*The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.*

**P** Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**BENEDICTION** (Numbers 6:22-27)

*The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.*

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN**                      Go, My Children, with My Blessing                      WOV# 721

**THE SENDING** (Matthew 28:19)

*The minister may dismiss the congregation.*

**P** You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

**C** **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**P** Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

**C** **Amen, amen, amen**

**POSTLUDE**                              Go My Children With my Blessing                              Folkemer

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lessons for next Sunday (February 20)</b> Genesis 45:3-15; Psalm 103:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26; Luke 6:27-38</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THOSE SERVING IN FEBRUARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acolytes:</b> Bailey and Lucas Wilhelm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Altar Guild:</b> Janet Overcash and Sonya Mulkey</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion Assistants:</b> Sonya Mulkey, Kevin Huffman and Elbert Kluttz</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lay Reader:</b> Lucinda Fraley</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ushers:</b> Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), Don Davis, John Kesler, and Wayne Vellines</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Offering Counters:</b> Tara Davis, Cathy Painter, and Ronald Vellines</p>
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**“A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH SERVICE”**

*Welcome to church! As you participate in the church service, we will be providing you with weekly nuggets to help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in church.*

**NUGGET #16: SECTION 3 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

The **Service of the Sacrament** is the celebration of the **Sacrament of the Altar**. The Sacrament was instituted by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. The Sacrament is to be celebrated by all Christians until Christ comes again on the Last Day.

Because Jesus instituted the **Sacrament of the Altar**, it is also called the **Lord’s Supper** or **Communion**. In the **Service of the Sacrament**, those instructed in the faith come to the altar to receive the body and blood of Jesus under the forms of bread and wine. In the **Lord’s Supper**, Christ comes to be with His holy people and to give forgiveness, life, and salvation.

*(“A Simple Explanation of the Church Service”, page 19, Concordia Publishing House, 2018)*



**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner**

**Breakfast for  
dinner?!!**

*Join us for a  
pancake supper  
sponsored by our  
youth, as we*

*celebrate **Shrove Tuesday, March 1**, –  
Mardi Gras before the beginning of  
Lent on Ash Wednesday. From **5:00  
PM – 7:00 PM** dinner will be served, so  
feel free to stop in any time during that  
time frame to enjoy dinner in the Dutch  
Meeting Hall.*

*The menu will include but not limited  
to: pancakes, sausage, and bacon.*

*The burning of the palms will be held  
following the dinner.*

*A basket will be available for  
donations. Funds raised will go towards  
helping our youth. Please make checks  
payable to Union Lutheran Church.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

March 2 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the forty-day season of Lent. Its name is taken from the ancient biblical tradition of using ashes as a sign of repentance and human mortality. We come together in humble and honest reflection on our own sinfulness, trusting in the forgiveness of our merciful Lord and in the promise that he has won for us in the cross.

Union will be observing **Ash Wednesday, March 2**, in the **Sanctuary** at 10:30 a.m. with the service of the Word and at **6:30 p.m.** with the Imposition of Ashes.

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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