

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Lord of Love Lutheran Church

February 13, 2022

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN (CWS 737)

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (Printed on the back of the bulletin)



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The 8:00 service continues on page 7.

The 10:30 service continues below.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF A PRIVATE BAPTISM

BE SEATED

The baptismal party gathers at the font.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

In having children baptized, parents do what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them.

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the child who has been baptized and says:

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan

your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Theophilos. Through the water of Baptism, all sin inherited from Adam, and any other evil he may do, was drowned in him. Set him apart from the unbelieving world and hold him safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep him always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that he may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The minister asks a witness:

M: Before the Lord and his Church, I ask you, was Theophilos Joel Willitz baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

R: Yes, Theophilos Joel Willitz was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister, laying his hand on the one baptized, says:

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you have been born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up Theophilos in the way of the Lord and to instruct him in the truths of God's saving Word so that he may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in his baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

EXHORTATION TO SPONSORS

M: Dear sponsors, Theophilos has been baptized in the name of the triune God. It is your privilege and responsibility to remember him in your prayers, to remind him of his baptism, and, as far as possible, to give your counsel and aid that he may be brought up in the true knowledge of God according to the teachings of the Scriptures as confessed by our Lutheran Church. If you intend gladly and willingly to do this, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

EXHORTATION TO CONGREGATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Theophilos may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

STAND

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Theophilos as your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the Church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your Church on earth that being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness, and being buried with Christ into his death, we may also be partakers of his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The minister dismisses the baptismal party, saying:

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings.

Go in peace.

STAND

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

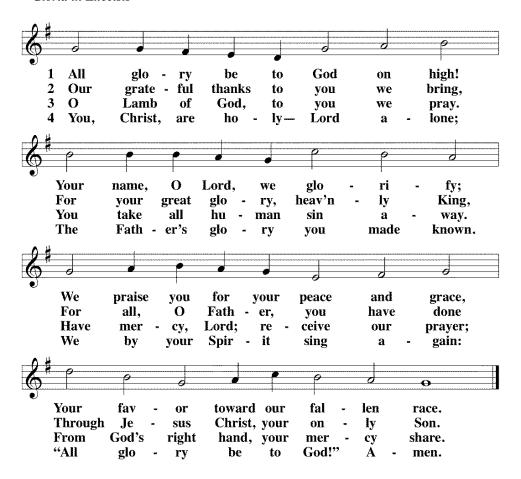
M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis





THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers, and in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril, and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

LESSON 2 Corinthians 12:7b–10

⁷I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. ⁹And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me.

¹⁰That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. The LORD will watch over your going and your coming from now to eternity. Alleluia. (Psalm 121:8)

STAND

GOSPEL Luke 6:17–26

¹⁷He went down with them and stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples, and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, as well as from the coastal area of Tyre and Sidon. These people came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. ¹⁸Those who were troubled by unclean spirits were also cured. ¹⁹The whole crowd kept trying to touch him, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

²⁰He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,

because yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now,

because you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,

because you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you whenever people hate you,

and whenever they exclude and insult you

and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven! The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.

²⁴But woe to you who are rich,

because you are receiving your comfort now.

²⁵Woe to you who are well fed now,

because you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,

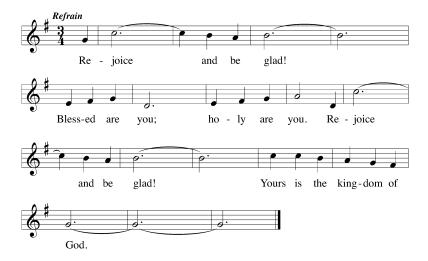
because you will be mourning and weeping.

²⁶Woe to you when all people speak well of you,

because that is how their fathers constantly treated the false prophets.

BE SEATED

The choir will sing the verses and the first refrain. The congregation will sing the refrain after verses 2-5.



1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.

Refrain

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones;They shall inherit the earth.Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;They shall have their fill.

Refrain

3 Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God!

Refrain

4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

5 Blest are you who suffer hateAll because of me.Rejoice and be glad. Yours is the kingdom;Shine for all to see.

Refrain

une: BLEST ARE THEY (Irregular)

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SERMON Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵This is what the LORD says. Cursed is anyone who trusts in mankind, who seeks his strength from human flesh, and who turns his heart away from the LORD. ⁶He will be like a juniper bush in the wasteland. He will not see good things when they come. He lives in a dry place in the wilderness, in a salty land where no one lives. ⁷But blessed is anyone who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸He will be like a tree planted by water. It sends out its roots to the stream. It does not fear the heat when it comes. Its leaves will remain green. It is not concerned about a time of drought. It does not stop producing fruit.

Trust in the LORD, who Gives Living Water.



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:
- C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.
- **M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:
- C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.
- **M:** Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:
- C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.
- M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:
- C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

The recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here. We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him.

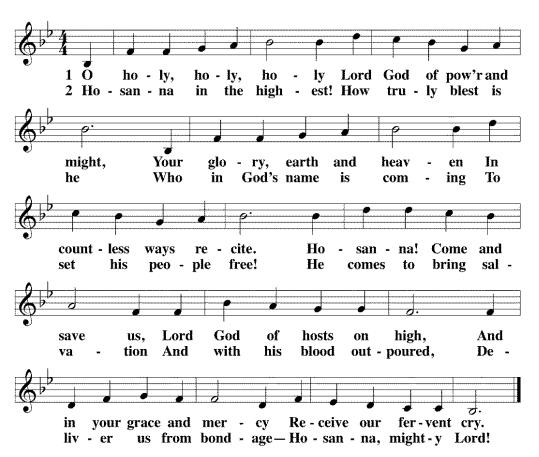
Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBER



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

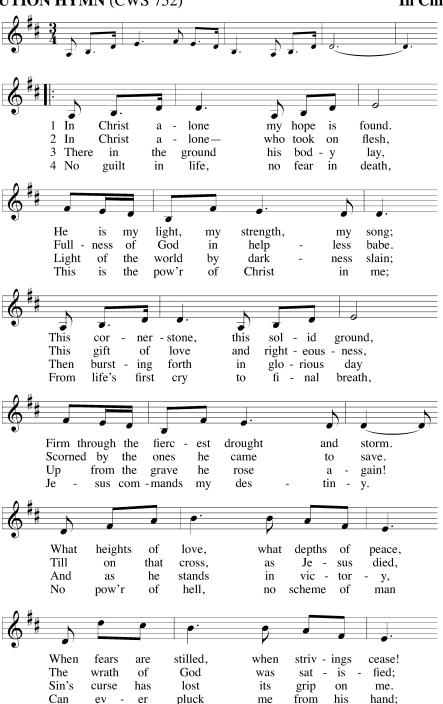
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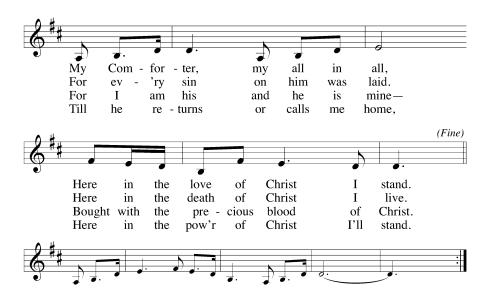
Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 88 8) New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf, Ansbach, 1665, alt.





This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

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M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 434)

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart (Next page)

Following the 8:00 service, all are invited to remain in (or return to) the sanctuary for the beginning of Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, and Teen Bible Study. Children may remain with their parents. All will begin together in the sanctuary at 9:15.

The 6/7/8th grade class will be meeting upstairs in the new addition for today only.

The Teen group will meet in the corner office of the new addition for today only.

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Tune: Herzijch Lieb hab ich dich, O Herr (887 887 88 88 488) Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur, Strassburg, 1577 alt.



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday February 13: 6th Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz, Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Aaron Oughton (8:00 am) Steve Kalscheuer (10:30 am)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold

- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- 11:45 am: Special meal downstairs, The congregation is invited

Sunday February 20: 7th Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold, Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: Brian Ehlenbach (8:00 am) Andy Huebner (10:30 am)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Roger LaGrange and Lynn Biwer
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold

• A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Brian Kreklau (2/14), Marge Ripp (2/14), Brenna Meadowcroft (2/15), Erika Sauer (2/18), Sean Cotter (2/19) and Andrew Holzman (2/19) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Bonnie & Richard Gotzion (2/14) and Andy & Kristin Huebner (2/17) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Barb Noltemeyer, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Recognition of Baptism

Today in the 10:30 service, we will publicly recognize the Baptism of **Theophilos Joel Willitz**. Baby Theo was born to Michael and Erica Willitz on December 29th and was baptized in the hospital on the same day. Through Holy Baptism, Theo has been clothed with Christ, as the Apostle Paul says of all the baptized in Galatians 3:27.

The Willitz family would like you to share in their joy and thanksgiving to God. They hope you can join them for a special meal after the service. The meal will be held downstairs around 11:45.

Elevator and Building Addition Dedication: Sunday March 13 One service at 9:00 am

10:15 am: Ribbon cutting, dedication, refreshments and time to tour the new addition. *Mark your calendars*.



Offerings January 30 – February 5, 2022:

• General Fund: \$6,001

• Building Expansion Fund: \$25

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,660

YTD shortage/surplus as of Dec. 31: - \$16,158



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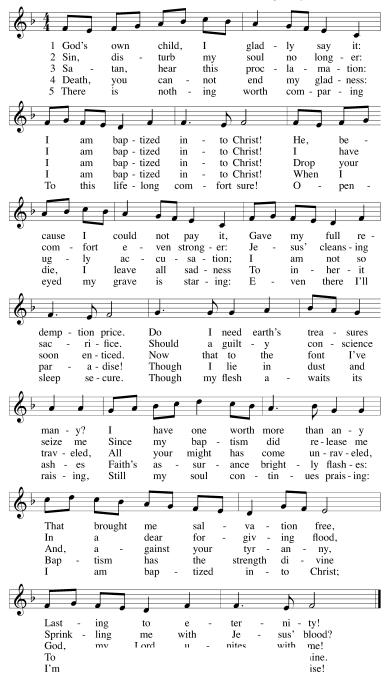
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(January 31 – February 5, 2022: In the totals listed above, \$1,768 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$25 to the building expansion fund.)

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In the 10:30 service, a cousin's choir will sing the first verse.



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Tune: BACHOFEN (87 87 88 77) Johann Caspar Bachofen, 1695–1755, alt.