



Time after Epiphany

The time after Epiphany is the shorter of the two “green” seasons of the liturgical year that are noted by their location after a particular festival (the other is the time after Pentecost). Following the joy and excitement of the Christmas season, some may view this time as a low note in the liturgical cycle, just filler until the season of Lent appears. Yet this Time after Epiphany serves an important role in continuing what was introduced during the Christmas season, focusing on the means through which God is made manifest in the world in Jesus Christ. Christ continues to be made known to the world throughout the lectionary readings. Each Sunday worshipers glimpse again the totality of Christ through the readings, hymnody, embodied ritual, and fellowship. Each Sunday Christ makes himself known bodily through the bread and wine of the Lord’s supper. Christ also makes himself known in baptism through the water and word that claims new daughters and sons.

(Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero in Sundays & Seasons “Preparing for the Time after Epiphany”)

Welcome to Lord of Life!

All are welcome here.

This bulletin will be your guide.

Holy Communion is the Lord’s Table and all are included, regardless of age. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy free. Wine and juice are both available.

Plain type is spoken by the leader; bold type is spoken by the assembly. Hymns are out of the cranberry Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) and purple All Creation Sings (ACS).

If at anytime you are uncomfortable standing, you are free to remain seated.

If you can’t worship with the community, you can use this for your own worship practice.

If you are worshipping from home, you are invited to participate, not just observe. Please prepare your own sacred space for worship. You might include a candle, a cross, and a bowl of water for remembering your baptism.

Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at elca.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Palouse, Yakama, and Wanapum peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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PRELUDE

The people gather for worship. Take a few moments to breathe and center yourself to be present. Please put your device on silent so you can be present and participate.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are thirsty, **Come to the water.**
All who are seeking, **Come to the water.**
All who are longing for justice, **Come to the water.**
All who are carrying heavy burdens, **Come to the water.**
All who are in need of mercy, **Come to the water.**
All are from every time and every place, **Come to the water.**
Amen.

BAPTISMAL HYMN, ELW #861 *When Long Before Time*, v. 1-3

- 1 When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream--
- 2 The silence was broken when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.
- 3 The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the choir of the creatures reechoed it long.

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Water is poured into the font.

Holy Trinity, † one God, we give you thanks for this earth, our planet home and the waters that fill and sustain it. For oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, especially the Columbia, Yakima, and Snake rivers, for rain and snow, fog and dew. For water to drink, grow and cook our food, to wash, and to play. For water that quenches our thirst, nourishes our bodies, and helps to keep us healthy and strong.

We thank you, God for water.

Creator God, Our Source and our Fountain, we give you praise for water stories in the Bible, stories that tell us of your love and show us your mercy. For the waters that provided Moses' mother a way to send him to safety, waters that flowed from the rock when your people were thirsty in the desert, and waters that were parted to create a path for your people to freedom. We give you praise for the waters in which Naaman was healed, waters with which Jesus washed his disciples' feet, and water by the side of the road in which The Ethiopian was baptized. We praise you for the river in which your Son was baptized, the river of the water of life, and especially for the Living Water who is Jesus – proclaimed to the Samaritan woman at the well, and to all people of all times and all places,

We praise you, God for water stories.

Saving God, our Living Water, we glorify you for the gift of baptism, for water used according to your command and connected to your Word. For making us your own, through the grace-filled water of life and a bath of new birth in the Holy Spirit. For delivering us from sin and death, and for raising us to new life in Christ. We glorify you, O God, that we have been made right by your grace and made heirs according to your promise and the hope of eternal life.

We glorify you, O God. Amen.

Friends, hear and believe this good news: You are a child of God, and whatever the voices of the world may say, you belong first and foremost to Jesus Christ forever. Through water and the Word your sins are forgiven. You have been made new in † Christ Jesus and you are called to let your light shine for the sake of the Gospel and the sake of the world. Trusting God's goodness, live in love, today and always.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

In celebration of and remembrance of your baptism, the congregation is sprinkled with water during the hymn.

GATHERING HYMN

Jan. 12—ELW #532 *Gather Us In* (led by Moderately Bright Country Gospel String Band)

Jan. 19—ELW #777 *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

Jan. 26—ACS #979 *Making Their Way*

Feb. 2—ACS #1023 *God Alone Be Praised*

Feb. 9—ACS #955 *Come to the Water of Life*

Feb. 16—ELW #264 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

Feb. 23—ELW #445 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

Mar. 2—ELW #671 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

WELCOME

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

January 12

Loving God, with joy and awe we praise you for claiming us as your children, and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all your faithful ones, for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

January 19

God of the nations, show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make due with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.

January 26

Lord Jesus of fisher folk, you taught your disciples to cast a wide net -- not for fish, but for people. Teach us the fishing craft. Make our fingers nimble so we may handle hearts and hands gently; make our minds quiet and patient while we wait for those who are not yet ready to receive you; and make our hearts hungry for your word, for the sake of the one who has captured our hearts already, Jesus Christ. Amen.

February 2

Lord of the Sabbath, your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did up on the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

February 9

Healing Lord, by your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all who will hear. In the name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

February 16

God of mystery, just as the crowds wondered about Jesus, we too, wonder about you. Who are you to us? Are you the one? Show us that you are God, mysterious, wonderful, mighty. Amen.

February 23

Forgiving God, too often we take your forgiveness for granted. Too often we cling to our sin, believing that it is our right to harbor resentments and hatred. Be merciful to us, and show us the depth of healing that is offered when you forgive, for the sake of the one who recognized total surrender to forgiveness and offered it willingly, Jesus Christ our healer. Amen.

March 2

Dazzling Lord, in blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Word

All Christian worship is biblical. We currently follow the Narrative Lectionary (NL), a relatively new approach to reading scripture, created by professors at Luther Seminary in 2010. The NL seeks to provide a narrative arc through scripture. Instead of a 3-year cycle like the RCL (Revised Common Lectionary, where Matthew, Mark, and Luke each get their own year, and John interspersed throughout), the NL is a 4-year cycle where every gospel gets its own year. The most dramatic difference is that there is only one reading, and it's not always from the gospels. The NL starts in Genesis and works through the early stories of God's people, hears from the prophets and reaches the gospel by Christmas, where we stay through Easter. After Easter we'll hear some post-resurrection accounts and then get into the stories of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles.

Hearing the proclamation of the Word is central to our worship experience. The Word is proclaimed throughout our worship, in our liturgy, prayers, sermon, hymns, and yes, scripture.

You are invited to let go of the need to read along and simply listen, and let the Spirit lead your imagination and inspire your hearing.

FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

We're going to end with this refrain:

All: You are a dearly loved child of God!

Children: And so are you!

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, ELW #210 *Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life*

Bless-ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -
va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

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READING OF SCRIPTURE: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The readings are printed in the back of this booklet sorted by date, starting on pg. 14.

Before the reading: The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, ELW #210 *Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life*

In this season, we sing the acclamation before and after the reading. We wrap the reading of scripture in acclamation of God and prayer that the word of salvation and the spirit of mercy might infiltrate our hearts and lives.

Bless-ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -
va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

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SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jan. 12—ELW #249 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Jan. 19—ELW #239 *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

Jan. 26—ELW #817 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

Feb. 2—ELW #729 *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

Feb. 9—ELW #612 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Feb. 16—ACS #1061 *Camínemos con Jesús*

Feb. 23—ELW #605 *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*

Mar. 2—*Come to the Mountain (printed in back)*

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February 16—Baptism of Franklin Swart

February 23—Baptism of Angelica, Gabey, Cherylynn, and Cheyanne Reyes

THE CREED

The creed is both a response to and a proclamation of the word. It is a statement of faith of the whole church. It links us to the ancestors of our faith, the saints, and unites us with the church around the world and people of every nation. Sometimes we use creeds written in other places and times. During this Time After Epiphany 2025, we return to the creeds of the church long ago. We'll use the Nicene Creed on the high holy days: the Baptism of our Lord and the Transfiguration. We'll use the Apostles' Creed on the other Sundays, which is centered in baptism.

When we confess faith in the one holy catholic church, we are confessing faith in the church universal. Catholic ('C') refers to the Roman Catholic Church, whereas catholic ('c') comes from the Greek word 'katholikos' meaning 'universal.'

Let us confess our faith together.

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 truly 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;

Apostle's' Creed

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.

Nicene Creed

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 with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

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 THE PEOPLE

These prayers are prepared weekly, so they are not included in this seasonal bulletin. They will be on the screen so that you may help voice them. This time of prayer reflects the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world. Generally, we include these categories:

- for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;
- for the well-being of creation;
- for peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community;
- for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;
- for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
- for the congregation, and for special concerns.
- We also give thanks for those faithful departed, whose witness inspires us.

PEACE

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

As it is now cold/flu season, please share the peace with others without shaking hands. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, or simply a smile. We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ to each other!

SPECIAL MUSIC

January 12—Moderately Bright Country Gospel String Band, *Baptized in Water* (You can follow along at ELW #456.)

January 26—Men of Life, *Come, Peace of God* by Mary Rowland and Eugene Butler, Lorenz Publishing Co. 1973

February 16—Grace Notes Chime Choir, *King of Love*, Arr by Sandra Eithun, Hope Publicshing Co, 2024

February 23—Men of Life, *By Faith* by Keith and Kristin Getty, Arr. Richard Nichols and Stuart Townsend, Soundforth 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERING

A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. We offer to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Your financial gifts for LoL can be placed in the plate, made electronically through our website (www.thelordoflife.org), sent in the mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor). Please contact the Financial Secretary with questions.

OFFERING SONG, ELW #693 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*, v. 1

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

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OFFERING PRAYER—

Let us pray.

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

ELW #525 *You Are Holy*

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna
in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!

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In the night in which he was betrayed...

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Please use the version or language of your choice.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table, as we receive the presence of Christ for us in bread and wine. This meal is for all regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, criminal record, or list of offenses.

Make your way to the front using the side aisle. There will be bread, wine, and grape juice. A basket to collect used cups is in the center. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the center aisle. If you have questions when you get up front, it is okay to ask. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and full of grace! There is hand sanitizer on the chair at the front if you would like to use it.

The elements can be brought to your seat if making your way to the front is difficult. Simply let the ushers know.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jan. 12—ACS #962 *In This Feast of Love*

Jan. 19—ACS #904 *Come To Be Our Hope, O Jesus*

Jan. 26—ACS #967 *This is Christ's Body*

Feb. 2—ELW #465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

Feb. 9—ELW #466 *In the Singing*

Feb. 16—*Prepare the Way of the Lord (printed in back)*

Feb. 23—ELW #496 *One Bread, One Body*

Mar. 2—ELW #483 *Here Is Bread*

BAPTISMAL HYMN, ELW #861 *When Long Before Time*, v. 4-6

4 Though down through the ages the Song disappeared, its harmonies broken and almost unheard,
the Singer comes to us to sing it again, our God-is-with-us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before, the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise, to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath, be glory for ever, through life and through death.

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LITANY AFTER COMMUNION

This litany recalls three things from the baptismal liturgy: the baptismal promises, the prayer for the Spirit during the laying on of hands, and the charge paired with the receiving of the candle.

Sustaining God, our River of Life we honor you
For calling us to live among your faithful people,
To hear your word and share in your Supper,
To proclaim your good news in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

We honor you, O God.

We honor you, O God, for showering us with 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.

We honor you, O God.

We honor you, O God by letting our lights shine before others
So they may see our good works and glorify you,
As we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world.

We honor you, O God. Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Jan. 12—ELW #452 *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death*

Jan. 19—ELW #434 *Jesus Shall Reign*

Jan. 26—ELW #551 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Feb. 2—ELW #537 *On Our Way Rejoicing*

Feb. 9—ACS #985 *Let Us Enter In*

Feb. 16—ACS #984 *May the God of Hope Go With Us*

Feb. 23—ELW #583 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Mar. 2—ELW #318 *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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February 16—Communion

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Jacques Berthier

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre -

pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will

see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

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March 2—Hymn of the Day

Come to the Mountain



1 Je - sus took Pet - er, James, and John
 2 "This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud.
 3 We will be changed like Je - sus our Lord,



up to the moun - tain to be a - lone.
 "Lis - ten to him and do what he says!"
 and live with him in heav - en a - bove.

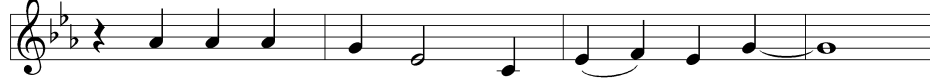


While they were watch - ing Je - sus was changed;
 Soon as it came that vis - ion was gone,
 But while we live on this earth - ly home,



and they saw Mo - ses face to face.
 and they saw Je - sus stand - ing a - lone.
 our work as ser - vants nev - er is done.

Refrain



Come to the moun - tain to see the light.



Come to the moun - tain to hear God's word.



Go to the val - ley, it is your home.



Go to the val - ley to serve the Lord.

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Readings for the Time after Epiphany

January 12—Baptism of Our Lord—Luke 3:1-22

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

January 19—Second Sunday after Epiphany—Luke 4:14-30

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He 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.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But 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; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They 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. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

January 26—Third Sunday after Epiphany—Luke 5:1-11

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

February 2—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany—Luke 6:1-16

¹One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ³Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" ⁵Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

⁶On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

¹²Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

February 9—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany—Luke 7:1-17

¹After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." ⁶And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; ⁷therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ⁹When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

February 16—Sixth Sunday after Epiphany—Luke 7:18-35

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ²⁰When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'" ²¹Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. ²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. ²³And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." ²⁹(And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. ³⁰But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

³¹To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.'

³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'; ³⁴the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ³⁵Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.

February 23—Seventh Sunday after Epiphany—Luke 7:36-50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house,

brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." ⁴⁸Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

March 2—Transfiguration of Our Lord—Luke 9:28-45

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands. ⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

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