

ILLUMINATING JESUS SERMON SERIES

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WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES
5:00 pm Saturday Worship
8:15 am Sunday Worship
9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class
11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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AS WE GATHER

On the second Sunday of each Epiphany season, the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ sent by God is grounded in the Gospel of John, who gives us the deepest insight into the goal of our Lord's entire earthly ministry. We hear of water and wine and the Holy Spirit. Through Baptism we are made the Church, the Bride of Christ. In Holy Communion, wine bears the blood of Christ's cross to us, the price of our forgiveness and deliverance. Now the same Spirit who empowered Jesus all along the way of the cross empowers us. The one Spirit enables each of us to love God and one another in a united worship of God and a variety of service and care for one another. "The faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14) overflow in us who already now celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb and His kingdom, which has no end.

PRE-SERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Arr. Crowder/Milligan/Erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King. Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam. Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong. Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia.

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice. Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their Creator bless. And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia.

Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Arise, shine, for your light has come!
C **Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**
- P** All the nations shall come to the light of Christ.
C **Kings shall bring Him gifts.**
- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.
C **The Light no darkness can overcome.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Through the Gospel, all people are fellow heirs of salvation and members of the same Body. Yet there have been times when we have failed to live in unity, when we have failed to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ with respect and love. Our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
C **We confess that we are nature sinful and unclean. We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have created division and discord. We have hidden the light of Christ from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us with the light of Christ, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, Jesus, into our world to shine as a light for all people, including You. Jesus has died for your sins and is risen for your righteousness. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen. We are partakers of the promise. We are forgiven in Christ.**

(or)

- A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen. We are partakers of the promise. We are forgiven in Christ.**

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 62:1–5*

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various

kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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1तेस्रो दिन गलीलको काननगरमा एउटा विवाह थियो। येशूकी आमृत्यहाँ थिइन्। 2येशू र उहाँका चेलहरू पनि विवाहमा निमृत्य आएका थिए। 3दखमद्य सिद्धिएपछि येशूकी आमा उहाँलाई भनिन्, "तिनीहरूसित दखमद्य छैन।"

4येशूले तिनलाई भन्नुभयो, "हे नारी, मैले के गर्नुपर्छ मलाई नभन्नुहोस्। मेरो समय अझसम्म आएको छैन।" 5उहाँकी आमा चक्रहरूलाई भनिन्, "उहाँले भन्नुभएबमोजिम तिमीहरूले गर।"

6अब यहूदीहरूको शुद्धि हुने प्रथाको निमृति त्यहाँप्रति: एक सय लिटर अटउने दुङ्गाका छ वटा घ्यम्पाहरू राखिएका थिए। 7येशूले तिनहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, "घ्यम्पाहरू पत्तीले भर।" तिनहरूले घ्यम्पाको मुखसम्मै पत्ती भरिदिए।

8उहाँले तिनहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, "अलिकत उघाएर भोजकामुखियकाँ हँलैजओ।" तिनहरूले सो लगे। 9भोजकामुखियले त्यो पत्ती चखे, जो अब दखमद्यमा परिणत भएको थियो। त्यो कहँबाट आएको हो सो तिनलाई थाहा थिएन, तर पत्ती भर्ने चक्रहरूलाई भने थाहा थियो।

तब भोजकामुखियले दुलहालाई बोलाएर भने, 10"हरेक मानिसले पहिले असल दखमद्य टक्याउँछ अनि मानिसहरूले निकै खाइसकेपछि मात्र कमसल दखमद्य राखिदिन्छ। तिमीले त असल दखमद्य अहिलेसम्म राखिछोड्छौ।"

11उहाँका चिनहहरूमध्ये यो पहिलो चिन्ह येशूले गलीलको काननगरमा गर्नुभयो। यसरी उहाँले आफ्नो महिमामा कट गर्नुभयो, अनि उहाँका चेलहरूले उहाँमाथि विश्वास गरे।

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

निसेनको सार (NICENE CREED)

म विश्वास गर्दछु, एक सर्वशक्तिमान पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृष्टि गर्नु हुने माथि, जसले सबै दृष्य र अदृष्य थोकहरू बनाउनुभयो ।

र एक मात्र प्रभू यशु ख्रीष्टमाथि, परमेश्वरका एक मात्र पुत्र, सारा संसारका एक मात्र पिता, प्रभुका प्रभु, ज्योती को पनि ज्योती, सत्य प्रमेश्वरका सत्य प्रभू, एक मात्र नवनाइएका, परमेश्वरको एउटै स्वरूपमा बनिएका, सबै थोकहरू उहाँ द्वारा बनिए, जो हामी मानिसहरूका लागि र मुक्तिका निम्ती स्वर्गवाट तल ओर्लनु भयो, पवित्र आत्माद्वारा कन्या मरियमको कोखमा गर्भधारण हुनु भयो र मानवका रूपमा जन्मनु भयो, जो पन्तीयस पिलातसद्वारा क्रूसमा टाँगिनु भयो, दुख र कष्ट भोग्नु भयो र गाडिनु भयो र तेस्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूवाट विउँतनु भयो र धर्मशास्त्र अनुसार स्वर्ग उचालिनुभयो र परमेश्वरको दाहिने हातपट्टि बिराजमान हुनुहुन्छ र उहाँ फेरी महिमाका साथ जिउँदा र मरेकाहरूका न्याय गर्नलाई आउनु हुनेछ, जसको राज्यको कहिलै अन्त्य हुदैन ।

र म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्मामाथि, परमेश्वर जसले जीवन दिनु भएको छ, जो पिता र पुत्रद्वारा अमिप्रेरित हुनुहुन्छ, जो पिता र पुत्र सँगै महिमित र आराधानाको योग्य हुनुहुन्छ, जुन कुरा अगमवक्ताहरूद्वारा पनि घोषित गरीयो ।

र म विश्वास गर्दछु एक पवित्र विश्व मण्डली र प्रेरितिय मण्डलीमाथि । पाप मोचनको निम्ती एक मात्र वप्तिसमा मैले स्वीकार गर्दछु र मृतकको पुनरुत्थान र संसारको आउने जीवनको निम्ति म हेर्दछु ।

आमिन

(Please Be Seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 8:15 AM THIS LITTLE GOSPEL LIGHT OF MINE v.1

This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine all the time let it shine.

SONG OF THE DAY: THE POWER OF THE CROSS

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Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then. Nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS 1: This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face. Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed. Crowning Your bloodstained brow. CHORUS 1

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath. Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life. Finished the vict'ry cry. CHORUS 1

Oh to see my name written in the wounds. For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live. Won through Your selfless love.

CHORUS 2: This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.
What a love what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.

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SERMON

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Response from LSB 400:1*

P Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the world,
C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.**

P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in the darkness of grief, [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them with the hope and promise of the resurrection to eternal life. Light of the world,
C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.**

P Lord, bless all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they seek to reflect Your light to all the nations. Light of the world,
C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.**

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them, and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Light of the world,
C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.**

P Lord, shine Your light of hope upon all those who are caregivers. Send them rest and peace, knowing that in You their labor is not in vain. Light of the world,
C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.**

(Special Petitions)

P Lord, we commend all of these things to Your caring hands, trusting in Your mercy to all people. Light of the world,
C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid. Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

(Please Stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. *Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them*
2. *Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament*
3. *Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life*

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P And now, in the words of our Lord, we are bold 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

† DISTRIBUTION SONGS †

ONE THING REMAINS

Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains. One thing remains.

Interlude

Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains. One thing remains.

Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.

On and on and on and on it goes. It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never ever have to be afraid.
One thing remains. One thing remains.

Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.

In death, in life, I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid; There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.
SING X2

Your love never fails, It never gives up — never runs out on me. SING 3X
Your love.

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DRY BONES

Daigle

Through the eyes of men it seems there's so much we have lost
As we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked
One by one the enemy has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But we know that You are God, Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come that we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us, we step into the valley unafraid, yeah

CHORUS: As we call out to dry bones, "Come alive, come alive"
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive, come alive"
Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive"

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter, bring us back the wayward sons
And by Your spirit breathe upon them
Show the world that You alone can save
You alone can save CHORUS

So breathe, oh breath of God Now breathe, oh breath of God
Breathe, oh breath of God now breathe X4, CHORUS

We call out to dry bones, come alive.

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(Please Stand)

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

P Arise, shine, for your light has come!

C Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

P All the nations shall come to the light of Christ.

C **Kings shall bring Him gifts.**

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

C **The Light no darkness can overcome.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.

You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

CHORUS: So remember Your people, remember Your children,

remember Your promise O God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.

You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. CHORUS

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough for me. CHORUS

Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us.

Your grace is enough for me.

God, I sing Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.

Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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