



Song of *Reconciliation*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
FEBRUARY 10, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

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1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

GREETING

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.

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...Most holy God,
C: **the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” ^[9]And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’ ¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.” ¹¹Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 5th chapter:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Song of Reconciliation

The Rev. George Tuttle

- 1 God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.
- 2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.
- 3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.
- 4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.
- 5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!

APOSTLES' CREED

A: We are gathered by God into one Church, through Christ. Together with sisters and brothers throughout the world, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

A: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Each petition concludes with:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

ANTHEM

8:30am

“The Only Son from Heaven”

ELW 309

11:00am

“Each New Day”

Mark Sedio

Nativity Choir, Ben Anderson, hand drums

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and 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 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

A: Let us pray . . . God of mercy and grace,

C: **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION

P: Come to the banquet for all is now ready and all are now welcome.

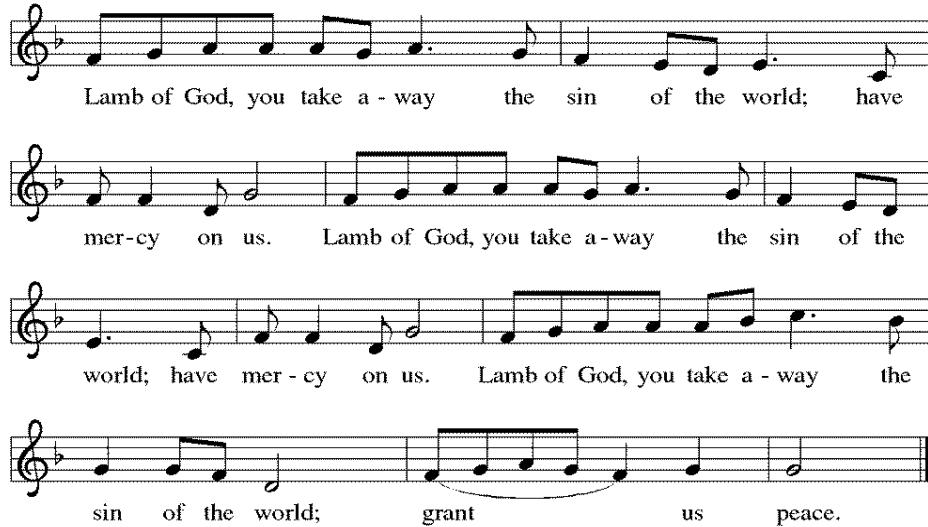
COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. To receive the bread and the wine, simply hold out your hands. If you prefer gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please hold out one finger to indicate your preference to the minister, then hold out your hand to receive. If you choose not to commune, but desire to receive a spoken blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Here I Am, Lord"

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

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- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray...Lord God,
C: **as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

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- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	8:30 Service	11:00 Service
Assisting Minister	Henry Asbill	Deb Chang
Communion Assistants	Sarah Asbill, Carol Copeland	Linda Blake, Kent Oehm
Acolyte	Wes Cooper	Sam Loizzo
Crucifer	Scott Cooper	Emma Loizzo
Reader	Alan Van Ostenbridge	Don Poole
Eucharist Presenter	Bill and Barbara Hamilton	John and Linda McNeil
Ushers	Jason and Kirsten Cooper family	Tim and Corinne Feid
Greeters	Trull family	Duane and Janet Johnson
Nursery Attendant	Staff	Staff
Altar Guild	Sandy Vlahos and Paula Meek	Jean Dacy and Debbie McGinnis

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for February is given in loving memory of **Dot Carpenter** by her family.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower chart for February is posted on the north wall of the Fellowship Hall. There are still spaces to sign up for altar flowers. Please consider providing one or two vases of flowers for our worship services. The cost is \$30 for each vase. After the 11:00 service, you may take the flowers home and enjoy them or take them to a friend to enjoy.

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THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS is studying the Gospel of Luke. We meet on Sunday between the two services at 9:45 am in the classroom on the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! If you cannot attend every week, come when you can. The writer of Luke offers much detail about the people and events in the life of Jesus that are not found in the other Gospels. Eighteen parables of Jesus are found only in this Gospel. The Gospel of Luke also stresses the importance to Jesus of the "outsiders" in our midst. Come join us on our journey through Luke!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK beginning February 10.

Sunday	Luke 5:1-11
Monday	Isaiah 6:1-13
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Wednesday	Numbers 27:12-23
Thursday	James 1:17-18
Friday	Exodus 4:10-17
Saturday	Psalm 138
Sunday	Luke 6:17-26

TAKING FAITH HOME

This weekly devotional handout is available on the Welcome Desk. "Taking Faith Home" is a production of Milestones Ministry, LLC, and is created by a team led by an ELCA Pastor.

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NATIVITY BLOOD DRIVE TODAY from 8:00AM to 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Donors will receive a \$10 Ingles gift card and the church will also receive a \$10 donation. *The Blood Connection* is the sole provider of Blood and Blood Products to Pardee Hospital, AdventHeath Hendersonville, Mission Health Systems, and the Veteran's Administration. Thank you to **Sandy Madison** for being our coordinator for this event.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Thank you for the wonderful response to the youth's "Super Bowl of Caring" collection for Calvary Food Pantry. Nativity collected **\$648.52**. Our giving indicated a Rams victory. Maybe next year...

CALVARY FOOD PANTRY On Saturday February 2, our Nativity crew served at Calvary Food Pantry in the dark during a scheduled power outage, letting our light shine! Serving our neighbors were **Ann Dasher, Audrey Gillis, Heather Gillis, Michael, Heather and Meredith Neal, Don Poole, Nancy Rehan, Hannah Ward and Brian Warnicke** with many friends from Calvary and the community. Thank you, Nativity, for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the outreach ministry of Calvary Food Pantry! If you'd like to learn more about helping on Saturdays or through the week, contact **Ann Harvey** at (828)774-5102 or auntannieh@gmail.com. To volunteer, sign up online (link is in e-news) or at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall.

THE WELCOME TABLE at Skyland Methodist serves a FREE breakfast to the community every Saturday morning from 9:30-11AM. We look forward each week to welcoming people of all ages and stations to join us around the table to share a delicious, homemade meal and conversation. **The Welcome Table** is a wonderful way for people of all ages to live out their faith through service. If you'd like information about how you can get involved with this ministry, including opportunities outside of Saturday morning, please contact **Nancy Seekamp** at nanseek@charter.net. We look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Table! Our next opportunity to serve is Feb 15th/16th. The signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

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IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY WE NAME:

- ❖ Nativity members who are in need of healing: **Wanda Bond, Bob Burkhardt, Wanda Burkhardt, Patricia Hahn, Max Hall, Judy Hoemann, Don Knapp, Fay Kohn, Baby Korbin, Dana Kropf, Donna Marple, Andra Nus, Ben Nus, Nancy Rehan, Steve Ridenhour, Heather Russell, Ruth Tracy, Duane Tuttle, Brian Warnicke.**
- ❖ Nativity members in care facilities: **Ann Colijn, Edna Franklin, Norma Graffing, Dick Horner, Marydine Lamb, Lee Lindeman-Stuenkel, Margaret Patterson, Evelyn Ridenhour.**
- ❖ For those in Hospice care especially **Estelle Sheldon.**
- ❖ For those awaiting the arrival of children, especially **Jennifer and Joel Kohn.**

INTERESTED IN MAKING NATIVITY YOUR CHURCH HOME? If you are interested in joining, please contact **Pastor George** or call the Church Office at 684-0352 and let us know!

THE NATIVITY BOOK GROUP will meet on **Thursday, February 21, at 2PM** in the Fellowship Hall. The author of our book *The Secret War*, Terrell Garren, will be meeting with us! This group is open to all and all are welcome to attend. It should prove to be a very informative time.

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NATIVITY WOMEN will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, February 14, at 11AM** to study *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine. All are welcome to attend. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the fellowship of your sisters in Christ.

THE NATIVITY CARD MINISTRY will meet at **12:30PM on Thursday, February 14**, in the Fellowship Hall. Men and women are invited to join this group to make cards to send to our members on the prayer list. No talent is necessary so just come.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will next meet on **Thursday, February 28 at 1PM**. **Jean Dacy** is our hostess. More details will be coming soon.

+ congregation council

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING which will take place between services on **Sunday, February 24th**. This will be an opportunity to review our Annual Report, answer questions and look to the year ahead. We hope you will join us!

this week at nativity

(FH = Fellowship Hall; PSB = Preschool Big Room; M = Modular)

SUNDAY (2/10)

NATIVITY BLOOD DRIVE

8:30AM Holy Communion
9:40AM Faith Formation
11:00AM Holy Communion
4:00PM Young Youth Music
4:30PM Youth Music
4:30PM Young Youth
5:30PM Young Youth/Youth dinner –
 Luther and Dieterly families
6:05PM Youth Group

MONDAY (2/11)

6:30PM Wondering Women
6:30PM ESL (M)
6:45PM Congregation Council

TUESDAY (2/12)

WEDNESDAY (2/13)

10:00AM Reflections of David Bible Study
1:30PM Nativity Quilters
7:00PM Nativity Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM AA (M)

THURSDAY (2/14)

9:30AM Property Meeting
11:00AM Women of Nativity
12:30PM Nativity Card Ministry
6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 8
6:00PM Eagle Board of Review

FRIDAY (2/15)

Church Office closed

SATURDAY (2/16)

9:00AM Welcome Table - *Skyland UMC*
2:00PM Dot Carpenter Memorial Service

SUNDAY (2/17)

NOISY OFFERING

8:30AM Holy Communion
9:40AM Faith Formation
11:00AM Holy Communion
12:15PM Confirmation
2:00PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30PM Youth Music
5:30PM Young Youth/Youth dinner –
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+ church staff

The Rev. George Tuttle

Irem Ozay

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Jen Loizzo

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