



# GOD'S GRACIOUS PLAN **REVEALED**

**2) HE GIVES UNEARNED DELIGHT**

*9:30am January 16, 2022*



# ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Ancient Faith for Today's World*

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**Welcome!** May you be filled with peace and joy from Jesus who lived, died, and rose again to be your Savior. He is forever our living Rock of Ages.

**Our Mission** is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.

**Our Message** centers around the forgiveness, freedom, and fellowship we have in Jesus.

**Membership:** We are part of a church family and together we reach out with the amazing gospel message. We'd love to have you join with us in our mission!

**Children's** activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.

**Large Print** service folders and **hearing assistance** devices are available.

**Restrooms** are located at the far ends of the entry area.

**We Support** the world-wide gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact our pastor today. You can also visit [wels.net](http://wels.net)



**WELS**

Christ's Love, Our Calling.



# Morning Praise

*Morning Praise is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.*

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## Hymn

## O Bless the Lord, My Soul

*Christian Worship 623 [All hymn numbers today are from blue hymnal]*

♪ **O bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
and aid my tongue to bless his name  
whose favors are divine.**

**2. O bless the Lord, my soul,  
nor let his mercies lie  
forgotten in unthankfulness  
and without praises die.**

**3. 'Tis he forgives your sins,  
'tis he relieves your pain,  
'tis he that heals your sicknesses  
and makes you young again.**

**4. He fills the poor with good;  
he gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord has judgments for the proud  
and justice for th'oppressed.**

**5. His wondrous works and ways  
he made by Moses known  
but sent the world his truth and grace  
by his beloved Son.**

# Confession & Absolution

Jesus Sinners Does Receive  
*Christian Worship 654*

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

♪ **Jesus sinners does receive;  
oh, may all this saying ponder  
who in sin's delusions live  
and from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners does receive.**

**2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
here their ills have perfect healing  
who with humble hearts believe:  
Jesus sinners does receive.**

**3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
are not by the Lord forsaken;  
weary souls who lost their way  
are by Christ, the Shepherd, taken  
in his arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners does receive.**

**4 I, a sinner, come to you with a penitent confession.  
Savior, show me mercy, too; grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners does receive.**

*Musical interlude for time for meditation*

The Lord is merciful. He has taken away all your guilt. In his great mercy he sent his Son who lived and died to be your Savior. Through the sacrifice of Christ, you are redeemed. You are a child of God purchased by the precious blood of his Son.

**Thanks be to God!**

♪ **Oh, how blest is it to know,  
were as scarlet my transgression,  
it shall be as white as snow  
by your blood and bitter passion,  
for these words I do believe:  
Jesus sinners does receive.**

**6 Now my conscience is at peace,  
from the law I stand acquitted.  
Christ has purchased my release  
and my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners does receive.**

**7 Jesus sinners does receive,  
even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners does receive.**

O Lord, open my lips.  
**And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Hasten to save me, O God.  
**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world;  
**praise and thanks to God!**

# Psalm 95

Come, Let Us Worship And Bow Down

*Venite*

♪ **Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord our God our maker  
Come let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord our God our maker  
For he is our God And we are the people of his pasture  
And the sheep of his hand Just the sheep of his hand**

## First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

*God wants you to know joy. There are few occasions in life more joyful than a wedding. So the prophet Isaiah pictures the Church's relationship with the Lord as an infinitely happy marriage.*

For the sake of Zion I will not be silent. For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly, and her salvation burns like a torch. <sup>2</sup>Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings will see your glory.

You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will assign to you. <sup>3</sup>Then you will be a beautiful crown in the Lord's hand, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You will never again be called Abandoned, and your land will never again be called Desolation, for you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land will be called Married, because the Lord delights in you, and your land will be married.

<sup>5</sup>For just as a young man marries a virgin, your sons will marry\* you, and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, your God will rejoice over you.

\* *Or your Builder will marry you.* In Hebrew the words your builder and your sons look alike.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 145

*Refrain sung, verses spoken responsively.*

♪ **Lord let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.**

I will exalt you, my God, the King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.  
**Great is the LORD and worthy of great praise, and there are no limits to the extent of his greatness.**

One generation will praise your deeds to another, and they will declare your mighty acts. Then they will speak about the power of your awesome works, and I will tell about your great deeds.

**They will pour forth the memory of your abundant goodness and sing loudly about your righteousness.**

**♪ Lord let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.**

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is good to all. His compassion extends over all he has made.

**Everyone you have made will thank you, O LORD, and the ones you favor will bless you.**

Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations.

**The LORD is faithful to all his words and merciful toward all he has made.**

The eyes of all look eagerly to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

**He opens his hand, and he satisfies the desire of every living thing.**

**♪ Lord let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.**

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and merciful toward all that he has made.

**The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

He grants the desire of those who fear him. He hears their cry and saves them.

**The LORD watches over all who love him, but he will destroy all the wicked.**

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD.

**Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

♪ **Lord let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.**

## Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

*St. Paul teaches us that God wants us to have a life that is fuller than we could possibly imagine.*

For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, <sup>19</sup>and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

## Gospel

John 2:1-11

*Jesus increases the joy of those attending a wedding and saves the bridegroom from public shame. In this first of his miracles, he also begins to reveal himself as true God.*

Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there.

<sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

<sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."



<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet."

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did.

<sup>9</sup>When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!"

<sup>11</sup>This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

## Seasonal Response

Jesus is the light of the world;  
**In him we have light and life.**

## Hymn of the Day

Joyously I'll Praise My Savior  
*Christian Worship 611*

## Sermon

Isaiah 62:1-5



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*A Sermon Series for Epiphany 2022*

## **GOD'S GRACIOUS PLAN REVEALED**

Jan 9 He Anoints The Unexpected

**Jan. 16 He Gives Unearned Delight**

Jan 23 He Endures Rejection

Jan. 30 His Word Reaches Out

Feb 6 He Sends Messengers of Grace

Feb. 13 He Blesses All Who Trust in Him

Feb 20 He Makes Forgiveness Flow

Feb 27 He Shows His Glory

## **Confession of Faith**

We Praise You, O God  
*spoken*

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;  
**all creation worships you, Father everlasting.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white robed army of martyrs praise you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

**When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.**

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that you will come to be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,

**and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

## Offering

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You are invited to place your offering on the table by the entryway on your way in or as you exit.*

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

# Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Prayer

O God you have called your servants to ventures of faith of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Blessing

*2 Cor. 13:14*

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

**Amen.**

# Hymn

**Jesus Loves Me**  
*Christian Worship 584*

♪ **Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.**

## **Refrain:**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.**

**2. Jesus loves me! He who died  
heaven's gates to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. [Refrain]**

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Remember with Prayer**

- Sherry and Greg and the family of Austin, son of Tom and Melanie as they recover after some in their family have tested positive for covid.
- *Share your requests and thanksgiving.*

**Received in December** \$12,301.92

**Received in January** \$8,695.32 *(to date)*

## **Attendance**

*Numbers will be shared next week.*

## **Serving This Week**

Altar Guild: Masha Wente, Joan Williams  
Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ  
Presiding Minister: Tom Barthel  
Ushers: Creig Solomon, Jerry Zuvich

## **God's Creation Calendars**

Contact Jeni Strickland to obtain an encouraging 2022 calendar. Proceeds will go to support a special ministry effort.

## **Men's Rally**

Men, you are invited to join the "Men of His Word" conference on January 22. Find info at [menofhisword.org/2022-phoenix.html](http://menofhisword.org/2022-phoenix.html)

## **Women's Missionary Society Rally**

Women, you are invited to join our Spring rally on Saturday April 2 at Arizona Lutheran Academy. Look for registration details soon.

# **CALENDAR**

[rockofages-payson.com/calendar](http://rockofages-payson.com/calendar)

**Sunday, January 16** Epiphany 2

9:30am Service

10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

**Tuesday, January 18**

6:00pm Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 19**

1:00pm Mary Martha meeting

**Thursday, January 20**

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

10:00am Choir

5:00pm Youth Catechism

**Saturday, January 22**

Men of His Word Conference (Phoenix Location)

**Sunday, January 23** Epiphany 3

9:30am Service with Lord's Supper

10:30am Voters' Meeting

11:30am Potluck

**Thursday, January 27**

9:00am Circuit meeting @ Cornville

5:00pm Youth Catechism

## **Devotional resource:**

Ask about being added to our mailing list to receive a copy of the monthly magazine "Forward in Christ." Read a recent article here: <https://forwardinchrist.net/the-future-of-abortion/>





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