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**Choir Director: Ann Clingersmith**

**Worship is Sunday 8:15 and 10:45am**

**OUR MISSION: We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through worship, witness, and ministry to our members and community**

***WELCOME: “Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; for he is holy” (Psalm 99:5, NIV).  
Welcome.***

*If you are visiting and you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your church home, but above all, we invite you to come and worship with us at any time.*

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## Epiphany 7

Sunday, February 23, 2020

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*ReClaim Lutheran Hymnal – Setting 1 (pg.21)*

Today's Music can be found in the St. James Sings Book  
Prelude *(please stand when indicated by \*)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

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P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Time for silent reflection)*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Most merciful God, you have given your Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### **HYMN #8: Majesty (Sing Twice)**

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.**

\* Kyrie p. 22

♪ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

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\* Gloria in Excelsis (“*Glory be to God on high...*”) p. 23-24  
Glory be to God on High and on earth peace, good will to all.

♪ **Lord, we praise your name on high, worship you and glorify. To the Lamb of God we cry and join the angel’s song.**

***Refrain:***

***Gloria! Let the music flow. Gloria! To the earth below.  
Gloria! Feel our hearts aglow with the joyful angel’s song.***

**You have borne the sins of all. Mercy, Lord, and hear our call. Everyone, both great and small, come join the angel’s song.**

***(Refrain)***

**You, alone, the Holy One, You, alone, God’s only Son, In  
\* your name we’ve just begun to join the angels song.**

***(Refrain)***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

Prayer of the Day

God of majesty, **through Jesus' transfiguration you reveal him as your beloved Son. Keep us faithful in the promise that through the cross and the empty tomb we are joint heirs with Christ and will one day enjoy the fullness of your glory for eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Exodus 24:8-18**

<sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## **Psalm 2:6-12**

<sup>6</sup> “I myself have set my king\*  
upon my holy hill of Zion.”

<sup>7</sup>**Let me announce the decree of the Lord:\***

**He said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten  
you.**

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance\*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

<sup>9</sup>**You shall crush them with an iron rod\*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”**

<sup>10</sup>And now, you kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>**Submit to the Lord with fear,\*  
and with trembling bow before him;**

<sup>12</sup>Lest he be angry and you perish;\*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

## **Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. This is the Word of The Lord.

**♪Hallelu! Halleluia! Give praise to the Lord for the blessings of heaven in God's holy Word. For the words of forgiveness, the words that endure, Hallelu! Hallelujah! Give praise to the Lord.**

**\* Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

**Glory be to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\* Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come**

**again 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 dead, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message

Sermon by: Pastor Dan Tabor

**HYMN #72: We Shall Behold Him**

**MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please be seated)

**OFFERING:** As a guest or visitor, we acknowledge your presence as the only offering expected today.

\* Offering Song

♪ **We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

\* Prayer of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord be merciful to us all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory **Amen**

\* Lord's Prayer

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**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**

Benedicamus

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit**

P: Bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

Benediction

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**♪ O Lord, bless and keep us all. O Lord, bless us all. O Lord, bless and keep us all. Bless ev'ryone, great and small. O Lord, make your face to shine. O Lord, make your face to shine. O Lord, make your face to shine. Be gracious and keep us thine. O Lord, lift your eyes to see. O Lord, lift your eyes to see. O Lord, lift your eyes to see. The peace that we need from thee.**

**HYMN #39: The Light of The World**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Postlude

*ENTER TO WORSHIP – EXIT TO SERVE*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Early: 40 Late: 66