

January 17, 2021
The Second Sunday after Epiphany
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

Jesus' Sermon at Nazareth

PRELUDE

Air and Canon on "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

James Biery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

ONE: Most merciful God,

MANY: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN

ONE: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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 \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

Verses 2-4



PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: 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.

MANY: AMEN

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:16-30

When Jesus 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, 17 and 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,

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

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

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **MANY: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

SONG OF THE DAY Open Our Eyes, Lord LS 31

Sing two times.

Open our eyes, Lord; We want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch him, And say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: Let us confess our faith in the triune God-with-us:

MANY: 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

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

silence

ONE: Light of the World, you shine in the midst of turmoil and strife. Empower us to do justice, love mercy and to walk humbly with you. Bless the Peace Lutheran community as we seek to be your life-giving light in the midst of racial injustice. Hear Us, O God,

MANY: your mercy is great.

ONE: Light of the World, you were cleansed and made whole through the waters of baptism. Help us to know the great value of water in our world. Open our hearts and minds to learn what it means to live sustainably, abundantly, and joyfully within the creation you have so graciously given us. Hear Us, O God

MANY: your mercy is great.

ONE: Light of the World, you valued the outcast by listening to them and going to their homes. Help us to joyfully share in your ministry of bringing hope to the world, and give us wisdom to see how to live your love. Hear Us, O God,

MANY: your mercy is great.

ONE: Light of the World, there are many among us who hurt in body, soul, and mind. Open us to their struggles, empower us to sustain them in their time of need, and grant them comfort. Both aloud and in the silence of our hearts we name those we know in need of your care before you now...Denny Vee ... all who are suffering from the COVID pandemic, all who are working for health and healing, and for the leaders of our nation...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your

Son, Jesus Christ. MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

Strengthen for Service, Lord

Sherri Hansen

OFFERING PRAYER

ONE: Good and loving God,

MANY: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessings for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

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

MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. AMEN

WELCOME TO THE TABLE



COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

MANY: O God, you have called your servants to ventures 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



DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord. **MANY: Thanks be to God!**

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