



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021

AS WE GATHER: Merry, merry ...January??!!? Probably not. The sunlight is short. The days feel long. Not only that, but the world is no better in the beginning days of 2021 than the last year. There's just as much conflict, anger and frustration as before. We just don't *feel* happy. Well, life hasn't changed much in 2000 years. The Philippians lived in the same world we do and despite the difficulties they encountered on a day-to-day basis, the Apostle Paul encouraged them multiple times to rejoice as they follow Jesus. Happy is temporary and based on a feeling. Joy is eternal. Happiness is elusive; whereas Paul taught our brothers and sisters in Philippi that joy is a gift that can be enjoyed whenever because that's what we receive from Jesus - it can't be taken away (even by January). Join us as we study Paul's letter to the Philippians in our sermon series entitled Joy in January.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #537

"Beautiful Savior"

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

- 2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 33

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

People: Praise befits the upright.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

People: Make melody to Him with the harp of ten
strings!

Pastor: Sing to Him a new song;

People: Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Pastor: For the Word of the LORD is upright,

People: And all His work is done in faithfulness.

Pastor: He loves righteousness and justice;

People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of
the LORD.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by
nature sinful and unclean. 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.
We justly deserve Your present and eternal
punishment. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die
for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from sin and the attacks of the evil one. Teach us to love You above all things and to love and serve our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON "The Key To Greatness" Miss Heidi

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) "Alleluia"

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the
thirteenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

INTERVIEW "Joy in Service"
Pastor Jeff Schubert

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#857

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood;
In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You
And live by Your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The
third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Divine Redeemer Lutheran School will begin online applications and re-enrollments for the 2021-2022 School year beginning Monday, February 1st. All applications received from NEW church family members will be accepted, in the order received, on Monday, February 15th. All applications received from NEW community members will be accepted in the order received, on Monday, March 1st. Contact the School's Admissions Office for more information or to arrange an IN-PERSON tour. A Virtual tour and teacher interviews are available on the school page of our website at drlc.org.

A special IN-PERSON Early Childhood Open House, for parents interested in Divine Redeemer's Infant, Toddler, 2K- 5K programs, is being offered Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Meet the teachers, tour the school, learn about the curriculum and more! You must Register for this event by calling 367-3664.

Don't forget to order your cookbooks by Feb. 1st. Visit drlc.org/cookbook. Over 700 recipes and all for \$15.00.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

People: We bless You, O God, for the gift of the Church, for our family of faith, and our place of fellowship and growth. As the Church, grant that we continue to walk in the way of faithfulness, joyfully proclaiming the message of salvation and sharing the gifts You have given. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We thank You, O God, for the world in which we live and for the human family of which we are a part. Grant that all who are in positions of leadership find ways of cooperation and that the leaders of our nation seek to do what brings blessing to all people and serves the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. We thank You for those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so

much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.
Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You know our needs and the needs of others even before we speak of them with our words or in our hearts. Graciously hear our petitions for those who are hospitalized or ill, for those who are shut in or find their lives limited in some way and for those who are grieving on this day that their lives know Your presence. Direct us into the way of sacrificial service that we ever be bringers of hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #850

"God of Grace"

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.

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10:30AM:

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8:00AM: Brody Newton & Andrew Benz

10:30AM: Reed Krzyzaniak & Emily Corteen

Sound:

8:00AM: Ruth Koepke

10:30AM: Pat Klug

Elders:

8:00AM:

10:30AM: