

the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A: The second reading according to the first book of Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

SONG OF THE DAY

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Tom Ingram

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of life, we thank you for Jesus's life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*), as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as the call committee works to complete the Ministry Site Profile, give them the words to show the true nature of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, and the commitment to continue in prayer for the plans you have established.

C: hear our prayer.

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 21:13

If you close your ear to the cry of the poor, you will cry out and not be heard.

OFFERING

"Yes, I Will"

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"I Will Trust in You"

DISMISSAL

JESUS'S EARLY MINISTRY

- JESUS'S BAPTISM
- THE MIRACLE IN CANA
- JESUS'S FIRST SERMON
- REJECTION OF JESUS
- THE FIRST DISCIPLES
- "WOE TO YOU"
- THE GOLDEN RULE

SUNDAYS
JAN. 12—FEB. 23
9 AND 11:15 A.M.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY IS ABOUT REVELATION AND GOD REVEALING TRUTH TO US AND TO ALL OF CREATION. THIS SERIES COVERS THE EARLY EVENTS OF JESUS'S MINISTRY, WALKING ALONGSIDE HIM AS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES WOULD HAVE, EXPERIENCING AN EVER-GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF HIM AS THE ONE ANOINTED BY GOD TO SAVE ALL OF CREATION FROM SIN, DEATH, AND THE DEVIL.

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