

**Bricelyn and North Blue Earth Lutheran Churches**

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*“Reaching out to all with God’s love through Christ”*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2015

**Holy Communion**  
**Setting 10**  
9:00am - NBE and 10:45am - BLC

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*(Following announcements, please stand as you are able and greet one another, then remain standing)*

**\*Entrance Hymn** Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty **ELW 533**

**\*Greeting**

L: 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Kyrie**

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**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole, that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts!**

**\*Stand as you are able**

**ELW = Cranberry Hymnal**

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**Prayer Concerns:** Mary Ann Olson, Bud Leland, Evelyn Risius, Joanne Prange

**Serving Today**

**North Blue Earth Lutheran Church**

**Organist:** Sheila Rame

**Ushers:** Paul Blom, Eric Dahl, Roger Legred

**Deacon:** Neil Rame

**Bricelyn Lutheran Church**

**Organist:** Barbara Carlson

**Ushers:** Douglas Leland, Larry Jacobson, John Skare, Ron Erickson

**Altar Guild:** Ellen Molskness, Mary Berkeland

**Deacon:** Mona Skare

**Announcements**

**This week at BLC and NBE churches:**

Wednesday, February 4 8:30 a.m. Needle and Thread  
5:30 p.m. WNL and Confirmation

Sunday, February 8 9:00 a.m. Worship NBE  
9:45 a.m. Fellowship NBE and BLC  
10:45 a.m. Worship BLC

**\*Offertory Prayer:** God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*(Please be seated)*

### Words of Institution

#### The 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

### Distribution – Intinction

*(All who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to the communion table to share in the gift of this holy meal. Communing persons come forward by the center aisle, receive a wafer, and then dip the wafer into the cup of wine before eating it. Welcome to the Lord's meal!)*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### \*Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

### \*Prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

### \*Benediction

L: 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 – in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### \*Closing Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing

**ELW 537**

**\*Dismissal:** L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

### Hymn of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise!

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above;  
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

**Prayer of the Day:** Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

### First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (CEV)

<sup>15</sup> [Moses said] God will choose one of your own people to be a prophet just like me, and you must do what that prophet says. <sup>16</sup> You were asking for a prophet the day you were gathered at Mount Sinai and said to the LORD, "Please don't let us hear your voice or see this terrible fire again—if we do, we will die!"

<sup>17</sup> Then the LORD told me: Moses, they have said the right thing. <sup>18</sup> So when I want to speak to them, I will choose one of them to be a prophet like you. I will give my message to that prophet, who will tell the people exactly what I have said. <sup>19</sup> Since the message comes from me, anyone who doesn't obey the message will have to answer to me.

<sup>20</sup> But if I haven't spoken, and a prophet claims to have a message from me, you must kill that prophet, and you must also kill any prophet who claims to have a message from another god. [This is our first lesson.]

### Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (CEV)

[Paul said] In your letter you asked me about food offered to idols. All of us know something about this subject. But knowledge makes us proud of ourselves, while love makes us helpful to others. <sup>2</sup> In fact, people who think they know so much don't know anything at all. <sup>3</sup> But God has no doubts about who loves him.

<sup>4</sup> Even though food is offered to idols, we know that none of the idols in this world are alive. After all, there is only one God. <sup>5</sup> Many things in heaven and on earth are called gods and lords, but none of them really are gods or lords. <sup>6</sup> We have only one God, and he is the Father. He created everything, and we live for him. Jesus Christ is our only Lord. Everything was made by him, and by him life was given to us.

<sup>7</sup> Not everyone knows these things. In fact, many people have grown up with the belief that idols have life in them. So when they eat meat offered to idols, they are bothered by a weak conscience. <sup>8</sup> But food doesn't bring us any closer to God. We are no worse off if we don't eat, and we are no better off if we do.

<sup>9</sup> Don't cause problems for someone with a weak conscience, just because you have the right to eat anything. <sup>10</sup> You know all this, and so it doesn't bother you to eat in the temple of an idol. But suppose a person with a weak conscience sees you and decides to eat food that has been offered to idols.

<sup>11</sup> Then what you know has destroyed someone Christ died for. <sup>12</sup> When you sin by hurting a follower with a weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> So if I hurt one of the Lord's followers by what I eat, I will never eat meat as long as I live. [This is our second lesson.]

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**\*Gospel Verse**

Alleluia

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**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

**\*Gospel** Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup> [Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**\*Gospel Response**

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

Pastor Nancy Dreier

**Hymn of the Day**

Healer of Our Every Ill

**ELW 612**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**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 body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Share God's peace with each other through phrases like "God's peace" or "the Lord's peace" or "The peace of the Lord be with you", etc. This is different from our "good morning" greeting.)*

*(Please be seated)*

**Offering**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**\*Offertory**

ELW 679

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**BLC** – Dorcas/Elizabeth Circle will serve coffee hour in February, and Gerald and Ellen Molskness are the coffee makers.

**BLC WELCA Stewardship** for February is Food Shelf.

**Dell's Scandinavian Smorgasbord** (formerly known as Lutefisk Supper) will be held **today** from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The cost is a \$16 donation for adults and \$5 donation for children 10 and under. The menu includes lutefisk, potatoes, klub, corn, Norwegian meatballs, romgrot, lefse, kringla, Norwegian rice, homemade buns, and rosettes. Smorgasbord proceeds support Mission Projects. The Dell Women will also sponsor a bake sale to support the Dell Women's budget.

**Interfaith Caregivers** will be hosting their **Annual "All You Can Eat" Waffle Brunch** on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Blue Earth Ag Center. Cost is Adults \$8, Children age 6 to 10 \$5, and 5 and under free. Advance sale adult tickets \$7 at the IFC.



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