

**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - Sunday, February 13, 2022 – 9:00 am**

**Music Today**

**Terrie Sanchez**

**AS WE GATHER**

Our society has changed. Systematic Racism, privilege, political correctness, woke, anti-racist, social justice are common words in the world today. What comes to mind when you hear them? Are you able to accurately define them? Being a victim seems to be in vogue. People are being "cancelled." While many pundits and politicians have now begun to voice their concerns about this new ideology of "wokeness" and its impact on society, it is time for us as Christians to be concerned about the impact this ideology has on a person's relationship with Christ. Together we analyze "wokeness" from a Biblical perspective. Above all, today we hear God's answer to the challenge of "wokeness." He calls His people to demonstrate courage in the face of challenges, confess the faith, and above all, share the love of His Son, Jesus, with all people.

**Gathering Songs                      Jesus, Name Above All Names**

**Welcome & Invocation**

**Opening Song                      Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light  
  
Be Thou my Wisdom And Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one  
  
Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance Now and always  
Thou and Thou only First in my heart  
High King of heaven My Treasure Thou art  
  
High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joy, Oh, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, oh ruler of all

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**Call to Worship                      Based on John 1:10-12**

**Pastor:** Jesus Christ was in the world, and the world was made through Him,

**People:** **yet the world did not know Him.**

**Pastor:** He came to His own,

**People:** **and His own people did not receive Him.**

**Pastor:** But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name,

**People:** **He gave the right to become children of God.**

**Confession and Forgiveness      John 1:14**

**Pastor:** God has come to us to make us His own children. Let us confess our sins of unbelief that He may give us faith to receive Him and His love.

**People:** **O God, we confess that we have ignored Your voice and Spirit by choosing to go our own way. Without You, we are lost and confused and without hope. Without You, we do not**

**know love. Come now to us and forgive our waywardness and weakness. Give us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love. Receive us again into the family of Your redeemed. Amen.**

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **New Member Welcome**

**Reader**

*Tom Gitzlaff*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah 17:5–8*

*(The man who trusts the Lord is blessed.)*

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert,

and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water,

that sends out its roots by the stream,

and does not fear when heat comes,

for its leaves remain green,

and is not anxious in the year of drought,

for it does not cease to bear fruit."

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:1–20*

*(Paul teaches about the resurrection of the dead.)*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to

James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 6:17-26*

*(Jesus preaches on the mountainside by the Sea of Galilee.)*

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Song of the Day                      What the Lord Has Done In Me**

Let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Let the blind say, "I can see, it's what the Lord has done in me."  
Let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Let the blind say, "I can see, it's what the Lord has done in me."

Chorus      Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain;  
                 Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again;  
                 Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain;  
                 Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.

Into the river I will wade there my sins are washed away  
From the heavens mercy streams, of the Savior's love for me;  
I will rise from waters deep, into the saving arms of God;  
I will sing salvation songs; Jesus Christ has set me free. **(Chorus)**

Let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Let the blind say, "I can see, it's what the Lord has done in me."

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**Sermon**                      **Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Confess the Faith**                      *Pastor Aaron Boerst*

### **Creed - The Second Article of the Apostles Creed**

**Pastor:** Let us now confess the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, and speak together the section of Luther's Small Catechism that tells of the redemption we receive from our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** **I believe 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.**

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

### **Prayers of the Church**

**Pastor:** O God of love, thanks and praise be to You for sending Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to open Your kingdom by means of His love and deliverance and glory on the cross. Greater love has no one than this. Work in us, Your children, the gift of Your love, that we be enabled to endure the struggles of faith and hope and to reflect Your true glory all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Establish Your whole Church and this congregation to be walking and serving together in love for You and love toward one another and the world, that many come to the knowledge of Your truth and salvation. Grant Your strength and blessing to all who preach Your life-giving Word and those who serve as Your loving hands to all who are in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Grant Your grace and wisdom to all who serve in the government of our country. Give strength and integrity to those in the armed forces and to all who serve and protect us in our communities. Give all agencies dedicated to the service of helping and healing people the freedom to do their good works for the support of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Hear also now our prayers for all who are sick or hospitalized, the injured and the lonely. Grant that Your healing love be administered faithfully by the medical professionals and those who supply the needy in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** O Lord, Hear us now on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:

***Local concerns may be added by congregational elder here.***

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

**People: Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Offering Bless Thou Our Gifts**

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought  
Bless thou the work our hearts have planned  
Lord, ours the faith, the will, the thought  
The rest, O God, is in thy hand. Amen.

**Presentation of Gifts**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. *[Psalm 145:15, James 1:17]*

**People: Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

**Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**The Words of Our Lord** *[Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25]*

**Proclamation of Christ**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *[1 Cor. 11:26]*

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *[Revelation 22:20]*

**Lord's Prayer** *[Matthew 6:9–13]*

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**People: 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**

***Seek Ye First (instrumental-recorded)***

## Eat This Bread

*Refrain*



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

*Cantor or Choir*



1 This is His bod-y giv-en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.



2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un-til He comes a-gain.



3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.



4 An-y-one who eats this bread will live for-ev-er.



5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e-ter-nal life.

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## Jesus, All for Jesus

Jesus, all for Jesus  
All I am and have and ever hope to be  
Jesus, all for Jesus  
All I am and have and ever hope to be  
All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans  
I surrender these into Your hands.  
All of my ambitions, hopes and plans  
I surrender these into Your hands  
For it's only in Your will that I am free  
For it's only in Your will that I am free  
Jesus, all for Jesus  
All I am and have and ever hope to be.  
For it's only in Your will that I am free  
For it's only in Your will that I am free  
Jesus, all for Jesus  
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

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## Announcements

**Benediction** [Numbers 6:24-26]

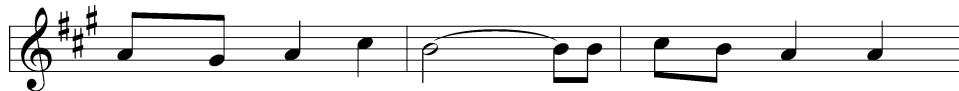
Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

**Sending Song**                      **We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight LSB720**



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"  
You are near And seek where You are found.  
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.  
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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