

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Hallowed Be Thy Name* (arr. B. Ingram) Bells of Praise  
Vocalists: Brad Gerhardt  
Andrea Pitkin  
Tina Hilgendorf

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia* p. 124

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45**

*Jesus cures a leper and asks him to tell no one but a priest, in accordance with Levitical law. Though Jesus performs miracles, his identity as Messiah will not be understood until the cross.*

A reading from the Gospel of Mark: **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>40</sup>A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." <sup>41</sup>Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" <sup>42</sup>Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup>After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup>saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." <sup>45</sup>But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

A reading from the Gospel of Our Lord: **Praise to You, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Jen Bartholmey

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Healer of Our Every Ill* ELW #612  
*(Offering will be received during this hymn)*

**HOLY BAPTISM** Carson Reed Wrucke p. 227

**OFFERING RESPONSE** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW #186

**THE PRAYERS** p. 128

**LORD'S PRAYER** p. 134

**SENDING**

**BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

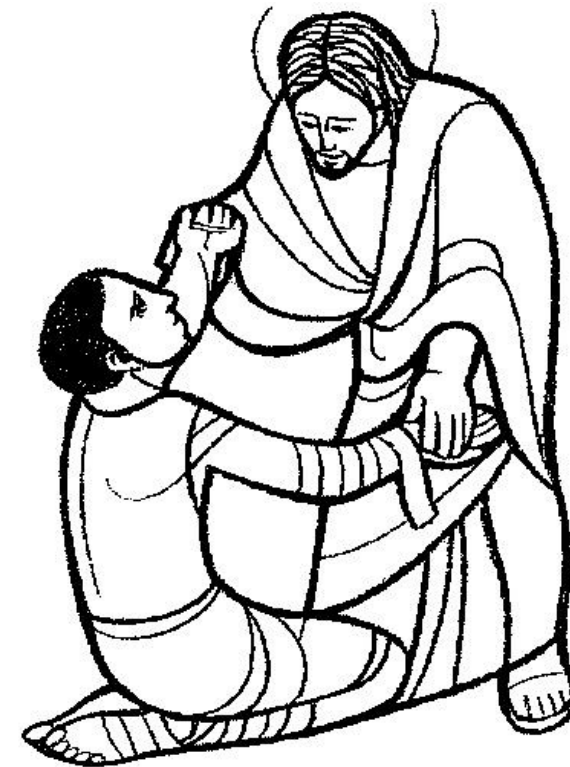
**SENDING HYMN** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW #618

**POSTLUDE**

# Welcome to Worship Grace Lutheran Church

Fairmont, MN  
6th Sunday After Epiphany  
February 12, 2012

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE



**Ministry Assistants:**

Greeters: Helen Bellin & Marvin Johnson  
Acolytes: Aurora Teskey  
Organist: Sandra Krumholz  
Bells of Praise: Dir. Sandra Krumholz  
Lector: Harlow Hanson  
Audio: Jeff Greischar

## 8:30 Traditional Order of Worship

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### GATHERING

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i> (arr. S. Tucker)	Bells of Praise
<b>CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS</b>		p.116
<b>GATHERING HYMN</b>	<i>O Day of Rest and Gladness</i>	ELW #521
<b>GREETING &amp; KYRIE</b>		pp. 120-1
<b>HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<i>Glory to God</i>	pp. 121-2

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty and ever-living God, with mercy you look upon our weaknesses. Stretch out your wondrous hand to protect us from danger and restore us to health, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORD

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-14

*Elisha tells Naaman, a Syrian general, to immerse himself in the Jordan River to be cleansed of his leprosy. Initially refusing to do this humble act, Naaman eventually obeys and is healed, revealing not the magic of the water but the power of Israel's God.*

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup>And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup>He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you

shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

### PSALM: Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

*Using the athletic imagery of a runner and a boxer, Paul illustrates to the Corinthians how Christians have a focus committed to the ministry of the gospel, so that their victorious goal is not individual glory but eternal life for all.*

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. <sup>25</sup>Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; <sup>27</sup>but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.