

THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 15th, 2023



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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING\\_TKTi9c\\_OIBbMqGwLw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKTi9c_OIBbMqGwLw)

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**Prayer:** Almighty and eternal God, Governor of all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, and grant us Your peace in our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Musician:** 10 a.m. – Mayumi Munoz  
**Reader:** 10 a.m. – Fran Porteous  
**Greeters:** 10 a.m. – Ralph & Mary Muller

**January 2023 Worship Schedule**

January 15 – Epiphany 2 – Divine Service Setting Three  
January 21 – Epiphany 3 – Divine Service Setting One Communion  
January 29 – Epiphany 4 – Morning Praise

**EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Today: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. – Precious Moments  
7:00 p.m. - Mary Martha  
Thursday: 10-11:30 a.m. – SOUL  
7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study (*see note below*)  
Next Sunday: 9:10-9:45 – Confirmation Class

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** this morning at 9:00 a.m., in February we will we will resume our schedule of the first 2 Sundays of each month.

**PRECIOUS MOMENTS:** If you or someone you know would benefit from friendly conversation, a time for kids to play & sing; hear a Bible story and make a craft - please join us Tuesdays in the nursery area. Coffee and tea are always on.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet **this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** at the Kuenzel's (2 Eva Rd). We are continuing our Right Now Media study in the book of Romans. Please feel welcome to join us. For more information contact Louise 905-329-8578.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Resumes **Sunday, January 22, 9:10 am.** Please look on the Pastor Todd Youth Catechism Google Classroom for any and all communications.

**OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES:** **Lorraine Bogusat**, wife of Howard, who struggled through a lengthy debilitating illness, died Wednesday, January 11th at 5:35 p.m. and entered into her eternal rest. Visitation will be held at Morgan Funeral Home, 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the Lake where her family will receive friends today, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Service will be held here at Christ Lutheran Church tomorrow, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will be served immediately following the Service and Interment after that at Niagara Lake Shore Cemetery in NOTL. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society or to Haiti Lutheran Mission Society Feeding Program.

**Lenten Study Material will be available** to all who wish to join before Ash Wednesday, which will be a regular church service with Communion and imposition of ashes. Likewise, Holy Week will have regular church services. **"Review & Renew"** is a Bible Study which will also be conducted by Pastor Todd in the church sanctuary.

**LWML – Mary Martha:**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** As we start a New Year, we remember it is full of **your** Hope and **your** Promise. "...And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *"Philippians 4: 7*

The following is our schedule for our Winter/Spring program ([more details will follow](#)):

- Jan 17, 7:00 pm: Bible Study led by **our adopted** Seminary Student, Jason
- Feb 21, 7:00 pm: Speaker from the Mobile Closet
- March 21, 7:00 pm: Quilt tying and stamp trimming
- April 18, 7:00 pm: Speaker - Jude Mersereau
- May 16, 7:00 pm: Bible Study - Pastor Todd (tentative)
- June 10: Potluck (Details to follow)

Please feel free to attend any or all of our Tuesday night events! **January is a very special meeting since we will be disbursing the funds that God so graciously provided from our Fall Yard Sale and November Bazaar to different mission projects.**

(If you have any questions, call Lorraine at 905 964 5837)

<b><u>Last Sunday Attendance:</u></b>	<b><u>January 8th, 2023</u></b>		<b><u>Attn: 10 a.m. – 94</u></b>	<b><u>SOUL: 33</u></b>
<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly Need</u></b>	<b><u>Last Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Year To Date</u></b>	<b><u>+ or – (--)</u></b>
Current:		3,154.00	8,615.84	
LCC Missions		225.00	493.50	
Property Improvement:		54.00	102.50	

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS** have been given to SOUL in memory of Rev. Frank Silver by Glenn & Carole Pink and Arlene Schmidt.

**2023 DONATION ENVELOPES** have arrived and you can find yours in your Church mailbox. If you don't have a mailbox, please look for your envelopes on the table in the Narthex. If you don't have a mailbox and would like a mailbox, please let Pat know at [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca) or call 905-685-8294 (Thursday or Friday morning).

**GREETERS:** A new sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and we would ask that anyone who is interested in assisting for the coming year to please sign up. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know everyone in the congregation.

# Review and Renew

## Back to the Basics

### **What We Believe & Why It Matters**

Lenten Focus 2023

Wednesdays Feb 22 - March 29 7-8 PM

- 1) Ash Wednesday Simple Communion & ashes -  
Purposeful praying or praying with purpose?  
[ Lord's Prayer focus]
- 2) What does "Living Word" mean  
[10 Commandments focus]
- 3) What happens when I follow God's lead?  
[ the Apostles' Creed focus]
- 4) Little Christ, little me  
[Baptism focus]
- 5) How our hearts and mouths align  
[Confession and Forgiveness focus]
- 6) You are what you eat  
[Holy Communion focus]



Midweek Lent will have hymns, prayer, Scripture  
and a Bible Study format message  
with discussion question time.  
We meet in the Church Sanctuary.

Holy Week & Easter will be the usual worship services

# LSB DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 15, 2023 + 10 AM Worship

## GATHERING

### OPENING HYMN:

“O For A Closer Walk”

[Tune: Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed]



1. O for a clos - er walk with God, a  
2. Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when



calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -  
first I saw the Lord? Where is the soul - re -



on the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
fresh - ing view of Je - sus and His word?

WORDS: William Cowper, 1772  
MUSIC: Hugh Wilson, 1825

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**3. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road, that leads me to the Lamb.**

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## WE BEGIN IN GOD'S NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made Heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*[Brief prayerful silence]*

O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and 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.  
**Amen.**

**LORD HAVE MERCY [Sung]**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA [Sung]**

**Glory be to God on high:**

**And on earth, peace goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, Heaven'ly King! God the Father Almighty!**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.**

**That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY [Spoken]**

Lord be with you. **And with Thy Spirit.**

Let us pray: O Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Take away our sin hear our prayers for peace and create us as Your holy people. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**The Old Testament:** *Isaiah 49: 1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall fall face down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**The Epistle:** *1 Corinthians 1: 1-9*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way

you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG ALLELUIAS: **All-le-luia! A---lle---lu—ia!**

**The Holy Gospel:** *St. John 1: 29-42*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter:

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord. [Sung]**

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ. [Sung]**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:**

**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. On 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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL HYMN:**

*“O Lamb Of God [Your Only Son]”*



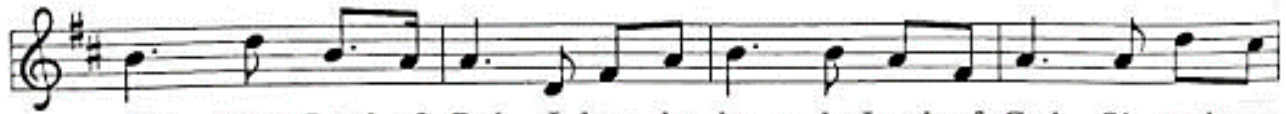
1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

*St Stephen ([ststephenlutheran.net](http://ststephenlutheran.net))*

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**MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right Spirit within me.  
Cast, me not, away from Thy presence - and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.  
A---men.

**OFFERINGS** *are received.*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Paul reminds us of our true identity as God's holy people. We can therefore come into his presence and present our petitions and thanksgiving. So let us pray for the church, the world, and for those in need.*

Heavenly Father — thank you that Jesus showed himself to be the all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. We pray for the church, that it may follow the Lamb of God in sacrificial love and clear witness to the gospel.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

Give us strength to participate in our congregational programs with joy and enthusiasm, privileged to be your instruments of care and witness. Bless our leaders as they plan and prepare for this New Year.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

We pray for all in public office, and in particular our local members of parliament and council. Guide them to make right decisions for the good of all.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

We pray for all professionals dealing with those in need — medical workers, social workers, emergency and relief services. Give them compassion for those they help, protect them if their work is dangerous and direct them in your will.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

Thank you for the healing you bring through modern medicine. Bring the sick to good health, and assure them of your eternal love and the coming resurrection. Meet the needs of all people in want including *(insert names here)* and those we know and now name in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

Almighty Lord, you have called your church to witness to your reconciling love for the world in Christ Jesus; help us to be true to our calling and proclaim the good news of your love, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come.....**

### THE BLESSING [Sung]

The Lord be with you

**And with Thy Spirit.**

Bless we the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

**Amen, Amen, A—men.**

CLOSING HYMN:

“The Lamb, The Lamb”

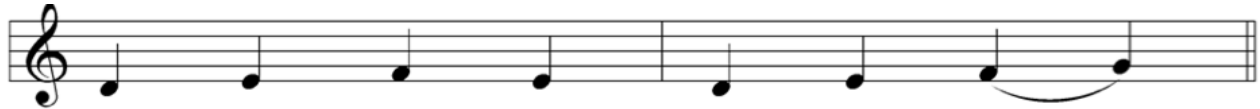
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1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their  
4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and  
5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

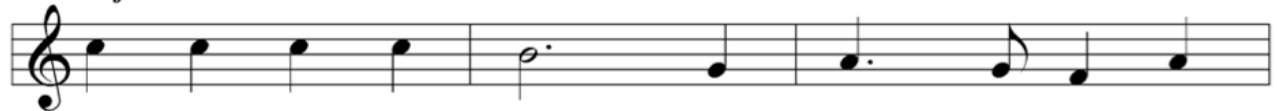


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God  
of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let  
shep - herd kill So still, his will, On  
wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He  
o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
our be - half the law to fill.  
gives me his own right - eous - ness.  
ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

**REV. TODD HOEFFS**

**Epiphany 2**

**Scripture: John 1:29-42**

**Title: “What you see is what you get”**

**January 15, 2023**

You never get a second chance to make a 1<sup>st</sup> impression. If people show you their true self right away, believe them. Only about 16 percent of our communication is verbal.

All the rest is body language conveyed by emotions. It's best to live honest, open, kind and thoughtful. What you see is what you get. You see John as a strangely dressed preacher pouring Jordan river water Over peoples' heads – including his cousin Jesus' head.

The austere is ending. From the lips of a man who's lived in the desolate wilderness, Points to Jesus, on the river banks And says – LOOK! The LAMB of God Who takes away the sins of the world! Lamb of God, as familiar as it is unusual. The Lamb is an image of how God rescues His people from oppression. Israel had been Egypt's slaves. God told them to take blood from the Lamb [roasted at Passover] And paint it on the outer doorposts. The angel of death saw it and passed over that house, saving the 1st born son and the entire family. Because of this story, the lamb remained a strong symbol of God's faithfulness and deliverance. Hundreds of years after,

prophet Isaiah wrote about the Lord as the suffering sacrificial service, like a lamb led to slaughter. What's really interesting about this is when John the Baptizer speaks, The Greek Word chosen for LAMB means both sacrifice and servant. John's proclaiming to the people, All under the oppression of Rome, that God's promised Messiah is here as HIS LAMB come to bale you all out of a huge sinful mess! Jesus is the Lamb of God. He will shed his blood so all make be forgiven.

But the ideas floating around for a person called a Lamb is confusing. As a people, this could be scary and hopeless, it could be liberating and freeing. Even political. John's Gospel uses messianic imagery to underline its message that the Father sent the Son to overcome evil and darkness with light and truth. We know Jesus dies at the same time portrays when the Passover lambs are killed in the Temple (18:28; 19:31) and His death echoes Passover imagery (19:29,36).

The unbroken bones, The heat. The blood. The speed of the death Jesus brings deliverance.

Once John points out Jesus as the Lamb, two of John's disciples leave him and start following Jesus. What they see and hear moves them to act on their faith. This is evangelism. See. Show. Share. The heart of preaching. The heart of sharing the Gospel. Witnessing your faith is simply noticing what God's doing in your lives, sharing that with others, and inviting them to come and see for themselves. We find this hard to do. We often forget or are too timid to talk about the Good news of Jesus. Part of this reluctance is because we just don't see God at work in our lives,

and we don't want to be caught in an embarrassing place. It's hard to share an experience you think you haven't had. It's hard to show someone something you haven't actually seen for yourself.

It's easier talking about where to find the best bargains, Or best car, Or best team. But we all have personally experienced Christ at work in us. That's a big job for both pastors and people:

Emphasize the day to day relevance of God in every part of our experiences. John experienced something his disciples hadn't, Jesus' amazing baptism. And John is eager to tell them about it.

*He wanted them to see it, too.* “What are you looking for?” Good question Jesus offers.

What Lamb do they expect? A sacrifice, a servant, a national image? Like they and the religious establishment then, Salvation had been reduced to “sin management”. Behave, fear God, and

maybe, just maybe, God may look kindly down on you. At times and in eras past and present the very Gospel Word That so freeing and loving Has been reduced to a self-centered, ego Gospel. We think it's only about saving ourselves, and that's it. The very earth beneath our feet, all things living around us are all saved by the Blood of Jesus. Jesus looks at the disciples, He looks at you and me, and asks, "What are you looking for?" The Gospel, the good news, is found in how the disciples respond. They don't give him an answer. They ask him a question. "Teacher, where do you stay?" Again, John's Greek word used here is very significant. It is the same word for abide, dwell, remain. A central theme for John's Gospel.

Later John writes about us all abiding in Jesus. We live in Him and He in us, So Jesus simply says, "Come and See." This forever changes those 2 disciples. Through their seeing we are forever changed! Look, the Lamb of God touches a core desire in the heart.

We all want deliverance from pain and suffering. We need God to ease pain. We see throughout Jesus' life that most people wanted him for what they could get out of him. Today, I don't think it is much different. When we look at Jesus, it's very tempting to see him only as the lamb slain for our sins, so that we can be saved from pain and suffering. The Gospel must never be turned into a transaction. We have a sin need. God pays the price. We cash in, and we're done. We're baptized and communed. Thanks, God, it's a pleasure doing business with you. That's NOT the Gospel.

Jesus invites us into a relationship with God. The entire world is Jesus' saving project.

He says, "Come and See." A relationship is dynamic and vital, and it transforms us from the inside out. The Lamb of God Not only saves us and all things from sin and corruption, But He is inviting us into a relationship. His blood painted on wooden cross beams delivers us from our own selfishness and promises to transform us from the inside out and show us what real life is all about. And the best thing is, we don't have to hunt and search. God finds us and pours Christ in us with the Holy Spirit by baptism and faith. Jesus seeing Nathanael under the fig tree is not only some inspired insight. It is a word play around Jacob, who became Israel, a father of the nation.

In life, Jacob was a trickster, deceiving. Jesus sees, discerns, knows, that in this Israelite Nathanael there is no deceit. So he will not only dream of angels climbing to heaven on a ladder, like Jacob did; he will see that Jesus is the ladder, the way to heaven. (Genesis 28) **Like so many other parts of John's Gospel, this all happens at the right HOUR.** The 10<sup>th</sup> hour. In ancient Biblical Hebrew time, that's about four o'clock in the afternoon. This is also no accident. The tenth hour is an unusual hour. Its late afternoon, and preparations would be made to begin dinner.

Gathering the food, preparing the pot for cooking, setting out ingredients. Not so unusual.

Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus is the River of Life. Jesus is the Royal Wine of Heaven.

The perfect Lamb of the New Passover. Who laid down His life on the cross So that His Body and Blood In our bodies when we share Holy Communion -- Will draw our bodies and all people to Him And not only help people come and see, But live and abide in Him. Jesus was placed into the tomb for rest at the 10<sup>th</sup> hour, too. His work all complete. And when Jesus' disciples ran and saw in the tomb, They believed. This makes the Gospel miracle complete. What you see is what you get.

A resurrected Lamb Who calls us to come and see. Come and see His presence among the least and lowly in our communities. Come and see what great weight is lifted with the words

I love you, I forgive you. That's the Gospel. Jesus inviting us into His life. That's evangelism. One forgiven, loved person telling another person where to see and hear that they are loved and forgiven.

In us, with Jesus in our lives, what they see is what they get.

Amen.