



St. Valentine
February 14

Time Period 3rd century AD

Who was he?
A priest, physician, and martyr.

Did you know?

- Valentine was martyred during the reign of Emperor Claudius II.
- Tradition suggests that on the day of his execution for his Christian faith, he left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer written on an irregularly-shaped piece of paper.
- His steadfast faith in the midst of adversity is a reminder to all Christians that trust in God's promises is not in vain.

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2025 THEME FOR BEREА & ZION

COME AND SEE!

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Come and experience the faith that ties us together and keeps us at Berea and Zion. In a world of increasing uncertainty, you and I are encouraged to live and share the basics of our faith that keeps us here. It is vital, life and eternal life changing, to know Jesus, our Saviour who lived, suffered, died, and rose, for us, to set us free from the control of evil.

Our faith is grounded in the Good News that Jesus lives... the victory is won. Living the victorious life means that Jesus is an ever-present source of peace, comfort and hope in our lives. This year let's open doors for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of our families, friends and community by warmly inviting them to... "COME AND SEE"!

BEREA & ZION GUESTS

At the end of worship we would like to invite you to please take a moment to sign our guest book in the foyer.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour! It's great to have you with us today! If you're here because you're looking for a church family to be a part of, we're always excited to unite brothers and sisters in Christ.

Talk to Pastor John today.



**A BRIEF SELF-EXAMINATION
BEFORE THE CELEBRATION OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER**

- ~ I recognize that I fall short of God's expectations of me, and I humbly confess to Him all my sins, and sincerely repent of them.
- ~ I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord and He died for the forgiveness of all my sins. Jesus is the only Saviour from sin, death and the power of the devil.
- ~ I am reconciled to anyone who would have anything against me to the best of my abilities.
- ~ I believe that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ my Saviour are REALLY present in, with, and under the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, and to strengthen my union with Him and fellow believers.
- ~ With God's help, I intend to amend my sinful life and live a life of service to Him through regular worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.

Lutheran Church-Canada (LC-C) congregations practice close(d) communion, (*current communicant members of this congregation and those sister congregations in altar fellowship with us*), believing that the Bible encourages unity in belief for those receiving the sacrament together.

Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament or to inquire about our beliefs further are asked to meet with the pastor prior to communing for the first time.

For those NOT communing, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you want a blessing only by placing your arms across your chest.

Epiphany 5 ~ February 9, 2025

As We Gather

Today we hear the "hook" God used to attract Isaiah as His prophet. With him, we are moved to respond, "Here am I! Send me." Like Paul, we have a "line" to reel in people who might otherwise stray; we are called to speak clearly to be about the task of "building up the church." But we are not called to introduce them to a sinker who will weigh them down, for Jesus has risen! Now He sets us up to "fish" for others, replacing their empty lives with God's overflowing, eternal bounty. Today we let the Word move us into action, to use the hook and line God provides to follow our Lord and catch others for the One who has risen above our every weighty sin and empty life and calls us to follow.

WELCOME AND SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

Opening Hymn

903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.

**Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.**

2 Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;

**Today the saints His triumphs spread
And all His wonders tell.**

3 Hosanna to the anointed King, To David's holy Son!

**Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from Your throne.**

4 Blessèd is He who comes to us With messages of grace;

**He, in the Lord's name, comes to us
To save our fallen race.**

**5 Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.**

Invocation and Opening Sentences Psalm 71:12, 17-18

P: We come together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN**

P: O God, be not far from me;

C: **O my God, make haste to help me!**

P: O God, from my youth You have taught me,

C: **and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.**

P: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

C: **until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.**

Confession and Absolution Luke 5:8; 1 Corinthians 14:14;

Isaiah 6:5, 7

P: Seeing Jesus' power, Peter blurted out, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

C: **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed in thoughts, words, and deeds; we are sinful people.**

P: Paul lamented, "If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful."

C: **We confess, Holy Spirit, that we have been content to find peace only for ourselves; we are sinful in our very being.**

P: Isaiah cried, "I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips."

C: **We confess, Lord Jesus, that we have sinned even in our speaking and doing; we deserve to have You depart from us.**

P: By the grace of God, Jesus died and rose for you. As the angel told Isaiah, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive

you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN**

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast (LSB 155)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honour, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

4 Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: *We pray*, Lord, keep the church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; in Jesus name we pray.

C: **AMEN**

+ WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

(God calls Isaiah to be a prophet.)

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

(Our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church)

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit,

how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

(Jesus calls Peter to fish for men)

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN

Children's Talk (Zion)

Hymn of the Day

398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.**

**2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,**

Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

**3 He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.**

**4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**

**5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever— That name to us is Love.**

Sermon

The Offerings Are Gathered

(The Offertory Prayer is sung as the offerings are brought forward)

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

Prayers of the Church

P: Father, You have taught us to believe in Your righteous acts and deeds of salvation. Teach us now to proclaim Your might to the next generation, that they, too, would rejoice in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Spirit, we are all called to be fishers of men. Grant that we would not be discouraged when we toil all night and find nothing. Strengthen our resolve to continue to let down the nets of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, build up Your Church and manifest Your Spirit among us with wisdom and knowledge. Let our words be heard so that all would utter "AMEN" confidently in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Jesus, as You have worked deeds of help, healing and strength in Your ministry, be with those now who are in their times of need. Give healing to the sick, strength to the weak, and comfort to the afflicted. We especially lift up ... and all in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Jesus, from Your table cleanse us and our lips by this blessed Sacrament and deliver to us the blessings You accomplished for us; forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Spirit, we rejoice with those celebrating birthdays, baptismal birthdays, and anniversaries this week. We thank you for the blessings of the past and entrust them to your future care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayers.

P: These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C: AMEN

+ CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +

(The communion candles are lit at this time)

Luther's Admonition to the Communicants

P: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

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Sanctus

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns Of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise you, with the saints and angels
Holy, blessed through all eternity.***

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

Words of Institution

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord

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

C: AMEN

Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away --
Our faith increase.*

*Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.*

Distribution of Communion

Distribution Hymn 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

*1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,*

And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."

*2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.*

*3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Saviour holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursed tree.*

*4 God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.*

*5 Let me praise God's boundless favour,
Whose own feast of love I savour,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.*

*6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit
whole.*

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Post-Communion Prayer

P: *We pray.* We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that

of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN

Benediction

P: 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.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn

920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

*1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.*

*2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with Him His servants gain;
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.*

*3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.*

*4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.*

**5 *We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to all mankind.***

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Announcements and Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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