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2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany Celebration

January 1st, 2023

Welcome to Worship

Today on this first Sunday after Christmas, we are celebrating the visit of the Magi in anticipation of the day of Epiphany (January 6th). Throughout the season of Epiphany, to celebrate the reach of the Gospel to all peoples, our liturgical music has a global flavor. Come and worship with the Lord of the Nations. Here is the link to the livestream of our worship services. http://bit.ly/SLCworship.

We have "Listen" ear pieces available for the hearing impaired-simply ask one of the ushers!

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness (Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars. Let us come before God, confessing our sin with the assurance of God's grace and mercy.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- P: Holy and merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you that in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

C: Amen.

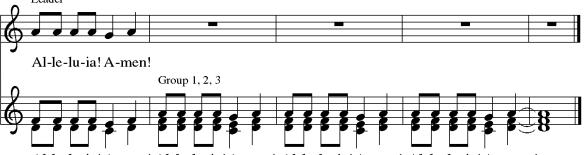


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Greeting

- P: 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.

Kyrie (Russian Orthodox) Ky - ri - e e - lei Ky - ri - e son. e lei son. Chris te e - lei Chris son. lei te e son. 1,3 Lord, . . . have mer Lord, cy. have mer cy. Christ, . . . have mer cy. *Christ*, have mer cy. Ky - ri - e i son. Chris te i son. Lord, mer have cy. Christ, . . . have mer cy. Hymn of Praise (Peruvian) Leader Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est! All Glo-ry to God, to God, the high - est! glo - ry glo - ry in Leader All To To glo-ry for-ev - er! God be God be glo-ry for-ev - er! Leader Leader Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Group 1 Group 1, 2 Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray... O God, you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(Please be seated)

THE WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading Isaiah 60:1~6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Musical Meditation What Child Is This/Child of the Poor

Wendy & Daniel Leonhart

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 5In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: 6that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. 8Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Halle, Hallelujah (Carribean)



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R: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Matthew 2:1~12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

R: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Home by Another Way"

by Pastor Bill Crabtree



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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Please be seated following Sharing of the Peace

Community Time –

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Offering Response (English) Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring (vs. 1 & 3)



Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ~ our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: (South African)



The Lord's Prayer (All)

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.

R

All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. You will be ushered forward and there will be two tables of communion in the front of the sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread or gluten free wafer by a pastor or lay leader. On the table you will have a choice of using the chalice for intinction or a small cup of wine or juice. If you choose to use the cup, then dispose it in the baskets like we

have been doing with the sealed cups. A communion assistant will distribute the cups. Adults who do not receive the Supper or children who have not received First Communion instruction can come forward for a blessing. If you have not been baptized, one of our pastors would welcome a conversation with you about Baptism.

Lamb of God (Contemporary American) (sung by all)



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

C: Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

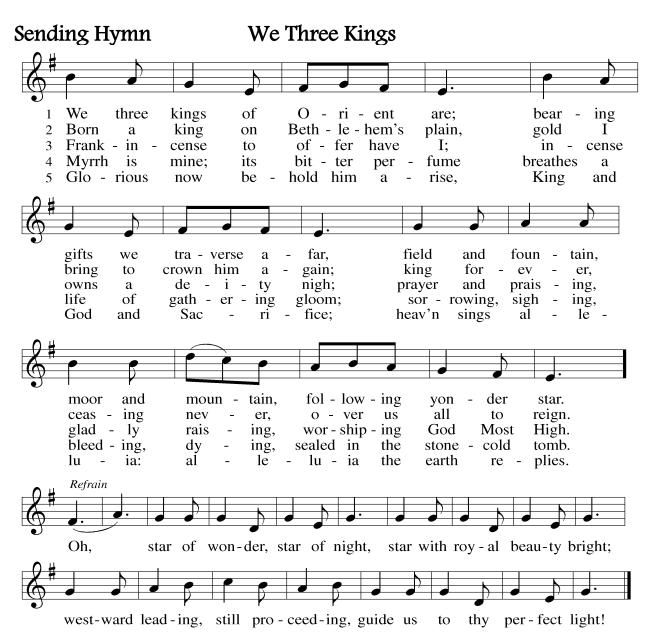
L: Everlasting God, we bless you that you have led the Magi by a star and feed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and the good news to every heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

The Benediction

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen



Dismissal

L: We are grace filled!

C: And Spirit led!

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Altar Flowers: Shared by the Hawks "To the Glory of God"

Special Thanks: Wendy & Daniel Leonhart

This Week's Worship Leaders (January 1st)
Preaching & Presiding Pastor Bill Crabtree
January Altar Care: Debbie Marsch, John & Carrie Auernhamer
Liturgists: (11am) Jenny Grenfell
Communion Assistants: (11am) Kelley Sutherland, Mary Serbousek
Readers: (11am) Ken Robinson

Readings for Next Sunday Jan 8th –
Isaiah 42:1–9, Acts 10:34–43, Matthew 3:13–17
As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions:
Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?

<u>Prayer and Care:</u> John Daly hospitalized with serious illness, Ingrid Hueneke recovering from surgery and Hedrick Hueneke, recovering from a fall, Karen Knapp and family in the death of her father, Walt. Debbie White recovering from back surgery. Earna Mikulasek, recovering from a broken hip and surgery. Martin Puebla, recovering from partial knee replacement. Carmen Meherg's daughter in law Andrea, with pregnancy complications. Jim Piatt recovering from surgery and David Keller, that new treatments are effective.

Recovering from Surgery/Illness: Jerry Gray, Sharon Malis, Bob Brien, Les Peterson, Karen McQuillan

<u>Facing Cancer</u>: John Ackenhusen, John Adair, Rudy Burress, Judy de Carbonel, Elizabeth Domahidy, Julie Enger, Melanie Ivanelli, David Keller, Ron Maddux, Michael Phelps, George Roberts, Dave Rosinbum, Dave Ryan, June Stocks, David Trexler, Carol Wales, Scott Wills, Jim Weisbrodt and Darlene Yocum.

<u>Deployed & Military Support & Their Families:</u> Paul Voigt, Alex Iverson, Andrew Quam, Daniel Reed, Rebecca Mackey, Megan Seawolf, Jared Cain, David Wooten and all their families.

<u>Continued Prayer</u>: Mary Ellen Heald, Jean Sherbesman, Vinny Rupp, Charlie Jones, Kim Grasmick, Bert Clark, Hilma Bridges, Elsie Sund, David Joseph Randall, Jerry Gray, Sharron Lindkvist, Marilyn Adair, Clara Barr, Webb Rhodes, Joyce Banka, Lucile Lampi, Matt Ryan, Randy Fossum, Marilyn Running, Dave Hagen, Craig Messett, Laura Gessner, Jean Locke & Michael Klein. All those who are dealing with COVID.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.



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