

Service of Holy Communion
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Christum wir sollen loben schon” - J.S. Bach

From east to west, from shore to shore,

Let every heart awake and sing

The holy child whom Mary bore,

The Christ, the everlasting king.

In Bach's setting of this ancient hymn, the melody is "hidden" in the alto line to symbolize the mystery of the Incarnation.

“Pastorale”

- David Schack

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The congregation may kneel as desired.

Most merciful God,

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 by 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36:5-10 *read responsively*

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice
like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

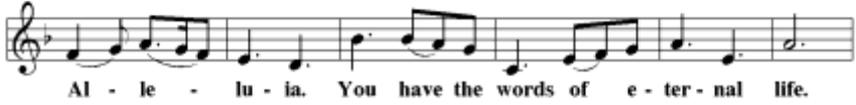
⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 2:1-11

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” sts. 1 and 3 Red Book #488

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

You sent your Son among us, O God, as source of abundance and servant of all, and by him, the way that things are not the way things have to be. Increase in us the desire to be transformed and changed for the sake of your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your prophets neither rest nor keep silent until your justice and love are made known. Raise up prophets in our day. Open us to their words. As our country and church remember the prophetic work of Martin Luther King, Jr., this week, use his witness to increase in us the will for racial healing and reparation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Hope of your healing shines in our hearts like a burning torch. Guide those who work in public health. Give endurance and rest to health care workers, wholeness to those who are sick, and patience to all of us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You save humans and animals alike, O God. We lift up to you our relationships with pets and other animals in our care. As we care for them, teach us to look with compassion on the whole created world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In your light, O God, we see light, and we give thanks for those who have died whose lives reflected your goodness, especially today we remember Ida and all others whom we name before you...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may share the peace by waving at those around you. Please remain in the pew where you are standing or sitting as you share the peace!

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Now the Silence”

- Carl F. Schalk

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,

and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,

in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord,

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places...*(The presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a -

men, a - men, a - men.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of communicants. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *led by the assisting minister*

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” sts. 1, 2, 5 Red Book #308

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”

- Kaspar Othmayr
and Johann Pachelbel

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Jim Cunningham	Assisting Minister
Marlin Boltz	Reader
Evan Stein	Crucifer
Rebecca Sue	Children's Church
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Sue Morrow	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Dan Morrow, Stan Graff, and Christiaan van Driel	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 1/17	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 1/19	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 1/20	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 1/21		Pastor Kimberly's Day Off
Sat., 1/22	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom meeting info:

To join online, click 'Join Our ZOOM Meeting' in the email.

Meeting ID: 956 305 5281

Password: 408299

To join via telephone, dial: +1 301 715 8592

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Reports for the Annual Report are due to Caitlyn in the church office by Tuesday, January 18th.

The Annual Meeting will take place after worship on January 30, 2022.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod invites you to a service honoring the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 16, 2022, at 4 p.m.

Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church

(517 Sangree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237)

And livestreamed at www.swpasynod.org/mlk2022.

Acting Bishop Abraham Allende, Presiding

Pastor Lamont Wells, ELCA Director for Campus Ministry, Preacher

Mark Your Calendar: The weekend of February 26th & 27th, the Butler churches that hold weekly community dinners for the needy in our area will be holding a fundraising Gala, Art Show & Sale at Trinity Lutheran Church. Profits from this event will benefit each of the dinners. We are looking for individuals and businesses that want to help by providing a donation, a basket for our raffle, or some other level of sponsorship. If you are interested in helping with this exciting weekend, please contact MaryAnn Swanson or the church office (724-283-2378) for details.

PRAYERS

Tom Walker; the family of Ida Miller; John Negley; the family of John Demmy; the family of Joanne Morrow; Violet; Darryl Aspelin; Rich McCandless; Tony Rodak and family; Vonnie Baker; Cayla Chapman; the family of Bob Brandon; the family of Tamara Lehew Whitty; those affected by the shooting at Oxford High School in Michigan; the Ball family; Deb L.; Fred Miller; the family of Ruth Walker; Bob Ringler; the McClellan family; the family of Glenn Miller; Hazel Warheit; Emma Lee and David Hartle; the family of Joyce Hall; Eric; Lisa; Jan Nieto; Kathy Kline's niece Rose; Bill and Judy Vilcheck and family; the family of Kara Greeley; the family of Larry Kline; Jeff LaLonde; the Pelgrin and Buehler family; Jean Morrow; families of Joan Chew, Henry Sinopoli, and Mark Grossman; family of Shirley Sellers; family of Barbara Petanovich and Curtis Wilbert; friend of the Swansons; Don, Betty and family; Mia Gill; Claude and all the soldiers who have been recently deployed to Kuwait as well as their families; Eleanor Roth; Joe Roudebush; Joe and Linda; Dave Konesni; Raymond Sawyer; Donna; the family of Rita Wagner; the family of Carol Duffus; Judy O. and family; Graham Cannon; Anne Ferguson; Claudia; Karen; Anita; Kitty Walker; Nancy Hoehn; Tad Sellers; Aryl Bashline; Jenna; Tom Olson; Pam Patterson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people

Psalm 19

The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (*Ps. 19:7*)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

You are the body of Christ

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah

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