

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Service of Holy Eucharist

To all who join in worship, we are happy that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us by intinction. White grape juice is available in the crystal chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform Pastor Rachel or Intern Jennifer.

WELCOME... We pray your worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Second Sunday After Epiphany:

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

We seek our own way.

We divide the body of Christ.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

Let the words of our mouths,

the thoughts of our hearts,

**and everything that we do
be filled with faith, hope, and love.**

Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,

I proclaim to you

that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength,

and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

The service continues with gathering song.

GATHERING HYMN: “All Are Welcome” (ELW 641)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



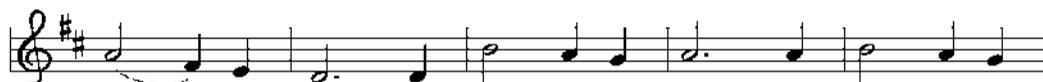
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

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 his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

A reading from Isaiah.

- 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.



Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10

The psalm for the day is sung.

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 ani- | mals, 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 loving kindness 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 one another's 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.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

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.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (ELW 310)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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 INTERCESSION

Giving thanks for God's great gifts, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You enliven your church. Inspire the body of Christ to rejoice in and make good use of the various gifts and vocations with which you have entrusted it. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are the fountain that brings forth life. Guide us to be good stewards of all plant and animal life entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your light we see light. Shine on the path for all nations to seek peace, justice, and the well-being of all your children. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are a refuge to those in peril. Grant help, healing, and wholeness to all who are in need of your care. We pray especially for ...
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless the leaders of this assembly. Help them to use their gifts in this community to the glory of your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful departed who have gone to join the marriage feast that has no end. May their lives inspire us to trust always in your promise of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING



CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics placed below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.

Feast on God's abundant life for you.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

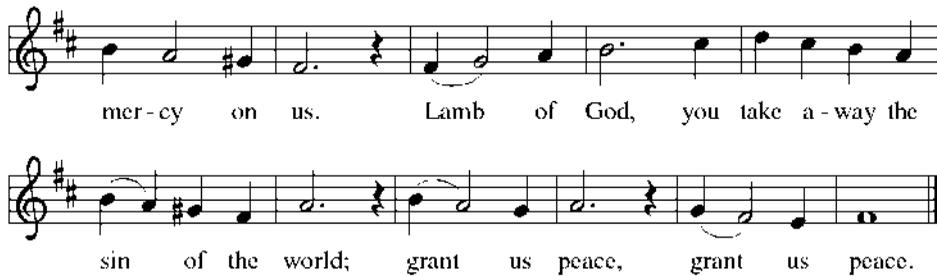
LAMB OF GOD



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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (ELW 488)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✚ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

SENDING HYMN: “*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*” (ELW 545)

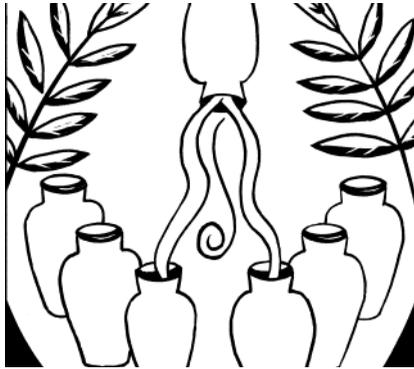
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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A WORD ABOUT THE GOSPEL TODAY

Magic or Miracle?

Stage magicians are amazing to watch. David Blaine became famous in the late 90s through his show, *Street Magic*. His show was unique for showing street magic up close, as well as Blaine's ultra-cool style throughout his tricks. David Copperfield's long, illustrious career has allowed him to become the most successful solo entertainer in history. In his TV specials, Copperfield floated over the Grand Canyon, made the Statue of Liberty disappear, and walked through the Great Wall of China.

During his ministry, people were in awe of the miracles Jesus could perform. When he turned water into wine, healed the sick, restored sight to people who were blind, or made a few loaves of bread and fish feed a multitude, people were amazed. There is amazement, awe, and wonder at the thought of these kinds of inexplicable acts. So what is the difference between magic and a miracle?

There are many differences. Stage magic can be used just for fun, but Jesus never performed miracles just for fun. Miracles were visible signs of the power of God. Stage magic can be used to deceive while miracles are never about deception. Jesus performed miracles to teach vital spiritual lessons and to help people. However, the most important difference is that while stage magic is intended for entertainment and to show off the talent and showmanship of the magician, Jesus performed miracles in order to show people something about God.

Magic tricks are still popular—but do miracles still happen? Albert Einstein famously said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." How will you live your life today?

COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Antony of Egypt, Renewer of the Church, died around 356 — Sunday, January 17, 2016

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, Renewer of the Church, died 346 — Sunday, January 17, 2016

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter — Monday, January 18, 2016

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Agnes, Martyr, died around 304 — Thursday, January 21, 2016

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Serving the Church

TODAY—January 17, 2016

Preacher: Pastor Rachel Larson
Lector: 8:00AM Mark Rewaldt
10:30AM Diane Fiedler
Acolyte: 8:00AM Rylie Heggie
10:30AM Rebecca Lyford
Ushers: 8:00AM Betty Carstens
Judi Weatherwax
10:30AM Ed Hiller
Lois Hiller
Greeters: 8:00AM The Jablin
Family
10:30AM George Zenor
Jennifer Zenor
Nursery: 8:00AM Hailey Anderson

NEXT WEEK—January 24, 2016

Preacher: Intern Jennifer Michael
Lector: 9:00AM Judi Weatherwax
Acolyte: 9:00AM Carl Buckner
Ushers: 9:00AM Bobbie Schimek
Al Schimek
Greeters: 9:00AM Doris Eyestone
Janet Talbot

Stewards: Margot Birkholz & Lindsay Conyers

Altar Guild: Margot Birkholz

Coffee Fellowship: Betty Carstens

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This is Christ's church...

There is a place for you here.