And a voice came

from heaven,

fou are my fon,

the Deloved;

with you I am

well pleased."

Mark 1:11, NRSV

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The First Sunday after the Epiphany January 10, 2021

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! We are pleased that you have come to worship our loving Lord with us today. In this Epiphany season, our Lord continues to reveal Himself to us as the Son of God who has come to redeem the world. And here in this place, through His holy Word and Sacraments, Jesus continues to show us the Father's love for us sinners. May we all continue to rejoice in God's abiding love for us all.

#### A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

Holy God, Creator of light and Giver of goodness, Your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in Your grace, and transform us by Your Spirit, that we may follow after Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



#### The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

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₩ In the Name of Jesus Christ ₩

**▼** The Preparation **▼** 

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 399

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

- 1 The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear? For He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far And followed on His guiding star; And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.
- 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood That He, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse His people from their own.
- 4 And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine! He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
- △ 5 For this Thy glad epiphany
   All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
   Whom with the Father we adore,
   And Holy Spirit evermore.

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#### The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### The Confession of Sins:

- God, in His mercy, saved us through the waters of rebirth and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. Yet, through our daily sins, we have lived out the life of the old Adam in us rather than the new man who rose out of our baptism. Let us then return to the Lord and renew our faith in His promises, humbly confessing our sin.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **▼** The Service of the Word **▼**

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

- P Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
- **C** I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

- Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- P Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling,
- for his wrath is quickly kindled.

  Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

#### The Kyrie Eleison:

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

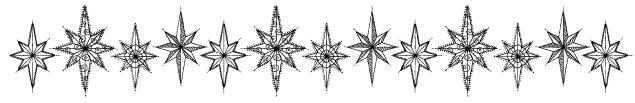


**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.





P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



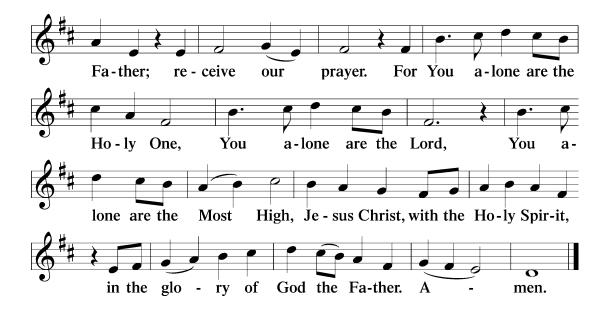
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



#### The Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis





The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

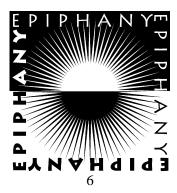


#### **P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His Name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Congregation is seated.



<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse:

Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8; Mark 1:11b

- Praise the LORD, all nations!
  Extol him, all peoples!
- For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
- **P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
- **©** bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- P Alleluia. You are my beloved Son;
- with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:4-11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 405

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored, The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- The Savior came to be baptized— The Son of God in flesh disguised— To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God, The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words profound: "This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our Substitute! He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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The Sermon

Old Creation, New Creation

The Congregation rises.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As He came up from the water, He was anointed by the Spirit of God and declared before all as God's Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is pleased. As we rejoice in the gift that God has given us through the washing of water and the Word, let us now renew the vows and promises of our Baptism.

I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

- **C** I do renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- Yes, I believe 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. 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.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, 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.
- Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
- **C** I will with God's help.

- Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- **C** I will with God's help.
- **P** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- **C** I will with God's help.
- **P** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- **C** I will with God's help.
- Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- **C** I will with God's help.
- Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. 

  Peace be with you!
- C Amen.

#### The Prayer of the Church

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- Lord God, Creator of all good things, we pray Your blessings upon all that You have created. Sustain Your creation with Your mighty power and Your tender care. We pray that at the Last Day, You would restore creation to its former glory through the power of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- God of all grace, shower Your forgiveness and mercy upon all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Baptism, You have united us with Your Son, Jesus, that His death and resurrection have become our death and resurrection. Cause us daily to die to sin and to live in Your gracious salvation through Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Father in heaven, Your Son was baptized in the Jordan River to anoint Him to proclaim the kingdom of God. Move us to repent and believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Enable us in faith to cling to our Baptism and to God's holy and precious gift of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, You give to Your people various vocations through which they show Your love to others. As You bless Your people with various talents and abilities, grant them the grace to use their gifts for the betterment of their neighbor and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, You have adopted us as Your children through the waters of Holy Baptism. Strengthen us to live in the baptismal grace You have given to us. May our lives demonstrate true Christian virtue so the world might see the powerful witness of our faith in Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer. P Ruler of the nations and King of peace, look with mercy upon the world You have made. Bless and guide the peoples of the world to have the ability to seek peace and live in harmony with one another. Give to the rulers of nations hearts that are turned away from the ways of war and violence and that seek the good for the wellbeing of the entire world. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer. P Great Physician, according to Your will, heal the sick among us (especially \_\_\_\_\_). Comfort them in their time of affliction, give them patience in their infirmities, and point them to the hope of the endless glory to come. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer. P Our God, who raised Jesus from the dead, we pray for those who grieve this day. Bless all those who have suffered loss of any kind. Comfort those who have suffered loss of property or financial support. Be with those who grieve the loss of family members, friends or loved ones. Bless all those who mourn with the joy and hope that can only be found in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer. P Provider of all good gifts, You abundantly bless Your people with all that is necessary for life on earth, as well as giving us that which gladdens our hearts. With those who rejoice we also rejoice (including \_\_\_\_ ). May we ever give You all thanks and praise for every blessing that You continue to shower on us. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer. P Lover of souls, You look with compassion and love upon all of Your children. To Your fatherly care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you ( and) all those whom we name in the silence of our hearts... Hear all these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer. P Gracious Lord, You offer grace to Your people in Your holy Body and precious Blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Assure us of our salvation through this wonderful gift, that we would faithfully receive the Blood and Body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

- E King of the saints, with joy we remember before You the memory of Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, and all those who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith and who now dwell with You in eternal light. Keep us ever faithful to You that we too may join with them in the everlasting bliss of the rest You have prepared for all who trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### The Sharing of the Peace:

- God has made us one in Christ. He has set His seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

  The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

The Congregation is seated.

#### **▼** The Service of the Sacrament **▼**

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 404

"Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered" Sung to the tune of "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

- 1 Jesus, once with sinners numbered,
  Had no blemish of His own;
  In the waters of the Jordan
  His true worth and work were shown:
  Heaven opened and the Spirit
  There descended like a dove,
  As the Father's voice resounded,
  "Hear My Son, the One I love."
- 2 John confessed Him as the Savior—
  "Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"
  Yet he dared not loose the sandals
  Of the One God's love had shod.
  Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,
  Bringing news of peace to us,
  Christ, the herald of salvation,
  Preaching mercy from the cross:

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 3 This the baptism that our Savior
  Greatly longed to undergo;
  This the crimson cleansing needed
  So the world God's love might know;
  This the mission of Messiah
  As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
  He, the chosen and anointed
  Son of God, sent to redeem.
- 4 Jesus, once with sinners numbered,
  Full obedience was Your path;
  You, by death, have consecrated
  Water in this saving bath:
  Dying to the sin of Adam,
  Rising to a life of grace;
  We are counted with the righteous,
  Over us the cross You trace.

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The Congregation rises.

#### The Preface Dialogue:

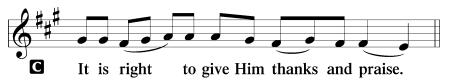
**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



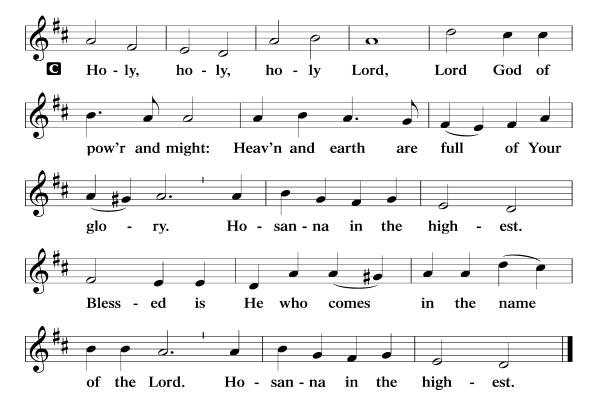
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.





It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### The Sanctus:



The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord:

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."

The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord's Prayer:

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

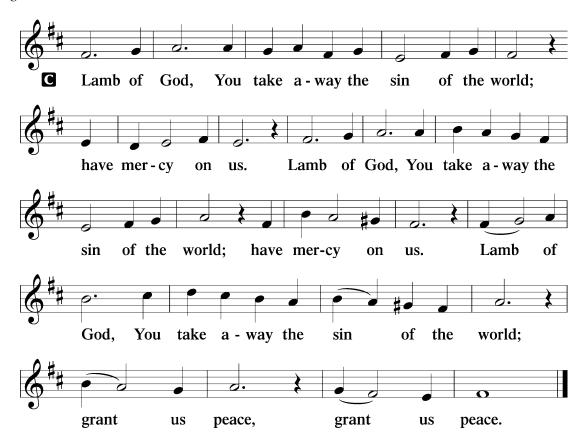
The Pax Domini:

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.





#### The Agnus Dei:



The Congregation is seated.

#### The Distribution of Holy Communion:

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Music During the Distribution: "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

#### The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- C Amen.

The Congregation rises.



#### The Post-Communion Collect:

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### The Benediction:

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.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 401

"From God the Father, Virgin-Born"
Sung to the tune of "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

- 1 From God the Father, virgin-born To us the only Son came down; By death the font to consecrate, The faithful to regenerate.
- 2 Beginning from His home on high, In human flesh He came to die; Creation by His death restored, And shed new joys of life abroad.
- 3 Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring The gift of healing on Your wing; To ev'ry dull and clouded sense The clearness of Your light dispense.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 4 Abide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of darkness chase away; Your work of healing, Lord, begin, And take away the stain of sin.
- 5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain And, we believe, shall come again; Be with us on the battlefield, From ev'ry harm Your people shield.
- ∆ 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
   For this Your blest epiphany;
   To God, whom all His hosts adore,
   And Holy Spirit evermore.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

"From God the Father, Virgin-Born"

¥ To God All Praise and Glory! ¥



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Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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#### **NOTES AND NEWS**

NEW MEMBER ... We welcome as a new part of our Trinity Family George Kurtzweil. George has been a part of our worshipping community for some time and has chosen to transfer his membership from Redeemer-Hyattsville and to join our Christian fellowship. May the Lord richly bless you, George, as together we grow in faith and in God's grace and proclaim His wonderful deeds.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES ... have arrived! This annual aid to stewardship is available for you to pick up on the literature table in the rear of the nave. If you do not see a set prepared for you and would like to have one for your use, please speak with Pastor and he will be sure that a set is ready to be given to you. The envelope in the front of the box marked Initial Offering is to be used to help offset the cost of the envelopes for the church. A suggested offering is \$12.00.

*PORTALS OF PRAYER*...The January – March 2021 Portals of Prayer are available on the literature table at the rear of the church. The Large Print editions have finally arrived for those who need them. Thanks for your patience. If you need a copy mailed to you at home, please send a message to the church office by phone or email and we will get that to you as soon as we can.

PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY ... Even though we are not able to hold our Sunday Morning Bible Class at this time doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor has provided parts of our Bible Study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use during the month of January. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <a href="http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/">http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/</a> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE STUDY ... will be held this Wednesday at 4:00 PM as Pastor goes live on the church Facebook Page. The services are available for you to view either on the livestream, or anytime afterward by accessing it on the video section on the Facebook Page. We hope that you will join us for these times of the Word and prayer.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... The word of Jesus turns us out from ourselves and our problems to the faith, hope, and love that He brings. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday January 17, 2021, for this message by Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com.

LOST PHONE ... A cell phone was recently found in the church kitchen, for which we do not know whose it is. If it might be yours, please speak with Pastor so we can get it back to you.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... The weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin is a listing of those we remember in prayer during worship at Trinity and for whom you are invited to pray for in your own personal prayers during the week. In the version of the weekly bulletin that is published online, we only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor continues to keep the list current and invites you to send him by email any new prayer requests, or to let him know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. The "full text" version of the Prayer List, as it would ordinarily be found in the bulletin, can be made available to Trinity members who request one by sending an email to Pastor.

FROM YOUR CHURCH'S PUBLISHER ... Concordia Publishing House is assisting congregations and their members with materials to help sustain us spiritually during this time of quarantine that many find ourselves in. Please visit <a href="www.cph.org">www.cph.org</a> and check out the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2021 is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

#### PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 17, 2021 Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51



# Hyattsville Compassion Center

A shared ministry of Redeemer & Trinity Congregations and the Lutheran Mission Society

Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!

Our operating hours will be:

Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment during the center's open hours.

Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time owing to reduced staffing at the center.

If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center before bringing your items during center hours.

### **Trinity Stay-Safe Rules**

- If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

## PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10 – 17 May Be Subject to Change

Today The Baptism of Our Lord: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

Monday10:00 AM - 4:00 PMCompassion Center OpenTuesday9 AM—NoonChurch Office Open

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open

**Wednesday** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open

4:00 PM Midweek Devotions and Bible Study

(via Facebook Live)

**Thursday** 9 AM—Noon Church Office Open

Next Sunday The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

#### **CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, January 3, 2021 Worship Attendance: 21; Communed: 20.

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## **▼** O Christ, Hear Us! **▼**

#### Intercessions for the Week of January 10, 2021

#### **Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

#### For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Dina, niece of Sylvia; Betty, mother of Helen;

Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I;

Kristie, co-worker of Joyce; Giovanna, co-worker of Joyce; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;

Sue, co-worker of Joyce; Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia; Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce;

Eric, homeless; Mary, cousin of Pastor; Alan, cousin of Kim; Danielle, neighbor of Kim;

Shirley, aunt of Kim; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers;

Tasha, and her son Layton, friends of Kristina; Robin, friend of Kristina; Zoila, mother of David;

Jeff, husband of Mary; Jeannette, mother-in-law of John; Ty & Clare, friends of David & Joyce;

Roger & Family, friends of Vincent & Tracy

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

#### Thanksgivings and Blessings

Christopher Elias and Justus Mayo, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

#### We Keep In Our Prayers

- Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ♣ For Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland
- For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- For Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ★ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ♥ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of the shedding of their blood.
- Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ♣ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.