

February 4, 2024; 9:00 am
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Communion

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Prelude: "Lobe Den Herren"

arr. by Gerhard Krapf

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig R. Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 147*)

Jolene Schry

Come, sing a new song to God.

Praise the One who gathers us here.

Give thanks for the rain, the grass, and the earth.

Give thanks for the gifts of God.

Come, sing a song of praise.

We sing to the everlasting God.

***Sung Response: GTG 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

Cantor, Carol Wetzel

***Call to Confession**

All God asks is that we recognize our sin and acknowledge it. And why? When we offer our prayers of confession, God takes them from us and fills our hearts with such an abundance of mercy, we cannot hold it all. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

***Prayer of Confession** (Isaiah 43, Psalm 29, Luke 3)

How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference and allow the weak and downtrodden to go unnoticed in our midst. How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become!

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. You have given to us all that we need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who teaches us how we are to live, in humble honor and peaceful service. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. AMEN.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The demons of arrogance, indifference and apathy are being cast out. New life is offered to you in Jesus Christ. Rejoice! Be Glad! For God's love is poured out to you this day.

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Sung Response GTG 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 147:1-12a (Common English Bible)

(page 582 in the pew Bible)

Praise the Lord!

Because it is good to sing praise to our God!

Because it is a pleasure to make beautiful praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathering up Israel's exiles.

God heals the brokenhearted

and bandages their wounds.

God counts the stars by number,

giving each one a name.

Our Lord is great and so strong!

God's knowledge can't be grasped!

The Lord helps the poor,

but throws the wicked down on the dirt!

Sing to the Lord with thanks;

sing praises to our God with a lyre!

God covers the skies with clouds;

God makes rain for the earth;

God makes the mountains sprout green grass.

God gives food to the animals—

even to the baby ravens when they cry out.

God doesn't prize the strength of a horse;

God doesn't treasure the legs of a runner.

No. The Lord treasures the people

who honor him,

the people who wait for his faithful love.

Worship the Lord, Jerusalem!

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39 (Common English Bible)

(page 35 in the pew Bible)

After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. The whole town gathered near the door. He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him.

Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. Simon and those with him tracked him down. When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!"

He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: "Listening for Details"

Rev. Dr. Craig R. Alwin

***Sung Response GTG 792 "There is a Balm in Gilead"**

We Respond to God's Word

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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

Minute for Mission Souper Bowl of Caring



Offering: "If We Are the Body of Christ"

Pedro Arellano

***Offertory Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God. We give you thanks for our creation and our calling, for friendship and community, for love and laughter, tears and pain of growth. For your gift of life we praise you.

We give you thanks for those who have gone before us, saints and martyrs, evangelists and prophets. Joining our voices with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, from every culture, land and tongue, we sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Glory to God #556



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC (SANCTUS (Roberts)): Leon Roberts, 1981; © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.; arr. Hanan Yaqub, 1998

Holy, Holy, Holy

Glory to God #556

Blessed is the One
who comes in the Lord's name.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the One

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of musical notation for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics 'Blessed is the One' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'who comes in the Lord's name.'. The third staff continues with 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff begins with 'Blessed is the One' and ends with a double bar line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Glory to God #556

who comes in the Lord's name.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of two staves of music in G major. The first staff continues the melody from the previous system with the lyrics 'who comes in the Lord's name.'. The second staff continues with 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line. The musical notation is consistent with the first system, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for that life of love, the good news of your reign, and the promise of a banquet where all your children shall be free. For your gift of Christ we praise you. For new life in Christ we praise you.

Loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these, your gifts of loaf and cup, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Glory to God #557

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;
Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;
Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The first two staves correspond to the first line of lyrics, and the last two staves correspond to the second line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC (MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Roberts)): Leon Roberts, 1981; © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.; arr. Hanan Yaqub, 1998

Remember your church. Unite it in the truth of your Word and empower it in ministry to the world.

Remember the people of your world . . .

Remember our family and friends. . . .

Remember the sick and the suffering, the aged and the dying. . . .

Remember all your faithful servants, for whom death is no more, for the former things have passed away.

Hear the prayers of our hearts this day and forever more...

In union with your church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

And now, we lift our voices together, praying the prayer Jesus taught:

The 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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – (words of institution]

SHARING OF THE MEAL

The Bread of Life

The Cup of Salvation

PRAYER OF THANKS

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Sung Response: GTG 295 “Go to the World!” vs. 1 & 4**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

arr. by Mark Hayes

Join us in the Gathering Room for Fellowship Time.

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February Deacon of the Month

Mary Ellen McMeen

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Cheryl Clarenbach

This Week at Church

Sunday

02.04.2024

9:00-10:00am

Worship/ Communion

10:15-11:15am

Fellowship Time

10:20-11:15am

Growing Connections

- Adults Sermon Discussion
- 8th-12th Grade Room 6
- 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
- Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8

11:15am-12:15pm

Worship Team

6:00-7:30pm

Boy Scouts Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Monday

02.05.2024

10:00-11:30am

Staff Meeting

1:00-2:00pm

Deacons

Tuesday

02.06.2024

7:00-8:00pm

FMSC Meeting

Wednesday

02.07.2024

8:00-9:00am

Men's Breakfast

1:00-2:00pm

Personnel

4:30-5:30pm

Bell Choir

Saturday

02.10.2024

9:00-12:00pm

Table Tennis

Sunday

02.11.2024

9:00-10:00am

Worship / Handbell Choir

10:15am

Fellowship Time

10:20-11:15am

Growing Connections

- Adults Ronald McDonald House – Jodi Anderson is hosting.
- 8th-12th Grade Room 6
- 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
- Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8

11:30am-12:30pm

Learning Team

6:00-7:30pm

Boy Scout Meeting - Troop 702

Looking Ahead

February 11

February 14

Worship Souper Bowl of Caring

Ash Wednesday

PRAYERS

Brian C.
 Pat D.
 Gib D.
 Arnold L.
 Jesse F.
 Liam A.
 Burt M.
 Marie L.
 Chastity G. and Joan S.
 Bob B. – Recovering from surgery.

*Lynn K.
 *Ashley K.
 *Cathie
 *Mike S.
 *Dale F.
 *Maryann C.
 *Lorele C.
 *Laura C.
 *Tanya
 All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.

The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has requested they be lifted in prayer.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

E-Giving

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Weekly Statistics

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
January 28, 2024	87 IN THE SEATS	\$1,935.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
		\$0.00	"PAVE THE WAY"--OFFERINGS
01/22--01/26/24		\$1,206.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$50.00	"PAVE THE WAY"-VANCO 01/22-26/2024
		\$3,191.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
1/28/2024	3 HOUSEHOLDS		3-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 01/28/2024