

NATIVITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Caring, Witnessing, Serving
Second Sunday After Epiphany 10:15 a.m. January 16, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ELW - SETTING I

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INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. 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.

P: = Pastor W: = Worship Assistant A: = All in Attendance
*indicates congregation should stand if able.

PRELUDE *All Glory Be to God on High* - Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Please remember that our Organ Preludes provide times for silent personal reflection and prayer. Please refrain from talking during these times to be respectful of those around you.

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship:

(time for silent reflection)

PRELUDE *All Glory Be to God on High* - Johann Gottfried Walther

***ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen

P: 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.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

A: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

A: Amen.

(During the procession and recession please turn to face the Processional Cross and follow its movements to and from the Altar).

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** ELW #312 Stanzas 1 & 3
“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” Union Seminary

1 Jesus, come! for we invite you,
guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.

3 Jesus, come! in new creation,
heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;
give your unexpected glory,
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples—
come, our first and greatest Sign!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

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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.

A: **And also, with you.**

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



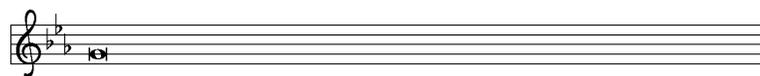
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: 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.

A: Amen.

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.

¹ For 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.

² The 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.

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

⁴ You 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.

⁵ For 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord. (Ps. 36:8)

W: ⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

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

W: ⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under
the shadow of your wings.

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

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

**A: 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

A: Alleluia. "Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him." *Alleluia.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the second chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***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.

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: **Praise to you, O Christ.**



SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #488 Stanzas 1 & 4
 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” *Schmucke Dich*

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
 leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 come into the daylight's splendor,
 there with joy your praises render.
 Bless the one whose grace unbounded
 this amazing banquet founded;
 Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
 deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 peace beyond all understanding,
 joy into all life expanding:
 humbly now, I bow before you,
 love incarnate, I adore you;
 worthily let me receive you,
 and, so favored, never leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

P: Let us now confess our faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**A: 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**

W: 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.

W: By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

A: Hear our prayer.

W: Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

A: Hear our prayer.

W: By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

A: Hear our prayer.

W: As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day *especially Ken Kilbert, Andy Halcoussis, Marilyn Veselack, Janice Steele and Ruth Duessel.* Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

A: Hear our prayer.

W: You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,

A: Hear our prayer.

W: You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,

A: Hear our prayer.

P: 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.

A: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

We do not pass around the offering plate during worship due to Covid safety reasons. The plate is on a table near the organ to place your offering in before the service.

***OFFERTORY** ELW #182 “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

W: Let us pray together:

A: 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.

***THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

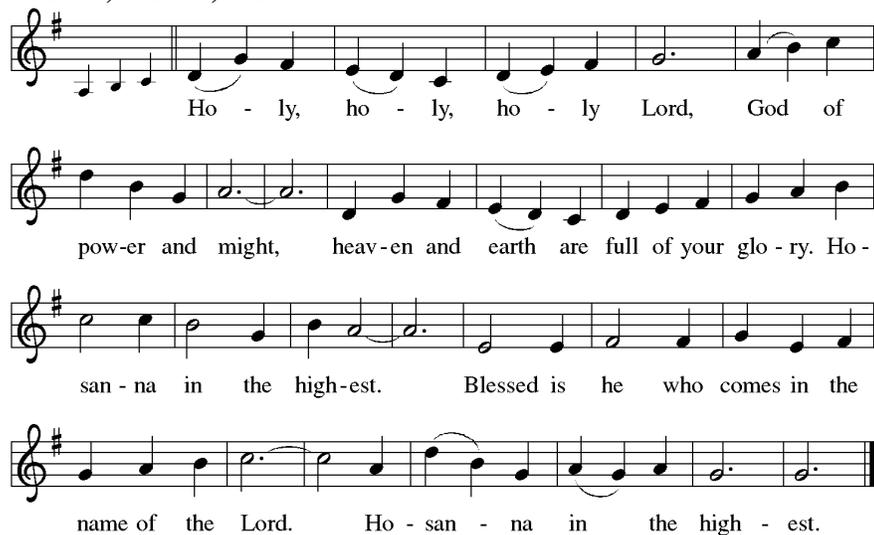
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the Remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

A: Amen

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**A: 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 PRESENTATION:** The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is now ready.



*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.

COMMUNION

(Please inform Pastor at the Communion rail if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer for Holy Communion. If you wish to commune in your seat, please inform the Usher when your row is dismissed)

***TABLE HYMN:** ELW #487 Stanzas 1 & 3
"What Feast of Love" Greensleeves

- 1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

W: 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.

A: Amen.

***THE BLESSING**

P: 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.

A: Amen.

***THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

A: Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW #310 Stanzas 1 & 2**

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” *Salzburg*

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

EPIPHANY HOUSE OF WORSHIP BLESSING



***DISMISSAL**

W: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Fugue on All Glory Be to God on High* -
Andreas Nikolas Vetter

Feel free to remain seated for the playing of the postlude. We are all so excited to talk to each other, so at the postlude's conclusion just move to the Narthex for conversation.

The Rev. Jennifer Soltis, Pastor
The Rev. Cyril Hurnyak, Kantor

Worship Assistant: Cheryl Kilbert
Lector: Diana Mitchell
Greeter: Linda Ryan
Usher: Charlie Brandt
Videographer: Tom Beecher
Crucifer: Adam Mitchell
Altar Guild: Carol Banks and Charlene Ott
Offering Tellers: Jean Chantz & Charlie Brandt

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Office Hours for January 17 - 22

<u>Pastor Jennifer</u>		<u>Dottie Zaffuto</u>	
Tuesday, Jan 18	3pm – 6pm	Tuesday, Jan 18	9am – 3:30pm
Wednesday, Jan 19	11am – 2pm	Wednesday, Jan 19	9am – 3:30pm
Thursday, Jan 20	10am – 2pm	Thursday, Jan 20	9am – 11am

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Sunday, January 9, 2022
Offering: \$4,700 Attendance: In-Person: 28 On-Line: 20

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What's happening at Nativity for the Week of January 17 - January 22:

<u>MONDAY</u>	- AA meeting – 8:00 p.m.	
<u>TUESDAY</u>	- WELCA mtg 10:00a.m. – Bible Study	<i>The Kingdom of God, Session 1 “Beautiful Feet:</i>
	<i>Announcing the Reign of God”</i>	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	- Harmony Line Chorus 7:00 p.m.	
<u>FRIDAY</u>	- NA meeting – 8:00p.m.	

**** Announcements ****

Epiphany Blessing Kits

There are Epiphany Blessings for the Home kits available in the narthex, which include a short service and some chalk.

Congregational Mtg

On Sunday, January 30 we will have a brief congregational meeting after worship to vote on replacing the sanctuary air conditioning system.

Altar Flowers

Thank you always to everyone who provides the flowers for our worship service! Due to the rising price of cut flowers, effective February 1, the cost per altar vase will be \$30 per vase. (Currently \$27) Please consider sponsoring the flowers for a Sunday during the year. The best part is after the worship service you can take them home to enjoy!

Please remember we are in need of Worship Service helpers each week that includes Usher, Greeter, Lector, Crucifer & Videographers. Please sign up on our website under "Serving this Month" or let the church office know how and when you'd like to participate.



Sunday, January 16, 2022 4PM
BERKELEY HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
(517 SANGREE ROAD, PITTSBURGH, PA 15237)

The Southwest Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with an ecumenical service of Holy Communion. The service will encourage membership of the SWPA synod and the synod's partners to be engaged actively in the practice of nonviolence in our continuing efforts to build the Beloved Community in Pittsburgh. As allowed by COVID protocols, the service will be in person and live-streamed. Masks are required for in-person attendance.

View the Livestream at <http://www.swpasynod.org/mlk2022>