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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

Silent Prayer Before Worship: God of grace, you have given me a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a voice to offer you praise. Fill me with your Spirit, that I may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Hymn, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

[ELW 311, LSB 398, TLH 59. Text and Tune: Public Domain]



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Forgiveness of Sins

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

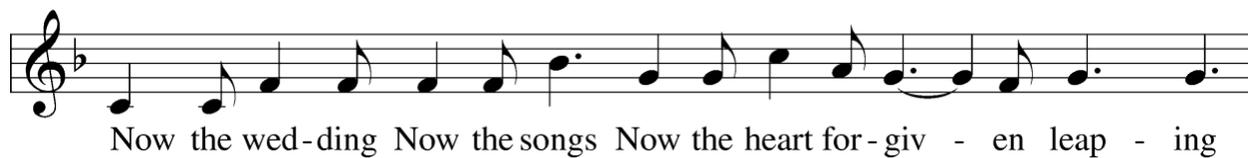
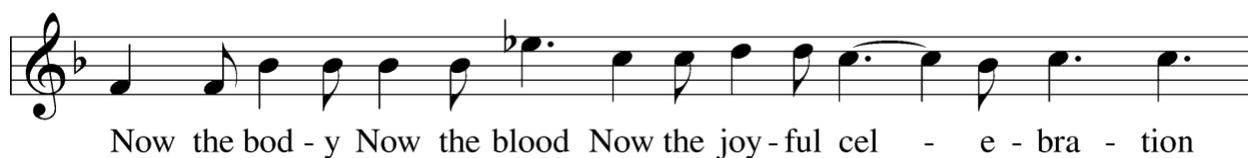
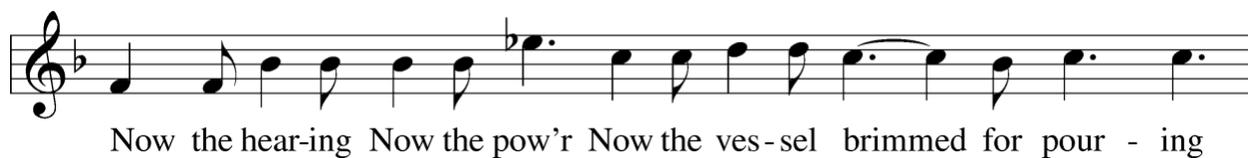
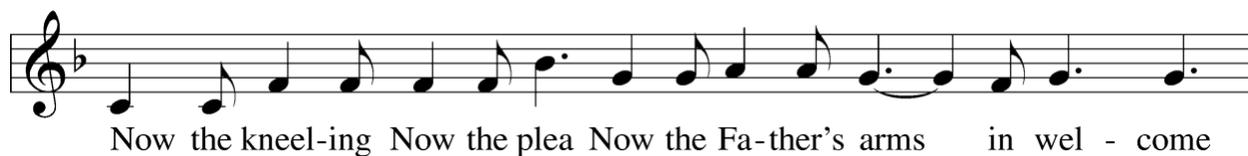
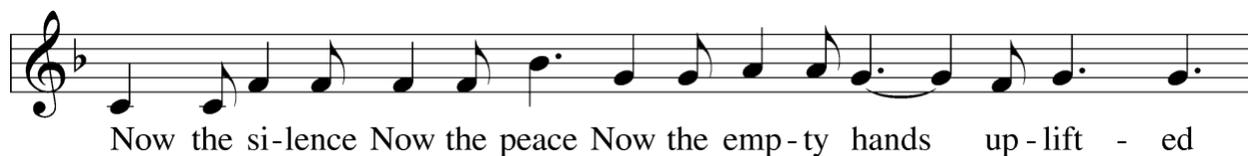
Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

C You know better than we do, LORD, but sometimes life is tough! Come to us, we pray, and guide us through such times to occasions of rejoicing and celebrating Your goodness to us. And as we celebrate, may our good times be centered in You and Your grace to us. In the name of Jesus, Who came to give us Your grace first-hand. Amen!

Hymn of Praise, "Now"

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WORD

The Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 62:1-5 (NIV)

Isaiah tells the exiled Jews that before long they will have cause for rejoicing.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading, Psalm 128 (NIV)

The LORD promises to bless all who fear Him as God.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to Him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within

your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you live to see your children's children – peace be on Israel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir, "Gather Your Children" by Allan Mahnke

The Gospel Reading, John 2:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus makes sure that the wedding party will be full of joy.

P The Gospel according to John:

C **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve Me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water;" so they filled them to the brim.

Then He told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said,

“Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which He revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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. Amen.

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Sermon Hymn, "Come, Join in Cana's Feast"

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1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where
 2 The old wine now is gone From
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids

Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty

come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.

Sermon, "Let's Celebrate"

"...each holding from twenty to thirty gallons." – John 2:6b

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C **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.**

SENDING

Blessing

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

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation"

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1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Spoken Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Altar Guild Meeting

Due to the amount of covid-19 spreading in our area right now, the annual Altar Guild meeting is being postponed to February 26. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend if possible. Face masks will be required. We will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 at the church, starting in the family room to discuss plans for the coming year - including flowers for Easter which is on April 17 this year. After that we will tackle the annual To Do list, as usual. If you have any items to add to the agenda or To Do list, please let me know before the meeting. Thanks, Jean Anderson

Statistics

Attendance on 1/9 was 35. The total offering was \$2,332 including \$77 for Synod, \$85 for Trinity First, and \$10 for the Building fund.

Email Problems

Several people have reported that the email from the church turns up in the Spam/Junk folder. So please check that folder and move the church emails to your inbox.

Now Available

- 2021 Contribution Statements
- 2022 Offering Envelopes
- Portals of Prayer (January – March Edition)
- January Newsletter

Prayer Requests

- Harold Sand on the death of his wife Evelyn
- Jack McConley, who had open heart surgery on January 3.

Celebrations this Week

- Happy Birthday to Jonathan Woltman (1/20) and Gail Klatt (1/25)

Erick + Courtney Horrmann

The January newsletter from Erick and Courtney is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Hymnal Notes

- Perhaps you have noticed the red hymnals in the rack. There are about 2 per pew. We received them as a gift from Bethany Lutheran Church (closed last fall). We also received the pastor and altar books plus organist versions. The total value of these books (new) would be in excess of \$2,000. We also received 10 hymnals from St. Peder's Lutheran which are valued at \$250.
- Under each hymn in the bulletin, it will list the 4 books that we are using: ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) or the red books; LSB (Lutheran Service Book/Builder) which is our computer program; and TLH which is The Lutheran Hymnal or the blue books. Most of the songs in WOV (With One Voice, paperback) are included in ELW.
- Though the hymn might be in all the hymnals, they don't necessarily match perfectly. Often the language has been updated or the tune has changed.
- All the hymnals are listed for those who like to sing parts. However, not every hymnal will have all the parts.

Sharing Pantry Donations

The socks are going fast! A list of items suggested for donation may be found on the back table.

SERVING THE LORD

Serving Today, January 16

January Altar Guild: Linda Scanlon
January Elder/Deacon: Becky Swenson-Dennis
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counter: Lynn Oolman
Lector: Jean Anderson
Organist: Julie Wright
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: No one is signed up
Ushers: Tim Phelon & Keith Lange

Serving Next Sunday, January 23

January Altar Guild: Linda Scanlon
January Elder/Deacon: Becky Swenson-Dennis
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counter: Sandi Likely
Lector: Steve Blomberg
Organist: Julie Wright
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: No one is signed up
Ushers: Steve Blomberg & Ed Copeland