

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, and via our Radio broadcast.
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.
- Again, I thank you for wearing your mask as we do what we can to help keep one another and our community safe and healthy.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (310 vs. 1,2)

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD**FIRST READING****Psalm 36:5-10**

Our first reading for today is taken from the Psalms. We read responsively by whole verse.

- 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 animals, 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 lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

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!

SERMON

Pastor Heather Wigdahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Come with Joy (482 vs. 1-3)

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, hope, and healing. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, gardeners 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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day *especially Delores Brezina, Jerome Tieman and we pray for Louis Husby & family on the death of Louis's sister, Margaret and for the family of Rick Marine, son of former members, Robert & Joyce Marine.* Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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 *especially Margaret and Rick.*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*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.*

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN*What Feast of Love (487)*

- 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!
- 2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.

- Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is 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!

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Let us pray: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your love. 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. **Amen.**

SENDING**BLESSING**

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. **Amen.**

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- Offering announcement

SENDING HYMN*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (545)*

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS	Jerome Tieman (Denise Vick's father); Delores Brezina (Karen Fruit's mother)
IN SYMPATHY	To Louis Husby & family at the death of Louis's sister, Margaret Rollay To the family of Rick Marine, son of former members, Robert & Joyce Marine
IN THANKSGIVING	Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

TODAY, JANUARY 16	
8:30am	Worship Service
9:35am	NO Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service
11:30am	Council Budget meeting
12:00 noon	Baptism of Macey Jo Cronk
THIS WEEK	
Jan. 18, 6pm	Health Ministry Meeting
Jan. 19, 1pm	Reading Club
Jan. 19, 1pm	Writers Group
Jan. 19, 6pm	Confirmation
Jan. 19, 6:30pm	Senior Choir meeting, Choir room
Jan. 20, 9am	Quilting Queens
Jan. 20, 6:30pm	Cub Scout Den meeting
UPCOMING EVENTS	
Jan. 25	NODC Communion Service

If you missed last week's presentation on Estate Planning Concepts presented by Attorney Bruce Skinner, it is available for viewing on our YouTube channel.