



*Community of Christ Lutheran Church
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond*



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“Menuet Gothique” by Louis Boellman

Eric Dickey

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM

“Confession and Forgiveness”

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us, we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“All Are Welcome”

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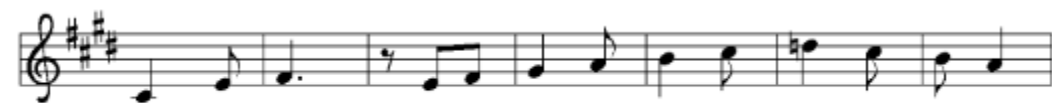
VS 3 High Voices, VS 4 Low Voices

Greeting

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



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



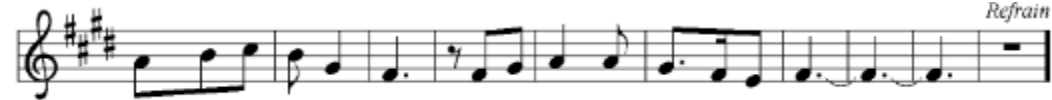
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



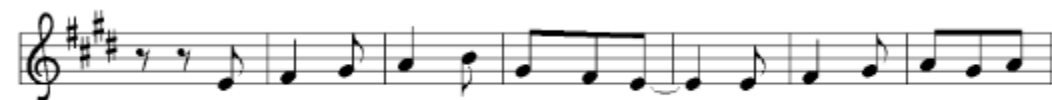
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **P Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

Anthem

“A Firm Foundation”

Solo, Emily Pollack

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

- 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 C Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore 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.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to 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. ¹¹ All 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 C Thanks be to God!

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to...C Glory to you, O Lord!

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus

said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.”⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.⁹ When 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 bridegroom¹⁰ and 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.”¹¹ Jesus 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! **C Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

“Now is the Time”

Vicar Natalie Downs

Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW 310

The Apostles’ Creed

C 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.

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

AM Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Protector of all, we lift up those affected by the wildfires in California. Surround them with Your comforting presence and provide strength to those battling the flames and assisting in recovery efforts. We ask for Your protection over the vulnerable, for the safety of the firefighters, and for peace to reign in the midst of devastation. May You bring healing to the land, restore homes, and provide hope to those facing loss. Guide us all to act with compassion and care for our environment and one another. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need ; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Luke Holtz, Susie Donnal, Ron Hetherwick, Martina Benton, Jake Cope, Debbie Carman, Paula Gruhler, Virginia Dillon, Becky King, Staci, Eric Lewis, Sam Kenney, Nathan Dippilo, Lauren Bradford, Jason Rupp, Jack Shultt....** and all those we remember in silence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus’ love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints, especially Jerry Reed. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

All Christians are welcome to commune at our Altar. You do not have to be a member of this congregation to receive Communion. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those desiring it. A "gluten-free" host option is available upon request as well.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C** And also with you!

Share an expression of peace with your neighbor, please.

The congregation continues to stand during Tithes and Offerings if you are able.

Our Tithes and Offerings Bring your gifts to the Altar or you may offer gifts in the tray located at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Offering Prayer

AM God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the President and the Congregation. The second staff is for the President and the Congregation. The third staff is for the President and the Congregation.

President: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

you. Lift up your hearts. We

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

****The Eucharistic Prayer Continues.....**

HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Words of Institution

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. Jesus said, 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. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.


The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **C** **O**ur 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.

Communion Hymns


"Lamb of God"

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and


Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Thy Word”



Thy word is a lamp un- to my feet and a light un- to my path.



1. When I feel a- afraid, think I've lost my way,
2. I will not for- get your love for me and yet,



still you're there right be- side me; noth- ing will I fear as
I'll for- ev- er be wand- 'ring; Je- sus be my guide



long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side. I will love you to the end.

Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

AM And next week, **C** Bring a friend!

“Making Jesus Known”

Welcome to Community of Christ! Our family welcomes you to the house of the Lord today! We ask God to bless His Holy Word and Sacrament today so that his people might receive strength for living out our days! If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Community of Christ!

We WELCOME YOU to worship with us at one of our TWO worship services. Join us at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. in person or on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing you and as always BRING A FRIEND!!!!

When God Breaks the Rules: A Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

We often picture God as the Giver of Rules and the Maker of Laws (including, obviously, the ones literally written in stone like the Ten Commandments). But what about the times in the Bible when God does a new thing, moves in a new direction, or expands the old order of the world? What about when God *breaks* the rules? That’s what we’re going to be looking at in our next Thursday afternoon Bible Study series, starting this Thursday through March 27, in a new original ten-part study that Pastor Steve is calling *When God Breaks the Rules*. We’ll see how God overturned the customs and traditions of the day from the earliest stories in our Bible to times when Jesus broke with the inherited traditions of the Respectable Religious Teachers of his day, to the movement of the New Testament era church as the Spirit led the first Christians across lines and borders to the ends of the earth with Jesus’ love. Join us this **Thursday, January 23, at 1:00 p.m.** in the council room for our ten-week journey in the expansive, surprising, and often rebellious ways of God! Everybody is welcome! We would love to know if you are coming, so we would invite you to sign up at the kiosk so we can be ready for all who plan to attend!

Adult Sunday School Series: “Jesus—The Wonder Years”

What would it have been like to raise the child Jesus? Have you ever wondered what Jesus’ childhood was like, or why there are so few stories from that part of his life? And with the handful of stories we do have from the Bible, what do they mean and why do they matter for our lives? In our new series for our Sunday morning Adult Class, we will spend time looking at important episodes from the early life of Jesus across the gospels, in what we do—and don’t—know. Join us for these conversations from 9:15-9:45 a.m. (between services) on Sunday mornings:

**Jan. 19—Jesus the Refugee and the Flight into Egypt **Jan. 26—The Presentation in the Temple, Part 1 **Feb. 2—The Presentation, Part 2 (Simeon and Anna) **Feb. 9—No Class—Congregational Breakfast in the fellowship hall

****Feb. 16**—the Child Jesus in the Temple. Join us for any or all of these studies on Sunday mornings here at Community of Christ this January and February!

2025 Altar Flower Sponsorships Now Available

The 2025 Altar Flower sponsorship weekends are now open for selection. Tags and envelopes are available in the hallway to the left as you enter through the front doors. For office tracking, once you've chosen your weekend, *please leave the tag on the bulletin board, do not take it home.* To ensure your sponsorship is included in the bulletin, payment envelopes must be submitted by Sunday prior to your selected weekend. For any questions, please contact the church office. Your support is truly appreciated—thank you!

Join Us for Conversation and More!

Starting this February, we invite you to gather at the church with both old and new friends for a variety of fun activities: Catch up and connect with others, enjoy drinks and light snacks, play games and cards (euchre, anyone?), team up for jigsaw puzzle challenges, lend a hand with Visitation Ministry projects, get some light exercise with a walk through the halls, share your ideas for future activities.

Feel free to bring a neighbor or a friend—more people means more fun!

Dates: February 11th, 1-3 PM and February 21st, 1-3 PM

Don't worry if you miss the sign-up—you're still welcome to join! Sign up at the kiosk or contact the office with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!

Pancakes, egg bakes, and donuts oh my! Bring your friends and your appetites, as the Outreach Committee and friends will be hosting a breakfast between services on **Sunday, February 9th**. Funds raised in the free-will offering will support our efforts to provide monthly breakfast treats to the faculty and staff at one of the area AW schools.

What's Happening This Week?



Church Office Closed
Monday, January 20
LWR Quilt Ministry
Tuesday, January 21, 10:00 a.m.
Book Club
Tuesday, January 21, 1:00 p.m.

Choir Practice
Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.
Pastor's Bible Study
Thursday, January 23, 1:00 p.m.
Bell Choir
Thursday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.