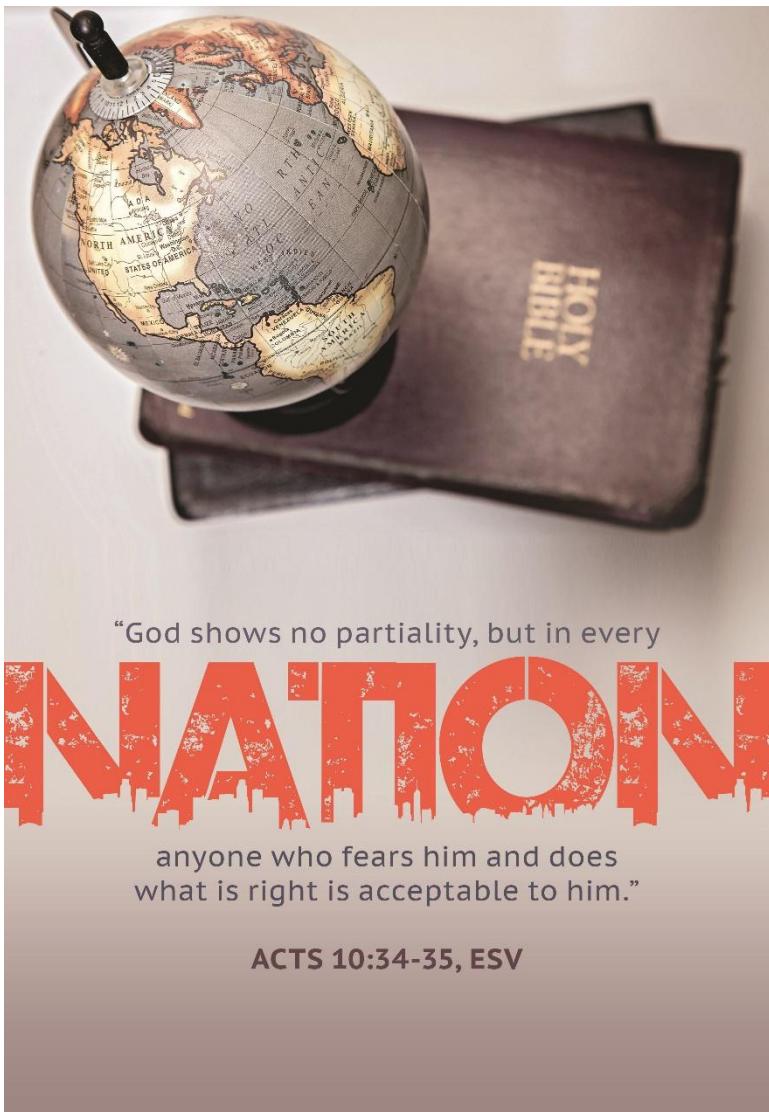


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First Sunday After Epiphany



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NATION

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ACTS 10:34-35, ESV



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Acts 10:34-35 ³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality," ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

Prayer: Father in Heaven, In Your grace, You sent Your Son to be the Savior from all sin. Even more graciously, You have declared this saving truth to be for every nation and every person. All who call upon the name of Jesus will be saved. May this grace feed our lives of faith that we may always look to this assurance for our own salvation, and also bring this salvation to those who need it. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening:

TLH 276 Come Unto Me, Ye Weary

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Luke 18:13

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

John 20:19-23

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14, John 1:29*



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... O God by the leading of a star You manifested Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may after this life enjoy the fullness of your glorious Godhead, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever,

C Amen.

⁶ " Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ² At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³ and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. ⁷ The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸ And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'"¹⁴ So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵ and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶ the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 122 Selected Verses

P I was glad when they said to me,

C "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

P Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

C Jerusalem-- built as a city that is bound firmly together, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

P There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

C **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!**

P For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

C **For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: WS 752 Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit

Sermon **Acts 10:34-43**

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Jesus is For Everyone...Yes, Everyone!

Offertory:

Create In Me

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn:

WS 742 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalm 136

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C Amen

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are in both English and German, with the German text in parentheses. The lyrics are:

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

Communion Note:

The Bible tells us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" One way that unity is expressed is by communing together. For that reason, we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation, speak with the pastor or one of the Elders before coming to the Lord's Table. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God. This is by no means a judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant go, to the glory of heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the glory of the Son, For All glory to the Three in One; Of Your re-deem-ing grace: Spir-it, For ev-er Three in One; A light to lead the be-gin-nings, Un-for-giv-able. For as in the be-gin-nings, Un-for-giv-able. To Your ho-ly hill, The glo-ry of Your God's tri-une name re-sounding, Your cho-sen Is-rael Through all e-ter-ni-ty, Your cho-sen Is-rael.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- Let us bless the Lord.
- **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-25

■ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

■ **Amen.**

Hymn:

TLH 51 Now May He Who From the Dead

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Upcoming Events:

- **Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting will be held January 25th. Church will be at 11:30am that day with no Bible Class.
- **Memorial Service:** A memorial service is planned for Mary Ann Moore on Sunday, February 1st at 1pm. Our regular church service will be held at 11:30 that Sunday.

Call News:

- Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, ***is considering the part-time call*** to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.
- Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN ***is considering the call to*** Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, January 18th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, January 25th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, February 1st Redemption Sunday Service at 11:30