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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

January 17 & 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

Aria Semplice

J. S. Bach

Please take a moment to sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew by the aisle. Pass them down the aisle and send them back again. Thank you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: Pastor Deb will end announcements with something like *"Let us take a moment to breathe in and breathe out as we center our hearts and minds for worship."*

***INVOCATION**

We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

What offering do we need to bring to God?

God does not look for sacrifices or offerings, but for open ears, like channels for the truth.

Grand gestures and offerings are not required, but a heart-felt delight in doing the will of God.

My friends, behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

God has put a new song in my mouth, placed a new melody on my tongue.

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

***GATHERING SONG**

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660 1,3,4

Refrain **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Vs 1 **Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

Vs 3 **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain**

Vs 4 **So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. Amen.

***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.

Let us pray

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God,

our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(9 am) CHOIR

Lift Your Light

Mary McDonald, 2005 Lorenz Corp

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(Pew Bible pg 870)

(Hands-On Bible pg 1152)

Our first reading is from the first chapter of 1st Corinthians, beginning with the first verse.

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Sosthenes.

I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. Through him, God has enriched your church in every way—with all of your eloquent words and all of your knowledge. This confirms that what I told you about Christ is true. Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 40:1-11

Please join me in reading our Psalm responsively.

I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

*The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.*

Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

*Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.*

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.**

And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.' "

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING (Pastor Deb will read)

John 1:29-42

(Pew Bible pg 809)

(Hands-On Bible pg 1061)

Our gospel reading is from the first book of John beginning with the twenty-ninth verse.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.' I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel."

Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God."

The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.

Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them.

They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

"Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ").

Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter").

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9 am) GIZZY TIME WITH FRIENDS

SERMON

Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY

Here I Am Lord

ELW 574

Vs 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Vs 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Vs 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED

Journeying together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 into hell.

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Let us stand and share a sign of God's peace with one another.

(9 am) OFFERING Assisting Minister hands out offering plates

Let us gather together our offering. Thank you for the generous way you support the mission and ministry of this congregation with you time, talents and resources.

OFFERTORY

At Rest

Franklin Ritter

(9 am) OFFERING RESPONSE Pastor Deb receives offering plates

Please rise

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

ELW 448 4

Vs 4 **Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days. Come, cleanse again this hour.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...

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. Amen.

Pastor Deb will gather prayer requests before singing.

HYMN **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** **ELW 752**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** **ELW 752**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*BENEDICTION

***SENDING SONG** **Baptized in Water** **ELW 456**

Vs 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Vs 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Vs 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE **Toccata on Diademata** **Lani Smith**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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