

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, January 17, 2016

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *All My Heart Again Rejoices* Busarow

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C Amen.

P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

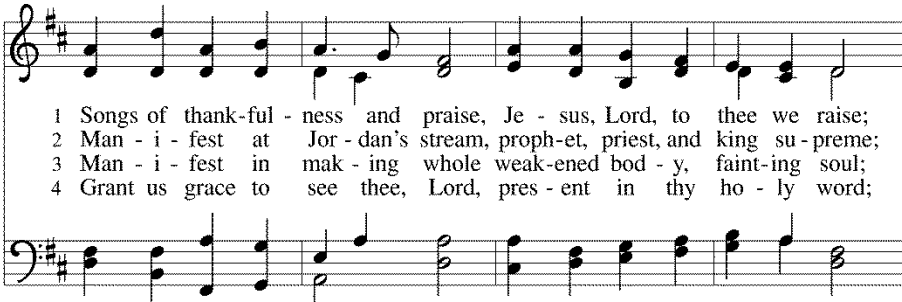
P Mighty and loving God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

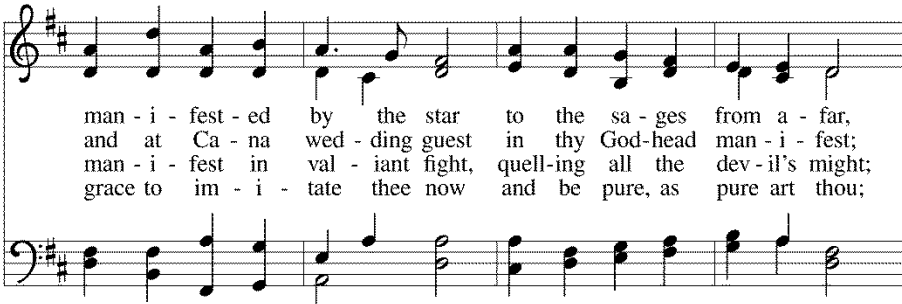
P Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C Amen.

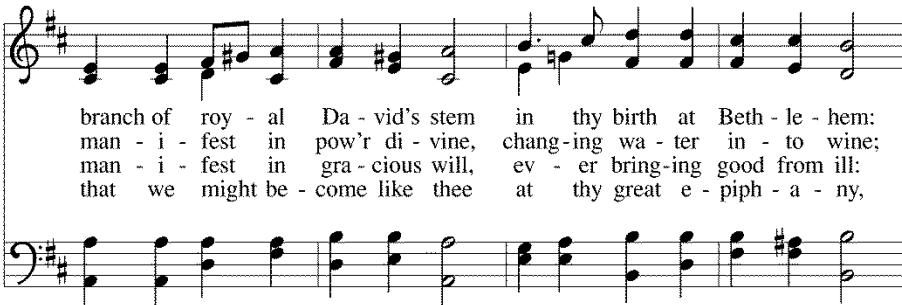
GATHERING SONG: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise All Stand and Sing*



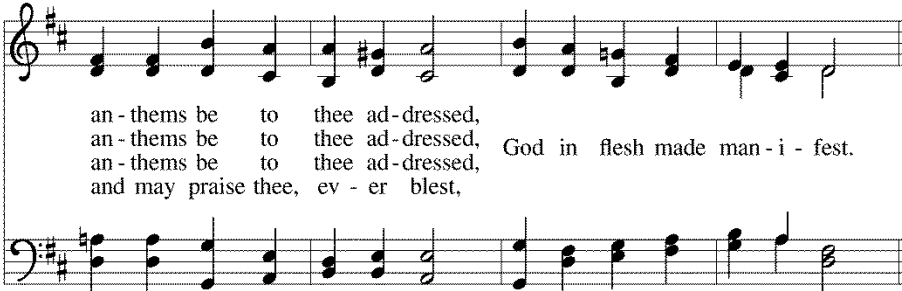
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

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.

KYRIE

Pastor

Congregation

P

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

C

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

P

Lord, have mer - cy.

C

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

P

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C

Lord, have mer - cy.

P

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

Pastor

let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation

Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor *Congregation*

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glor-y to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

*Congregation is Seated and are invited to **sing “Jesus Loves Me”**
as the children come forward.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nursery**.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the sixty-second chapter of Isaiah.

The people’s return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

¹For 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.

²The 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.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You 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.

⁵For 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 36:5-10 All Sing in Unison

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 ani- | mals, 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.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from the twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

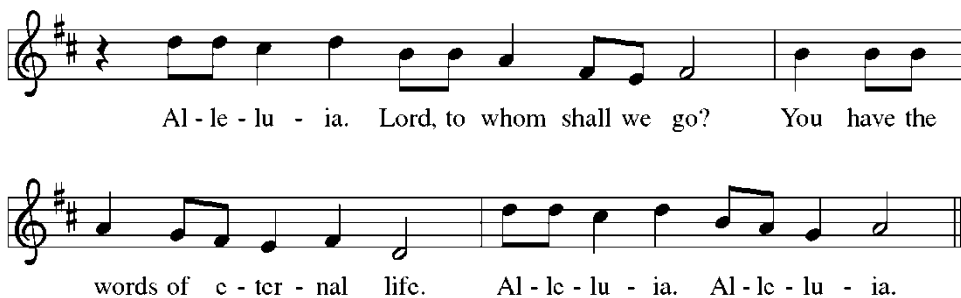
¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

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

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

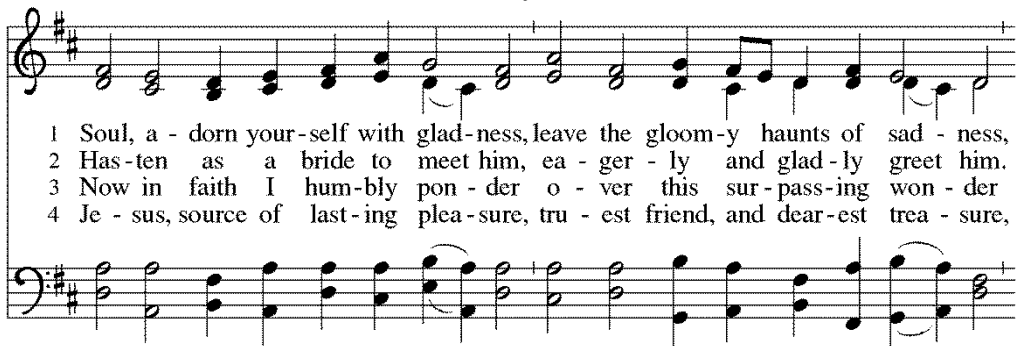
¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to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

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

SERMON Pastor Micah

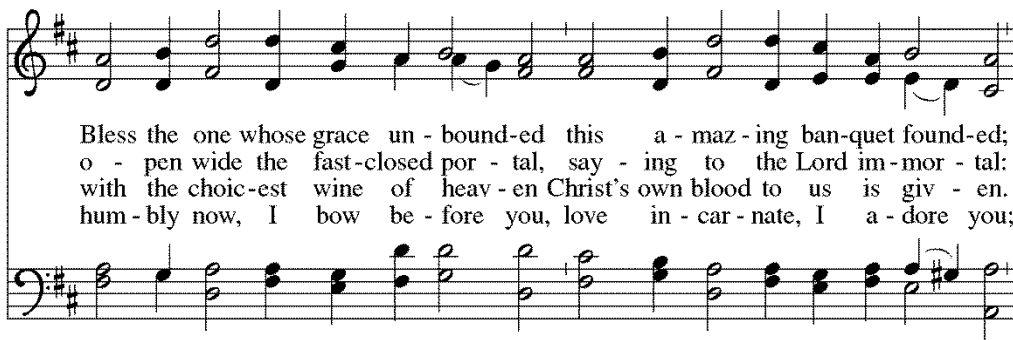
HYMN OF THE DAY: *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* All Stand and Sing



1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass-ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing;
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;



Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for-ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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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 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.

PEACE

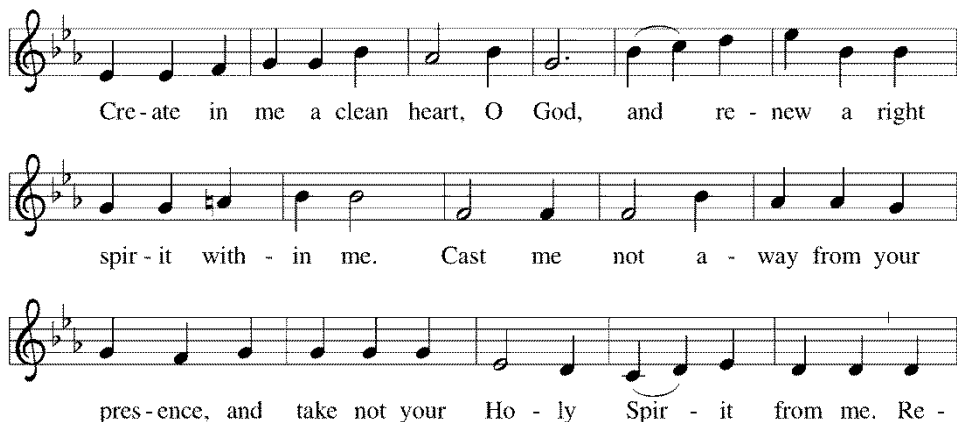
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

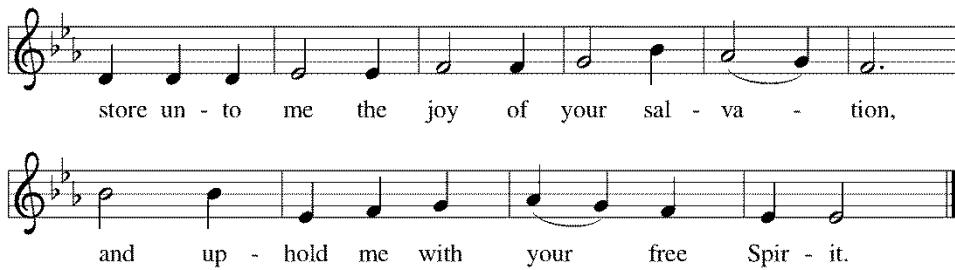
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.* Church Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create In Me A Clean Heart* All Stand and Sing



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
 spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray,

C Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Giving thanks for God's great gifts, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You enliven your church. Inspire the body of Christ to rejoice in and make good use of the various gifts and vocations with which you have entrusted it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the fountain that brings forth life. Guide us to be good stewards of all plant and animal life entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your light we see light. Shine on the path for all nations to seek peace, justice, and the well-being of all your children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are a refuge to those in peril. Grant help, healing, and wholeness to all who are in need of your care. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the leaders of this assembly. Help them to use their gifts in this community to the glory of your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful departed who have gone to join the marriage feast that has no end. May their lives inspire us to trust always in your promise of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

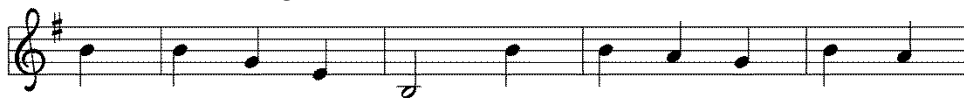
**For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

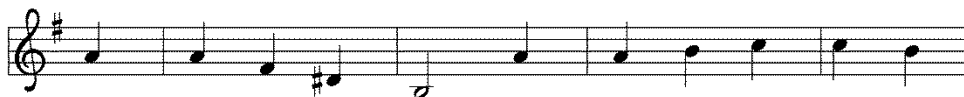
P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

C Amen.

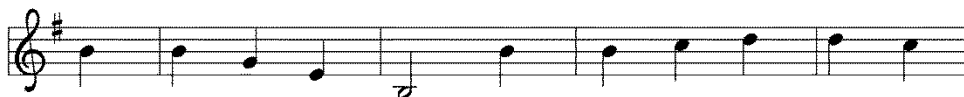
SENDING SONG: *Oh, Sing to the Lord* All Stand and Sing



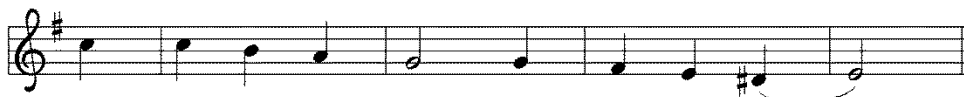
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
 Spanish and English text © Gerhard Cartford, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children **(infants through 3 years old)** are located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance to find one.



KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Dianne Lail in honor of Carmen De Nicholas' and Evan Nichols' birthdays; and by Tracey, Caroline, Aaron & Ashton Nault in honor of Paul's 50th birthday.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Greg Byrum, Worship & Music

Offering and Attendance Report for January 10, 2016:

Attendance: 182

Budget Report**January 10, 2016**

Current Offering Received	\$ 6,412.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 5,019.46
Offering, Year-To-Date	\$ 11,583.00
Offering less Expenses Year-To-Date	\$ 4,418.23

ASSISTING MINISTERS:**LECTORS:** Billy Joye, Jr. , Jim Buell**GREETER:** Kathy Graves**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:**

Volunteers

TELLERS: Raini Kimball &
Dennis Tucker**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 1)

Bev & Charles Mauney, Co-Captains

Carmen De Nicholas

Deb Williams

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Brandy Milton + Helper

USHERS: Need Volunteers**NURSERY:** (9:30-11:45 am)*Infants:* Rebecca Yount, Sherry Alexander; *Toddlers:* Jill Cassel**BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:** January 17-23

Today, January 17 Julie Wiegand

January 18 Carmen De Nicholas

Jerri Wesson

January 19 Faye Heller

January 19 Paul Outlaw

Elliott Williams

January 21 Jane Howard

Paul Nault

**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:****Today, January 17**

10:30 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

5:00 pm Adult Handbells

6:00 pm Church Choir

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesday, January 19

7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Nar-Anon

Wednesday, January 20

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

The 2016 Flower Chart is available in the narthex.Please *print your name* at the date you wish to furnish the altar vases (1 vase or both).**If you wish to purchase both vases, please sign your name on both lines.**

Cost of both vases = \$45, One vase = \$22.50.

2016 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex for you to pick up.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 31.

Christian Ed Committee meets Tuesday January 26 at 7 in the fellowship hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2016

If you are willing to serve as a ***Greeter, Eucharist Presenter, Lector*** or ***Usher*** for the **2016** year, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet for each position you are volunteering for. Each volunteer position is listed on a separate clipboard. The clipboards are located in the narthex. If willing to volunteer for the whole month then sign your name at each date for that month. **The chief lector will serve on festival Sundays.**



***Vacation Bible School**

Sun 6/12 – Wed 6/15 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (NO skills needed)

KIDS NEEDED Pre-School to High School (No skills needed)

If interested contact:

Melissa Bocchino (melissa.bocchino@pwc.com)

Or

Jill Cassel (jill.cassel@twcable.com)

***More details forthcoming**



Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Kathy Graves.
The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin	Dot Holland	Marguerite Shive
Brenda Dabrowski	Zac Hullander	Mark Reese
Shawn De Nicholas	Chase Lineberger	Beverly Reynolds
David Dowd	Holly Peche	Anna Spikes
Dean Ewing	Sherry Perry	Kevin Washle

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Richard Abernethy	Stacy Hunsucker	Jim Poag
Harriett Ange	Dennis Jordan	Taylor Propst & Family
Paige Beaver	Steven Keating	David Prouty
Jenny Beer	Marshall Kinley	Julio Quiros
Libby Byrum	Karin Larsen	Anna Rudder
Father Frank Cancro	Terry Mahaffey	Tangie Shingler
Tina Capwell	Al McCoy	Megan Sigler
Clell Davis	Clay McCoy	Margaret Sparks
J. Don Devine	Bette McGloughen	E. Taylor & Family
Zachary Evans	Gene McRorie	Carson Thomas
Jamey Gardner	Susan Nichols	Sally Vanhoy
Poss Garrett	Mark Outlaw	Gloria Ward
Ronnie Garrison	Alicia Overton	Pastor Gary Weant
Lewis Gilbert Family	Ramesh Patel	Olivia Wilcox
Brian Hedrick	Jean Peters	Jeff Wiles
Sam Holloway	Beverly Howe Poag	Bruce Zander

OUR SERVICEMEN & SERVICEWOMEN



Hannah Carnes	Jason Gardner	Dillon Kasmer
Matt Cisek	Tom Kasmer	Alex Norris
Leo Kasmer	Jeremy Shaver	

Holy Doodles

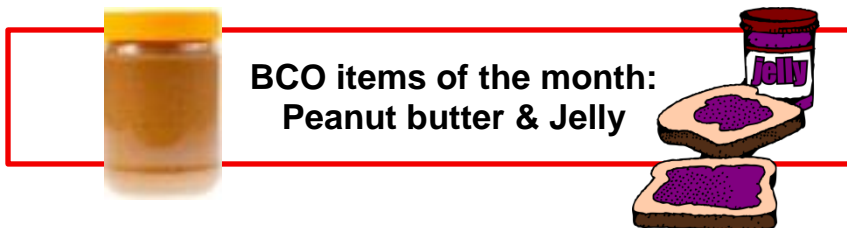


We celebrate with **Olivia Sarrazin** and her family as she takes her first communion after worship service today. As always you are invited to stay after church to receive communion.



Sunday School Attendance January 10, 2016

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Nursery	3	4
Pre-School	6	2
Lower Elem.	10	1
Upper Elem.	3	1
Middle School	1	1
High School	1	2
Seekers		15
<u>Adult Bible Class</u>		8
Totals:	24	34



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager