

January 14th, 2023, 9:00 am Second Sunday after Epiphany

worship notes:

Welcome to any visitors today as well as our visiting pastor, Rev. Dick Jorgensen. Today, the music is found in the **ELW (red)** hymnal, the **ACS (purple)** hymnal and in the bulletin. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary. Hearing devices can be found as you enter the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to help! We pray that you will experience God's redeeming love and grace as you worship with us. Please stay and enjoy coffee and conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall!

about the readings today:

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Sandra Eithun Early American tune. ©2003 Choristers Guild

a time for people to become quiet and focus their hearts and minds for what is to follow, inviting worshipers to transition their busy lives into a sacred space of communion with God and neighbor.

The Prelude, as the first act of worship, is

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (silence for reflection)

God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:

The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

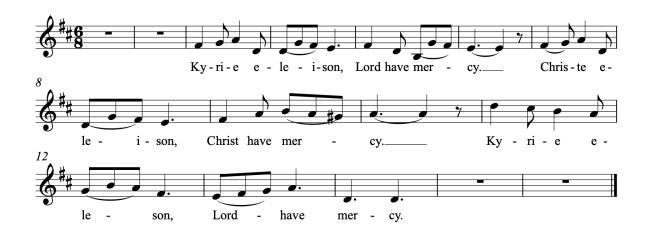
"He Comes to Us as One Unknown" ELW #737

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.**

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison
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HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God in the Highest" Pg. 6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Ann

WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10

SCRIPTURE HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord" ELW #574

SECOND READING 1st Corinthians 6:12-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia!" A Gospel acclamation

from St. Peter's Liturgy, by Mary Kay Bougie. ©2021



GOSPEL John 1:43-51

Before: Glory to you, O Lord

After: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Dick Jorgensen

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (The Summons) ELW #798

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APOSTLES' CREED

ELW Pg. 105

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 again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

after each petition: God of grace, receive our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"

arr. Cathy Moklebust $17^{\rm th}$ century French. ©2004 Choristers Guild

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW Pg.145

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts" ACS #1078

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. Lloyd Larson

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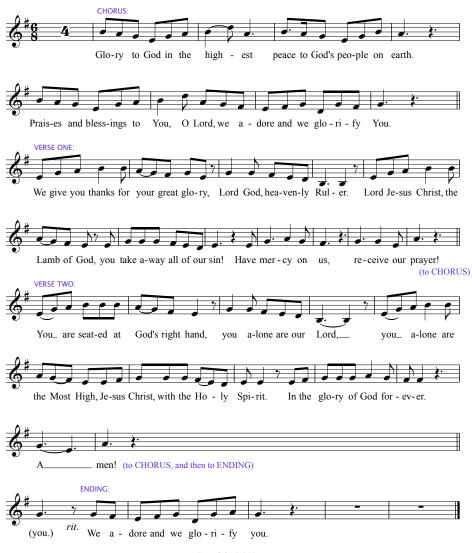
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Glory to God in the Highest

Mary Kay Bougie



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Prayer Ministry

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. Please provide an update if situations improve or renew request bi-monthly.

Today we pray especially for:

Bob A. (brother of Joyce), Paula B. (daughter of Judy), Bernice C., Tom D. (brother of Julia), Carl E. (friend of Pete & Susan), Angela H. (friend of Doris W.), Donna H. (friend of Karen), Ron H., Daryl K., Tami L., Christopher L. (son of Sonja), Doug P., (brother-in-law of Joyce + Borris), Inez N., Nell P. (sister of Diane & Pete), Scott Q. (relative of Carmen), Jaynie R. (daughter of Jeff & Stephanie), Kathy S. (sister of Sheryl), Phyllis S., Roya S. (great niece of Pete and Diane), Karen W. (cousin of Carmen, Char)

(last names are withheld for on-line privacy.)

If you would like a visit or phone call from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.

Today's Worship and Fellowship Leaders

Reader: Pete Pedersen

Jubilee Bell Ringers:
Bill Bleckwehl, Mary Bleckwehl,
Megan DeMaris, Marilyn Finneseth, Skip Wagner
Claire Hill, Sonja Link, Ginny Paulson

Worship Leader & Accompanist: Mary Kay Bougie

Ushers: David + Polly Hendee

Hospitality: Evonne Clay + Marilyn Finneseth

Live Stream: Megan Culhane

Would you like to follow along with today's readings?

For today's lesson and gospel texts, scan with your smart phone's camera:



Thank you!

Thank you for all you do to serve Jesus here at St. Peter's. In addition to giving in worship, you may mail or drop off. your offering, set up auto payment through Vanco or bill pay, or use the included QR code for Vanco.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take Heart

Our former St. Olaf intern, Maddi Froiland along with her mother, Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland, are working on a project with Jesuit priest Garrett Gundlach of Racine, WI to distribute 8,000 olive wood hearts that were used in a worship service on Dec 28, 2023, at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to commemorate the Slaughter of the Innocents (long-standing date on the Christian Church calendar). Maddi lives in Jerusalem, and visited the Bethlehem woodworking factory in December, and saw first-hand the beautiful work they do. St. Peter's has ordered 100 of these hearts, available for you to purchase at \$3 each. We will use them in our Ash Wednesday service (which falls on Valentine's Day) and then distribute them to those who have purchased them. Please consider purchasing a heart to support the work of Palestinians in the Holy Land. Envelopes on are the welcome desk to fill out and purchase. You may place the completed envelope in the offering plate or give it to Mary Kay Bougie.

Sing Boldly!

From Michael Morris, owner of the Contented Cow: "I am inviting you and your flocks to join us at the Contented Cow on Monday, January 15 at 7pm for another Sing Boldly! event. We're excited to offer a hymn sing on MLK day because we see so much connection between the hope and light of Epiphany and the inspired vision of Dr. King's dreams. The hymn booklet will contain songs on the themes of epiphany, freedom, light, and unity." St. Peter's members have been well represented at the first two sing boldly events - let's join in again with this special one! The hymn booklet they supply offers coloring pages - for those of you who like to multi-task while singing!

Annual Meeting

St. Peter's annual meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, February 4th. All congregational members are encouraged to attend.

Habitat for Humanity

A Message from Habitat for Humanity: We are needing some help from all of our supporters. We are currently building our 2nd Quad/Townhome in Northfield. We have 2 selected families ready for a new start in life, but we are still searching for 2 more. We are looking for two households who want to live in our quad/townhome that is currently under construction. Sign up to talk with Cheri, our Family Services Coordinator. She'll explain to you the process and the next steps to move forward with home-ownership with Rice County Habitat for Humanity. habitatricecounty.org/homeownership or call 507-323-5167.