

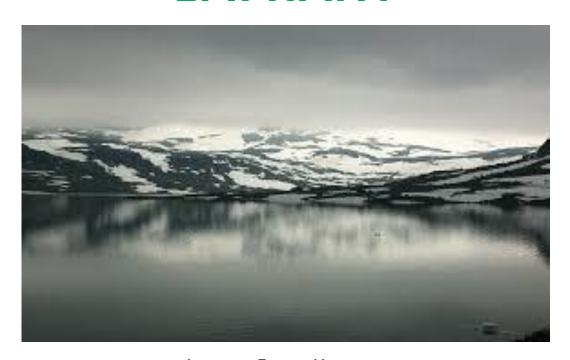
A Congregation of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

We are a <u>Reconciling in Christ</u> congregation, affirming the diversity of God's children



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Fourth Sunday of **EPIPHANY**



Lake in Finse, Norway, where God's love found Pastor Dave on July 24, 1979

January 31, 2021

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

My Jesus I Love Thee, arr. Penny Rodriguez



Text: David Haas, b. 1957
Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas
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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Psalm 111



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Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

Great are your | works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- | light in them.

Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full | of compassion.

You give food to | those who fear you, remembering forev- | er your covenant.

You have shown your people the power | of your works in giving them the lands | of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice; all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;

holy and awesome | is your name.

The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Mark 1:21-28 (The Message)
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his followers entered Capernaum. When the Sabbath arrived, Jesus lost no time in getting to the meeting place. He spent the day there teaching. The people were surprised at his teaching—so forthright, so confident—not quibbling and quoting like the religion scholars.

Suddenly, while still in the meeting place, he was interrupted by a man who was deeply disturbed and yelling out, "What business do you have here with us, Jesus? Nazarene! I know what you're up to! You're the Holy One of God, and you've come to destroy us!"

Jesus shut him up: "Quiet! Get out of him!" The afflicting spirit threw the man into spasms, protesting loudly—and got out.

Everyone there was spellbound, buzzing with curiosity. "What's going on here? A new teaching that does what it says? He shuts up defiling, demonic spirits and tells them to get lost!" News of this traveled fast and was soon all over Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Found By Love

Reading

I Corinthians 8:1-3 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from First Corinthians

The question keeps coming up regarding meat that has been offered up to an idol: Should you attend meals where such meat is served, or not? We sometimes tend to think we know all we need to know to answer these kinds of questions—but sometimes our humble hearts can help us more than our proud minds. We never really know enough until we recognize that anyone who loves God is known – completely – by God.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

The Bible Tells Me So arr. Lloyd Larson John Kennedy, Emily Kent, Karen Kent, Kathy Rapp

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so! Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

REFRAIN Yes, Jesus loves, me. Yes, Jesus loves, He loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He will stay, He'll stay close beside me all the way. He's prepared a place for me. And some day His face I will see. *REFRAIN*

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

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.

Community Prayers

Let us pray.... Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Heidi Sherer's cousin Ann, Kathy Rapp, John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey, Michelle Clemence's sister Nancy Roebuck and her niece and family: Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam and Tiffany Scales, Pamela Andrews.

Children's Time

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

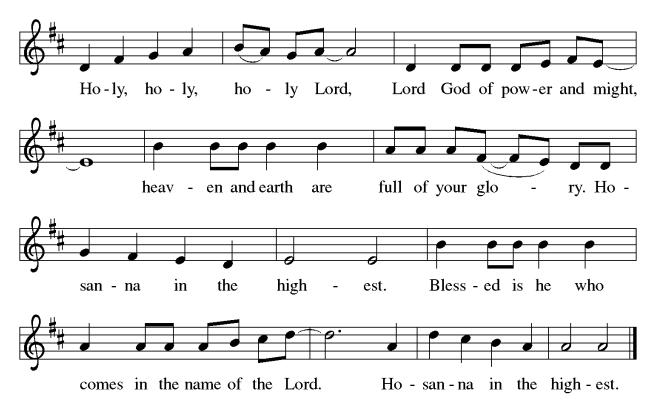
In a refugee child playing under a star, in an anonymous young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me." Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.



Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

Lord's Prayer

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,

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus' table: he made no restrictions, and neither do we.

now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT Hymn What a Fellowship What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms; Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms; to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms? What have I what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Refrain lean safe and se-cure from all a-larms; Lean ing, ing, lean - ing on Je - sus, Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean ing, lean ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

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Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, arr. John Carter

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Adult Sunday School 11:15 am Sundays



DEAR CHURCH:

A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.

This week discussing the first 5 chapters

Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Time: January 31, 11:15 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

Time: Sunday January 31, 11:15 AM

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Phone only: 646 876 9923



The Book of Genesis We'd love to have you join us via ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting Time: Feb 2, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 7

Today	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 pm 7:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry ZOOM Worship Team
Next Sunday	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education

