

2nd Sunday after Epiphany - January 19, 2025

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A Warm Welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us this morning.

Prepare for Worship: Psalm 33 Hymnal pg. 131

Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, Your love has called us here to worship in Your presence. You have not called us here because we are more righteous than others. You know our sins are great, but in your love you have called us here to see Jesus our Saviour. Open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may worship and adore You as our Lord and Saviour and may our hearts be moved to sing your praise. May we walk humbly before you in true repentance and faith and rejoice in your love and forgiveness. Strengthen us to live as your true children, with confidence and joy, until we stand before You face to face in paradise. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Invocation: P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



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Opening Hymn: 19 All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

1. All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, power, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
The God who every sorrow stills,--
To God all praise and glory!
2. What God's almighty power hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;

Within the kingdom of His might
Lo, all is just and all is right,--
To God all praise and glory!

3. I cried to Him in time of need:
Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
Oh, thank Him, thank our God, with me,--
To God all praise and glory!
4. The Lord forsaketh not His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their Refuge and their Rock,
Their Peace and their Salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads His own, His chosen band,--
To God all praise and glory!
5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's power proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!
6. Then come before His presence now
And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord, my God, did all things well,--
To God all praise and glory!

Confession of Sins:

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, seeking His grace and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C & P: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray, Oh Lord, by your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that you would be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you, and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake He forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.



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Glorv to God:



Glo - ry — be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly



4 Spi-rit; — As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and al-ways will be



7 for - ev - er-more. A - men.

P: With our sins forgiven, we also have access to the throne of grace to seek God's mercy in all areas of life.



Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



4 on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Prayers for Mercy: We seek God's mercy for all our brothers and sisters who are suffering from any adversity. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar who suffer greatly under the civil war in their country; for the

brothers and sisters in Bangladesh who lost so much in the Typhoon; for Pastor Hein and any others who are suffering from cancer or any other disease, illness or accident. Lord's have mercy.



P: The Lord be with you,



Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, as when at first He lightly esteemed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; They rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

Response of Praise: from Psalm 19

P: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

C: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

P: The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

C: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

P: The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

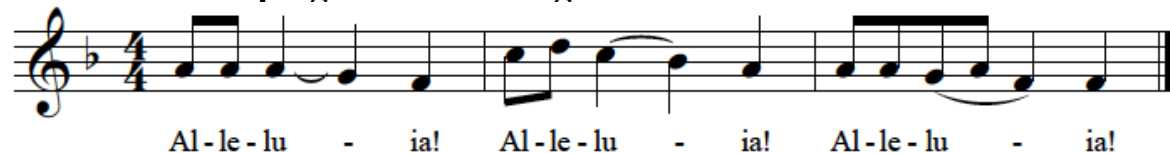
C: The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

P: More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold;

C: Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

P: Moreover by them Your servant is warned,

C: and in keeping them there is great reward.



Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:9-14

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 467 st. 1-6 Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand

1. Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land,
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.

2. Surely in temples made with hands,
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He whom heavens cannot contain
Chose to abide on earth with men,
Built in our bodies His temple.

3. We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.

4. Now we may gather with our King
E'en in the lowliest dwelling;
Praises to Him we there may bring,
His wondrous mercy forthtelling.
Jesus His grace to us accords;
Spirit and life are all His words;
His truth doth hallow the temple.

5. Still we our earthly temples rear
That we may herald His praises;
They are the homes where He draws near
And little children embraces.
Beautiful things in them are said;
God there with us His covenant made,
Making us heirs of His kingdom.

6. Here stands the font before our eyes
Telling how God did receive us;
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His table doth give us;
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.

When the Creator Wore Sandals!

Sermon text: Mark 1:14-20

“14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 Then Jesus said to them,

“Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” 18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. 20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.”

Theme:

The Creator Establishes His Kingdom!

1. Know the Nature of His Kingdom.
2. Understand the Power of His Kingdom.
3. See Christ Provide for the Spread of His Kingdom

Hymn: In Christ Alone!

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing while bringing up the offering) Melody of 568

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Prayers:

The 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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
6 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
12 way from your pre - sence and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of Your Sal - va - tion and up -
hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 467 st. 7 Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand

7. Grant then, O God, where'er men roam,
That, when the church-bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you." Amen.

Scripture Treasure to Remember Ephesians 5:8-10

"8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Bible Study on the Ark and the Flood.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study at 9:30.

New Midweek Bible Study begins. We will begin with a study of the book of Malachi - A lesson on true God pleasing Worship! We will meet this week at Karlheinz Schwabe's home at 3:00. Come and grow with us and help us set out the path for future studies.

Thursday - PCPC Study Club at 2:00

Catechism Class at 4:00.

Friday - Pre-marriage class at 10:00

Visiting Shut-ins at 1:30.

Next Sunday - Worship Services at 10:00 am.

Bible Study at 11:20

Voter's Annual Meeting

Our Annual Voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 2nd after the service. If you have any comments or suggestions for our joint work please speak with one of the voters.

CLC National Women's online Retreat

This online Retreat is being held this Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. The Theme is "Press Pause: Grace-full Stewardship." 1 Peter 4:10, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause25>.