

APOSTLES' LUTHERAN CHURCH

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God's purpose for the church is to witness to God's grace, forgiveness, compassion, and justice. We fulfill this promise by serving and caring for your local and global communities.

SUNDAY VOICE

The flowers on the altar are given by

Sylvia Dennis, in memory of her mother, Amanda Johnson,
who passed away on January 15, 1972.

APOSTLES' LUTHERAN CHURCH Service of Holy Communion

The Second Sunday after Epiphany January 16th, 2022

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for self-reflection.

P: Holy God.

We confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show true hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, so that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: People of God, rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
[Refrain]

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
[Refrain]

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
[Refrain]

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. [Refrain]

Gloria: “Angels We Have Heard on High” #289 ELW

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.*

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]*

Prayer of the Day

P: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together the prayer for Sunday, January 16th, 2022.

All: 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. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” #308 ELW vs 1-3

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure. Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you teach us God's own love through you have reached us.

WORD

Please be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

R: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 36:5-10

36:5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

36:6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

36:7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

36:8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the

river of your delights.

36:9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

36:10 O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

R: The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: by John Perovich

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah.

Hallelujah.

Please rise, if you are able, for the Gospel reading.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Turning water into 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.

P: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, this is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Peter Edwardsen

Please rise if you are able.

Hymn of the Day: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" #310 ELW

*Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise; manifested by the star
to the sages from afar, branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

*Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme; and at Cana wedding
guest in your God-head manifest; manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

*Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

*Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word; grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou; that we might become like thee at Thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

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.

Prayers and Concerns of the Community "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying" (ELW#752)

(sung three times)

*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.*

D: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance, so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

a brief silence

D: By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,
All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon or worship assistant continues with the prayers of intercession.

D: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

Preface: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer:

P: And now let us pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us.

All: 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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

C: Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymn: "What Feast of Love" #487 ELW

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, what wondrous gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the mana given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven? What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven. Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven? What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

Please rise if you are able

Table Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep in you in his grace now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Canticle: “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” 206 ELW

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of Thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

THE SENDING

We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries:

1/16 Don Nissley, 1/22 Barbara Marlow

Blessing

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” #774 ELW

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

We are collecting:

Linens: Towels, sheets, and blankets. Medical supplies: Alcohol wipes, infusion set-ups, non-expired medications, dog food, tubing, syringes, etc... Empty ink cartridges of all types. Pull tabs from aluminum cans for dialysis credits.

We are blessed to be a blessing to others!

The Next FOOD CLOSET is Thursday, January 27, from 1:00-3:00 PM

Please donate what you can.

We are in need of soup, canned fruit, and pasta.

Thank you!

C: The flower chart for 2022 is on the bulletin board.

***Members are encouraged to pick a date
to honor or memorialize a loved one or special occasion by
signing up for altar flowers.***

***The cost of the flowers is \$35.00
and envelopes are next to the chart.***

**Pastor Edwardsen will be sending out a weekly update on church
happenings via email—please check to see if you have received
this week's update.**

**If you would like to be on the email list, please send your
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Thank you!

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Thanks be to God.**