



2nd Sunday after the Epiphany - January 14, 2024

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Psalm 84:1-4*

Stephen Burtonwood

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Sine Nomine*

Ralph Vaughan Williams arr. John G. Barr

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

1. How marvelous God's greatness, how glorious God's might!
To this the world bears witness in wonders day and night:
In form of flow'r and snowflake, in morn's resplendent birth,
In afterglow at evening, in sky and sea and earth.
2. Each tiny flow'ret whispers the great life-giver's name;
The mighty mountain masses his majesty proclaim;
The valleys deep are hymning God's shelter for his own;
The snow-capped peaks are pointing to God's almighty throne.
3. The ocean's vast abysses in one grand psalm record
The deep mysterious counsels and mercies of the Lord;
The icy waves of winter are thund'ring on the strand;
And grief's chill stream is guided by God's all-gracious hand.
4. The starry hosts are singing through all the light-strewn sky
Of God's majestic temple and palace courts on high;
When in these outer chambers such glory gilds the night,
Oh, what transcendent brightness is God's eternal light!

L: 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

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Glory to You, God

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L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

C: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive reading of Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

L: Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.

C: You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

L: You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

L: You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

L: For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

L: My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

C: Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.

L: How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

C: If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: John 1:35-51

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Bishop Laurie Jungling

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day: Will You Come and Follow Me

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1. "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2. "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"
3. "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
4. "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
5. Lord, you summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

Apostles' Creed

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C: 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 of the People (each petition ends... "Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through the ministries we share as a congregation of the Montana Synod of the ELCA. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory Music: *Offertorio giocoso*

Gregg Sewell

Offering Response: God Bless to Us Our Bread

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God bless to us our bread, and give bread to those who are hungry, and hunger for justice to those who are fed. God bless to us our bread.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught: **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.**

Invitation to Communion

Be Known to Us

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[In many Asian cultures rice, not bread, is the staple food. During the season of Epiphany we celebrate Jesus' revelation to the Wise Ones from the East - and to the whole world. This hymn reminds us that the words and images we use for Jesus may differ by culture and place.]

1. The rice of life from heaven came to bring true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.
2. True rice the hungry world has fed, the rice required for life below.
Provide this gift; God's mercy spread; in weakness God's compassion show.
3. The rice of God for all is meant; no one who comes is turned away.
Believe in Christ whom God has sent; in humble trust God's will obey.
4. The living rice, for all a sigh, came down eternal life to give.
Abide in Christ, the living vine; in Christ, with people, die and live.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Go to the World

ACS #991

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth.
Baptizing as... the sign of our rebirth. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.
2. God to the world! Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek... God's presence in each time and space. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.
3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights... of tears... give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

4. “Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I... am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts... of glory cry, Amen!” Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Allegro molto moderato*

Johannes Brahms arr. Lani Smith

We gladly welcome Bishop Laurie Jungling (Montana Synod, ELCA) as our guest preacher this morning! Bishop Jungling will give a brief presentation on behalf of the synod during the fellowship time and be available to answer questions.

Thanks to our worship assistants!

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Gaynell Tempel

Reader: Dee Wood

Fellowship:

Communion Assistant: Dona Shehan

Worship texts for next Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



Keeping in Prayer... Eloise Moorhead, Lilith, Chris Bender, Dawn, Doris, Brian, Kathy's friend, Beth, Doris, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Ann, Jennifer, Diana, Rose Ulery, Amy, Ted, Carl & Harley, Marilyn, Angie, Dorothy Sowa, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Megan, Scott, Haley, Judi Jonas, Esther Bender, Reta, Sharron.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Church Council meets Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 7 pm in the Fireside Room
- R.O.M.E.O. men's lunch group - 11:30 am on Thurs. 1/18 – Fireside Room
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.
- **The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** is Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 11:00 am following the worship service. A potluck meal to follow.

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