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Sun., 9:30 am, Jan. 15, 2023, Mon., 6 pm, Jan. 16, 2023

2nd Sunday after
Epiphany

GATHERING

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the card
in the offering
plate.
Thank you!

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

#715

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

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Today's gospel
opens with further
reflection on Jesus'
baptism. He is the
Lamb of God who
takes away the sin
of the world and
the one anointed by
the Spirit. In the
liturgy we come
and see Christ
revealed among us
in word and meal.
We go forth to
invite others to
come and worship
the Holy One and to
receive the gifts of
grace and peace
made known
among us.

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, **by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! he LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

**⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me."

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.³

grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tom Skrenes

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

#793

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

John the Baptist’s witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

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 INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Come and See

W&P 29

1.) Come and see the glory of the Lord. Come, behold the Lamb.

Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before him.

Chorus: *For he is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth,
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served. Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord.*

2.) Come and give thanks unto the Lord. Come, behold the Lamb.

Come and sing the praises of the King, bowing down before him.

Chorus: *For he is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth,
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served. Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord.*

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.



OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here: All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

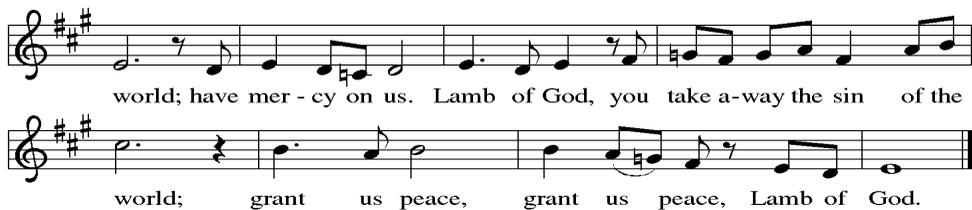
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.

All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive

Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed.



COMMUNION HYMNS

He Comes to Us as One Unknown #737

How Marvelous God's Greatness #830

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

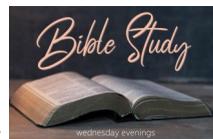
POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15 - 22, 2023

***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour coordinator for January is SOCIAL MINISTRY. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Linda Sjolund (242-5020) with your date & item. Thanks.



***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION TODAY, January 15th,** we will begin a Sunday morning opportunity for discussing the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. The group will meet at 11:00 am in the Youth Room for 1 hour. There will be a team of people who have volunteered to share the leadership for this group. Tom Skrenes will be leading the first gathering on January 15th. The other members of the leadership team are Luanne Skrenes, Martha Hayward, Dan Collins, Andrew Crow-Roberts, Walter Scanlon, Mike Frustaglio, Jim Hayward, and Terry Cathcart. Here is the listing of leaders and their dates: Jan. 15 - Tom Skrenes; Jan. 22 - Luanne Skrenes; Jan. 29 - Martha Hayward; Feb. 5 - Dan Collins; Feb. 12 - Andrew Crow-Roberts; Feb. 19 - Walter Scanlon; Feb. 26 - Mike Frustaglio; Mar. 5 - Dan Collins; Mar. 12 - Jim Hayward; Mar. 19 - Andrew Crow-Roberts, Mar. 16 - Terry Cathcart. *Mark your calendars and plan to come.*



***PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM (PKKW).** This Project, *Keep Kids Warm*, runs through the winter months. This fall over 300 youth have been given warm winter clothing and the need continues to grow. Desperately needed are warm winter coats sizes 6-12 and water repellent gloves/mittens. Your donations can be placed in the boxes located at the West entrance. If you have questions, please contact Linda Sjolund (242-5020) or Westley United Methodist Church.



***PICK UP YOUR POINSETTIA** If you want a poinsettia (or 2) please pick them up from the entrance way and/or the Fellowship Hall.





***TIME & TALENT FORMS / ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORMS** These forms can be filled out and brought to the church at anytime. PLEASE if you want to volunteer to help in any way at the church, fill out your desires on the *Time & Talent* form and turn it into the office. Consider your call to serve our Lord and this congregation by completing the *Estimate of Giving* form for 2023 AND the *Time & Talent* form for 2023. (If you don't fill out a new *Time & Talent* form, your choices from the past will remain.) Place the form(s) in the Offering Plate or send it to the church office as soon as possible. We are "Together Into God's Future."



***CONFIRMATION UPDATE** During this 'Call Process', Confirmation will look a little different this year. The confirmation classes **will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month** for fellowship and service opportunities **from 6pm - 8pm**, with dinner provided. Classes will be combined with confirmands from Immanuel, Prince of Peace in Harvey, & Messiah in Marquette. These sessions will allow the youth to learn & connect during this important part of their faith walk. This new program is still being cultivated with the help of new team leaders. If anyone has questions, please email Hayley Smith, Hayley-smith@hotmail.com, or call/text 906-367-4295. **NOTE: There is 1 more Confirmation Retreat. The 3rd Confirmation Retreat will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.**

***NOTICES:**

- Sunday Snow Shoveling Sign-up List - are you available?
- Pastoral Needs Survey (Walter) is now due.
- Nominating Committee



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: *Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Cheryl, Sue Cohan, Dan Hendrickson, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Marian Kulju, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola (Sue Cohan's mother), Delores Reichel, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Louise Spickerman, Molly Taseris, Debbie Thornberg, and all COVID patients.*



Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Pastor Tom Skrenes

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: Connie Scanlon

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

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| 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS | – Judy Hallgren | 6:00 pm | – Diana Bergh-Hetrick |
| | – Dave Hallgren | | – Kevin Crupi |
| 9:30 am LECTOR | – Luanne Skrenes | 6:00 pm | – Reuven Romback |
| 9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S | – Sue & Terry Cathcart | 6:00 pm | – Kevin Crupi |
| | – Shirley Koski | | |
| 9:30 am Tech Team | – Tyler Moore | 6:00 pm | – Tyler Moore |



(Communion Set-up for January is **Connie Scanlon.**)

JANUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN JANUARY, our Tanzanian companion ministry relationships will be the Mission Emphasis (ME). Many miles separate us, but we discover God's blessing of strengthened faith and vitality in the relationships we develop visiting and being visited by our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ.

January's above-and-beyond ME offerings will go to our Immanuel Companion Congregation fund, encouraging travel and connections between Yombo Lutheran Church of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and Immanuel.



Stay tuned as future trips are planned!!!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use January's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. **(NOTE: For now, please use a blank white envelope with 'Monthly Mission' written on it. Then, either have your envelope # on it or your name.)**

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for giving \$ 1,960.25 in December to the **Room at the Inn**. The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!

