Family of Christ Lutheran Church and Early Education Center

Welcome to the Family!

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Second Sunday of the Epiphany of Our Lord

January 17, 2021

Pastor's Greeting

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b*

(*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*.)

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may love You and magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Exhortation *1 John 6-10*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *John 20:21*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CATECHISM REVIEW: THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED–REDEMPTION

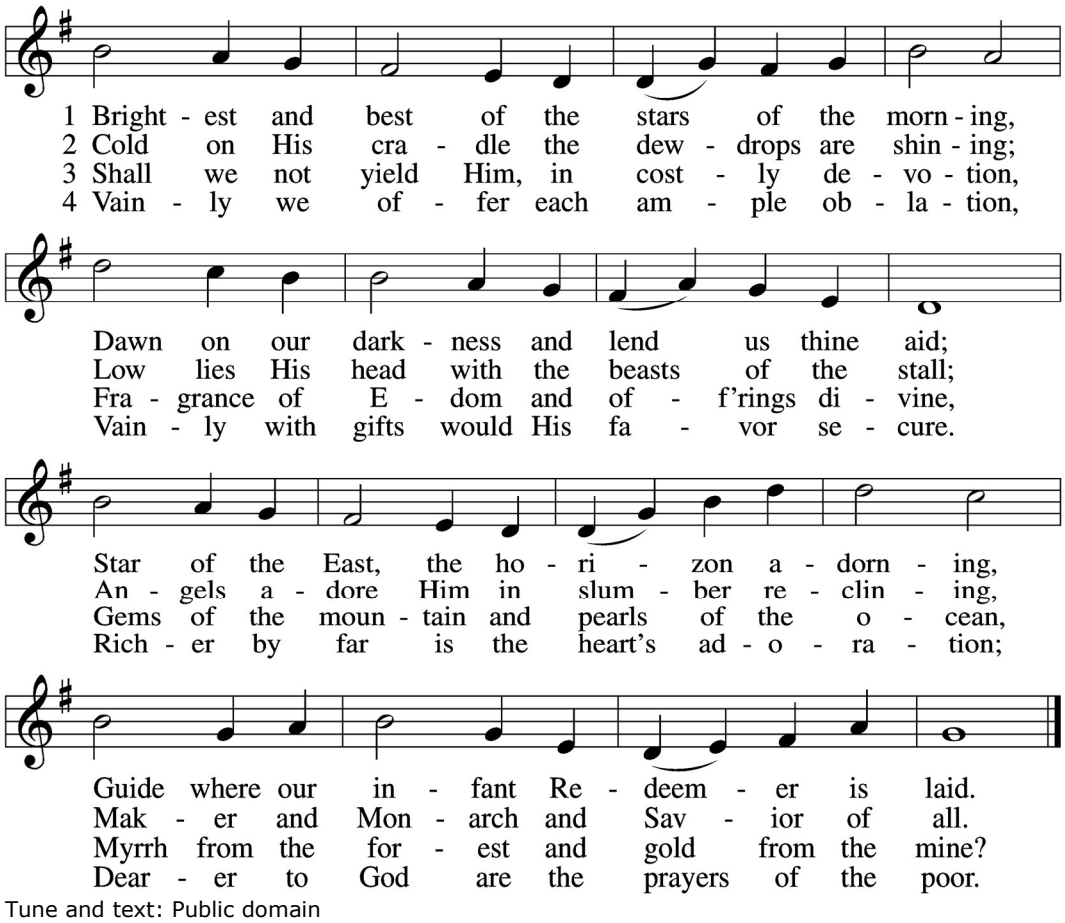
P: [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

OPENING HYMN BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING *LSB 400, STS.1-4*



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INTROIT *Psalm 40:1–5; antiphon: vv. 10a, b*

P: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

C: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

P: Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD His trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

C: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 154* *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: *Let us pray*: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

P: The Old Testament reading is from the Book of 1 Samuel 3:1–10

P: The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

The Epistle Reading

R: The Epistle reading is from 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

R: "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

HYMN OF THE DAY **COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE** ***LSB 501, STS.1-4***

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THE GRADUAL *Psalm 117; 1 Chronicles 16:29*

P: Praise the **LORD**, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

C: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts!

ALLELUIA VERSE *LSB 156*

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to St John 1:43-51

C: Glory to You O Lord!

P: The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to Him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You O Christ!

SERMON HYMN **THE ONLY SON FROM HEAVEN** ***LSB 402, STS.1-4***

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SERMON ***“COME AND SEE”***

THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come.
Amen.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OFFERTORY

As we celebrate the holy gifts and blessings God has given to us, please pray concerning your first fruits offering of thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Prayer requests may be submitted online at www.FamilyofChristLutheranAZ.org or emailed to Pastor@familyofchristlutheranaz.org or Prayer@familyofchristlutheranaz.org)

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: O Lord, You have called us into the fellowship and priesthood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His incarnation and great work of salvation, heaven is opened to us in Him. Give us boldness to cling to Your faithful call, that Your deliverance would not be hidden but spoken freely in all the world. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, preserve Your Church here and throughout the World. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and sustain those You have sent, especially our Synod president, Rev. Matthew Harrison; our District president, Rev. Jameson Hardy; our Circuit visitor, Rev. Nick Wirtz. Make all Christians bold in confession and unwavering in prayer. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father, You have given us Your Holy Spirit, making our bodies Your temple and knitting us together into the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us courage and constancy to treasure Your gift of holy marriage. Preserve Your Saints in true holiness and chastity: the married in honorable faithfulness to one another, and the unmarried in honorable purity, for we have been bought with the precious price of Your Son's blood to glorify You in our bodies. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, Holy Father, Your will and decrees are righteous and good. Every lawful authority on earth comes from You. Uphold in righteousness and health our nation with its leaders. Preserve in wisdom and honor our president and president-elect; our vice-president and vice-president-elect; our governor; and all public servants, including our armed forces, police and first responders. Send peace in our time and concord in our nation. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, behold in mercy all for whom we pray *especially: Gerri, Inge, the Baker family, Lisa, Nettie, David and Debbie Anderson, Melanie and her Dad and sister, Pam's sister and her husband recovering from illness,* and all those who we name in our hearts: _____.

Bring healing, comfort, strength, patience, and certainty to all in need. Receive our thanks for Your constant watch and merciful kindness. In every sorrow and every joy, do not let our eyes be drawn from the greater marvel of Your kindness in Christ Jesus, by whose grace and forgiveness alone we receive every blessing. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, by the incarnation of Your Beloved Son to His being laid to rest in the tomb, You reclaim all human life to be yours. Cause us and our Government to sanctify all life, thereby preserving all human life from conception to natural death. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

CLOSING COLLECT

P: *Let us pray*: Through the mystery of the Word made flesh, that tabernacled amongst, to stir up our faith to be bold like Phillip to invite those who are unchurched to come and see Jesus. Grant that we would always cherish the hearing of Your Word. Keep our eyes on the Salvation You have prepared for us through Your beloved Son Jesus who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 218*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *LSB 228*

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

DEPARTING HYMN JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES *BOB 134*

Jesus, Name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

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This Week at Family of Christ

1/17– 1/24

Sunday

9:30AM	Divine Worship Installation of Officers
11:00AM	Bible Study on Large Catechism

Thursday

5:30PM	Confirmation Class at the Church

Friday

6:30AM	Men's Bible Study in Leviticus

Next Sunday

9:30AM	Divine Worship
11:00AM	Bible Study on Large Catechism

Offerings can be mailed to the church or sent via Zelle® directly from your bank to:

familyofchristaz@gmail.com

***PLEASE NOTE**: Church Services and Bible Studies are currently offered in person and via Zoom. In-person meetings follow all CDC-recommended protocols.*

Pastor is available upon request for: *(call the Church office or Pastor's cell to schedule)*

- ✝ Individual Confession and Absolution
- ✝ Home, hospital or nursing home visits
- ✝ Communion
- ✝ Prayer

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