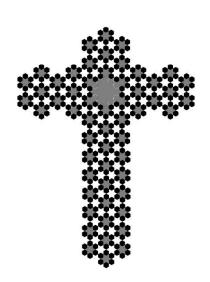
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 5, 2020 10:00 AM Service Holy Communion





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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation: Please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

If you read music: if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Getting to know each other: Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

D. Buxtehude

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

GATHERING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

616 vv. 1,2, 3

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth; before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, to; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

135 vv.1,3

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 man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and 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 man made manifest.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray...Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- @ Amen.

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 84: 1-8, Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19, Luke 2:41-52 [Please be seated.]

The First Reading

☐ The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah, chapter 31...

The Lord proclaims: Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob; shout for the leading nation. Raise your voices with praise and call out: "The Lord has saved his people, the remaining few in Israel!" I'm going to bring them back from the north; I will gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the disabled, expectant mothers and those in labor; a great throng will return here.

With tears of joy they will come; while they pray, I will bring them back. I will lead them by quiet streams and on smooth paths so they don't stumble. I will be Israel's father, Ephraim will be my oldest child.

Listen to the Lord's word, you nations, and announce it to the distant islands: The one who scattered Israel will gather them and keep them safe, as a shepherd his flock. The Lord will rescue the people of Jacob and deliver them from the power of those stronger than they are.

They will come shouting for joy on the hills of Zion, jubilant over the Lord's gifts: grain, wine, oil, flocks, and herds. Their lives will be like a lush garden; they will grieve no more.

Then the young women will dance for joy; the young and old men will join in. I will turn their mourning into laughter and their sadness into joy; I will comfort them. I will lavish the priests with abundance and shower my people with my gifts, declares the Lord.

- **I** The Word of the Lord
- Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

[Tune: O God, Our Help]

How dear your dwelling place to me, O Lord of hosts, my King; My soul desires the courts of God And in God's praise to sing.

The sparrow here has found a house, The swallow builds her nest Where she may lay her young, O Lord, And by your altar rest.

How happy those who dwell with you, Who always give you praise; And happy those whose strength you are, Whose hearts sing out your ways.

Lord God of hosts, receive my prayer; O God of Jacob, hear: Behold our leader, Lord, and look On one whom you hold dear.

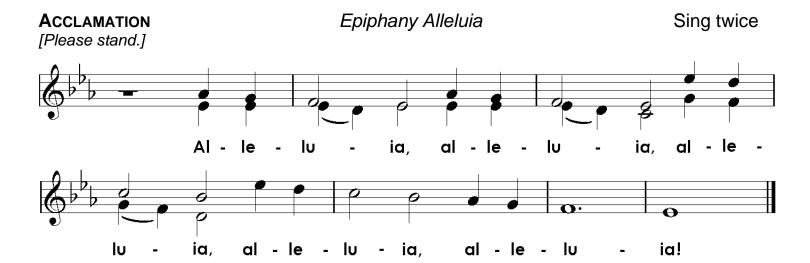
The Second Reading

☐ The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians chapter 1...

Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves.

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- M Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

D The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Each year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know it. Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends.

When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" But they didn't understand what he said to them.

Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

- **D** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

When Jesus left his Father's throne, he chose an humble birth; like us, unhonoured and unknown, he came to dwell on earth.
Like him, may we be found below in wisdom's paths of peace; like him in grace and knowledge grow as years and strength increase.

Sweet were his words, and kind his look, when mothers round him pressed; their infants in his arms he took, and on his bosom blessed.

Safe from the world's alluring harms, beneath his watchful eye, thus in the circle of his arms, may we forever lie.

When Jesus into Zion rode, the children sang around; for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their garments on the ground.

Hosanna our glad voices raise, hosanna to our King!

Should we forget our Saviour's praise, the stones themselves would sing.

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- D As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us, from long ago and until the end of time.
- Wonderful Counselor, we pray for laypeople, bishops, priests and deacons, and all who minister in the name of Christ, that each and every one will hear and heed the guidance of your Holy Spirit.
- Give us strength of heart, mind, body and soul to join you in preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, liberating the oppressed, and announcing that the year of your favor has come to all the earth.
- L Mighty God, we pray for your church. Fill us and all those who worship you with truth compassion. Where we are corrupt, purify us; where we are in error, direct us; where in any thing we are amiss, reform us.
- Where we are in the right, strengthen us; where we are in want, provide for us; where we are divided, reunite us.
- Everlasting Father, we lift to your heart those who suffer from any grief or trouble, [especially . . . read names from notebook...] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time...]. Empower us, in your name, to give them courage and hope in their troubles.
- Help us to be the answers to their prayers when they cry out to you.
- Prince of Peace, we joyfully celebrate the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus. We give you thanks today for the flowers given to your glory, and for all the blessings of this life.
- **Q** Give us the grace to see your divine presence so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of joy.
- Liking of Kings, we pray for those who have died, [especially . . . add names from notebook...] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. [Leave time....]

 Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- **G** Grant them continual growth in your love and service; and help us in obedience to your will to follow the good examples of the saints who have gone before us.
- Lord of lords, we pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority.
- **Give them grace, compassion and will to strive for peace and justice, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.**
- Rejoicing in the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the One who will reign forever and ever.
- ☑ Hallelujah! Lord our God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. May we witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- P The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- And also with you. [All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

D Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love!

W. Held

[Please be seated. If this is your first time worshiping with us, please let your offering be only the completed blue guest card, and let this service be our gift to you.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

D We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **1** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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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. Hosanna in the highest.

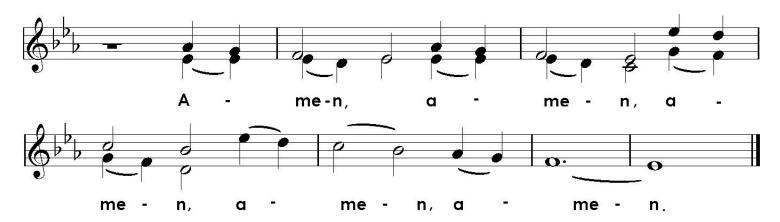
[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]

- P Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, and as a father cherishes his family, you would not forget us. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.
- P On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

P Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
- 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- P This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
- **9** Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.
- P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, thanksgiving, for a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

[Please remain seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT

Bless the Lord, My Soul

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- P Let us pray...
- Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may shine your light by proclaiming your love in deed and in truth. Amen.

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

- The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to have the faith, heart, and hands of Christ in this world, as you go from here blessed in the name of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Come Away to the Skies

213 vv. 1,3,4

Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise and rejoice in the day thou wast born; on this festival day, come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.

For the glory we were first created to share, both the nature and kingdom divine!

Now created again that our lives may remain, throughout time and eternity thine.

We with thanks do approve the design of that love which hath joined us to Jesus' Name; so united in heart, let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

THE DISMISSAL

- Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Epilogue N. Gilbert

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant Becky Robbins-Penniman

Deacon Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate Ann Chaplin

Organist Robert Moncrief

Acolyte/Crucifer Vic Howarth / Jack Bond

Chalicists Dan Depies

Andrea Zahn

Lectors Shirley Wood

Leslie Kulikauskas

Prayers of the People Maureen Belote

Prayer Team Maureen Belote

Cyndy Fahnestock

Greeters Steve & Caroline Maisel Ushers Phil & Carol Beauchamp

Welcome Center Nancy Fisher & Susan Fowler

Coffee Hour Hosts Bob & Lucy Jennings

Buildings & Grounds Jerry Ozbun