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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. **Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.**

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

8:00 a.m.

Elder: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: OPEN
Acolytes: Logan Rosenthal, Nathan Faitsch
Ushers: Don Heidlauf, Paul DeLassus, OPEN
Lay Readers: Lynn Faitsch, Tim Faitsch
Greeters: Chuck & Julie Johnson, Cindy Offerdahl
Fellowship: Sheila Bunnell
Jan. Altar Guild: Sheila Bunnell
Jan. Counters: David Ross

10:45 a.m.

Bob Souza
Jack Warneke
Tanner Swanson, Jake Kruse
John Schultz, Monte Stoltzman
Joan Blasko, OPEN
Karen Kailer, Dorner Family

Diane Sanders
Cheryl Ross

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Craig Johnsen in memory of wife Donna Wheeler Johnsen.

**If you have prayer requests you'd like included in our worship prayers,
please go to the one of the Prayer List stands and write them down.
They will be given to Pastor before the worship prayers.
Pastor will not be taking Prayer Requests during Offering today.**

EPIPHANY REFRAINS

An order of service using refrains and hymn verses related to Epiphany and God's revealing of His Son.

Opening Refrain

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399 st. 5



5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Alleluia.**

P: Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?

Matthew 2:2b

C: **For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.**

Versicles

Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8

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.**

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Introit Refrains (Entrance Verses) Songs of Thankfulness and Praise LSB 394 sts. 1, 5



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

(10:45) Baptism of Shanon daughter of Victor Sam & Jebin Jona (See insert)

Anthem **"I Sing th' Almighty Power of God"** **Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.
1. I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.
 2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

Creatures that that borrow life from thee
Are subject to thycare;
There's not a place where we can flee,
But God is present there.
 3. There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy thrown;

Introit (Entrance Verses)

Psalm 45:17, John 1:36

P: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

C: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

P: Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

C: Alleluia. Amen.

Confession (Admission) of Sin

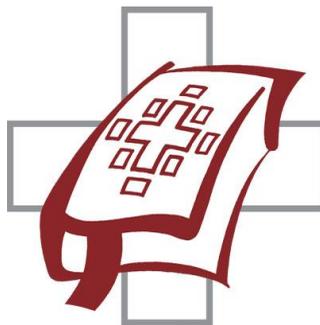
P: As we praise the Father for sending His Son, we are bold and confident to approach the Lord, admitting our sin, and clinging to His forgiveness... . Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

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.



Thanksgiving Refrain

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395 st. 4



4 Al - mighty - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

Greeting and Collect (Prayer 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.**

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

1 Corinthians 1:4–9 (ESV)

⁴I, [Paul], give thanks to my God always for you, [Corinthians], because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 40:1–11 (ESV)

¹I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
³He 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.
⁴Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
⁵You 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.
⁶Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
⁷Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
⁸I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”
⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
¹¹As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
L: This is the Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a (ESV)

²⁹The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, 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 before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter). P: This is the Gospel of the Lord C: *Thanks be to God.*

Song of the Day *I Love You, Lord* (sung 3 times)

I love You, Lord, _____ and I lift my voice _____ to
 wor - ship You, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, _____
 _____ in _____ what You hear: _____ May it be a
 sweet, sweet _____ sound in _____ Your ear. _____

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Sermon *“When God Takes Delight in Our Gifts to Him”* **Psalm 40:1-11**

Offering

Public Stewardship Announcement
Pastor Andy Barkley—Stewardship Chair

Prayers of the Church



Sanctus (Holy)**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

LSB 395, st. 5

O let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gladly blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!

Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Great is He, the King of Glory!

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us 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.

Words of Institution**Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn**All Depends on Our Possessing**

LSB 732



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;
 As God wills, so be it ever;
 I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
 God my weary soul will strengthen;
 All my trust in Him I place.
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,
 Like a stream away is gliding;
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

Second Distribution Hymn

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
 4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
 And lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
 To tend the lone and fa - ther - less Is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,
 To God the lost to bring,
 To teach the way of life and peace,
 It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto Thee.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... **C: Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We thank You for giving us Your mercy, pardon, and peace through this holy meal of Your Son's body and blood. Send us out to share that same love and forgiveness with others. Help us to wait in hope for that day when Your Son will return to bring us to be with You forever. Through Him who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Benediction

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

O Blessed, Holy Trinity

LSB 876 sts. 1, 3, 5

1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Di - vine, e -
3 The Fa - ther's love shield me this day; The Son's pure
5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in
ter - nal U - ni - ty, O Fa - ther, Son, and
wis - dom cheer my way; The Ho - ly Spir - it's
kind - ness from Your throne; Lord, shine un - fail - ing
Ho - ly Ghost, This day Your name be up - per - most.
joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.
peace on me By grace sur - round - ed; set me free.

Announcements

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