

1st Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 10, 2016

16548 Ferris Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95032

**Indicates those who are able, may stand.*

P = Pastor speaking; AM = Assisting Minister speaks; C = Congregation speaks

GATHERING

Prelude

The Invitation of the Bell

***Gathering Song— “Arise You Light Has Come” ELW 314**

*Greeting:

P: 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.

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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~January Celebrations~



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Guy Dellavecchia	14
Marcia Johnson	21
Nathan Balcomb-Crall	31
Nancy Walker	31

Service Needs for Jan. 17th:

Can you help?

As you walk back to the refreshments, please stop at the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

*Reader *Refreshments *Greeter

Welcome and Praise Reports

Call to Worship

Praise Song: “Angels From the Realms” ELW 275 vs 1

AM: Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of God is shining on you!

P: Shadows shall cover the earth, but the brightness of God’s presence is upon us.

C: (sing) Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king!

AM: Nations will be drawn to your light and rulers to the dawning of your new day

P: Look around and see what is happening; people are gathering to come home!

C: (sing) Come and worship; come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king!

AM: You will see this and be filled with joy. You will tremble with excitement.

P: Everyone will tell the good news of what God has done!

Praise Song: “Angels from the Realms” ELW 275 vs. 4

WORD

Children's Message

Pastor Carol

First Reading:

Acts 8:14-25

AM: ¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money ¹⁹and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰ Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! ²¹ You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. ²²Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. ²³ For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

²⁴ Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Jan. 10, 2016

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle—This week Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Give thanks for: Christians who practise their faith in countries where they are a small minority; those who meet in house churches and those who provide links to Christians worldwide. Muslims who live up to the ideals of their faith and advocate tolerance and peace. Those who work for democracy and human rights. The graceful architecture of minarets and the sounds of the oud. The preservation of the art of these ancient cultures.

In Our Prayers...

- Nathan Balcomb/Crall
- Sharon Biller
- Elizabeth Krc
- Marie Hughes
- Pastor Kimm
- Lira Kingston
- Connie Zimmerman
- Helen McCrocklin
- Harvey and Arlene Wyckoff
- Elwailly Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Youth/Children's Sunday School**—8:30 AM, Room 2  
**Lord's Pantry** deliveries are made every Monday

**Financials/Attendance for Jan. 3:**

Attendance: 30  
Offering: \$0.00



***Office Hours***  
***Pastor Anne Carlson***

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Tues. and Thurs. afternoons
And by appointment
For emergencies dial
(408) 406-8749
**Church phone is answered from*
9:00 AM—7:00 PM

²⁵ After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Read responsively

Isaiah 43:1-7

AM: ¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

C: **Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**

I have called you by name, you are mine.

AM: ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

C: **and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;**

AM: when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

C: **and the flame shall not consume you.**

AM: ³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

C: **I give Egypt as your ransom,**

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

AM: ⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

C: **I give people in return for you,**

nations in exchange for your life.

AM: ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;



Sermon Notes:

I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

**C: ⁶I will say to the north, “Give them up,”
and to the south, “Do not withhold;**

AM: bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

**C: ⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”**

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”* ELW 172**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were question-
ing in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messi-
ah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with wa-
ter; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not wor-
thy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear
his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the

***Sending Hymn** **“God of Brilliant Lights”** **see insert**

***Dismissal**

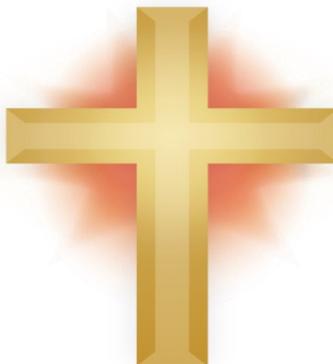
P: Go in God’s light. Shine in God’s world.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Term Pastor: Pastor Anne Carlson
Organist: Catherine Ellacer
Ushers: Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Reader/Intercessions:
Refreshments:
Altar:
Flowers:



chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message **“God’s Force Awakens”** **Pastor Anne**

***Song of the Day** **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**
ELW 310 vs. 1&2

(During the hymn, hand the usher any prayer request cards.)

***Apostles Creed**

P: With the whole Church, let us affirm our faith.

**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 power of 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**

Installation of Church Council

See bulletin pg. 19

Prayers of Intercession

AM: Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

For your church on earth, that your Spirit guides your children. Unite us in our common call to live out your justice and stand with our siblings of every faith community. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God we thank you for the living bread that rains down from heaven. From this feast of love may we carry your eternal life as daily food for the well-being of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SENDING

Offering

P: In response to all that God does for us, it is appropriate that we give in return . . .

We will now receive our offering.

Offering Song: “Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart”

W&P 41

Invitation & Announcements

***Blessing**

P: The blessing of God’s eternal love, the courage to follow the way of Christ’s cross, ... and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the broken places of our world, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen

by the breath of your Spirit,
which can make the most ordinary things extraordinary.
With your people in every time and place,
we praise and glorify you forever. Amen.

P: Let us join our voices together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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 the table

P: Come to the banquet, for nothing and no one can take your place. This is God's table, and Jesus is the host of this meal. It is a table of grace and it is all we will ever need.

Come, for all are welcome.

Distribution and Music

Post-Communion Blessing

For this world, which you redeemed, that the powerful in all nations foster its health and care for all its creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Give your people of every land the tools and strength to care for one another. Give passion to strive for justice to your people. Bless all countries with the courage to follow what is wise and good.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lift up the poor and oppressed, ease the troubled minds and hearts of those in turmoil, and surround those who are ill with the comforts of good medicine and good friends, signs of your healing. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Guide those preparing for baptism, their sponsors, and this assembly so that we all live into the promises made in baptism. Lead us all to scripture, the holy supper, and toward justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

AM: We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. May they live in your peace and protection. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

AM: Bless the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Santa

Clara, our sister congregation in our parish and we lift them up in prayer. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the lives of the faithful departed and for the assurance of the same resurrection by our baptism into Christ's death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing the Peace**

P: Peace of the Lord be with you

C: and also with you

MEAL

Communion Prayer

P: God 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 God thanks and praise.

God of all time and space, you touch us with your Spirit in this time of Epiphany, asking us to notice your wisdom and love made human among us. You set us alight with your Spirit asking us to become your hope and your joy promised to all creation. You set us alight with your Spirit, asking us to nurture your realm of peace, already alive—around, among, and between us. So with people of faith from all times and places, we sing this song of praise:

HOLY: “You Are Holy” ELW 525

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread,

gave thanks, broke it,

and gave it to his followers saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this to re-member me.

Later, during the meal, he took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people

for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this to re-member me.

So let this moment be held in the brightness of your being.

Let this bread, wine, and all of us be blessed