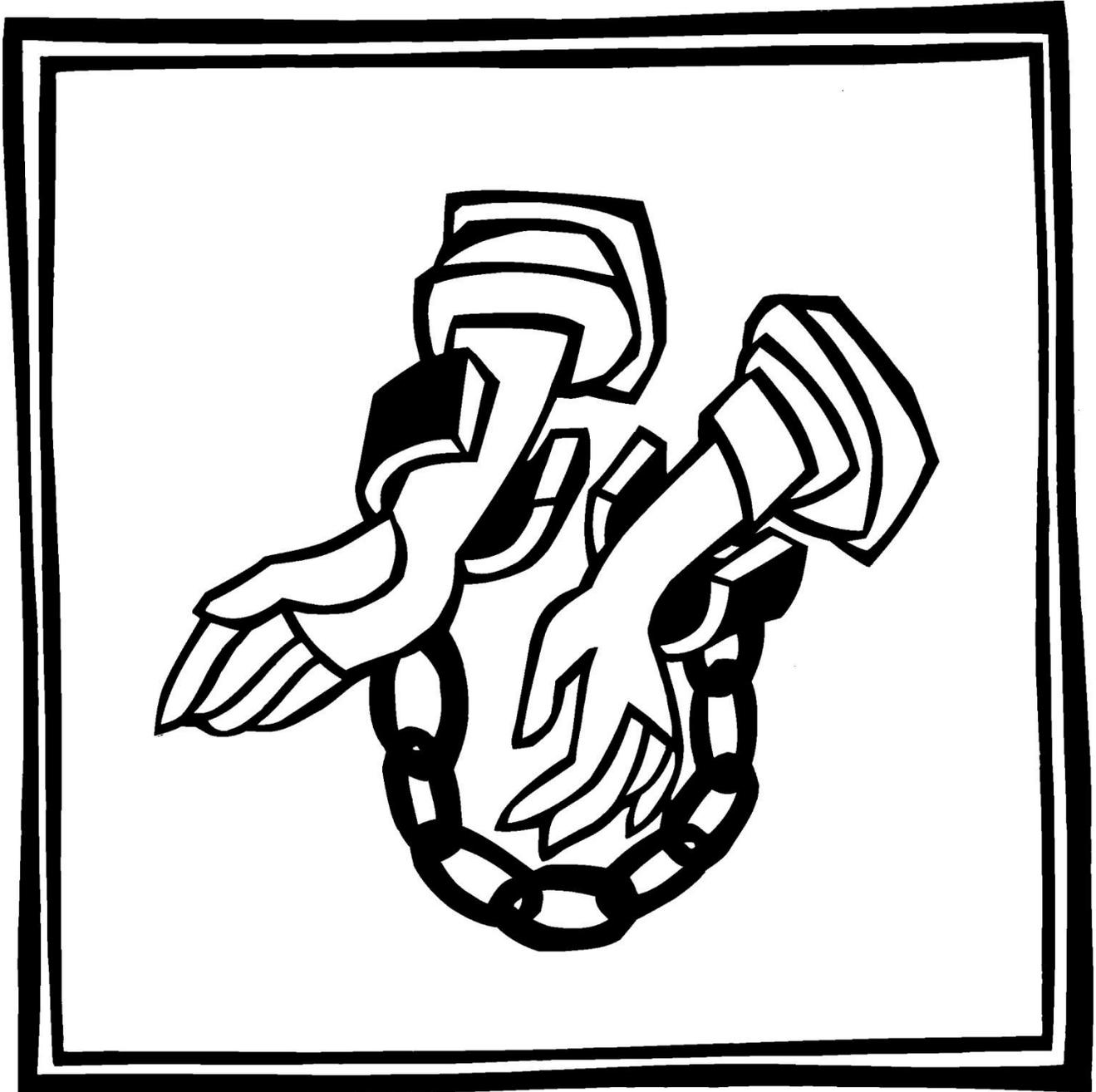


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LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 24, 2016
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

▪ Caring ▪ Sharing ▪ Praying ▪ Growing



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GATHERING

Prelude

The Invitation of the Bell

***Gathering Song:** **“Jesus Shall Reign”** **ELW 434 vs. 1,3,4,5**

***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: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Welcome and Praise Reports

Call to Worship

Praise song: **“Angels From the Realms of Glory” ELW 275 vs 1**

**Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Once you sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:**

**(Refrain) Come and Worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

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!

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

Praise song: “Angels From the Realms”

ELW 275 vs 4

**All creation, join in praising
God, The Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.**

**(Refrain) Come and Worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

Time with God’s Kids

Pastor Carol

WORD

First Reading:

I Corinthians 12: 12-31

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading: *Read responsively* *Isaiah 6:1-4*

⁶In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

ELW 172

Halle, halle, halle-lujah.

Halle, halle, halle-lujah

Halle, halle, halle-lujah.

Hallelujah. Halle-lujah.

P: Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Pastor Carol

***Song of the Day “Take My Life, That I May Be”**

ELW 685

(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

Prayers of Intercession

AM: Giving thanks for God's great gifts, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Grant unity in the body of Christ, your church. Replace dissension with reconciliation, and strengthen its witness to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: When your creation is harmed, all suffer together. Guide your people to make wise choices that protect the land, sea, and all life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Put an end to strife, violence, and hate in nations where there is turmoil. Guide leaders and movements for change to seek peace above all else. 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 Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara and Tunisia. May they live in your peace and protection. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

AM: Be present where there is loneliness. Be comfort where there is pain. Be healing where there is brokenness. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Grant health and new life in this assembly. Send us to share the good news of your abundant love in Christ. 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.

AM: We give thanks for the faithful departed who have come to know the fulfillment of your promises. Assure us of your hope until we join the saints in light. 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 of God's Peace**

P: The 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.

P: 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

**You are holy, you are whole
You are always ever-more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Bless-ed are you coming near. Bless-ed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.**

(Refrain)

**You are holy, -you are wholeness,
You are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna - in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

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
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: All are invited and welcome at this table. We come together and kneel or not
as we desire. There is unleavened bread, or gluten-free crackers; red wine or white
grape juice in the individual cups. If you chose not to receive the bread and wine
you are invited to come for a blessing, or stay in your seat in silent prayer. (For
those who cannot walk to the table, we will come to you.)*

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 & Music

Post-Communion Blessing & 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 light as daily food for the well-being of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks.

Time of Invitation

*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

*Sending Hymn

“Arise Your Light Has Come”

ELW 314

*Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 24, 2016

2016 is World Hunger Year!



In 2016, ELCA World Hunger is extending an invitation to our congregations: Lift up the life-changing work of ELCA World Hunger through new levels of giving - spiritually, intellectually and financially - starting with Lent.

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 7, and extending through the season of Lent, congregations across the ELCA will join together to raise \$2 million to benefit the ministries of ELCA World Hunger. This support will enable crucial work to get underway and help us kick-start our year-of-emphasis. **FLC is utilizing Heifer.org to donate animal gifts that help families become self-reliant. i.e. Goat:\$120; Heifer; \$500; Water Buffalo; \$250; Gift Arc (2 water buffalos; 2 cows; 2 sheep; 2 goats; bees, chicks, rabbits and more) \$5000*

Feb 7. Souper Bowl Sunday

*Bring/Donate soup cans and spare change to donate

Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday

*Bring/Donate spare change to donate

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

*Bring/Donate donuts and spare change to donate

Feb. 29 Leap Day

*Bring/Donate ???? and spare change to donate

Mar. 27 Easter

*Bring/Donate ??? and spare change to donate

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Jan. 24, 2016

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle—This week
Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia

Give thanks for: The testimony of St Augustine and other theologians of the early church. The harsh beauty of the desert. The tiny minority of Christians who live faithful lives of love and witness.

January Birthdays

Nathan Balcomb-Crall 31

Nancy Walker 31



Youth/Children's Sunday School—8:30 AM, Room 2

Adult Bible Study—8:45 AM, Library

Lord's Pantry deliveries are made every Monday

Financials/Attendance for Jan. 17:

Attendance: 34

Offering: \$1219.00

Social Concern of the Month: \$0.00

Social Concern(s) of the Month—January

Fluchtlingen—refugee assistance in provided by 20 Lutheran, Reformed and United regional churches in Germany.

Troy Michigan Lutheran Social Services—aiding refugees fleeing ISIS

Those in Service today

Term Pastor:	Pastor Anne Carlson
Organist:	Catherina Ellacer
Ushers:	Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Reader/Lector:	Joanne Peronto
Refreshments:	Joy Plummer

Prayer List

Nathan Balcomb/Crall

Sharon Biller

Elizabeth Krc

Marie Hughes

Lira Kingston

Connie Zimmerman

Helen McCrocklin

Harvey and Arlene Wyckoff

Elwailly Family

Bob Balcomb

*Please let us know the names of those you would like included on the prayer list.

By request, names may be returned to the prayer list.