



**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 23, 2022**  
**10:30am**

Pastor Matthew Groenke  
Assisting Minister – Candy Hansen  
Altar Guild – Peggy Parker & Sherry Wuasch  
Greeter – Sherry Wuasch & Vicki Lovett  
Chapel Greeter – Lonna Duncan



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# All Are Welcome!

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we **GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.*

### Worship Protocol

- ❖ Please stay home if you are sick.
- ❖ Face masks are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to prevent COVID spread.
- ❖ Masks and large print bulletins are available at the entry table.
- ❖ You are encouraged to converse with each other **OUTSIDE**.
- ❖ Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- ❖ Worshipers in the same household may sit together.
- ❖ Communion elements are prepackaged.

After the benediction, please follow instructions for dismissal.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. Currently, we are offering pre-packaged communion supplies. Please pick them up as you walk in. ✚

*Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.*

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## GATHERING SONG

## BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

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We are people created,  
chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently,  
in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more.  
Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing,  
and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished,  
filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and  
again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need,  
God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper  
than all of our need.

We are nourished by water,  
all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit  
abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home,  
may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing,  
now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather  
to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free!  
From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water,  
baptized and set free!

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## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

## **OPENING SONG**

Jesus went down to the Jordan,  
out from Galilee He asked John  
to baptize Him, John said I'm  
not worthy John consented  
and heaven opened up for all  
to see  
Then God said this is my Son  
with whom I'm very pleased

We are saved but not for any  
righteous deeds we do  
Our Lord sent His only Son to  
share His mercy through For  
eternity there is a place for me  
and you  
In God's kingdom we will live  
for we've been born anew

Born again, yes we were born  
again  
The water and word opened  
up our souls and then the Spirit  
entered in  
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entered in

## **BORN AGAIN**

Jesus said no one can enter the  
kingdom of the Lord  
If they have not been reborn  
with water and the word Our  
baptism and repentance open  
heaven's door Now God's gift  
is life eternal in Jesus Christ our  
Lord

Born again, yes we were born  
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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

## **FIRST READING**

### **NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a**

<sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>For 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.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If 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. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The 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." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and 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; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And 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. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

### LUKE 4:14-21

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

<sup>16</sup>When 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, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>"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, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the

Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And 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. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, O Christ.***

## SERMON

### SONG OF THE DAY      ***Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love***      **ELW 708**

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to  
them.

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far  
away.

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,

show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and  
you.

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

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## HOLY BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome Hayden Mae Markert into the holy Christian Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. As fellow children of God, we rejoice with this new sister. Parents of Hayden are Matt and Katy Markert, and her sponsors are Dusty and Jennifer Banks. (Reply when prompted)

Do you believe in God the Father☩

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***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***

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

***We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.***

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

***Amen.***

## BAPTISM

Hayden Mae Markert, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,  
the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Hayden Mae Markert with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Hayden Mae Markert, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN

#### OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES ARE INTERWINED

Our Christian lives are intertwined,  
we're all a part of God's mankind  
In pursuit of kingdom divine, our  
Christian lives are intertwined

Christian lives, that serve the Lord

Guided by, His holy word  
We are all, his family  
Yes we're the body of Christ

Our Christian lives are intertwined,  
we're all a part of God's mankind

In pursuit of kingdom divine, our  
Christian lives are intertwined

Yes Christian lives, they're  
intertwined

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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.***

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG

Thy Word is a lamp unto my  
feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my  
feet

And a light unto my path

### THY WORD

When I feel afraid  
think I've lost my way

Still You're there right beside  
me

Nothing will I fear

As long as You are near

Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

You're the light unto my path.

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## BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy  
I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy  
I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy  
Two! Three! Four!

Down in my heart, down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay  
Down in my heart to stay.

## JOY

I got the love, (love), love, (love), love  
I got the love, (love), love, (love), love  
I got the love, (love), love, (love), love  
Two! Three! Four!

Down in my heart, down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay

Down in my heart to stay.

I got the light, (light), light,  
(light), light

I got the light, (light), light,  
(light), light

I got the light, (light), light,  
(light), light

Two! Three! Four!

Down in my heart, down in my  
heart

Down in my heart to stay

Down in my heart to stay.

I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy

I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy

I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy  
Two! Three! Four!

Down in my heart, down in my  
heart

Down in my heart to stay

Down in my heart to

Down in my heart, down in my  
heart

Down in my heart to stay

Down in my heart to

Down in my heart, down in my  
heart

Down in my heart to stay

Down in my heart to stay.

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## GOOD NEWS

## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

***Thanks be to God.***

### Next Week's Volunteers:

Assisting Minister – Jean Gifford  
Altar Guild - Peggy Parker & Sherry Wuasch

Greeters – Sherry Wuasch & Vicki Lovett  
Chapel Greeter – Lonna Duncan

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Traditional Worship 8:00a in the Sanctuary

Contemporary Service 10:30a in the Parish Hall

Sunday School 9:15 in person and on Zoom

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

Parish Ed Meeting, 11:30a in the Conference Room

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month

Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3p

### MONDAY

The Craft Circle, 9a in Candy Hansen's Studio

### TUESDAY

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Elizabeth Circle, 2p in the Gather Room

Rebecca Circle, 6:30p in the Gather Room

Mary Circle, 6:30p in the Parlor

Winter Farmers Market, 3-6p in the Parking Lot

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Long Range Committee Meeting, 7pm

### WEDNESDAY

Sotaria, 7p in the Parish Hall

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Tired and Retired, 11:30a in the Parish Hall

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Quilters, 8:30a Gathering Room

### THURSDAY

Bible Study with Pastor Matthew, 11a in the Gather Room

Bible Study with Pastor Matthew, 7p via Zoom

### SATURDAY

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9a in the Gather Room

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pedestal flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in Honor of the 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Doug and Randa Nowotny. They were married on this day in January 1965! Congratulations to Doug and Randa!

### Lutheran World Relief January & February Collection Effort

WELCA is collecting items for Baby Care Kits, new or gently used items for babies 6months-24months. Lightweight T-Shirts, 2-piece pajama sets without feet, receiving blankets, cloth diapers, hand towels, gentle soap bars, & safety pins. <https://lwr.org/kits/baby-care-kits/instructions>

### Pflugerville Winter Farmers Market

ILC's parking lot every Tuesday, 3-6pm

### New Small Group Study

6-week study on building relationships with our multicultural neighbors. For more info reach out to Dorothy Kramer, Laura Bloemker, or Elizabeth Arndt.

### We Lift These Names Up In Prayer

*Elois Sakewitz, Sandra Noton, Virginia Weiss, Wilbert & Billie Becker, Melvin Eilers, Judy Tawater, David Taylor, Eryn Emken, Nelvira Wolff, Glen Randig, Betty Wolf, Doug Nowotny, Betty Wicklund, Gail Hammett, Steven Hoefling, Tom Ferris, Bernice Zreet, Nathzele Pfluger, Fay Graeber, Cyndi Motloch, Linda Ferris, The Family of Terry Lamprecht, Clifford Damstrom, Cheryl (Cherri) Porter, The Family of Flynn Adcock*