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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

9:00 am



9:00 am Traditional Service

10:00 am Sunday School for all ages

10:55 Alive! Contemporary Worship

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church is
a partner in the NC Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



– GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER –

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Indicates to Stand if able)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

***We will share the peace of Christ by whichever way you are comfortable.*

*GATHERING HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" HYMN #596

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE ELW p. 120

*THIS IS THE FEAST ELW p. 122

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

– GOD SPEAKS TO US –

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Emily

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

- ¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
- ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.
- ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."
- ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength
- ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
- ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

PSALM 40:1-11 (read responsively)

- ¹I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- ²**The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**
- ³The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- ⁴**Happy are they who trust in the Lord!**
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- ⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:**
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
- ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- ⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-42

Pastor Emily

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is 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 ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus

walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Rock Meets Jesus"

Pastor Emily

*SERMON HYMN

"Built on a Rock"

HYMN #652

– WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE –

*APOSTLES' CREED

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 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 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING AND COLLECTING FOOD IN BASKETS

ANTHEM

"You are the Rock of My Salvation"

*OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

*WELCOME TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

**Communion is taken around the altar rail. Please come forward via the center aisle when an usher directs you. Kneel (or stand) around the rail and wait to partake communion. Once taken, remain for a blessing, then return to your seat by the side aisles.*

***If you need communion brought to you in your seat, please alert an usher.*

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION MUSIC

“Lamb of God”

– GOD EMPOWERS US AND SENDS US –

*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

Amen.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod †
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Active Concerns: Tim Bolick, Beckie Perkins, Kach Boyden, Mike Price*, LeaAnn Buckwell*, Ed D'Aloiso*, Kay Michalak*

Continued Prayers for: Annie Stancil, Junior Barringer, Nancy Wilcox, Tony Stancil, Butch Stowe, Todd Stuver, Roxanne Fox, John Hahn*, Barry Granda*, Tom Kennedy*, Lucy Kennedy*, Jim Bottoms*, Martha Summers*, Kathy Benson*, Tommy and Becky Klinger*, Kathy Goforth*, Elender Coile*

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living)

*Indicates a friend or family member

If any name can be removed from the prayer list, please let the pastor know. Thanks!



Flowers in the Sanctuary are given today by:

Valerie Frank, in memory of E. Ray McNeely

Anita Campbell, in memory of her father, Paul H. McGinnis, Sr.

Thank you to those serving today - January 15

Rev. Emily Lemoine

Steve Sousley

Gary Frank

Rod & Patti Stuver

Randy McCarn & Gary Frank

Nancy Jones & Patti Stuver

Luke & Owen Fox, Anthony & Andrew DiBernardo

Caleigh Beaver, Cyrus & Gideon Sousley, Brett Gosse

Chris Beaver

Diane & Valerie Frank, Luther & Rebecca Beaver, Mike Fox

Ross Gosse

Mike Faggart

Melissa Fox or Nancy Jones

Pastor

Reader

Altar Guild

Communion Assistants

Ushers

Counters

Crucifer &

Acolytes

Accompanists

Vocalists

Streaming Tech

Sound Tech

Power Point

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCIL INSTALLATION We are installing our new members of our congregation council today: Nancy Jones, Chris Beaver, Annette York, Patti Stuver, and Cheryl Opel. Please take a moment to pray for them as they begin their commitment to Mt. Hermon.

SOCIAL MINISTRY will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 17, at 6:00pm. Please attend so we are able to make plans for the first half of the year.

BIBLE STUDY is back. We are reading and studying the book Back to the Well: Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels. We will meet every Monday night at 7:00pm in the Conference Room and on Zoom. Look for the link in Thursday's email.

READINGS FOR JANUARY

January 22: **Matthew 4:12-23**; (Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 1 Cor. 1:10-18)

January 29: **Micah 6:1-8**; (1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Psalm 15, Matthew 5:1-12)

SERVING NEXT WEEK - January 22

Reader: Tim Bolick

Altar Guild: Gary Frank

Communion Assts: Joann Stowe &
Sam Lemoine

Ushers: Randy McCarn & Gary Frank

Counters: Cheryl Opel & Annette York

FLOWER SIGN UPS (\$35 each)

1/22 Mark & Nancy Jones
Ross Gosse

1/29 Barbara, Micah, Caroline Linker
Patti & Rod Stuver

HAPPENING THIS WEEK: January 15-22

Today: 9:00am Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
10:00am Sunday School for ALL Ages
10:55am Alive! Contemporary Service (Fellowship Hall)

Monday: **Office Closed for Holiday**
7:00pm Bible Study (Conference Room)

Tuesday: 6:00pm Social Ministry (Conference Room)

Thursday: 6:30pm Congregation Council (Conference Room)

Next Sunday: 9:00am Traditional service (Sanctuary)
10:00am Sunday School for ALL Ages
10:55am Alive! service (Fellowship Hall)