

***Prayer after Communion**

Pastor: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **C:** Amen.

***Blessing**

Pastor: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always. **C: Amen**

***Closing Hymn:** **Lord, Speak to us, that We May Speak** **LBW 403**

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Ida Kerch	Dave Lamar	Walter Maul	Elzy Pauley	Carolyn Pinos
Ava Stancovich	Gini Gray	Carson Berkheimer		Pastor Bob Kaltenbaugh

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we welcome, Jack Seymore, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA, who will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

There are new sign up sheets for candles and altar flowers on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

January 18—Annual reports are due to Karen Pohopin, Church Secretary. You may place reports in her mailbox in the back of the church.

January 21—Annual Congregational Meeting will be held.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.

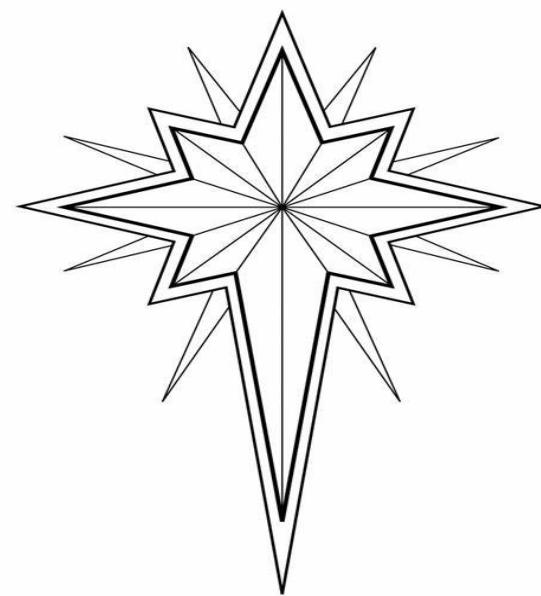
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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

First Lutheran Church (814) 736-3662
Worship Sundays at 9:00 am



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Communion Hospitality

Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting I

Parish Announcements

Prelude

*= Stand

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

*Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **C:** Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Pastor: God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **C:** Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** **God Himself is Present** **LBW 249**

***Greeting:** **Pastor:** 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.

***Kyrie** **p. 57**

***Hymn of Praise** **p. 58**

*** Prayer of the Day:** **Pastor:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] **L:** The word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 **L:** The word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

***The Verse** **“Alleluia”** **p. 62**

***Holy Gospel:** John 1:43-51 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

C: Praise to you O Christ

***Sermon**

*Hymn of the Day

*Apostles' Creed

*Prayers of the Church

Pastor: God of grace,

O Jesus, I Have Promised

C: receive our prayer.

***Passing of Peace** **Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C:** And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.

Offering

The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

*Offertory

“Let the Vineyards”

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*Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **C:** Amen.

Liturgy of Holy Communion

*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus

***When our congregation gathered for worship** Sunday evening, December 24th, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and we shared in the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share in these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

Gathered at the Lord's Table, we celebrated with thanksgiving that "in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with the assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you.

***The Lord's Prayer** **p. 71**

***Invitation to Communion:** **Pastor:** At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see..

***Agnus Dei** **“Lamb of God”** **p. 72**

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

“The body of Christ, given for you.” & “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

After each, the communicant may say: ‘Amen.’

Distribution

Communion Hymn:

Take My Life, that I May Be

*Post Communion Blessing

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