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Epiphany 1

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*"Remember also
YOUR CREATOR
in the days of
your youth."*



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¹ Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. ² Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness. ⁴ I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. ⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD, ⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds. ⁸ O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. ⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, ¹⁰ in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes. ¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. ¹² My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER**HYMN: TLH #400****“Take My Life and Let it Be”**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C *♪* **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C *♪* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C *♪* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee**

and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C  A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 100; Is. 6:1; Rev. 19:6

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple.

C Then I heard the voice of a great multitude, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

C Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

P Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

C For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The first system covers the lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;'. The second system covers the lyrics 'as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.' The piano accompaniment features a steady rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

VERSE OF THE DAY*Ps. 100:1-2a*

Alleluia. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Alleluia.

THE KYRIE*Latin for "O Lord"*

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST*TLH #237:1*

C ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – Romans 12:1-5 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 2:41-52 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

- I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON – Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; ² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, ³ in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, ⁴ and the doors on the street are shut-- when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low-- ⁵ they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets-- ⁶ before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Reflecting on the Days of Our Youth

- I. They are stolen by time
- II. They are overshadowed by mortality
- III. They are redeemed through Christ
- IV. They are renewed by His Spirit

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☞** **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #442:2 “Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us”

- ☞** **♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.**

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C**  Amen, amen, a – men.

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #4

“God Himself is Present”

✠ Announcements ✠

CLC News Pastor Kevin McKenney, who served our sister congregation in Cambridge, WI, departed this world and entered into eternal glory with Jesus his Savior on January 7. Pastor McKenney had been battling with multiple sclerosis for the past

sixteen years. Now the Lord in His mercy has taken him forever out of this world of sorrow and trouble. His memorial service will take place at Messiah of Hales Corners, on Friday, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. Please keep Pastor McKenny's wife, Kim, and the rest of his family in your prayers.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Today:** Church Council
- ✠ **Jan. 20:** Quarterly Voters Mt.
- ✠ **Jan. 25:** School Science Fair
- ✠ **Jan. 27:** Orlando Service 8 am

Daily Resources are Available on our church website from around the CLC. As you go about your week, make use of some of the following for your spiritual edification:

Burden and Blessing Podcast – A podcast recorded by CLC Pastors for your edification. Current topics include religions from around the world and lesser known books of the Bible.

Morning Chapels from ILC – Five mornings a week, the students of Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire receive edification from God's Word in morning chapel. These chapels are available via podcast and on Spotify.

“How to Respond...” Series – Have you encountered a difficult question/situation, and you don't know how to respond? Go to the resources tab on our website and find discussion on a variety of topics under “How to Respond...”

CLC Daily Devotions – A series of daily devotions written by CLC Pastors, delivered daily to your e-mail inbox.

Prayer Opportunities from the Mission Field **Missionary Evensen** is returning to India later this month. Pray that the Lord would bless his travel plans that there will be no issues clearing immigration. **Missionary Ohlmann** departed on January 9th for visits to Tanzania, Zambia, Myanmar, Nepal, and Bangladesh. He will be gone nine weeks. **CLC-Tanzania** is opening the Wartburg Lutheran Seminary in February, with twelve students set to attend. Ask that the Lord bless these men and their teachers. **CLC-Zambia** is hoping to establish a new headquarters in Livingstone. They are searching for a property that can serve as a church, Bible Institute, living quarters, and student dormitory. Pray that the Lord would provide the resources necessary for such a purchase. **HCLC-Nepal** recently completed a translation of Luther's Large Catechism into Nepalese and will be printing five-hundred copies to be distributed to pastors around the synod. Thank the Lord for providing the gifts and resources to complete this project. **Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission** recently completed three years of extensive theological correspondence courses, and the Board of Missions is set to visit the group for the first face to face meeting between the synods. Pray that the Lord would bless these meetings. **Nigerian CLC** graduated two men from the five year seminary course this past December. Rejoice that the Lord has appointed two more men for the ministry!

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Sharon Brown** is recovering at home from a bout with pneumonia. **Rudy Enriquez** is going through very difficult times, we ask you to keep both Rudy and Sherry in your prayers.

Last Week (1/6) WH – 48

General = \$2,500 | CLC Missions = \$90 | Building Fund = \$20
Property = \$52 | ILC Scholarship Fund = \$30 **Total Offering** = \$2,662

Christmas Eve/Day (12/24 & 25)

General = \$1,347 | Missions = \$3 | Benevolence = \$100 **Total** = \$1,450

Usher: Seger | **Acolyte (1/20):** Grant R. | **Cleaner (1/19):** Bernthal