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Upcoming Sermon Series: WHAT WILL YOU DO?



- January 21: The Unity of the Church
- January 28: My Responsibility to my church
- February 4: Serving My Church
- February 11: Promises to Keep

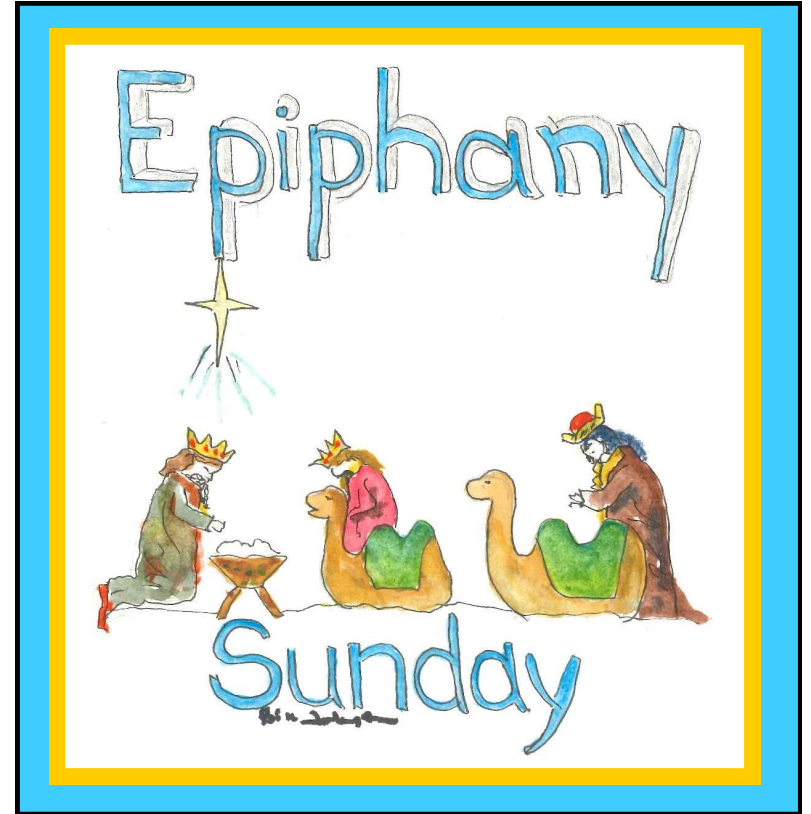


SUMMER WEEK OF SERVICE July 15-21, 2018

Urban Service Camp for grades 6-12
Early Bird Registration:
\$25 if you register before January 15 (Save \$50!)
Registration fee after January 15 is \$75.
Total cost of trip is approximately \$400, all of which could be earned through our fundraising points system!
Contact Gerri Specht, Trip Coordinator
for more details: gerrispecht@natlmail.com



Our Vision-
Building A Spiritual Home
Where You are Family
Our Mission-
To be a Christian community that invites everyone to know, love, and serve God



Thank you to those who are part of the worship and music ministries for helping to make our Christmas season beautiful with meaningful worship!

Weekly Calendar

<p>Sunday, January 7 8:45 AM - Worship -(S) Nursery (104), 2's-5's (Splash) 10:00 AM - Sunday School Nursery (104), 2-3 yrs.(1), 4 yrs.-Kind.(2), Grades 1-5 (4,5), Grade 6-12 (Pit) Adults (C,7,12, 208) 11:00 AM - Worship - (FC) Nursery (104), 2's-5's (Splash) 3:00 PM - El Buen Band 4:30 PM - Sprouts 4:30 PM - Youth Group Games 5:00 PM - El Buen New Beginnings 5:00 PM - Youth Choir 5:30 PM - Stephne Ministry Training 6:00 PM - El Buen Worship 6:15 PM - Youth Snack Supper 6:15 PM - Sprouts Club 7:00 PM - Web Dance</p> <p>Monday, January 8 10:00 AM - Sunshine Memory Café 1:00 PM - New Century Women's Club 3:30 PM - Children's Center Staff 6:00 PM - Children's Center Board 7:00 PM - Church Council 7:00 PM - El Buen Men's Group 7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 9 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance 7:00 PM - El Buen Music Class 7:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision</p> <p>Wednesday, January 10 9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wednesday Night Out 6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM - Wednesday Night Live 6:45 PM - Cherub Choir, Hope Choir, Junior Choir 6:45 PM - Disciple I 6:45 PM - Disciple III 7:30 PM - Carillon Choir 8:00 PM - El Buen Bible Study</p> <p>Thursday, January 11 12:00 PM - Disciple III 7:00 PM - Chess Club 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, January 12 7:00 AM - Business Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance</p> <p>Saturday, January 13 5:00 AM - El Buen Morning Prayer 8:30 AM - Good Works 8:00 PM - El Buen Women's Prayer Vigil</p>
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Resident BishopRev. Dr. Peggy Johnson
Ministers to the World ALL OUR PEOPLE

Welcome to our guests and members!

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

- First time guests please come to the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area to receive a gift and a packet of material about our church.
- Children are always welcome in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available with trained attendants: Nursery for infants - 2 years is in room 104; Children ages 2-5 are invited to the "Splash Room" free play area on the second level following the Message for Growing Christians. The ushers can help you locate childcare rooms.
- Children's Bulletins and Pew Packs are available from the ushers.
- Prayer request cards can be found in the friendship folder. To request prayer for someone, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.
- Hearing assist devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one during the service.
- Enjoy coffee in the Gathering Area after worship. Proceeds go to the youth mission trip.

Every Day is a Playoff Day

Today we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by remembering our baptism. Next week is Human Relations Sunday. A special offering will be taken. Then, we begin a sermon series on growing in our personal commitment, titled: What Will You Do Now? If you miss a Sunday, you'll miss a lot.

Time to register for Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event! Registrations sheets are available in the Gathering area and at the back of the Fiesta Center. We need lots of volunteers to help package meals on Martin Luther King Day of Service and several folks to help unload the truck and help set up at 7:30 am.

Pick Up Your 2018 Offering Envelopes today in the Gathering Area. And deliver envelopes to a friend as well. Are yours missing? Contact the church office.

Online and text giving to the church is now available. It's easy and quick. Check out the chart on the back of the bulletin for instructions.

Our Stephen Ministry Training begins January 7th. Please pray for our 4 new Stephen Ministers as they begin this intense and rewarding experience.

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A Stephen Ministry
Congregation



We must let go of the life we have planned, so as to accept the one that is waiting for us. -Joseph Campbell

There are two great days in a person's life - the day we are born and the day we discover why.
-William Barclay

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Praise God, Ye Sons of Men* arr. Walther

♦Call to Worship

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

You shall see and be radiant.

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The New Dawn will arise upon you.

God is here among us. Let us rejoice and be glad in God's presence.

♦Hymn *We Three Kings* no. 254

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

An Epiphany Prayer

O Star-flinging God, Open our hearts to the mystery of your love. Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present. Heal us, that we might be healers. Stop us often, we pray with news that is good with hope that holds with truth that transforms with a Word tailored to this trail we're on. May the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun by day and the north star by night, as we travel into the gift of a new year. Amen.

Passing of the Friendship Folders

Message for Growing Christians

Music *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways* Michael Burkhardt
Chancel Choir

Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John. He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave, but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn; it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form. The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice: "You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."

We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place. We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace. But now beside this water again a voice is heard. "You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

Sylvia G. Dunstan

Scripture Mark 4:1-11

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables;

Message *Every Day is a Playoff Day*

Offering *Voluntary in A-Flat* Stanley

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM AND HOLY COMMUNION

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

When we approach the font or the table, we first renounce the power of wickedness in our lives. And so, let us confess together:

Nourishing God, you tell us not to fear for you are with us. But we are so full of fear that we cannot love you with our whole heart. We use the freedom and power you have given us, not to resist evil, injustice, and oppression, but to rebel against your love, to hurt our neighbors, and to ignore the cries of the needy. Cleanse us of our fear. Feed us the courage to put our whole trust in your grace.

Silent Confession of Personal Sin

Words of Assurance

The Holy Spirit has not abandoned us. We are still God's beloved, and the Holy Spirit continues to work within us.

We remember our baptism are thankful!

And now we come to the table, for God continues calling us each by name to bring us into the fullness of the new life we glimpsed at our baptism.

We offer ourselves anew to God, listening for the guidance of the Spirit!

Passing of the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and Earth. In the beginning, darkness covered the face of the deep, but You swept over the face of the waters...

Their children you brought through the Jordan to a land flowing with milk and honey. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sung Response: no. 64, vs. 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

You told us when we pass through the waters, you will be with us....

On his last night with us, Jesus sat at a table and fed his disciples as he feeds us now. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it with us, saying "This is my body, which is given for you." When supper was over he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with us, saying, "Take, and drink. As often as you do this, remember me." The cup reminds us of the new covenant, a covenant by water and the Spirit in which God reminds us again of our belovedness and calls us to new life. And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and those who receive it. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May these two gifts, the water and the meal, redeem us again by washing away our sin and filling us with good things....

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray for our daily bread, praying the prayer Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

no. 895

Giving of the Bread and Cup

(Gluten free communion elements are available from the servers with the trays at the chancel rail.)

Communion Hymns TFWS nos. 2269, 2248, 2251

Prayer After Communion

♦Hymn *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* no. 251

♦Benediction

May your life be a river. May you flow with the purpose of the One who created and called you, who directs your course and turns you ever toward home.

May our church shimmer with the light of Christ who goes with us, who bears us up, who calls us by name.

May you move with the grace of the Spirit, who brooded over the face of the waters at the beginning and who will gather us in at the end. **Amen.**

♦Postlude *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Sewell

♦Please stand as you are able.

Bold text indicates congregational response.

The flowers on the Lord's Table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bonnie Fredericksen by Kent and Sharon Fredericksen.

Worship Participants

Preaching:	Acolyte: Louise Sims
Rev. Dr. Truman Brooks	Message for Growing
Liturgists:	Christians: Rev. Allen Keller
Rev. Molly Dee Rounsley,	Chancel Choir Director:
Rev. Allen Keller	Mike Muzzo
Readers: Barbara McIntosh,	Organist: Steve Campitelli
Rev. Allen Keller	Artwork: Bill Johnston

