

January 10, 2021 - First Sunday after the Epiphany
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name, worship the Lord in holy splendor. Psalm 29:2

*Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise Blue Book Page 313 verses 1,2 and 4

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar; brand of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem,
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme; and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest; manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy word; may we imitate you now,
and on us your grace endow; that we like to you may be at your great epiphany,
and may praise you ever blessed, God in flesh made manifest.**

*Liturgy: Baptism

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(Standing)

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this Sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work, enter into the fellowship of the church, and are called to a life of faith and willing obedience.

Claimed by God in baptism, we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our lives may faithfully affirm the blessings of Christ's new covenant.

As you present yourselves before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

I do.

(Candidates, parents, and sponsors may profess their faith by means of the Apostles' Creed, the baptismal profession of the early church. The congregation may be invited to join in the Creed as an affirmation of their own baptism.)

Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again 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 daddy, and the life Everlasting. Amen.

(The minister addresses the candidates, parents and sponsors)

Do you and this faith turn away from sin, evil, and selfishness in your thoughts, words, and actions; and do you intend to participate actively in Christ's church, serving God and all the days in your life?

I do.

(The minister addresses the congregation.)

Do you affirm *these children* of God as a *member* of this congregation, and accept your obligation to love and nurture *her* in Christ?

We do.

_____, you have affirmed your faith and baptismal covenant before God and this congregation, and by the grace and strength of Christ, have declared your desire and promise to renew your Christian discipleship. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

May the Lord be with you. Build yourselves up on your most holy faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves by grace in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

Hymn:

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**Here in the name of Christ our Lord, the church's Head by all adored,
with Christian love and purpose true, this church in faith embraces you.**

**We welcome you among us here, with joy that God has brought you near.
With heart and hand we pledge our love, and pray Christ's blessing from above.**

**The God of peace you sanctify and bless you richly from on high,
that spirit, soul, and body may reflect God's presence everyday.**

Word of God:

Genesis 1:1-15

Psalms 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, [a] ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Message

Prayers of the People

Offering Our Gifts

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold, as with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright, so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare, so may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sins' alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you our heavenly King.**

Prayer of Blessing - **O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms-open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.**

Holy Communion: Christ's Coming

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Peace:

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**We covenant with hand and heart to follow Christ, our Lord;
with world, and sin, and self to part, and to obey his word;
to love each other heartily, in truth and with sincerity,
and under cross, reproach, and shame, to glorify his name**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Jesus Blesses the Bread

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. (All partake together of the bread).

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence, By the holy sacraments, By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

Jesus Blesses the Cup

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. (All partake together of the cup).

Silent Prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant to us your peace. Amen.

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

Until he comes.

Hymn of Renewed Dedication and Unity

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Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended. O, now be extended the fruits of this service to all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

Benediction

The Lord bless and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord's countenance be lifted up upon you and give you peace; **In the name of Jesus. Amen.**



Congratulations to Lilac Hallett on receiving her First Holy Communion. We welcome the Halletts into our congregation.

Prayers : Adam, Katie, Baby Aria, Desmond B, Bilbao Family, Joseph B, Scott and Marsha C, Meredith C, Cascio Family, Rocky C, Pete C, Christopher, Julianna D, Joseph D, Diane, Jessica D, Valerie F, Anna Galicia, Matilde G, Thomas G, Janine H, Jason, Jen, Joe, Diane Gibbons, Bill & Sue G, Henry, Jackie, Janice, Evelyn J, Robert K, Kathy, Kelly, Linda, Giuliana L, Juliana M, Mary M, Susan M, Donna M, Claudia M, Silvia N, Peter, Mary P, Barbara P, Betty P, Thomas P, Karen P, Tom P, Susan P, John P, Mike R, Rob, Rosanna, Sam and all Caretakers, Norma S, Muriel Timari. (Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list)

Fellowship and News of the Church Alive :

Sunday school resumes in-person. **Worship 11am** – please remember to complete AT HOME and bring in a health questionnaire and mask each week. **Bible Study**- Grab your Bible or pull one up online and join us for an online or call-in group study of the Old Testament, contact Pastor Tracy for login information. All are welcome! **Chair Yoga** Wednesdays at 9:30AM via Zoom. **Crafters** meet outdoors weather permitting on Friday (contact Nancy Walker or Janice Hermansen for details).

IMPORTANT: We will continue with our in-person activities (following our safety protocol) while in Yellow/Orange Zones according to city/state guidelines. When our neighborhood enters the Red Zone all activities will be VIRTUAL only. We will resume in-person gatherings once we return to Orange/Yellow Zones and cleaning is completed in accordance with our existing protocol.



Church Council is set for January 24th following worship, both in-person and via Zoom. We will not need a snow date.