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Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 16, 2022

No In Sanctuary Service Today

We are glad you are worshipping with us virtually today! If you are looking for a church home or if you would like a pastoral visit, let us know by giving your contact information to an usher or the Pastor. **Our mission** *Living in God's grace, we reach out to invite & welcome all with God's Love. Our welcoming statement* *We welcome people of every age, color, culture & political persuasion every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and ability as we celebrate together our unity in Christ.*

Being Welcoming & Covid-safe, recent advice (1-10-22) from the Bayfield County Health Dept. is for groups to meet virtually due to infection rates and hospital capacities. Masks should be worn regardless of vaccination status, social distancing, shorter worship services, no hand-shaking, attendance for contact tracing. Gather in ways that don't put at risk unvaccinated people, children or the medically vulnerable. Stay home if you don't feel well. Thank you

Prelude (Owen Polifka), Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen. We confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of God. *Silence* Most merciful

God, **in the presence of one another we confess that we have sinned against you and**

your beloved children. At times we have neglected your word when it made us

confront ourselves. At times we have failed to show hospitality to those you call us to

welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have

left undone. For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we

may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

God has looked with favor upon us! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. We are recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens us anew to follow the way of love and peace. **Amen.**

Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ELW #310

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,

Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;

manifested by the star

to the sages from afar,

branch of royal David's stem

in thy birth at Bethlehem:

anthems be to thee addressed,

God in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,

prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in your God-head manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,

ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at Thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, you turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana. What kinds of transformations are you wanting to do this day in us? Show us. Open our hearts and minds to be ready to receive your many surprises. In your name we pray, Amen
Children's Time, Isaiah 62; 1 Corinthians 12; John 2:1-11

Sermon, Hymn: "Bind Us Together" WOV # 748

Chorus: Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together Lord; bind us together in love. 1) There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one body; that is why we can sing. Chorus 2) You are the family of God. You are the promise divine. You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. Chorus

Prayers-Into your wide embrace, O God, we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting you will receive them into your heart of mercy, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Passing of the Peace: Please stay seated, smile & wave!

Words of Institution/Lord's Prayer Stay seated using pre-packaged Holy Communion. Please place in receptacle when you leave. Thank you.

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Announcements

THANKS to assistants Michelle Lampson, Doug Lowthian and pianist Owen Polifka.

No in-house worship for January 16 Church worship will be done virtually (rather than in-person), due to current COVID infection rates and hospital capacities. Messiah's church council made this decision from a position of love and the understanding that not everyone will agree.

Please check the church voicemail, website and facebook page for the date we return to in-house worship. Thank you. We will have 9:00 am virtual worship by Zoom.

Choir, Ukulele, & Quilting are canceled for January. Please make at least one phone call instead to check in with someone.

Thank you for faithful attendance. On Confirmation Sunday we had 52 in-house and 13 on Zoom. On Christmas Eve attendance 56 in-house at 3:00 pm, 31 in-house at 7:30 pm and 41 in-house at 11:00 pm. December 26 attendance was 13; January 2 attendance was 24. January 9 attendance was in-house-11 and Zoom 25 units.

Prayers for Healing

Karen Puig
Tanya Yeazle & Uncle Jerry
Terry Morris
Maryann Strohman
Laura Pederson
Duane Dehn
Aunt Betsy
Carol Salminen
Neil Schnipke
Gail Ballinger
Marlyce Olson
Dan Zei
Jimmy Thoreson
Harriett Elliott
Pat Giercz

Requested by

Lorraine Young
Meika
Cindi Orley
Kelly Beirl
Bob Leis
Bev Dehn
Kate, Emma and Jane
Pastor
Cindi Orley
Linda Leis
Sarah Olson
Sally Randell
Wendy Murphy
Chuck Elliott
Melinda Merrill

Prayers for Comfort in grief

Joe Prohaska
Earl Colver
Ken Weiler
Dave Emch
Chris Nemecc
Jack Sharky
Jack Peterson

Requested by

Carol Salminen
Barb Colver
Sandy Olson
Jan Allen
Kelly Beirl
Audrey Swedberg
Diane Tetzner

More Prayers

Dan Harvey, new life in Ashland	Pastor
Angel, health, healing, housing	Pastor
Dave and Shari Cook	Angel Gruebele

Sun., Jan. 16 & 30, 4:00pm, watch & discuss *The Chosen*

Would you like to start a new video series while growing your faith? If YES, please save Sundays, Jan. 16 & 30 from 4:00-6:00pm. We will be showing *The Chosen* video series via Zoom

followed by discussion. Originally we wanted to show this in the church basement while eating together! However, for the month of January, due to such high Covid rates and full hospitals, we feel it is the "loving our neighbor thing to do" to host the first two episodes on Zoom-**ID # is 848 4050 6503, passcode-chosen**. So we have some idea of how many may attend, please call/text Pr Nancy at 715 209-1100 and say "YES to the Chosen for Jan 16!" Entire family is welcome! There is some adult content so parental discretion is advised.

Episode one begins with a scene of Mary Magdalene as a young girl being tenderly taught Isaiah 43 by her father: "Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel; do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine..." Much of this first episode sets the stage for Jesus as the compassionate healer of Mary. We also learn about first century life for fishermen and religious folk. *The Chosen* has two completed series, each with 8 one-hour episodes. It follows Jesus' life during his ministry from the perspective of his followers.

GIFT stands for Generations In Faith Together. Due to Covid we will have a take-out meal to be picked up at the church between 5:00 – 5:30 PM, then our lesson at 6:00 on Zoom, ID # 863 8830 8027, passcode GIFT.

L.I.F.E Youth Ministry- Open to all 6-12th graders *Living in Faith Ecumenically*, Kaari Enigl is the L.I.F.E. Youth Ministry Coordinator-kaa.ashland@gmail.com. The group meets at 6:00 pm January 26th by Zoom ID 827 3968 6256, passcode LIFE.

Adventure Women, any age, met yesterday for an outdoor hike. All welcome. Call Jana @ 651-308-7472 for more info.