

Nicodemus

*We are an intricate blend of flesh (shame) and spirit (healing)—
our spirits can be strengthened when we bring our shame to light
for forgiveness and healing.*



January 23, 2022 10:00am

*Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ
Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Morning Songs with "Baptized in Water"

- Paul Tate

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Jesus call us into this house of worship

We come with open ears, minds and hearts.

We come to nurture our relationship with others,

With ourselves, and with God.

We welcome the light of the world!

Star Procession

Will You Come and Follow Me

Red ELW 798 v. 1

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God,

Jesus shows us all the ways that we fall short. He also provides a way out of the holes we dig ourselves into. Forgive us our sins, and show us how to make better choices, be better friends, parents, kids, partners, and co-workers. Let Christ's light shine through us, for the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Jesus does, indeed, forgive. Jesus cleanses us of our sin and recreates us in God's image. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Go, and walk free of guilt, shame, and sin. You are made new! In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Light of the world, you sent Nicodemus by cover of night to learn from Jesus, and Jesus shone a light on the darkness many were living under. Shine your light on us so that we may be beacons for others. Amen.**

Musical Offering

"Bless the Lord"

- arr. Galbraith/Henderson

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

A Jewish leader seeks Jesus under cover of night to ask him the questions which plague his mind, safe from the criticism of his colleagues. What he gets is an education in keeping things hidden.

Psalm 139

Psalms/Now

O God, You know me inside and out, through and through.
Everything I do, every thought that flits through my mind, every step I take,
 every plan I make, every word I speak,
You know, even before these things happen.
 You know my past, You know my future.
Your enveloping presence covers my every move.
 Your knowledge of me sometimes comforts me,
sometimes frightens me, but it is always far beyond my comprehension.

There is no way to escape You, no place to hide.
If I ascend to the heights of joy, You are there before me.
If I plunge into the depths of despair, You are there to meet me.
I could fly to the other side of the world and find You there to lead the way.
I could walk into the darkest night, only to find You there to lighten its dismal hours.

You were present at my conception.
you guided the molding of my unformed members within the body of my mother.
Nothing about me, from beginning to end, has hidden from Your eyes.
 How frightfully, fantastically wonderful it all is!

May Your all-knowing, everywhere-present Spirit
continue to search out my feelings and thoughts.
Deliver me from that which may hurt or destroy me,
 and guide me along the paths of love and truth.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-21

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Reflective Question

*Reflecting on the Message, what does it mean for you,
or for us as a community, to follow Jesus?*

Song

I Love to Tell the Story

Red ELW 661

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

***I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Prayer response:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and make of us the very answers we seek,
light to the world and hope for your people. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer

As we follow Jesus, we have gathered these and other offerings for the sake of God's Church. Let us pray together: **We bring our offerings to you, not in cover of darkness, but by the exposing light of day. Shine a light on these gifts, and use them to serve those whose darkness is oppressive. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation

Jesus, the Son of Man,
has been lifted up so that all who believe may have eternal life.
We share in the gift of eternal life every time we come to the table for healing.
Come, eat this bread and drink this cup, and be healed.

Communion Song

As the Grains of Wheat Red ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. Refrain

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain

† We Are Church. Better Together †

On your way into worship this morning you should have picked up a cup with juice and a wafer.
If you did not receive one, they are located on a table at the entrance to the sanctuary.

One side of the cup contains a gluten-free wafer and the other side contains juice.
Please open the wafer side first.

- Please use the hand sanitizer, located in the pew, prior to removing your mask for communion.
- The pastor will invite you to eat the wafer with the words “*This is the Body of Christ, given for you.*” After taking the wafer, please flip the cup over and open the side with the juice. One of the pastors will invite you to receive the juice with the words, “*This is the Blood of Christ, shed for you.*”
- Please replace your mask once communion is finished.

There will be a trash can available to dispose of the cup on your way out of worship.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world

Sending Song

Baptized in Water

Red ELW 456

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

Blessing & Sending

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Wareham” (*The Church of Christ, In Every Age*) - Emma Lou Diemer

+ WORSHIP SERVICE GUIDELINES +

- Please wear a mask that fully covers your nose and mouth **inside** the building.
- You are welcome to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Please be respectful of the personal space when choosing a seat next to those who are already seated. Make sure to maintain social distancing when interacting with those outside your household.
- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.

Additionally, we will have a “socially distanced” zone in the 3 back pews in the sanctuary. This space is created for those with families who have unvaccinated children in mind and those who feel more safe in a designated socially distanced area.

- Once you are in your seat we ask that you not move around the sanctuary to greet each other, but remain in your spot for the duration of service.
- You may remove your mask to take communion, but we ask that you put your mask back over your mouth and nose as soon as you have received communion. Communion will be received in your own pew—you will not come forward to receive communion.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **Prayer station** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **Fellowship:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, the narthex, fellowship hall, library and columbarium are available for fellowship.

OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Thank you.

DISPENSING OF COMMUNION CUPS AND BULLETINS

Following worship, when leaving the sanctuary, please take your bulletin and communion cup with you to be dispensed with at the entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take your bulletin home with you, but if not, please put your bulletin in the recycle basket and your communion cup in the trash basket.

NURSERY

The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available



Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Michael TeKrony, Julie Brooks
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Special Music: Chancel Choir
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- Reader: Marilyn Hanson
- Greeters: Bob & Gloria Lloyd
- Ushers: Bob Mohrbacher, Rod TeKrony
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen, Susie DiPaolo
- Technology: Tanja Warnick, Karen Novess
- Fellowship Hosts: Joan & Lynden Bridges
- Monitor: Rod TeKrony

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