

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday after Epiphany — Jan. 10th, 2015

Opening Hymn: CW 85 “O God from God, O Light from Light”

Please stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: (sings) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) Amen.

M: In the peace of this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sings) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you. **C: (sings) And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, You gave Your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson: Exodus 7:14-24

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵ Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the river. Confront him on the bank of the Nile, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake. ¹⁶ Then say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened. ¹⁷ This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. ¹⁸ The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.’” ¹⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs—and they will turn to blood.’ Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in vessels^[a] of wood and stone.” ²⁰ Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. ²¹ The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt. ²² But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh’s heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said. ²³ Instead, he turned and went into his palace,

and did not take even this to heart. ²⁴ And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 133-134 – page 115 in *Christian Worship (CW)*

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. He said to me, “You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor.” Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3)

C: (sings) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Please stand for our Gospel lesson. **C: (sings) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”⁴ “Woman,^[a] why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.^[b] Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

M: These are God's Words!!

C: (sings) Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed:

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 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.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day: CW 82 “Song of Thankfulness and Praise”

Sermon:

Please stand.

C: (sings) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

Offering Hymn: CW 485 v.1,2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Prayer of the Church-----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.

Hymn: CW 94 "O Jesus, King of Glory"

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you his peace.

C: (sings) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 93 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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>Our congregation is scheduled to help out with the meal for Parents' Night at OUR high school NELHS on January 9. If you would be inclined to donate your time, talents or treasures to help with this meal it would be greatly appreciated.

>Please keep in your prayers our brother in Christ Bruce Freese. Bruce is completing his second round of chemo today and then will have a break. If you would like to help by being tested as a potential Stem Cell donor for Bruce or for someone else please visit BeTheMatch.org.

>Please keep in your prayers Greg and Holli Penner and Sloan and Sawyer as Greg's father Henry died this past Wednesday. Also Pastor Tim Kemnitz who will be having gall bladder surgery on the 12th.

-Please grab a new January calendar and throw the old one that had mistakes on it. Also take note that the Qtrly mtg. will take place on JAN. 24th!!!! At this meeting we will set the Budget and commitments for 2016 and elect new officers. Please plan on attending as we will have a potluck in connection with the meeting.

-Education Fund – A big thank you for the donations that were received for the Education Fund in 2015 and please consider this area for a special gift in 2016. If you would like to contribute to that fund please make special designation on your envelopes.

-Next Sunday Pastor Kemnitz and I will be switching pulpits. Pastor Kemnitz will be coming off of gall bladder surgery and this will help to lessen he workload for him as he recovers.

<i>This Week and Beyond</i>			<i>Fruits of our Faith (1/3)</i>		
Today	8:45am	BC & SS	Attendance: (Sat) 40(Sun)		Needed
	9:30 am	Worship	General Fund:	\$842.01	1600
Wed.		Chapel @St. Paul School	Missions:	\$148	122
		Confirmation	NELHS Operating:	\$115	122
Thurs.	7:00pm	Council Mtg.	NELHS Debt:	\$25	
			Education Fund	\$50	
			<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,180.01</i>	<i>1844</i>
			<i>Serving Among Us</i>		
Sat.	4:30pm	Worship	Organist: Marlene Dorn		
Sun	8:45 am	BC & SS	Ushers: Mike Schroeder(elder),		
	9:30 am	CommunionWorship	Spencer Corter & Roger Johnsen		