

6th Day of Christmas



Presentation of Jesus
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Welcome!

We thank God for this time together! If you are worshipping with us for the first time this morning, we extend a very special welcome to Holy Cross. We are happy and grateful that you have joined us to worship God and celebrate His love. May God bless your worship with us, and please be assured that your presence among us is a blessing.

Celebration of Communion

Lutherans believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are received with the Bread and Wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Baptized Christians who confess their sins to God, desire to live a new life in Jesus Christ, and affirm this statement of faith, are invited to celebrate this Sacrament with us. If you have any questions regarding Communion, please speak with Pastor. We also invite children to come forward to receive a blessing.



*“On the sixth day of Christmas
my true love gave to me six geese-a-
laying,…”*

Today is the 6th day of Christmas. The original meaning of the six geese is a reference to the six days of creation!

+ 6th Day of Christmas +

December 30, 2018

9:30 a.m.



Silent Procession

- P In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P The Word (Jesus) became flesh and lived among us.
C **We saw His glory, the glory which He received as the Father's only Son**
(John 1:14,16).
- P Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father, knowing that Jesus Christ came to earth as a human being to take away our sins.
- (Moment of silence)*
- P Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, hear our prayer and save us.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Lord Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, hear our prayer and help us.
C **Christ, have mercy.**
- P Lord Jesus Christ, born for us, hear our prayer and give us peace.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by

His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty and Eternal God, direct our actions according to Your good pleasure. Make us rich in good works, in the Name of Your dear Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3; 11-15 p. 55

Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:1-6 p. 984

Hymn of Praise

What Child Is This

Gospel

Luke 2:21-38 p. 857

Sermon Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain Pastor Deddeh

Sermon

Gathering of the Offerings

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for God's faithfulness to be known in our world. In a world of change and hope of fear and adventure, faithful God

C glorify Your name.

P In human rebellion and obedience, in our seeking and our finding, Faithful God

C glorify Your name.

P In the common life of our society, in prosperity and need, faithful God

C glorify Your name.

P As Your Church proclaims Your goodness in words and actions, faithful God

C glorify Your name.

P Among our friends and in our homes, faithful God

C glorify Your name.

P In our times of joy, in our days of sorrow, faithful God

C glorify Your name.

P In our strength and triumphs, in our weakness and at our death, faithful God

C glorify Your name.

Special prayers

Francis Mentz, (uncle of Pastor Mentz) - Hank Stuvén (Crofton Care & Rehab Center)
Robin Beam, (sister of Susan Lucero) - Michelle Burrus (at home) - Theresa Wilcox -
Marjorie Harcourt, (aunt of Jim Ittenbach, Multiple Myeloma.) - Lucille Keys.

Birthday Emmanuel Findlay (12/31).

P Lord God, You have helped us by Your grace to make these prayers, and You have promised through Christ our Lord that when two or three agree in His name, You will grant what they ask. Answer now Your servants' prayers according to Your good and gracious will; in this world grant that we may truly know You and in the world to come graciously give us eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Holy Communion Liturgy

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed good, right and proper that we give You thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, Jesus, a new light has dawned upon the world; You have become one with us that we might become one with You in Your glorious kingdom. And so this day we adore and praise Your glorious name:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer before Communion

C “We do not presume to come to Your Table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your Table. But You are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy on us. Amen.

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

ALL: Almighty God, our Father, we give thanks and praise to You for having refreshed us through this Sacrament. May the joy and peace we have experienced this day at the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us and strengthen our faith and love toward You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P You will name him Jesus,

C He will save his people from their sins.

P He will be great,

C He will be called the Son of the Most High.

P He will be called Emmanuel,

C God is with us.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

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Please turn and face the Processional Cross as it is carried out.

Postlude

**Soli Deo Gloria!
Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

Serving with Gladness

Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Mentz, *Pastor*

Assisting: Rev. Suah S. Deddeh, *Assistant Pastor of Welcoming & Outreach*

Altar Guild: April Tanter (*Saturday*); TBA (*Sunday*)

Lector: Duland Graves **Counters:** Lorrie Lauer & Shirley Lee

Greeter: Frances Jordan **Communion Assistant:** Paul Commins **Ushers:**
Paul Commins & Ebenezer Emmanuel

Altar Flowers & Eternal Light

The altar flowers are given this day to the glory of God by Emmanuel Findlay in honor of his birthday.

New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve Service of Holy Communion 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Watch Night Service

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Watch Night Meal 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Epiphany Sunday

Next Sunday, January 6th is Epiphany Sunday, the visit of the Magi. Following the service we will un-decorate the church. If you can help, it will be appreciated!

Memorial Service

Gwen Bernhard's memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 26. The time for the service has not been decided by the family.

Lectionary Readings for January 6, Epiphany Sunday

Micah 5:2-5; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:26-56

2019 Flower Chart and Eternal Lamp Sign Up

The new sign up is posted on the wall before the coat rack.

Church Offering Envelopes

2019 church offering envelopes are in your mailboxes. For those who do not yet have a mail box they are on the table by the mailboxes. If you would like envelopes, please sign the form on the table. Thank you!

Thrift Store

The thrift store is closed until Thursday, January 10th. Thank you for your support!

Poinsettia Donors

Dorothy Ball

To the glory of God

Dick & Pat Fitzenreiter

To the glory of God

Emmanuel Findlay

In honor of my birthday & in memory of my parents and siblings

April Tanter & Family

In memory of Willie James (father) and Mae Frances James (*mother*); and in honor of Wilda and Sheila James

Kreoub Emmanuel

In memory of Mr & Mrs. Moses Emmanuel, Krupa Emmanuel & Mr. & Mrs. G. Solomon, & Sarojini (grandparents)

Allem Clem

In memory of Judy Clem (wife) & Doug Hayes (cousin)

Bill & Julene Pichel To the glory of God and in memory of our parents

Karen Curry In memory of my loving family and in honor of Jesus' birth.

Rosalie Jones to the glory of God

The Byrnes Family In honor of Christ's birthday

Susan Lucero In memory of John Lucero (*husband*) & other loved ones

Anne Marie Bradley to the glory of God

Mr. & Mrs. Graves In honor of Mr. Leslie Williams and in memory of Fred Graves

Patricia Carriere In memory of Juliane Rae Clarkson (niece) and Ray & Lael Carriere (parents)

Ann & Jeff Burt to the glory of God

Joyce Whitney & Neil Ordiers in honor of Ordiers Family and in memory of Dax Whitney

Amy Minor In memory of Henry R & Louise (Heitmuller) Schaefer; Robert H. Schaefer & Teresa Shipley

Manuela Fortenberry To the glory of God

Greg & Cindy Clem In memory of Cindy's mom and grandmother

Gwen Bernhard To the glory of God

Michelle Burrus In honor of Joanne Burrus (sister-in-law) and in honor of Randall Burrus (brother) and in memory of Vivian Burrus & Lewis Burrus (parents)

Bob & Priscilla Krueger In memory of Henry & Verna Krueger (Bob's parents) and in John & Pat Hein (Priscilla's parents)

Special Thanks to the Byrnes Family for the live Christmas Tree.