

The Offering

HYMN 802 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

The General Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction, page 212

HYMN 816 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

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WELCOME, VISITORS! We are happy you’re here. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY: After church, Church Council meets, followed by the Board of Elders.

NEXT SUNDAY: The Annual Reports meeting after church.

OUR NEW PASTOR, Luke Bernthal, will conduct his last service in Valentine, NE on Sunday 1/22, is expected to arrive here in Mountain View late on January 24th, and will be installed on Sunday 1/29. There are many things we can do to help him feel welcome:

- There is still some work to be done at the parsonage. This is the easy stuff, painting baseboards, crown molding, doors and general touch-up. Please call or text Michael Horrillo if you need direction on how you can help (408-891-5331).
- Contribute toward a "pantry party" to give him some food staples when he arrives. You can bring those items to church next Sunday. If you prefer to donate a grocery gift card, the closest grocery stores are Safeway and Nob Hill. There is a Lucky's in Sunnyvale, not too far, as well as Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods in Cupertino (10 minutes away on Hwy 85).
- Pantry/kitchen stocking party on Sunday, January 22, after the meeting. Put donated items in the kitchen, attend to any unfinished business at the parsonage.
- Finally, truck unloading on January 25th (assuming Pastor Bernthal arrives as planned, late Jan 24th)

CLC NEWS: The Tri-parish, consisting of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, and St. Paul’s Lutheran, White River SD, has called the Rev. Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. <> Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, has called the Rev. Rob Sauers, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.

FOR JANUARY: ELDER: Wayne Bliss, USHER: Dan Gullerud

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The Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 15, 2017

Pastor-elect: Luke Bernthal

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“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God.” (John 6:68-69)

Preservice meditation: Psalm 98 (in the Lutheran Service Book or your pew Bible)

HYMN 904 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Divine Service, Setting Four, page 203

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake

God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Kyrie and Gloria In Excelsis, page 204

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:3-9

3 ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. 4 Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in

striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? 6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 40

P: I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

C: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

P: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

C: Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

P: Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us.

C: None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Second Lesson – The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly

will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, page 205

The Apostles' Creed, page 207

HYMN 560 "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

The Sermon: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S WISDOM

I. It is hidden from the world

II. It is revealed by the Holy Spirit

III. It lifts us above every judgement

6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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