

2025

“Lift Up Your Eyes”



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today's Worship service

Looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*

Psalms 121:1,2

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”

THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

THE BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Pastor: 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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**
(Share the Peace of the LORD with each other)

HYMN

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You Servants of God

Verse 1

You servants of God, Your Master proclaim,
And publish a-broad His wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, Of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious And rules over all!

Verse 2

Our God rules on high, Almighty to save;
And still He is nigh, His presence we have.
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation To Jesus, our King!

Verse 3

Salvation to God Who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud And honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus The angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, And worship the Lamb.

Verse 4

Then let us adore And give Him His right,
All glory and pow'r And wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, With angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, And infinite love!

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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THE KYRIE

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THE HYMN OF PRAISE

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THE SALUTATION

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: O Lord God, heavenly Father,

All: **We poor sinners confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing and that, left to ourselves, we die and perish in sin, since that which is born of the flesh is flesh and cannot see the kingdom of God. But we ask that You would give us Your grace and mercy and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that being born again in Him, we may firmly believe the forgiveness of sins according to Your promise in baptism, and that we may daily increase in brotherly love and in other good works, until we at last obtain eternal salvation; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever. Amen.** Viet Dietrich Reformation Theologian

THE LESSONS

Isaiah 43:1-7

Romans 6:1-11

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-22

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

And So It Begins

SONG

God of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation, Of water earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night.

Bridge

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. (3x)

Chorus 2

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy, holy, holy!**

Chorus 3

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father hold me, hold me.**

Ending

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. (4x)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison) LBW pg. 85

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: (After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING LBW pg. 88

THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LBW pg. 89

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION LBW pg. 89

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison) LBW pg. 91

**All: 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.**

THE LAMB OF GOD LBW pg. 92

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" LBW pg. 92

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us,

through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION (sung)

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SONG

The River Is Here

Verse 1

**Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here.**

Chorus

**The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
And we rejoice for the river is here.**

Verse 2

**The river of God is teeming with life,
And all who touch it can be revived.
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.**

Verse 3

**Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.**

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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NEXT SUNDAY January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 128 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

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January 5, 2025

Attend: 30

Offering \$5,316.00

Join us for Fellowship Hour following
worship today



Thank you to all who helped take down our Christmas Decorations! With so many hands helping the decorations were back in the storeroom in short time! Thank You so Much!



**Confirmation Class Began today,
January 12, 2025**

Confirmation class meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. Please See Dave and Holly Hare for more info.

Tuesday Bible Study

Join us at 10:30 am Tuesday Mornings for Bible Study. We are in Mark Chapter 14 Newcomers are always welcome to join in learning more from the Word of God.



**Annual Congregational Meeting will be following
worship Sunday January 26th.**