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**January 16, 2022 at 9:30 am
HOLY COMMUNION
2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Miracle at Cana”

Milt Scott

GREETING

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.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. **Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG**

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

ELW #290

***KYRIE (Spoken)**

(ELW p. 203, setting 10)

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

“Glory Be to God”

(ELW p. 204, setting 10)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Our God is Great and Merciful”

John Ylvisaker from Sampler, #51

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

PSALM (Read Responsively)

PSALM 36: 5-10

(Psalms begin on p. 339 ELW)

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches ^l to the heavens,
and your faithfulness ^l to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like ^l the great deep;
you save humankind and ani- ^l mals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your ^l love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow ^l of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance ^l of your house;
you give them drink from the river of ^l your delights.**

⁹For with you is the ^l well of life,
and in your light ^l we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to ^l those who know you,
and your favor to those who are ^l true of heart.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 205, setting 10)

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

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.

⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rita

1. What does it take for you to believe?
2. What is it that forms and shapes you to believe or not believe?
3. What would it take for you to come to belief or a deeper belief?

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise Ye the Lord”

ELW #872

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED

(ELW p. 105)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so, we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

A: By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Help us protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day especially those for whom we name now in our hearts (pause...). Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: You see us for who we are, and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

OFFERING

“What Feast of Love”

ELW #487

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

(ELW p. 112 right side)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God’s table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

(Receive communion *“the body of Christ given for you”* & *“the blood of Christ shed for you”*)

COMMUNION

“Lamb of God”

(ELW p. 208, setting 10)

***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.

***BLESSING**

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.**

***SENDING SONG**

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW #310

***DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE**

Participants

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Rita Augsburger
Assisting Minister	Allie Allgeier
Coordinator of Music and Technology/Organist	Rick Strine
Chancel Choir and Band Director	Milt Scott
Audio/Visual	Mike Reynolds & family / Dan Lynch Jeremy Hahn
Greeters	Larry Osborne / John & Lin Malachowski
Check-In	Donna Donahue / Jean Mikels
Money Counters	Bob & Judy Carney / Mike Corley
Band Members	Marty Brilley, Matt & Laura Philips, Milt & Carla Scott, Rick Strine

Prayer Requests

Matt Andrews and family, Jean Nihiser, Steve Nihiser, Jim Summers, Freda Taylor

We have recently added a **prayer request form** on our website. We invite you to check it out, and all the other content our web page has to offer. It can all be found at www.felcdecatur.org.

The prayer request is under the “About” tab.