

PHILADELPHIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Third Sunday after Epiphany
(Lectionary Series B)

January 22, 2012 11:00 A.M.

THE LITURGY-THE PUBLIC WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) - The Service of The Word

Prelude:

Prelude Prayer: Gracious and eternal God, in the lessons for this day, and especially in Jesus' calling of the disciples, we hear and see the power, promise and life transforming consequences that result when you call people into ministry and the mission of your Church. Just as Jesus called the disciples, likewise, call and transform us that we, too, may serve as instruments of your love and will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Theme of the Day: ***"Called Into Ministry by God"***

Announcements:

GATHERING

Processional: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" **ELW # 810**

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(We receive the sign of the Cross in remembrance of our Baptism)

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Children's Message: ***"Jesus Is the One We Are Called to Follow"***

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Hymn: "Light Shone in Darkness" **ELW # 307**

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A: As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation (especially those listed in today's bulletin) (A brief silence) Steadfast God, you call all people to turn to you and believe in the good news. Cast the net of your love over the earth, and make us willing messengers of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God our stronghold, you will never be shaken, and your sustaining presence holds all creation in life. Protect endangered species and fragile ecosystems, and give hope to those who labor on behalf of the environment. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of refuge, the cities of the world cry out for peace. Create new ways for enemies to be reconciled, and end the cycle of violence that perpetuates war. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of deliverance, we pour out our hearts on behalf of those in need. Bring to safety those who flee from war, poverty, and famine. We lift to you all who suffer from natural disasters (especially). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God who meets us in silence, you are near to those who wait. We pray for all who long for healing from addiction, despair, and illness (especially). Comfort the dying (especially) and ease their passing. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Eternal God, you fulfill all things. We give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died, and we rejoice that you will be with us when this world passes away. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

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Offertory Anthem: Youth Choir "Peter, James & John in a Fishing Boat"

Canticle of Thanksgiving: "Create in me a clean heart..." **ELW # 186**
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Postlude:
*Congregation Kneels

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Pastor: Rev. Gary A. Weant, **Home Phone & Fax:** 704-922-5191; **Mobile Phone:** 704-854-1947; **Pastor's Email:** garyweant@Charter.net **Parish Secretary:** Lisa Rubow, **Partner ELCA Missionaries in Bolivia:** Justin & Kari Eller; **Organist:** Amy Lewis; **Crucifer:** Thomas Kelly; **Acolytes:** Sam Adams, Maggie Pasour; **Cantor:** Linda Weant, **Assisting Minister:** Shirley Caudle, **Communion Assistants:** Janice Jarrett, Nancy Pasour; **Lectors:** Mary Jo Friday, Ray Cloninger; **Altar Guild:** Steve and Allison Adams; **Ushers:** Susan Lineberger-Council Rep., **Counters and Tellers:** Ray Cloninger-Council Rep., **Sound System:** Keith Norris, Mike Lewis; **Announcements/Secure Building:** Susan Lineberger-Council Rep.

Family Devotions

Altar Flowers are given to the **Glory of God** and in honor of the **Birthdays of Kevin and Bryson Adam** by **Steve and Allison Adams**.

The Third Sunday after Epiphany: *Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
Offerings and Gifts of Intercessory Prayer

Below are all those included on our weekly List for **Intercessory Prayer**. We lift them up in Prayer during the Sunday Worship Service and we encourage

you to include them in your Prayer Life during the coming week. Please contact Pastor Weant or the Church office regarding persons whom you would like to add or remove from our weekly list for **Intercessory Prayer**.

Nursing Home or Other Care Facilities: **Jane Hubbard** is doing reasonably well at her assisted living home at *The Coach House*, Room 322, The Carriage Club, 5800 Old Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28226. Phone: 704-362-5314; **H.T. Beam** remains in fair condition at *Morningside Assisted Living*, Gastonia; **Florene Friday Bridger** continues in fair condition at *Stanley Total Living Center*; **Lillie Mae Rhyme** is doing well at *Covenant Village*, Gastonia; **Clyde Lutz** continues in fair condition at the *Conover Nursing and Rehabilitation Center*, Room #103, 920 4th Street Southwest, Conover, NC 28613-9679. Phone: 828-695-8282.

Members at Philadelphia Church having special needs: **Diane Morgan** is making a good recovery at home following outpatient surgery on Friday at Gaston Memorial and in the next few weeks will resume chemotherapy and radiation treatments to assist her in recovery from breast cancer; **Clay Pasour**, is doing reasonably well at home but remains under the doctor's care and has been restricted from driving due to a chronic heart condition; **Mary Frances Friday** is recuperating at the home of her daughter, following several days at Gaston Memorial for tests, observation and treatment of a number of chronic conditions; **John Jarrett** continues to recuperate at home following a recent hospitalization at Gaston Memorial undergoing tests, observation and treatment of injuries received in a recent fall at home; **Dustin Braden** continues a slow but steady recovery and has now returned to work on a restricted schedule. He remains under the doctor's care and continues to participate in physical therapy but has made significant progress toward recovery following surgery in March at Carolinas' Medical Center, Charlotte to remove temporary supporting hardware implanted in his back in September of 2010 to help facilitate his recovery from major back injuries that resulted from a serious auto accident; **Harmon Rose** has been temporarily placed on a more restricted schedule pending time for new medication to be adjusted for treatment of a number of chronic conditions and the recovery of his memory following several hospitalizations at Gaston Memorial over the past year for treatment of a seizure, blood clots and short term memory disorders; We pray for **Howard Pasour, who remains in the custody of the N.C. Dept. of Corrections** and for **Howard's entire family** that God's love and care will bring healing and hope to all who suffer amidst the heartbreak of the tragic auto accident in July of 2010. Howard's new mailing address is: **Howard Clay Pasour, #1067031 Scotland Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 1808, Laurinburg, N.C. 28353.**

Others having special needs which includes friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers of members at Philadelphia as well as the needs of people around the world: **Timothy Gaddy**, son of Lillian Gaddy and brother of Nancy Pasour, is doing well while undergoing chemotherapy after



recently being diagnosed with brittle bone syndrome; **Carol Ellington**, mother of Rhonda Payseur and friend of Danny Adams, has returned home and is making a good recovery following tests, a heart catheterization and treatment for both a respiratory and cardiac condition; **Russell O'Neal**, friend and former classmate of Thomas Kelly, who remains in serious condition in his battle with cancer; **Gladys Jarrett**, aunt of John Jarrett, remains in serious condition following an auto accident on Thursday; **Nancy Bollinger, wife of Pastor John Bollinger**, continues to recover at home following open heart surgery at Carolinas' Medical Center on Friday, Dec. 17th; **Iris Carpenter**, cousin of Clay Pasour, who is undergoing tests and chemotherapy for leukemia at Bowman Gray Medical School; the **ELCA** and **some Lutheran congregations across the N.C. Synod** that we may be delivered from the misery and destruction threatening the Church and the Gospel by our captivity to Sin now manifesting itself in dishonesty, self righteousness, hatred, heresy, idolatry, prejudice, anger, discord and schism; for **the many victims suffering in the wake of severe drought in much of the southern and southwestern part of the USA earlier this year; all those afflicted by recent tornados, floods and hurricanes; the troops killed in the war in Afghanistan and Iraq and all who continue to serving in Afghanistan and Iraq; for the victims of the escalating political turmoil and violence erupting in many of the Arab countries; the victims affected by the social unrest in Greece, Italy, London** and many countries, that peace, justice and a better quality of life may emerge for all; for **America** that the energy manifested in the increasing political rancor paralyzing our nation and the escalating social unrest in many communities may be channeled in directions and ways that can serve for constructive conversation and solutions to the economic, social and ethical challenges facing our nation and world; that our leaders will be given the wisdom and will to make sound, reasonable and wise decisions for the long term health of this nation; that we may be rescued from violence, discord, hatred and the destructive horrors of Sin and Evil; and **for all who stand in need of God's mercy and care.**

Caring Conversations

We extend a cordial welcome to everyone. We are thankful to have you with us in Worship and it is our hope and prayer that you will experience a sense of acceptance, forgiveness, challenge, peace, joy, discipleship and hope as we are embraced by the Good News of God's infinite, unconditional and life transforming love made visible in **Jesus Christ, God's Living Word**. We encourage you to worship with us often as we celebrate **New Life in Christ** every **Lord's Day**.

We encourage all our regular members and all our visitors to please take a few moments and sign our register as it is passed down the pew. This helps

us note your participation in *worship*, your reception of the *Sacrament of Holy Communion* and provides an opportunity to let us know of any prayers requests or pastoral needs that you or your family may have. We also encourage our visitors to give us your address and phone number if you would like to be placed on our newsletter mailing list or receive notice of upcoming events.

Table Grace for January

"God is great, God is good and we thank God for our food. By God's hands we are fed. Thank you Lord for daily bread. Amen."

During the month of **January**, Philadelphia will be providing **SOUP and CRACKERS** for the *Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry*. Cleaning supplies are always needed. Items may be left **in the collection area in the connecting foyer between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall** or taken directly to the Ministry at their location at 110 S. Gaston St., Dallas.

A Message to the Congregation from Caitlyn McMahan and Hannah Kelly

Hi Congregation! This is Caitlyn McMahan and Hannah Kelly. We have a great opportunity with the **Lenoir Rhyme Youth Chorus Meistersingers** to attend **Sing A Mile High 2012 Festival** in Denver, Colorado on June 27th –July 3, 2012! We will get to sing with many choirs from all over the world. We will fly there and back and will be staying on the Campus of Colorado Christian University. We will practice daily with the other choirs, have some fun activities, sight see and perform a huge concert at the end of the festival with guest conductor David Brunner.

We would like to request your assistance in helping us afford this exciting trip. We are willing to baby sit, help to clean house, help with yard work, or any small job that you think we could do that might help you around your home or the church.

When we return from our trip, we would love to share some of the things we learn and experience while we are in Colorado with the entire congregation. Thank you for your consideration and please keep us in your prayers as we travel this summer.

You can strengthen your daily Prayer and Devotional life by using the suggested **daily devotional Bible readings** and **constantly updated Intercessory Prayers** for the thousands of people serving in ministry across the ELCA and the Whole Church of Jesus Christ which are available on Philadelphia's website at www.philadelphialutheran.org ? At the home page, click the *Worship* tab and select the *"Daily Study and Prayer"* option. Philadelphia's website and the *Google expanded calendar* are updated every week. This includes the Sunday bulletin and a brief biblical and

theological summary of the lectionary texts and theme for the current or upcoming Sunday. The special Epiphany insert included in last Sunday's bulletin has also been posted on Philadelphia website. **Please encourage your friends, neighbors and those who do not have a church home to log onto Philadelphia's website and join us in worship and ministry.**

Please note the one page **Church Year Calendars** are available on the table in the narthex. There are enough for each family in the congregation, so take this item and use it to strengthen the spiritual and devotional life of your family.

The **2011-2013 ELCA Good Gifts Catalogs** are available in the narthex. This catalog provides a inspiring description of the overall scope of the ministries supported and made possible through our benevolence giving all across the USA and in over 60 countries around the world. We have enough for every family in the congregation. Take one, read, pray and join with others in supporting the mission of Christ's Church.

The Board of Directors of the **Dallas -High Shoals Christian Social Ministry** is pleased to announce that in the next few weeks the ministry will be moving into a different, larger and much for functional building located at 305 E. Trade St., Dallas. The new location will more than triple our current space, will provide convenient parking, increased storage space, make loading and unloading of supplies much easier and also provide sufficient space to operate a thrift store should the Board choose to pursue this option. In the next few weeks we will be needing people who can help us move and organize the ministry in the new location. If you would be willing to help, please contact Pastor Weant, the Church Office or Ginger Cloninger. In the meantime, please continue to hold this ministry in your thoughts and prayers that God's love and wisdom will guide and sustain this mission.

Service

This past week **Philadelphia** received a special note of **thanks and appreciation** from **Shana Ehterton**, the Activities Director at **Heritage Oaks Assisted Living**, Gastonia, expressing their gratitude for the many gifts, visits and prayers extended to the residents of **Heritage Oaks** during the Christmas Season.

During the past week the following memorial gifts were given to the Glory of God and in support of Philadelphia Lutheran Church:

Sanctuary Furnace Replacement:

To the Glory of God by **Ed and Faye Cloninger**.

To the Glory of God by **Rusty and Jan Friday**.

Parsonage Furnace Replacement:

In memory of **Mr. Russell and Addie Lineberger** by **Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Lineberger**.

To the Glory of God by **David Luoto**.

Lutheran Services for the Aging Appeal:

To the Glory of God by **Clay and Nancy Pasour**.

Building Fund:

To the Glory of God by **Clay and Nancy Pasour**.

Long Range Building Fund:

To the Glory of God by **Clay and Nancy Pasour**.

Area Lutheran Foundation:

To the Glory of God by **Clay and Nancy Pasour**.

In honor of **Philadelphia Lutheran Church** by **Gary and Linda Weant**.

Agape/Kure Beach:

In honor of **Philadelphia's youth and children** by **Gary and Linda Weant**.

Philadelphia expresses a resounding word of **"THANKS & APPRECIATION"** to **Johnny, Vivian and Edward Friday** for providing the special **Christmas Treat Bags** for the children in the congregation.

The **2012 Altar Flower Chart** is posted in the narthex.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TITHES IN 2012			
THE GENERAL BUDGET			
	BUDGET	RECEIVED	STATUS
01/15/2012	\$ 3,012.00	\$ 2,949.00	\$ 63.00 (Under)
Year to date:	\$ 9,036.00	\$ 7,835.10	\$ 1,200.90 (Under)
For the year 2012, as of 01/15/2012 we have received:			
\$	70.00	Sanctuary Furnace Fund	
\$	25.00	Building and Expanded Ministry Fund	
\$	25.00	Long Range Building Fund	
\$	120.00	Parsonage Furnace Replacement	
\$	85.00	Area Lutheran Foundation	
\$	40.00	Agape/Kure Beach Ministries	
\$	25.00	Lutheran Services for the Aging (LSA)	
\$	390.00	Total Additional Gifts outside General Budget	
Parsonage Furnace Fund Appeal			
	Goal	Received	Remaining to Go
01/15/2012	\$7,768.60	\$2,885	\$4,883.60
Sanctuary Furnace Fund Appeal			
	Goal	Received	Remaining to Go
01/15/2012	\$24,000	\$17,308.00	\$ 6,692.00
Ed. Bldg. Roof Replacement Appeal Fund Detail			
	Goal	Received	Remaining to Go
Challenge	\$18,200	\$13,420	\$4,780

To prepare for Next Sun., **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**; First Lesson: **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**; Second Lesson: **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**; Gospel Lesson: **Mark 1:21-28**.

Please note the Jan.- Mar. 2012 **Word In Season** devotional is available in the narthex

Attendance 1-15-2012: Worship at 11:00 AM: 81 Sunday School 46

Parish Mail: Susan Lineberger

Mark Your Calendar and Note These Significant Ministry Events in 2012

- ✦ **20th. Annual CHICKEN 'N DUMPLIN FEAST, Sat., Feb. 25, 2012.**
- ✦ **LMM Fellowship - Fishing Retreat: Thursday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21, 2012.**
- ✦ **CAMPFIRMATION at Lutheridge, Sun., June 17 – Sat., June 23, 2012.**
- ✦ **Summer Day Camp: Sunday, July 8 - Friday, July 13, 2012**
- ✦ **Youth & Family Beach Retreat at Kure Beach, Sun., Aug. 5–Thur., Aug. 9, 2012.**

Our 2012 updated **Membership Roster** is available for pick-up in the **Church Narthex**.

We are pleased to note that we have received a newsletter update and video link from our partner **Missionaries in Bolivia, Pastor Justin and Kari Eller**. Both of these items have been placed on Philadelphia website. Justin and Kari have also announced an addition to their family, an adopted son, **Everette Josef Eller (Eber Jose)**. So check out Philadelphia's website at www.philadelphialutheran.org regularly for updates on the mission and ministry of Philadelphia Church and Christ's Church both locally and globally.

Stewardship Is a Way of Life "Thought for The Day":

According to the 2009 report by the *Empty Tomb Research Foundation*, www.emptytomb.org, an independent, Christian research organization that studies stewardship and giving patterns across 29 Christian denominations, **some sobering patterns** have emerged regarding our priorities and stewardship across all denominational groups over the past 82 years. The Foundation discovered that in 2007 the total amount given to Overseas Ministries involving over 700 agencies, including denominational, inter-denomination and independent agencies for aid, evangelism and development totaled **\$5.2 Billion**. Moreover, if church members in the US had tithed in 2007 (latest year available) **an additional \$161 Billion** would have been available for the Church's mission. The Foundation also tracks consumer spending and priorities which underscores the importance of teaching **Biblically Grounded Stewardship**. The Foundation noted that according to research done by R.K. Hammer, in 2010 the banking industry generated **\$86.4 Billion in** credit card fees from American consumers which was a **\$7.5 Billion increase over 2009**. **The Good News of the Gospel** invites, challenges and draws us into a pilgrimage of spiritual growth and renewal where we as a people of God can reflect the earmarks of the Church and manifest a generosity and discipleship as a Lutheran Church commensurate with the love, grace and abundance of blessings we have already received in Jesus Christ.

Help us plan and organize for mission and ministry in 2012 by participating in the special **Congregational Leadership & Organizational Meeting next Sunday AFTERNOON from 4:00 PM -5:30 PM**. Every committee, and / or member of every organization in the congregation: WELCA, LMM, COKE, Son's Rays, Altar Guild, Congregation Council, etc., should plan to participate as we prepare to serve as disciples of Christ and the Body of Christ in the coming year. You can also strengthen and prepare Philadelphia for ministry in 2012 by completing your **2012 Time and Talent Forms** included in the last issue of *The Philadelphia Prophet*. Copies are also in

the narthex. Please engage in prayer and circle the areas of ministry where you think you would be best qualified to serve in the coming year. **Please place your form in the offering plate or return to the church office before our special ministry organizational meeting next Sun., Jan. 29, 2012 at 4:00 PM.**

You are invited to help us make a good congregation better by participating in our annual **congregation, pastoral and personal inventory and evaluation**. Copies of the inventory and evaluation form are available in the narthex. All forms should be returned to the church office by **Sunday, February 5, 2012**.

Attention all parents and children age 3 who have not been confirmed, please note the Children's Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Children learn by example and what they see and they develop healthy habits through the regular and sustain rituals the participate in on a repeated and sustained basis. Therefore, we encourage parents to use these envelopes because the practice of making a sacrificial offering on a regular and sustained basis every week in response to God's blessing is one of the key ways parents can help nurture Children in the Christian Faith and increase the likelihood that the next generation of Christians will understand and live out regular and sacrificial giving and stewardship as a central part of what it means to be a Baptized Child of God.

Rituals and Traditions

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 - Conversion of Paul - The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Thursday, January 26 - Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries - These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Friday, January 27 - Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith - Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.



3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Saturday, January 28 - Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274 - One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymn writer.