

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

January 29, 2012 11:00 A.M.

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

Prelude Prayer: Almighty and Gracious God, in the lessons for this day, we hear and see made visible in human history, through the Prophets and infinitely more clearly and profoundly in Your Son, Jesus Christ, the healing and life transforming qualities of your redeeming Presence, Word, love and will. In joy and thanksgiving, we worship you and serve others. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

Theme of the Day: "God's Gift of God's Word"

Announcements:

GATHERING

Processional: "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky" **ELW # 301**
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(We receive the sign of the Cross in remembrance of our Baptism)
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(Water is poured into the Baptismal Font)
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WORD

Children's Time in Worship: "Jesus Christ: God's Living Word"
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Congregational Response: "Thanks be to God."
The Psalmody (Sung by Cantor) (Insert)
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Congregational Response: "Thanks be to God."
Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go..." pg. 102
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Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

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Sermon: "The Guiding, Healing and Redeeming Presence of Christ"

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

The Apostles' Creed (Used during the Season of Epiphany) pg. 105

***Prayers of Intercession:** pg. 105

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) Your word is truth and life, Holy One, Holy Three. Make your church bold in word and deed so the world will hear and believe the message of your redeeming love. Hear us, Good Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You are gracious and full of compassion for all living things. Heal the soil, water, and air, so that all your creatures flourish. Hear us, Good Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your works are faithfulness and justice. Guide those in authority to seek peaceful solutions to conflicts. Protect the innocent who are caught in the crossfire of ethnic and religious strife. Hear us, Good Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your care for the weak gives us strength. We lift to you those who struggle to provide for their families, the vulnerable young, the frail elderly, the homeless, and the sick (especially). Hear us, Good Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your love builds up the community of believers. Deepen our care for one another as we reach out to those who are absent for any reason, new to this congregation, or experiencing difficult circumstances. We also pray for the following members of this congregation who will be celebrating their Baptismal birthday in **February: Luke Jenkins, Cooper Jenkins, Jonathan Weant, Kelsey Brown, Natalie Popwell, Jan Friday, Frances "Skip" Lineberger, Cris Leonard, Tami Brown, Gina Gilliland, Rusty Friday, Melinda Rose and Ashley Friday Sisk**. Hear us, Good Lord.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, Holy Three, the beloved dead are eternally in communion with you. Give us wisdom to live our days in praise, secure in the knowledge that your faithfulness endures forever. Hear us, Good Lord.

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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Postlude: *Congregation Kneels	

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Family Devotions

Altar Flowers are given to the **Glory of God** and in memory of **Leon Leonard** by **Gail Leonard**.

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: *In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

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**.

Members at Philadelphia Church having special needs: Diane

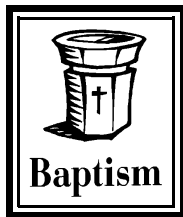
Morgan is making a good recovery at home following outpatient surgery last week at Gaston Memorial. Next week she will resume chemotherapy and radiation treatments to assist her in recovery from breast cancer; **Clay Pasour**, is doing reasonably well at home but remains under the doctor's care and has 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 last week 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. Harmon continues to make a slow but steady 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 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: **Lex Seay**, friend and co-worker with Jan Friday, is scheduled for open heart surgery on Feb. 14th. **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.**

Celebrating Our Baptismal Anniversaries In 2012

Today, we are recognizing those who will celebrate their **Baptismal Birthday** during the month of **FEBRUARY**. A pastoral letter was sent this week informing all those who have an upcoming Baptismal birthday that they will be recognized in worship today. This week each family having a member celebrating a Baptismal anniversary in **FEBRUARY** also received a special Phone Tree greeting and reminder message. During the announcement time those having Baptismal anniversaries will be recognized and presented with a small devotional gift. They are also listed in today's bulletin and included by name in the Intercessory Prayers for today. On the last Sunday of each month, we also use *Thanksgiving for Baptism*, an alternative confession in the **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** Setting 1 of the Liturgy, which couches confession and God's gift of forgiveness within the *Sacrament of Baptism*. As a way of further underscoring the centrality of Baptism, the Baptismal fount will be open, filled with water and placed at the entrance of the nave. As we leave worship, you are invited to place your hand in the water and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of our Baptism and in celebration of God's promise and gift of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. These suggestions come from both the *Worship and Music Committee* and the *Educational Ministry / Passing of the Faith Task Force* as a way of emphasizing the linkage of Sunday Worship and the *Sacrament of Baptism* to the nurture of faith at home and in the family throughout the week.



Intercessory Prayer in Celebration of Baptismal Birth Days in February
 In today's Worship Service, we will be lifting up in prayer the following persons who will be celebrating their Baptismal birth day during February: **Luke Jenkins (2/2), Cooper Jenkins (2/8), Jonathan Weant (2/13), Kelsey Brown (2/14), Natalie Popwell (2/14), Jan Friday (2/17), Frances "Skip" Lineberger (2/17), Cris Leonard (2/18), Tami Brown (2/20), Gina Gilliland (2/21), Rusty Friday (2/24), Melinda Rose (2/24) and Ashley Friday Sisk (2/27).** In Baptism we have been rescued from Sin, Death and Evil and raised to New Life in fellowship with Jesus Christ. Through Baptism, we are linked to Christ's Death and Resurrection, and grafted into the Body of Christ, the Church, the Family of God.(Rom. 6:1-11) During the coming month, please pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ and reach out to them through words and acts of kindness. Through this ministry we have an opportunity to live out Christ's New Command, "That you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

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 **new location at 305 East Trade St., Dallas.**

Caring Conversations

**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 Rhyne 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** which are available on the table in the narthex. We have enough for each family in the congregation.

Service

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.

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

Parsonage Furnace Replacement:

In honor of **Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Lineberger** by **Rusty and Jan Friday**.

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

To the Glory of God by **Ray and Ginger Cloninger**.

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

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TITHES IN 2012
THE GENERAL BUDGET**

	BUDGET	RECEIVED	STATUS
01/22/2012	\$ 3,012.00	\$ 2,384.00	\$ 628.00 (Under)
Year to date:	\$12,048.00	\$ 10,235.10	\$1,812.90 (Under)

For the year 2012, as of **01/22/2012** we have received:

\$ 70.00	Sanctuary Furnace Fund
\$ 25.00	Building and Expanded Ministry Fund
\$ 25.00	Long Range Building Fund
\$ 170.00	Parsonage Furnace Replacement
\$ 85.00	Area Lutheran Foundation
\$ 40.00	Agape/Kure Beach Ministries
\$ 25.00	Lutheran Services for the Aging (LSA)
\$ 440.00	Total Additional Gifts outside General Budget

Parsonage Furnace Fund Appeal

	Goal	Received	Remaining to Go
01/22/2012	\$7,768.60	\$2,932	\$4,833.60

Sanctuary Furnace Fund Appeal

	Goal	Received	Remaining to Go
01/22/2012	\$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

The Board of Directors of the **Dallas -High Shoals Christian Social Ministry** is pleased to announce that the ministry is moving into a different, larger and much for functional building located at **305 E. Trade St., Dallas**. A special word of **"THANKS"** goes to everyone from the Dallas area Churches, including Philadelphia, who helped move the ministry to its new location this weekend. **We hope the have the ministry ready to open by Wed., Feb. 1st**. 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. If you would be willing to help with this Ministry, 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.

To prepare for Next Sun., **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**; First Lesson: **Isaiah 40:21-31**; Second Lesson: **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**; Gospel Lesson: **Mark 1:29-39**.

Please note the Jan.- Mar. 2012 **Word In Season** devotional is available in the narthex
Attendance 1-22-2012: Worship at 11:00 AM: 57 Sunday School 36
Parish Mail: Susan Lineberger, Ray Cloning, Amy Lewis

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 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**. The **2011 Stewardship Statements and Communion Records** are available in the 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 just released 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 83 years. The Foundation discovered that in 2005 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. A recent report by the National Confectioners Association noted that in 2007 American consumers spent **more than \$29 Billion on candy!** 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.

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.**

Help us plan and organize for mission and ministry in 2012 by participating in the special **Congregational Leadership & Organizational Meeting this 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 TODAY at 4:00 PM.**

The area Lutheran Youth will be holding an **Area Youth Dance on Sat., Feb. 11th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas. Come and bring a friend.

The **area Lutheran Second Saturday Worship Service** will be held at St. Paul's, Dallas, on Sat., Feb. 11th. from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. The event will include Worship centered in Word & Holy Communion, music provided by Worship ReStrung followed by a fellowship meal of pizza. For more information, contact Ingrid Chenoweth at 704-472-3661.

CHURCH SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Crucifer: Maggie Pasour; **Acolytes:** Taylor Drum, Caitlyn McMahan; **Cantor:** Brad Jarrett, **Assisting Minister:** Allison Adams, **Communion Assistants:** Shirley Caudle, Myriss Devine; **Lectors:** Diane Morgan, Mike Lewis; **Altar Guild:** Mary Charles Brown; **Ushers:** Susan Lineberger-Council Rep., **Counters and Tellers:** Susan Lineberger-Council Rep., **Sound System:** Keith Norris, Mike Lewis; **Announcements/Secure Building:** Susan Lineberger - Council Rep.

Rituals and Traditions

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, February 2, 2012 - Presentation of Our Lord - Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.



Friday, February 3 - Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865 - A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named **4th Sunday after Epiphany** bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

Sunday, February 5 - The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597 - Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.