

Presiding Minister
Organist (8:30)
Praise Team (9:30)

Video
Lector

Worship Participants

Pr. Lyle Snyder
Gunvar Dombeck
Judy Hoeft, Heather Holmgren, Adri DeBoer,
Nicole DeBoer, Kären Goergen, Carrie Jones
Craig Holland (9:30)
Jolene Breczinski (9:30)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 3
8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

Mon., Jan. 4
7:00 PM Al-Anon (Library)

Tues., Jan. 5
6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics

Wed., Jan. 6
12:00 PM 12@12
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:30 PM Sr. High Youth/CIA

Thurs., Jan. 7
10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1

Fri., Jan 8
6:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.
7:00 PM Worship on Studio 1

Sat., Jan. 9
9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

Sun., Jan. 10
8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

Church Staff

Lyle Snyder	Pastor	Seth Boerboom	Pianist
Seth Boerboom	Parish Associate	Judy Hoeft	Pianist
Lauren Winn	Financial Assistant	Melinda Grohs	Preschool Director
Judy DeCramer	Organist	Lisa Rosenboom	Assistant Teacher
Mary Hauschild	Organist	Melissa Doose	Assistant Teacher
Gunvar Dombek	Organist		



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Proclaiming and Serving Jesus Christ

**First Sunday in Christmas
January 3rd, 2021**

† Worship with Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers
**We remember in prayer
these and all others we
name in our hearts:**

- Brandan Stynski (Testicular Cancer)
- Duane Sanow (Brother of Brenda Vannostrand, brain cancer)
- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer, recovering from surgery)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- Pastor Delwayne Hahn (former St. Stephen Interim Pastor, being treated for acute myeloid leukemia)
- Pat Grannes (mother of Kari Matson, cancer and not receiving treatments)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Rachel Hirdler (niece of Sandy Hoffbeck, continuing chemotherapy for Osteosarcoma)
- Russ Boelter (father of Stacy West, stomach cancer)
- Rollie Winter (Beginning Treatment for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Family of Dallas Lemmen (Father of Caitlin Redding)

Streaming Worship

We will regularly be streaming our 9:30 a.m. worship service live online on our YouTube channel.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Beckham Henry Johnson, son of Carlton & Taylor Johnson who was baptized on Saturday, December 26th, 2020. His sponsors are Donovan & Brianna Johnson. Welcome to the Lord's family Beckham!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

^{62:1}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.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given

to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.