

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Epiphany 3



CONFIRMATION MEMORY - Sofia Haase

WELCOME

BAPTISM - Jamai Azul Daniel Mahoney and Connor Thomas Mahoney

Sons of Jason and Amanda Mahoney

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living, and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:4-16

⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." ⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." ⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Problem of Evil - Part 2***COMMITMENT TO LOVE**

Pastor: Let us reaffirm our commitment to love one another, using Philippians 2.

People: Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

CONFESSION OF SACRAMENT

Pastor: Taking the bread, Christ said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." Taking the cup, Christ said, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." How can eating and drinking provide the forgiveness of sins?

People: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Offerings can be placed on a plate near the stairs or the back of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is celebrated today. Our Lord cautions us to be discerning before participating in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:28-30). For this reason, we ask all those communing here for the first time to speak with Pastor Aaron prior to communing. The Lord bids the baptized to come united in the following: in repentance for the forgiveness of sins (1 Cor. 11:23-25; Matt. 26:26-28), in confession of who Christ is and what Christ has done (1 Cor. 11:26), in faith and love with our fellow communicants (1 Cor. 11:20-22), and believing that Christ is bodily present in bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:27-29).

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**COME THOU FOUNT**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothèd then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

HOLY FOREVER

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

*Pre-Chorus: Cause Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all*

***Chorus: And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy,
Holy forever***

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

(Chorus)

***Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever***

(Pre-Chorus 2x)

(Chorus)

***Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever
You will always be Holy
Holy forever***

PRAYERS

BENEDICTION - Hebrews 13

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: Amen.

RATTLE

Saturday was silent surely it was through
But since when has impossible ever stopped You
Friday's disappointment is Sunday's empty tomb
Since when has impossible ever stopped You

***Chorus 1: This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise make a dead man walk again
Open the grave I'm coming out
I'm gonna live gonna live again
This is the sound of dry bones rattling***

Pentecostal fire stirring something new
You're not gonna run out of miracles anytime soon
Resurrection power runs in my veins too
I believe there's another miracle here in this room

(Chorus 1)

***Bridge: My God is able to save and deliver and heal
And restore anything that He wants to
Just ask the man who was thrown
On the bones of Elisha
If there's anything that He can't do
Just ask the stone that was rolled
At the tomb in the garden
What happens when God says to move
I feel him moving it now, I feel him doing it now
I feel him doing it now, Do it now do it now***

***Chorus 2: This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise make a dead man walk again
Open the grave I'm coming out
I'm gonna live gonna live again
Open the grave I'm coming out
I'm gonna live gonna live again
Open the grave I'm coming out
I'm gonna live gonna live again
This is the sound of dry bones rattling***

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 21 - *The Fall-Short Report: The Twelve Spies* (Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:24)

Though we are unfaithful and deserving of punishment, God is trustworthy and faithful to His promise to us in Christ.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Ushers Needed for 9:00 AM Service

Do you have a heart to serve? Would you like to volunteer with some really fun folks?

Can you make a minimal commitment of a few Sundays each year? Do you like a flexible schedule?

Contact Bob Glaser at 760-533-6942 or bobglaser22@gmail.com to get started.

NEED HELP WITH MEALS?

Maybe you have had surgery or an illness? A new baby? Are you juggling care for a parent, your own family, AND a job? If you or someone you know needs meals brought to them, please let us know. The Grace Meal Ministry wants to help you! Contact Yoke in the church office: ytanko@gracelcms.net or 760-745-0831, Shaila Schmidt at 760-525-5114, or Jody Glaser at 760-522-5226. Thank you to all who have signed up to help with meals! If you have a heart for serving and would like to be a part of this ministry contact anyone of the above mentioned.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund Committee would like to inform you that the Open Grant Application is January - March. If you would like more information about this or the Endowment Fund in general, please pick up a flyer in the narthex.

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWS

We invite you to check out our latest Alumni entry on our Alumni webpage:

<https://graceschoolescondido.org/alumni/>

We welcome new information from our Grace alumni anytime!

Just complete the information on our Alumni webpage.

NEW SERMON SERIES

The Epiphany Season falls between the two major events of the Christian faith, the Incarnation and the Resurrection of Christ. This affords us an opportunity to investigate the claims of the Christian faith. This Epiphany's Apologetics Sermon Series deals with the main question posed to Christianity. "If God is all-good and all-powerful, why does evil exist?" If you haven't yet been posed this question, you are sure to encounter it in some form or another.

SERMON READINGS

January 14	The Problem of Evil-Part 1	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
January 21	The Problem of Evil-Part 2	Hebrews 4:4-16
January 28	Hypocrite Alert!	Luke 18:9-14
February 4	Mad or Sad?	John 4:5-19

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

The Epiphany Season begins on January 6th, with the Major Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord, which commemorates the visit of the Magi (Gentiles) to Jesus. Epiphany (appearance or manifestation) focuses upon the manifestation of God-in-the-flesh to the world, especially the Gentiles. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. The Baptism of our Lord (1st Sunday after Epiphany) and the Festival of the Transfiguration are the bookends of the Epiphany Season. They highlight the theme of manifestation.

The color for Epiphany is green. Green is the color of growth, as the Church celebrates the growth of Jesus' ministry as He makes Himself known in word and deed. The Church rejoices in the appearance of the Incarnate God for the whole world. The festivals in the Epiphany Season use the color white, as the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ is made known to the world.



Prayers:

For my family of Kacy Redmond, specifically her grandmother, Margrit Hromin at the loss of Kacy's grandfather, Roy Hromin.

Continued prayers/homebound:

Lorene Best, Sherry Fischer, Barbara Guy, Norma Kellerup, Ellie Liebmann, Dorothy Ross, Dennis Roth, Janis Smith.

December Giving Report:

Actuals:	\$86,882
Budget:	<u>\$87,266</u>
	-\$384
YTD Actuals:	\$316,953
YTD Budget:	<u>\$299,404</u>
	\$17,549

ON SITE SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday Worship:

9:00AM English Worship Service
10:30AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
11:30AM Spanish Worship Service
For online worship please go to:
gracelutheranescondido.org/sermons/

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New Horizons Bible Study Wed. 9:30am
Women's Bible Study 1st and 3rd Thur. 9am
High School Youth "**The Stand**" Wed. 6:30-9pm
Adult Bible Study Thursday 7pm
Men's Bible Study Saturday 7:30am
Junior High School "**Face to Face**" Sat. 5:30-8:30pm

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