

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Christmas
January 3, 2020**

"Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would."



Welcome

Prelude - In the Bleak Midwinter...Gustav Holst, 1906, arr. John Purifoy
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O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:
The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

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The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

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and consider what wondrous things God has done:
**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

O come, let us worship the Lord,
for God has done wondrous things!

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray:

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn - As With Gladness Men of Old (ELW No. 302, vss. 1,2,3)

As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Confession

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom...Peace

Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness.

Silence

God of light and darkness,

We have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths.

We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.

Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives. The light of God shines through the darkness. Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst. Our sins are forgiven. **Amen**

Psalm 2:7-8

Children's Message

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Special Music - He Shall Reign Forevermore...Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher

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Praise Band

In the bleak midwinter all creation groans for a world in darkness, frozen like a stone. Light is breaking in a stable for a throne. And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore. Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords. If I were a wise man, I would travel far. If I were a shepherd, I would do my part. But, poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart. Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies, this baby born for sacrifice: Christ, the Messiah! Into our hopes, into our fears the Savior of the world appears, the promise of eternal years: Christ, the Messiah!

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers

Nurturing God, remembering the exile of the holy family and Herod's slaughter of the children, we remember all who need our sustaining love. Hear our prayers for the church and the community in the world.

A brief silence.

God of wisdom, work in and through the church to welcome, value, teach, and learn from children and youth in our communities of faith.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of creation, we thank you for the gifts of fields and stream, lakes and mountains, oceans and seas; work through us to care for all that you have made.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of hope, work in and through the nations to bring about your peace and justice upon all the earth.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of relationships, help us to reach out to those around us with love, curiosity, and compassion; surround each and every person with supportive and loving communities.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of healing, mend those who are broken in body, mind, or spirit; and lift up those laid low by addiction, hunger, unemployment, or illness.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of life, draw us ever outwards from ourselves and towards the people around us; grant us thankful hearts of service and love.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of delight, open our lips to sing forth your praise; turn our weeping into rejoicing and grant us a glimpse of our future home with the saints in light.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant that all people may hear together the song of joy, and find their homes in the garden of justice and hope, that we may experience the fullness of life, which is your will for all, in the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Hymn - Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW No. 671, refrains & vss, 1 & 2)

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Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -
dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
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Announcements

Benediction

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God which directed their every action be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude - Shine, Jesus, Shine...arr. John Carter

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Week of January 3, 2020

Sunday Worship Services - will continue to be emailed to you every Sunday morning. Check out previous worship services or Wednesday devotions by going to our website: www.ulclv.org. Click on the blue button "Click here for Virtual Worship".

Listen to Worship Services on your Phone - Hearing Pastor Camp's weekly scripture reading and sermon is only a phone call away...just call 610-885-8237. This phone call is free and will allow those who do not have access to a computer to hear Pastor's weekly message. Check it out...Call 610-885-8237!

Drive Thru Communion – January 3rd and January 17th Pastor Camp will offer Holy Communion. Come anytime between 11:00 AM to noon. Enter the parking lot and proceed to the covered entrance way. There Pastor will offer prayers, communion and a blessing. Communion will be served using individual sealed cups which include both the wafer and grape juice.

Drive-in church – will be held every Sunday. You will be able to stay in your car and tune your radio to our very own Union Lutheran FM radio "station", 94.3 FM, or you can simply open your window and listen live! Note if you have a larger vehicle, please be considerate of others and park your vehicle in the back or sides of the lot.

2021 "Souper" Bowl Challenge - Exciting news – in spite of the pandemic our Souper Bowl challenge lives on....while the NFL playoffs to determine the 2 teams who will face off in the Super Bowl are ongoing during January, Union Lutheran will be having our own Souper Bowl Challenge. Here is how it is going to work: Starting January 10th – bring your soup can donations to worship and let us know if you are a fan of the AFC or NFC. Each week we will count the donated cans and provide an updated score for our "Souper Bowl Challenge". Join us at worship on Feb. 7th (Super Bowl Sunday) to hear the announcement of Union Lutheran winner!!!

Book Club Zoom - Hello, all Readers out there! I'm sure, like me, many of you have still been reading during these crazy months. Sadly, we had to abruptly stop book club back in March and I have really missed talking about books! I am hoping many of you feel the same way. I am proposing starting the Book Club again via Zoom in January 2021. We would begin where we left off by discussing the book Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng that was scheduled for March. To continue we will need to chose a new book to read as well as a date and time to discuss it. This will be the tricky part - When do we want to meet? For our first meeting I would like to schedule the Zoom for Sunday, January 10 @ 11:00 am. If you are interested in being a part of the group please e-mail me at bjism2@ptd.net or call the church office. Happy Reading! Barb Mahoney

Lil Pantry – We are so blessed to be able to help our community by providing food in our Lil Pantry. It is being used heavily. How can you help? Either drop off your food donations directly to the Lil Pantry or mail a check to Union Lutheran Church. We will purchase food and restock.

Hunger Corner by Social Ministry - Northern Lehigh Food Bank and the Parkland Cares Pantry help to serve the food needs of our extended local communities. Since our building is currently closed, it is difficult to drop off food donations. Dianne Gillikin has volunteered her front porch as a drop off spot. Dianne and Carl live only a minute or two from the church at 5168 Stahley Dr. Schnecksville. Place your bags on their porch and Dianne will ensure that your donations get to the food banks.

You are welcome to join our Union Lutheran Family - All are welcome no matter if you are coming from a Lutheran background or another faith tradition. *We are so excited for the opportunity to have*

you join our ministries. Becoming a part of our family is simple. Just contact Pastor Camp or the Church Office at [610-767-6884](tel:610-767-6884) or office@ulclv.org. Let us welcome you during one of our upcoming worship services.

Prayer Card Ministry - Patti Hoffman mails cards to all members of our church family who are on the prayer list. If you are adding a non-member to the prayer list, please provide their mailing address as well. We would love to mail them a card!

Clothing Donations - Place your gently used clothing, shoes, belts, hats, bedding, linens, towels, and drapes in a bag and place them in the COLLECTION BINS located in lower parking lot. Proceeds from the used clothing collection will continue to benefit our youth ministries!

Journeyman – meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 7 am. Ron Pugh sends a Zoom link the week prior. For access to the link and to participate Zoom, please call the church office 610-767-6884, email the church office at office@ulclv.org or email Ron at ronpugh@rcn.com.

Journeyman Retreat – Save the Date – Feb. 13, 2021. Join us for a Men's Retreat via Zoom. Plan on being with us for the day. Let's recharge in God's Word while focusing on the positive aspects of our world! Want to join? Contact Ron Pugh, Journeyman Secretary 610-442-9710 or email Ron at ronpugh@rcn.com.

Keeping in our prayers:

Charles Stopp, Paul & Lynn Stauter, Kenny Muth, Scott Cummings, Judy Schild, Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Richard Carlstrand, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Jeffrey Trapp.

Stacie Folk, daughter in law of Irene Folk. Hospitalized again, not able to walk.

Luis Marmolejos- friend of Steve and Tammy Diamond who was recently diagnosed with bone cancer.

Barbara Fung, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Tina Doll - undergoing cancer treatments

Charles Kopcho, treatment for mantle cell lymphoma.

We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.

We pray for the church of We pray for the church

Please contact Pastor Camp pastor@ulclv.org or the church office office@ulclv.org to share prayer concerns.

Report of December 27, 2020

Weekly Offering 12/24 & 12/27: \$9,661	9am Outdoor Worship Attendance: 74
Vision 2020: \$2,608	Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance: 36
	Total Weekly Attendance: 90

Today's Worship Participants

Online Worship Readings	<i>Rob Drews</i>
Music	<i>Praise Band</i>

Join us this week...

Sun. 1/3	Outdoor Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship	Online Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	Online Link 9:00 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am
	Drive Thru Communion	11:00 - Noon
Sat. 1/9	Journeymen	Zoom 7:00 am
Sun. 1/10	Outdoor Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship	Online Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	Online Link 9:00 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom Link 10:30 am

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