



WEEKLY NEWS

Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -
A congregation
Sounding the Love of Christ
by caring for the poor
and vulnerable
in our community

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Lutheran Church
Sounding the Love of Christ

January 23, 2022
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Welcome to Visitors

May God bless your experience today! You are invited to join us as we share the Lord's Supper. If you would like to know more about us, you can chat with any member after worship. We also welcome you to sign our guest register located near the church entrance.

Week of January 16, 2021

SUNDAY Attendance: 15

OFFERING: \$ 696.00 (Sunday offering)
500.00 (Automatic deposits)
Total: \$ 1196.00

JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2022 at CDLC

January 23 - The Third Sunday after Epiphany
Pr. Jonathan Breimeier

January 30 - The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Pr. Jonathan Breimeier

February 6 - The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Pr. Jonathan Breimeier

Victims of gun violence; All people who are suffering from depression and other mental health afflictions; Everyone affected by Covid-19, including the families of 857,000+ Americans lost; Mike Kellner (friend of Mike Herold); Gary Duke (nephew of Marlene Smith); Chris Ranson (daughter of Betty Hjerstedt); Bonnie Lund; Donna Weis; Patricia Rice (friend of Robert Gee); John Katrichis;



William Weis (son of Donna and Cyril); Cynthia Lange, Trish Gagnon, Jackie Price (friends of Deb Pipkorn); Patricia Loth; Eva Lotz; Ardiss Nelson; Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger).

Anyone wishing to add a person to the Prayer Corner list or to remove someone with thanksgiving may do so by calling the church office (414-445-1656).

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her (glowrm64@hotmail.com) with your requests to send a card.

Prayer for the Week

Sovereign God, we are not worthy to come before you, for we have neglected your word and resisted your law. We make and break our own standards to suit our momentary whims. We deny the bonds of mutual concern and caring that link us with your whole human family. Help us to hear both your warnings and your good news, that we may find release from all that holds us hostage. Free us to respond to your love.

Spirit of God, who inspired the Scriptures and gave them fulfillment in Jesus Christ, open our eyes to the gifts you have entrusted to each of us and show us how to work together to realize your purposes in our midst. We long to live in a world where mutual caring and support replace competition and violence. Help us to honor one another's gifts and strive for the greatest of all gifts, the embodiment of your love.

Grant that we may hear with understanding and be moved to compassion. Knit us together, that our varied talents may be fully engaged in your service. Send your Spirit upon us, that we, like Jesus, may preach the good new of liberation.

Instructing God, teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every one of our encounters, knowing that every person is your daughter or son, your creation. Amen.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 23* Worship at 9:30 AM
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Monday, January 24

Tuesday, January 25 *Conversion of Paul*
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Wednesday, January 26 *SS. Timothy and Titus*

Thursday, January 27

Friday, January 28 *St. Thomas Aquinas*

Saturday, January 29

Sunday, January 30* Worship at 9:30 AM
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

* Of Special Note:

Listen to our Sunday worship service with communion on our website or our YouTube channel.

Sunday, January 23 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Listen to our weekly worship service, including Pr. Jonathan Breimeier's sermon, on our website: www.capitoldrivellutheran.net.

Monday, January 24 - Psalm 119:89-96

It's said the only thing that is constant is change (Heraclitus, 500 BCE). For many of us, constant change is completely disorienting and exhausting. During the pandemic's pandemonium we longed for our routine activities. Yet it seemed we had to pivot, to change courses of action so often that it felt more like we were pirouetting—spinning in place while constantly changing directions. However, change is *not* the only constant. *God is constant.* God's words to us are constant. In today's text, the psalmist reminds us that "The Lord exists forever" and God's "word is firmly fixed" (v. 89). Next we read that God's "faithfulness endures to all generations" and the earth "stands fast" (v. 90). Take a deep breath and slowly exhale a sigh of relief. When everything around us seems to be spinning in constant change, rest assured God is constant. God's faithful, grace-filled love endures forever. You can constantly and eternally count on God. *Eternal God, thank you for your faithful, consistent word and your loving, constant presence. Amen.*

Tuesday, January 25 - Galatians 1:11-24

Conversion of Paul

When (if?) we think of stalkers, oppressors, and tormentors, Paul could be among the worst of the worst. He admitted it. He pursued and persecuted Christ's believers. He tried to destroy the early Christian church. What value could Paul ever be to God? Yet God reached out to Paul, forgave him, and called him to proclaim the good news of salvation through Christ. Paul became a leader in early Christianity, and his teachings guide us today. However, none of Paul's radical change was his own doing. It was God's intervention. Paul was transformed *solely* by God's grace through Christ's life, death, and resurrection. God can also transform us. No matter what we've done—no matter how bad it was, how often we did it, or how long we continued it—God loves, calls, forgives, and *amazingly* transforms us. God can use each of us to share God's love with everyone. In God's sight, we're of enormous value. *Transformative God, forgive my past. Shape me to love and serve you. Amen.*

Wednesday, January 26 – Jeremiah 36:27-32

Many of us stay informed about events by relying on television, radio, and online news or social media. We may have abandoned paper books for e-books that inform and entertain us. Often we send emails and texts rather than hand-written letters. However, when the power goes out or the internet is down, our communication slows or even stops. We may feel very uninformed, without guidance, and completely out of touch. When King Jehoiakim burned the first scroll with the Lord's written words, the Israelites might have feared they'd be out of touch with their God. How would they learn about God's commands and promises? They didn't need to fear. No human or any force can destroy God's word. Through Jeremiah, God inspired the writing of another scroll. God won't allow God's children to be uninformed by God's words of guidance, grace, and love. God always finds ways to communicate with us. *Persistent God, thank you for constantly speaking to me with your words of guidance and love. Amen.*

Thursday, January 27 - John 3:1-2, 16-20

Sometimes when the world around us seems to hold only darkness and despair, it's easy to give in to despair. But then the Spirit, who lives inside believers in Christ (John 14:17), reminds us that Jesus died for that brokenness and pain. When he came into the world as a human, he brought light into the darkness (1:4-5; 8:12). We see this in his conversation with Nicodemus, who furtively came to Jesus in the cover of darkness but left impacted by the Light (3:1-2; 19:38-40). Jesus taught

Nicodemus that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (3:16). Yet even though Jesus brought light and love into the world, many remain lost in the darkness of their sin (vv. 19-20). If we're his followers, we have the light that dispels darkness. In gratitude, let's pray that God will make us beacons of God's love (Matthew 5:14-16). *Thank you, God, for coming to save me from the darkness of sin and despair. Help me to remain in your light. Amen.*

Friday, January 28 - 2 Chronicles 35:20-27

"You're not listening to what I say!" How many times has this been said to us or by us? Listening means taking the other person seriously. It means considering where they are coming from. And in the case of King Josiah of Judah, it means considering if the word the other person is speaking might be coming from God. King Josiah wanted to join Pharaoh Neco in an upcoming battle, but Neco said, "What have I to do with you, king of Judah?" (v. 21). Josiah did not listen to Neco, disguised himself and took part in the battle, and was mortally wounded and died. Josiah was a righteous man, but even he failed to listen and discern God's will. A warning to the kings and peoples of the earth to discern God's will, this is also wisdom for us. How might we listen to what God is saying—even through those we might not expect to speak a word from God? *Open my ears and mind to listen to your words of life and obey your commands, O Lord. Amen.*

Saturday, January 29 - 2 Chronicles 36:11-21

Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, "was evil in the sight of the Lord his God" (v. 12). He did not humble himself before Jeremiah. On the other hand, Pharaoh Neco humbled himself before God and followed God's command. Being humble, along with its companion, humility, can be challenging, especially for those in positions of power. Yet power and authority can be more effective by practicing humility—that is, putting someone else before oneself and not taking credit for service to others. Jeremiah and the other prophets were humble. Jesus was certainly humble and set an example of humility. Being humble to God and God's word empowers one to live as a humble disciple before others, and to promote peace and do justice in the world. Being humble before God and others is power in love for the world. *Lord of humility, may your word of love humble me before you and others. Amen.*

Sunday, January 30 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;

1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of last Sunday's reading (Luke 4:14-21). Jesus was visiting his hometown and preached in the synagogue. Quoting from the book of Isaiah, Jesus announced, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." At first, the hometown folk were amazed by Jesus stating that he had fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy. But then amazement turned to anger and rejection of Jesus. The good news in this is that Jesus did fulfill Isaiah's prophecy "to bring good news to the poor" (v. 18), along with releasing captives, giving sight to the blind, and freeing the oppressed. Jesus has fulfilled God's plan to release all who are captive and oppressed by sin and death. *Healer of our every ill, thank you for fulfilling God's promise. Amen.*



The schedule will be completed ONLY when it is safe to resume in-person worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP	January 2, 2022 Epiphany of Our Lord	January 9, 2022 Baptism of Our Lord	January 16, 2022 Second Sunday after Epiphany	January 23, 2022 Third Sunday after Epiphany	January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pr. Jonathan Breimeier	Pr. Jonathan Breimeier	Pr. Diane Olson	Pr. Jonathan Breimeier	Pr. Jonathan Breimeier
Assisting Minister					
Lector	Linda Jaeger	O B Beal	Jim Katrichis	Linda Jaeger	O B Beal
Musician	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
Communion Assistant					
Altar Guild					
Council Members	Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrls				

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Worship services have returned to in-person events. All are welcome. We make audio recordings each Sunday and they can be found on our website.

Two Noteworthy Websites from Luther Seminary:

www.enterthebible.org ("A wealth of resources to help you grow in your faith")
www.workingpreacher.org (commentary for each Sunday's lessons and psalm)

January Birthdays at CDLC

January 1	Liz Musil
January 1	Donna Weis
January 8	Rodney Hernandez
January 8	John Katrichis
January 9	Dan Lehenbauer
January 21	Christopher Beal

Please help to replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. The Box is being emptied quite often, especially at this time of year. If you have any questions about what items are needed, please do not hesitate to contact Steve O'Connell (his phone number is listed above). God bless you and thank you very much for your kind generosity.

JANUARY 2022

Sunday morning worship has resumed in the sanctuary. ALL other activities remain cancelled until further notice.

<p><u>January 2, 2022</u> Epiphany of Our Lord (transferred)</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p>	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Epiphany of Our Lord		
<p><u>January 9, 2022</u> Baptism of Our Lord</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p>	10	11	12	13	14	15
						Martin Luther King, Jr. (date of birth)
<p><u>January 16, 2022</u> Second Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Diane Olson</p>	17	18	19	20	21	22
	St. Anthony	Confession of Peter			St. Agnes (d. ca. 304)	
	<u>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</u> (federal holiday)	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins				
<p><u>January 23, 2022</u> Third Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
	St. Francis de Sales	Conversion of Paul	SS. Timothy and Titus	9:00 AM: Quilters Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the faith	St. Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274)	
		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends				
<p><u>January 30, 2022</u> Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p>	31	<u>February 1</u>	2	3	4	5
			<u>The Presentation of Our Lord</u>			