

Epiphany



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The Baptism of our Lord

Welcome & Greeting

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Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Confession

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

**Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(1 John 1:9)

Time for Reflection

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**All: Most merciful God, we humbly bow our hearts before you. We
acknowledge that we have made mistakes and not loved you
like we should. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and
left things undone. In your mercy, forgive us, cleanse us, and cause
us to walk in step with you. For the sake of Jesus, hear our prayer.
Amen.**

Absolution

(Psalm 103:8-12; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)

Opening Praise

(Ephesians 4:19-20, 5:19; Colossians 3:16)

“Joyful”

Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore You God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before you opening to the sun above

Verse 2

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of eternal gladness fill us with the light of day

CHORUS

You are the One who saves You are the One who saves
You are the One whose hands lift us from the grave
You are the light of life the everlasting day
You are the One who takes all our sins away

Verse 3

You are giving and forgiving ever blessing ever blessed
Fountain of the joy of living ocean depths of happy rest

CHORUS

Song “This is Amazing Grace”

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of glory the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory the King above all kings

CHORUS

This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
That You would take my place that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You’ve done for me

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Verse 2

Who brings our chaos back into order
who makes the orphan a son or daughter
The King of glory the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory the King above all kings

CHORUS

This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
That You would take my place that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

BRIDGE

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
worthy is the King who conquered the grave

CHORUS

Apostle's Creed

(1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Timothy 3:14)

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 at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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 Word of God

(2 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 3:16)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-7 *Read by Lara Triplett*

- ¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- ³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- ⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
- ⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Read by Lara Triplett

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Song “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Verse 1

Songs of thankfulness and praise Jesus Lord to Thee we raise
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar
Branch of royal David's stem in Thy birth at Bethlehem
Anthems be to Thee addressed God in flesh made manifest

Verse 2

Manifest at Jordan's stream Prophet, Priest, and King supreme
And at Cana wedding Guest in Thy Godhead manifest
Manifest in pow'r Divine changing water into wine
Anthems be to Thee addressed God in flesh made manifest

Verse 3

Grant us grace to see Thee Lord present in Thy holy Word
Grace to imitate Thee now and be pure as pure art Thou
That we might become like Thee at Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee ever blessed God in flesh made manifest

Sermon

(2 Timothy 3:16, 4:2; Acts 2:42)

Sermon Title

“The Foolishness of God”

Pastor Kirk Triplett

Song of Response

(Isaiah 55:10-11; Ephesians 4:1-2)

“Reckless Love”

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

CHORUS

Oh the overwhelming never ending reckless love of God
Oh it chases me down fights 'til I'm found leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming never ending reckless love of God

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Verse 2

When I was You foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

CHORUS

Oh the overwhelming never ending reckless love of God
Oh it chases me down fights 'til I'm found leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming never ending reckless love of God

BRIDGE:

There's no shadow You won't light up mountain
You won't climb up coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down lie
You won't tear down coming after me

CHORUS

Prayers of the Church

(Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:1)

After each petition: Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer

We Pray for:

- Lila – recovering from complications of covid
- Jerry – in rehab for a broken femur suffered in a fall; continued health
- Greg (Barb's son) – at home recovering from a fall
- Robert (Phyllis' grandson) – Cancer free but still having other complications
- Those battling ongoing health issues – Dale, John, Jerry
- Those battling cancer – Tasha, Debbie, Marty, Derek, Ella, Sandra, Alice and Sue's father
- Hawthorne Middle School
- Our Nation

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9)

All: 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

Benediction

(Numbers 6:22; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: Amen

Announcements

Closing Song “This I Believe/The Blessing (verse 1)”

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting the all creating One God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Savior

CHORUS 1

I believe in God the Father I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection that we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus(after verse 2)

Verse 2

Our Judge and our Defender suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

CHORUS 1

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BRIDGE

I believe in You I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord **(Repeat)**

CHORUS 2

I believe in life eternal I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints communion and in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

CHORUS 1

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I believe in the Holy Spirit our God is three in One
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For I believe in the name of Jesus(after verse 2)

Verse 1

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace **(Repeat)**

Dismissal

(Romans 5:1; Romans 12:1)

Pastor: Now go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sending

(Matthew 28:19-20)

Pastor: Let's not only go to church...

Congregation: Let's be the church

Announcements

- **Adult Bible Study 9am** – We are studying the Small Catechism.
- **Kids Sunday School at 9am**
- **Praise Night tonight at 5:00pm**
- **Tuesdays - Quilting Ladies at 10:00am**
- **Thursdays – Men's Coffee from 8 to 9:30am at the church**
- **Man Monday's will resume on January 11th at 7:00pm**
- **Beginning Tomorrow, January 11th - Women's Study at 7:00pm at Terri Westphall's house.**
- **Youth Group Foundations begins Monday, January 25th from 5:30 – 6:30pm** – Fifth Grade through high school are welcome as we have fun and learn about the great foundations of our faith. Parents are encouraged and welcomed to participate.
- **You can now give online at tithely.com; Search for Faith Lutheran Evangelical Church.**

If you have a pastoral need you may contact Pastor Kirk Triplett at kirk@faithpocatello.org or 530-306-0712.

**Pastor Kirk will be available by appointment only this week.
He will have his online colloquy class everyday this week.**

Sermon: “The Foolishness of God” Matthew 3:13-17

What is God saying: _____

What is my main take-away: _____

How I am going to respond: _____

Prayer for help: _____

Who I’m praying for this week: _____
