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ALL WERE AMAZED AT
The GRACIOUS WORDS
that CAME from HIS MOUTH

L U K E 4 : 2 2

January 24, 2010

Proclaiming GRACE

God's Riches At Christ's Expense

Est. January 3, 1956

As We Gather

L The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

Ringling of the Bells

+Gathering Song

WOV # 652

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

+Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Strong and faithful God,
**ALL we confess that we have not lived
as your holy people in the world.
We have closed our hearts to your love.
We have resisted your light.
We have failed to proclaim your mercy.
Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone,
heal us with your abundant grace,
and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die
for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire
forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and
of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+Greeting

P Arise, shine; for your light has come.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

(All may share the Lord's Peace with those in the pew around)

+Hymn of Praise for the Epiphany Season

The Hymnal for Worship & Praise

66

To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory, great things he hath done.
O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

+Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 12

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—

and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

R The Word of the Lord.

C

Thanks be to God.

+Choir Anthem

“Christmas Joy”

+A Gospel Reading from Luke 4

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C

Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

"Leggo: WOW!"

An Epiphany Hymn

LBW # 231

"O Word of God Incarnate"

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our foot-steps, Shines on from age to age.

The Church from you, dear Master, Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to you.

Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;
Oh, teach your wan-d'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see you face to face.

Pastor's Message

“Wow! Gracious Words Came
From His Mouth”

+Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+Prayers of the Church

Response:

P Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.

+Offering Song

“Lord, Be Glorified”

TOSB # 15

words/music Bob Kilpatrick

In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In my life Lord, Be glorified today.

In my song Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In my song Lord, Be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In Your church Lord, Be glorified today.

+Offering Prayer

L God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

C **Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+The Service of Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and good that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *LBW # 205*

Now the silence, Now the peace, Now the empty hands uplifted;
Now the kneeling, Now the plea, now the Father's arms in welcome;
Now the hearing, Now the pow'r, Now the vessel brimmed for pouring;
Now the body, Now the blood, Now the joyful celebration;
Now the wedding, Now the songs, Now the heart forgiven leaping;

Now the Spirit's visitation, Now the Son's epiphany,
Now the Father's blessing. Now. Now. Now.

+Words of our Lord

+The Lord's Prayer

INVITATION The gifts of God for the people of God.

What is this Bread? What is this Wine? At Messiah Lutheran Church, the Holy Supper of our Lord is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that we receive "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink." Our Lord welcomes to His table those who have faith in these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin."

Please extend hand out to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Pastor follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing "that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ."

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Join in singing the following selections from various resources:

WOV # 710 "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many through-out the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
2. Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen.
 The light has shined on them who long
 In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath'ring nations come;
 They joy as when the reapers bear
 Their harvest treasures home, Their harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,
 And on His shoulder ever rests
 All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
 The Wonderful, the Counselor,
 The God by all adored, The God by all adored.

His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based,
 His reign shall have no end. His reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art
 And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

+Closing Prayer and Benediction

ALL

Song of Simeon

LSB, Divine Service, Setting Three, p. 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
 According to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
 A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

P Light and peace are yours through Jesus Christ.
Let your light so shine before others that they may see
your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

+Sending Hymn

Songs for a New Creation No. 87

1. Let us walk in the light of the Lord,
Let us sing of God's love to all the earth.

Refrain: WE ARE STILL ON OUR WAY,
WE ARE GOING HOME TOGETHER,
LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD.

2. Let us live ev'ry day as our last
Fill each one with our laughter and our tears. (Refrain)
3. Let us grow ever closer in love,
Give us hearts overflowing with your peace. (Refrain)
4. Let us bring forth your realm on the earth,
Show the spirit of love to all we meet. (Refrain)
5. May we learn to be children again,
May each day bring us new dreams we can share. (Refrain)

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a warm reminder of God's blessings and a gift for you from Helen and Jake Whitten in honor of Sandy Adams' and Adam Whitten's birthdays on Wednesday, Jan 27. *Thanks for the gift of flowers to brighten this day and to glorify the Lord who richly blesses*

you! Please use the registry in the hallway across from the nursery to sign-up for flowers.

MESSIAH MESSENGER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, GA.
Announcements and news for the week of Jan 24 – Jan 31, 2010
EVENTS THIS WEEK

Welcome in the Name of God’s Beloved Son, Jesus the Messiah! WOW! The power of the Word of God! That Word can convict us of sin and raise us to new life. That Word can heal divisions in Christ’s body and help us appreciate each others gifts. That Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth. He visits his hometown of Nazareth and clearly states his purpose and mission. WOW, that Word is awesome!

TODAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	am
	3 Sunday after Epiphany		10:30
am	Marriage Enrichment Small Group	5:30	pm
	Location: Pinetree House Facilitator: Jolleen Christians		
MONDAY	Conversion of Paul		
	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends		
WEDNESDAY	Choir practice	7:30	pm
THURSDAY	Craft group	9:00	am
	Liftlifter		
	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
SATURDAY	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	am
	4 Sunday after Epiphany	10:30	am
	Stress Management Group	TBA	

WE ARE DEVOTED TO OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, OUR RESOURCES

2010 Budget Goal	\$ 141,636.00
Goal per week	\$ 2,724.00
2010 Goal to Date	\$ 8,171.00
Offering for 2010 Budget – as of 1/17/10	\$ 8,738.00
Offering for 1/17/10	\$ 2,309.00
Weekly average for 3 weeks	\$ 2,913.00

Designated Offerings:	
Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Pine Tree House Debt Reduction Fund 2010	\$ 20.00

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” Matthew 5: 16

Pinetree House Property Loan Balance as of 12/21/09 \$79,589.77

WE ARE DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Acts 2: 42

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Sandy Adams, Adam Whitten (1/27); David Foutz Larry Lorden (1/28). Missed *on this list? Please leave a note in the church office with name and birth date.*

ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES Corey Christians, Afghanistan, Cheston Morgan, Afghanistan, Verla George's grandson in the Army. Keith Missildine, (Navy, New Jersey), Brian Sparks (Navy, R.I.), Kevin Sparks (AF, Florida)

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING PATIENTS/SHUT-INS

Charles Kluball, Fellowship Home
Vi & Clarence Heidemann, homebound

NEW JOYS & ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Prayer of thanks and congratulations on behalf of Verna Hodge upon the birth of a great grandson born last Sunday to Aaron and Gena Horne.

Linda Klement requests prayer for Edie Baxley who underwent a double mastectomy on Thursday and for her complete healing.

Eddie Harvey, back surgery on Tuesday

LIST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Name	Concern/joy	Requested by	Relationship
June Orrison	cancer	Gloria Cook	cousin
Belinda Judy	brain tumor	Dorothy Hauge	friend
Virginia Anderson	Alzheimer's	Betty Zipperer	sister
Roy McDanielle	lung disease	Duane Hauge	friend
Linda Brightwell	cancer	Tina Wright	friend/co-worker
Melanie McDonald	brain seizures	Mary Kinchen	cousin
Vickie Johnson	health issues	Dana Black	mother
Bobby Joe Johnson	health issues	Dana Black	step-father
Alyssia Ventura	MS	Silke/PatrickDeeley	daughter
John Harris	multiple health concerns	Jan Bristow	friend
Sally Carson	tests	Jack/Joanne Hostetler	daughter
Steven Bridges	leukemia	Lisa Tinney/Dana Black	friend
Edgar Vizcarondo	cancer	Rae Hubbard	friend
Ira & Louise Whatley	cancer	Nancy Stewart	
Charli Butler (6mth)	chemo treatments	Wendy Tweeter	friend of parents
Nancy Golden	liver failure	Teri Williams	friend
Denny Brown	cancer	Carrie Meyer	friend's dad
Rev. Thomas Mendenhall		Marjorie Fix	pastor in K
Warren Gee	prostate cancer		former member
Richard	heart disease	Susan Keller	brother
McKenzie Brownlee	(age 2) leukemia AML	Dr. Brad Meyer	nurse's child
Doris Olsen	(age 94) congestive heart	Norene Olsen	stepmother
Betty Hesemann	(age 90)	Carrie Meyer	grandmother
Karen Hoover	bone cancer	Nancy Stewart	in MI
Jo Ann Freeland	hospital	Nancy Stewart	sister-in-law MI
Terry Luecke(?)	tumor in back removed	Don Sullins	friend
Elizabeth Manley		Dorothy Hauge	friend
Ruth Cornelius		Dorothy Hauge	sister

WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORSHIP Acts 2: 42

Organ/Piano
 Choir Director
 Liturgy Assistant
 Acolyte
 Reader/Communion Assistants
 Presenter of the children’s message
 Greeters
 Nursery
 Ushers

Altar preparation/Chancel care
 Sound tech
 Custodians
 Altar linen
 Flower service
 Flower beds
 Grass cutting
 Floor Maintenance Smith’s Janitorials

Kay Vincent
 Marjorie Fix
 John Mitchell
 Alina Sweeney
 John and Ellen Mitchell
 Cindy Sweeney, Pr. Richard
 Jan Sparks, Pat Simpson
 Darlene Kraushaar
 George Vincent, Lisa Vincent
 Nicki Williamson, volunteer
 Nan Attkins
 Volunteer
 Bob & Valerie Behnke
 Fran Sparks
 Helen Whitten
 Whitten family
 Fred Daniels 245-0483
 Laverne Smith 229 387-6060

Church Council.....
 Dick Rockey, president
 Gary Klement,co- financial secretary
 John Mitchell, treasurer
 Cindy Mitchell, youth
 Jolleen Christians, evangelism

Sandy Adams, v- pres/secretary
 Lisa Tinney, co-financial secretary
 Jeff Moxley, stewardship
 Lisa Vincent, property
 Norene Olson, worship
 Dana Black, Christian Ed

WE ARE DEVOTED TO SERVICE

	<u>Jan 31</u> 4th Sun Epiphany	<u>Feb 7</u> 5th Sun Epiphany	<u>Feb 14</u> Transfiguration Sunday
Reader:	E Sheeley	B Miller	M Lorden
Com Assist:	K Sheeley	C Miller	L Lorden
Acolyte:	S Spencer	Z Moxley	N Kraushaar
Chancel:	L Tinney	V Behnke	R Pieplow
Nursery:	V Behnke	N Stewart	M Foutz
Greeters:	C Miller	M Rupp	B Zipperer

B Miller

M Evans

F Sparks

Ushers:

W Tinney

D Rockey

J Hostetler

L Tinney

J Willis

J Hostetler

G Klement

K Boles

B Behnke

volunteer

B Boles

V Behnke

Grace and Peace from Pr. Richard

Thank you for your support: “Your generous gift of \$500 is very gratefully received. Your contribution will enable us to continue helping Hospice of South Georgia & Langdale Hospice House patients and their families and Camp Good Mourning”. + + + Thanks to Nan Atkins for organizing a quilt making effort to send relief to victims in Haiti. + + + *Baltimore, January 19, 2010* — A shipment of Lutheran World Relief health kits and layettes left LWR’s warehouse in New Windsor, Md., today, to be distributed to Haitian earthquake survivors. LWR partner Church World Service will distribute the shipment of 650 health kits and 1500 layettes, the first of multiple planned shipments to Haiti. LWR has committed material resources valued at nearly \$500,000 and plans to send more health kits and layettes, along with quilts and school kits, in the near future. Health kits, with soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers and a comb, help people living in desperate situations to maintain basic hygiene. Layettes, containing a baby blanket, diapers, and baby clothing, help parents care for their infants. Lutheran congregations and groups in the U.S. assemble the kits and donate them to LWR for use in overseas emergencies. “Right now our stocks are running low, and we are critically low on health kits,” said Knoblich. “We know from experience that Lutherans are compassionate people, and we are asking that they donate whatever quilts and kits they can to help us meet the incredible needs in Haiti.”

Small Groups for Encouragement and Support:

Marriage Enrichment group will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in the Pine Tree House. Participants are asked to bring a wedding photo to our first gathering. Facilitator: Jolleen Christians

Men’s Bible Support group. Location and time to be announced. Facilitator: Joe Mitchell.

Stress Management Bible study group will begin Sunday, January 31, at the Pine Tree House. Facilitator: Lisa Vincent

Sign up sheet for the groups are located on the table in the entryway. Information about other small groups being offered will be provided when available.

I THINK THIS WHOLE
"BODY PARTS" IDEA
IS COOL.



YEAH - EVERYONE
PLAYS A PART
& EVERY PART
IS NECESSARY.



EXCEPT FOR THE
APPENDIX.

I WONDER WHO'S
THE APPENDIX?

