

*“True faith does not contradict its words by its conduct.”* ~Anonymous

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

*4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Lyn Wallace, (8:00) and Jerry Hill (9:30), Worship Assistants

February 3, 2013

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting One Another

*(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle. Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)*

\*Opening Hymn                      “In Christ There Is No East or West”                      548

\*Opening Prayer

*Merciful God, we are bombarded with information, all of it claiming to be the truth. Yet we know that there are false messiahs among us -- those who seek to use and exploit rather than serve us, those who are after only their own gain, those who distort, twist and stretch the truth to suit their own purposes. Our public conversation has been reduced to sound bites. Our relationships are frequently no deeper than what can be tweeted in 140 characters. Into this shallow and hollow vacuum, Christ comes as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thank You for offering us a bottomless fountain of eternal truth from which to drink and be filled. Amen.*

\*Gloria Patri                      “Glory Be To the Father”                      70

Life of the Church

\*Hymn                      “Here I Am, Lord”                      593

✠Prayers of the People                      ✠The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (9:30)                      The Wesleyan Choir

\*Offertory Response                      “Doxology”                      95

\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

*Eternal God, Your servant Paul reminded us that no amount of noise we can make, no profound wisdom or vision we can share, no amount of money we can give means anything in Your sight unless it comes forth out of love. Any offering that comes out of self-promotion, arrogance, or unkindness – not rooted in love – is a wasted effort. We pray You would receive these gifts we give this morning as ones that come from our hearts, Lord; hearts full of faith, hearts full of hope, and hearts full of love for You and for those around us. We pray this in the Holy name of Jesus, Your Son and our Savior. Amen.*

The Scripture Lesson                      Luke 4: 21-30                      (p. 727 in the pew Bible)

The Message                      **“Delusory Behavior”**                      Pastor Lutz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion\*

*(The congregation will proceed to the altar by the side aisles at the ushers’ direction, returning down the center aisle to their seat. Please kneel at the altar, if you are able, to receive the elements.)*

\*Closing Hymn                      “Lord of the Dance”                      261

\*Affirmation of Faith                      –Based on Psalm 71

*We believe that God is our rock and our fortress, a deliverer who delights in coming to the aid of those who seek the Him.  
We believe that God is always moving the world toward justice and righteousness and that we are invited to be agents of that movement.  
We believe that God is faithful and patient. God does not give up on us or on anything He created.  
We believe that God is near, always present in our troubles, sadness, loneliness and fear. We place our hope in God because God alone is completely holy, trustworthy and true.  
Thanks be to God, our rock and our redeemer! Amen.*

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*If able, please stand to worship God*

*\*The Communion Offering* for this month will be dedicated to *The Pastor’s Discretionary fund.*

*We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting. (Please inform us of your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God's Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you and invite you back! We look forward to your worshipping with us again.*

## ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

**Altar Flowers** today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Denise Dintinger on Her Birthday, by Marilyn Deibler and Family; and also In Loving Memory of George Schick, Husband, Father & Pop-Pop, by Cynthia Schick and Family.

**Morning Greeters** today are, at the 8:00 service, Wendi Flanagan & Joan Jones; and at the 9:30 service, Carol Nielsen & Vince Belmont.

**Ushers** today at the 8:00 service are Joe McDonald, Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, Chuck & Beth Lotocki.

**Prayer Chain No. 1 is in effect this week.** Please call Cynthia Schick, 215-968-2072, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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### Worship Services

#### **Traditional**

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

#### **Contemporary**

11:00 a.m.

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