



# JANUARY 28, 2024 | *The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

## SERVICE NOTES

**Worship Him, all you gods; Zion hears and is glad.** The daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments, O Lord. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**If you need any assistance**, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

**If you are a visitor with us today**, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the black binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.

**If you have small children**, please note there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child, but we are caring, loving and happy to hear your child/children. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

**For your convenience** today's order of service is printed on the following pages. It is based on the Order of Morning Service, found on p. 5ff. in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Minister**

Rev. Michael Dietz

**Organist**

Deb Meyer

**Elder on Duty**

Sunday: Rod Meves

**Ushers on Duty**

David Diestler, Charles Hartwig, Rick Schnese

**Altar Guild**

Julie Busse & Sandra VanderHeyden

# The Order of Morning Service

*Please stand.*

## OPENING HYMN

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise | 134*

## INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

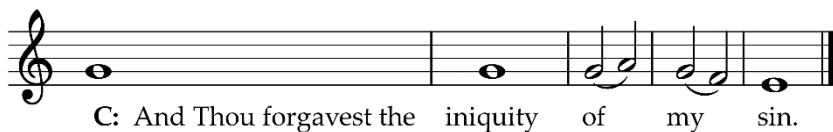


**M:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**M:** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



**M:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**M:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!



*You may be seated.*

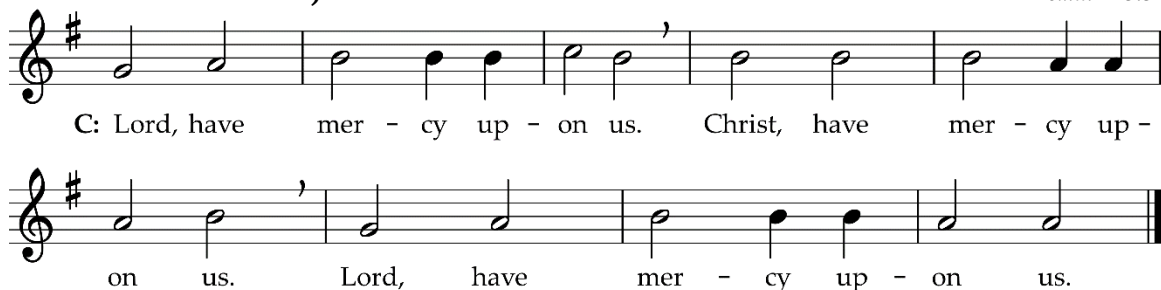
## THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

**M:** Worship Him, all you gods; Zion hears and is glad. The daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments, O Lord. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of the isles be glad.



## THE KYRIE—*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

*Psalm 123:3*



# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

Luke 2:14



C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

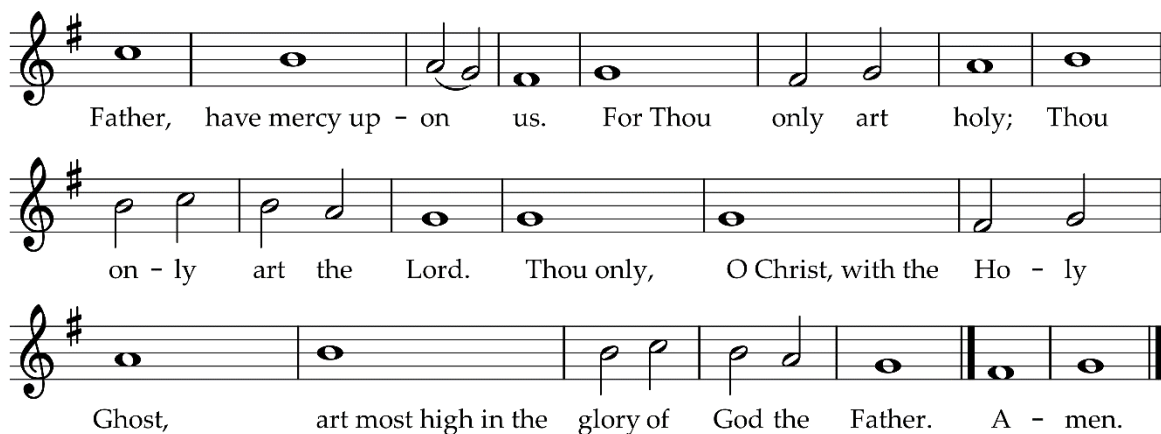
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the

world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the



## PSALM 29

M: Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

M: The voice of the LORD *is* over the waters; The God of glory thunders;

**C: The LORD *is* over many waters. The voice of the LORD *is* powerful;**

M: The voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,

**C: Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.**

M: He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**C: The voice of the LORD <sup>le</sup>divides the flames of fire.**

M: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

**C: The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.**

M: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare;

**C: And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"**

M: The LORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood,

**C: And the LORD sits as King forever.**

M: The LORD will give strength to His people;

**C: The LORD will bless His people with peace.**

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And with thy spir - it.

*Please stand.*

**M:** Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*You may be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, <sup>16</sup> according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’

<sup>17</sup> “And the Lord said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. <sup>19</sup> And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’

## SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge <sup>[a]</sup>puffs up, but love <sup>[b]</sup>edifies. <sup>2</sup>And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* no other God but one. <sup>5</sup>For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), <sup>6</sup>yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

<sup>7</sup>However, *there is* not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat *it* as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

<sup>9</sup>But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a <sup>[c]</sup>stumbling block to those who are weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

## GRADUAL

**M:** Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia!



*Please stand.*



## GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 1:21-28



C: Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

<sup>23</sup>Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>saying, "Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

<sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, <sup>[a]</sup>"Be quiet, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. <sup>27</sup>Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, <sup>[b]</sup>"What is this? What new <sup>[c]</sup>doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." <sup>28</sup>And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

**M:** This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** 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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

*You may be seated.*

## CHOIR

My Faith Looks Looks Up to Thee

## HYMN

*Oh, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink* | 396

*Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.*

## SERMON – DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

*Jesus Empowers Us to Go  
Forward in Faith*

*Please stand.*

## THE OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean\_ heart, O God, and re - new a right.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence;

and take\_\_\_ not Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;

and up - hold me with\_\_\_ Thy\_\_\_ free spir - it. A - men.

*You may be seated.*

## THE OFFERING

*Please stand.*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

*You may be seated.*

## HYMN

*I Walk in Danger All the Way* | 413

*Please stand.*

## COLLECT OF THE WORD

**M:** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



## THE BENEDICTION

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the fellowship hall.

**SNACK SPONSORS** – Thanks to Anna Noll for sponsoring and serving snacks during our fellowship time this morning! If you're interested in sponsoring and serving snacks, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall!

**THANK YOU** – Thank you, Pastor Dietz, for conducting our service today.

**PASTOR RODNEY FLOHR** – At our call meeting, voting members selected Pastor Flohr of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Cold Spring, MN. Please keep Pastor Flohr and his family in your prayers as he considers this Divine Call. Pastor Flohr's contact information: 510 – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Cold Spring, MN 56320. Email: [comchap@aol.com](mailto:comchap@aol.com).

**WOMEN ON A MISSION FEBRUARY EVENTS** – We have two events in February. Bingo night is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:00 pm and Laundry Love donations throughout the month. Details posted on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please take the time to check it out.

**LENTEN SUPPERS** – The Kitchen Committee posted a sign-up sheet for the Lenten Suppers that will be held prior to the services on Feb. 14, 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, and 20. Four categories are on the list: 2 Entrées, Bread/Salad and Dessert. Everyone is welcome to enjoy good food and fellowship. Each group is responsible for planning, serving, clean-up and providing the meal for that week.

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING**

SUNDAY (1/28)

**Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.**  
Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY (1/31)

Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY (2/4)

**Divine Service w/Comm., 9:00 a.m.**  
Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

**OUR MISSION**

*Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.*