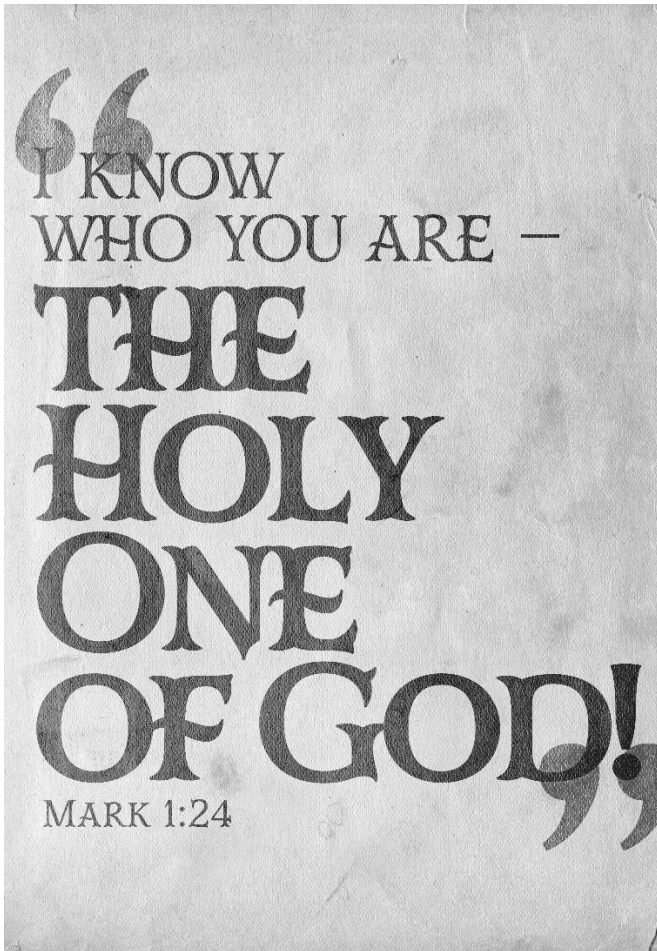


**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 28, 2024**



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## **Epiphany Lutheran Church – Connecting People to Christ and One Another! Welcome, we are happy to have you here!**

- Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. If we can do anything to serve you, please speak with an usher, deacon, or Pastor Mueller.
- Today's service will include Holy Communion. Those who communion share the confession of this congregation and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The following is what we confess together: *"I have been baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I confess and repent of my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and my Lord. I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation."* Children and adults not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are still learning about our confession, or if you hold a different confession, Pastor Mueller looks forward to speaking with you further about the blessings of the Lord's Supper.
- We encourage families to worship with their children. There are blue binders with paper and crayons on the bookcase at the back of the Sanctuary for use during the service.
- Our Guests are invited to complete a worship card (found in the pew pocket), including prayer requests. Members are asked to use the worship card for prayer requests and updating contact information. Cards will be gathered by the ushers after the Gospel reading. Due to privacy concerns, we ask that, if possible, permission be granted by the person for whom a prayer is requested. Thank you.
- Please silence your cell phones.
- We use the Lutheran Service Book for Liturgy and Hymns during the service - referenced as "LSB." Unless otherwise noted lyrics are projected on the screen.

## **+ Preparation +**

### **Welcome**

***"All Glory Be to Christ"***

### **Invocation**

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### **Opening Sentences**

*Psalm 111*

- P Praise the Lord!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- C **Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.**
- P Full of splendor and majesty is his work  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- C **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.**
- P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

### **Kyrie** (*sung, LSB page 204*)

- C **Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis** (*sung, LSB page 204*)

- C **To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**
- To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.**

Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
 Receive our heartfelt cry,  
 Where You in pow'r are seated  
 At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy,  
 You only are the Lord.  
 Forever and forever,  
 Be worshiped and adored;  
 You with the Holy Spirit  
 Alone are Lord Most High,  
 In God the Father's glory.  
 "Amen!" our glad reply.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers  
 that in our frailty we cannot stand upright.

C **Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and  
 carry us through all temptations;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
 You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Old Testament – Deuteronomy 18:15-20

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle – 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** (*sung, LSB page 205*)

- C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**These things are written**  
**that you may believe**  
**that Jesus is the Christ,**  
**the Son of God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel – Mark 1:21-28**

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
 C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

*(Please pass completed worship cards to the side aisles.)*

**LSB #541 "'Away From Us!' the Demon Cried"**

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**Sermon:** "A Demon Confronts Jesus"

**Text:** Mark 1:23-28

*Pastor Richard Flath*

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**Nicene Creed**

- C **I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and**

ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## *Offering*

### **Prayer of the Church**

Following, "Lord, in Your mercy," please respond, "**hear our prayer.**"

## **+ *Service of the Sacrament* +**

### **Preface**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will

overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus** (*sung LSB page 208*)

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim  
shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.  
We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.  
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

- C 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.**



## The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **Amen.**

## **Agnus Dei** (*sung LSB page 210*)

- C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## Distribution

Please follow the usher's directions. Those who are able are invited to kneel at the railing. Hold your hand up to receive the host; this assists the Pastor or Deacon to recognize those desiring to commune. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Individual cups of wine (red) or non-alcoholic wine (white – in the center of the tray) will be offered. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Following the blessing, you may deposit your cup in the collection bowl located by each side aisle before returning to your seat.

**LSB #696 "Oh God, My Faithful God"**

**LSB #730 "What Is the World to Me"**

**Nunc Dimittis** (*sung LSB page 211*)

- C **O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

- P Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

**Benediction**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

***“The Blessing”*** (*We sing with Crosslight*)

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**Readings for Next Sunday February 4, 2024:**  
**Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39**

**Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**Today - Daniel 4 led by Alanna Davis**

**February 4 – No Class**

**Elementary Sunday School**

**Today –God Tells His People How to Build the Tabernacle**  
**led by Mary Abdi**

**February 4 – Caleb Trusts God Will Help led by Mary Abdi**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Women of Epiphany** are

cordially invited to the Zone LWML Prayer Service on Saturday, February 10, hosted by Epiphany, beginning with a fellowship time at 9:30 am followed by worship, led by Pastor Mueller, at 10 am. This is a great opportunity to join with other area LWML members to prepare for the upcoming Lenten season. We hope to see you there.

**Upon receiving** a generous monetary gift from gracious Epiphany members, the Board of Directors formed a committee to design our new outdoor “monument” sign. The committee spent many hours to get the design just right, and you can see the result on our Facebook

page. We hope this new look will guide more people to Epiphany, and that you also all like this new sign. We are in the process of having it made, which should take about six to eight weeks. The BOD would like to thank our wonderful donors and the design committee for making this all happen.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT** for good deals on candy (NO NUTS) or small toys (animals, stickers, stampers, balls, etc.) as we are going to start collecting candy and items to stuff our Easter eggs with! Starting Sunday, January 28th, the bin will be out to collect these items in the Narthex. Please do NOT donate any plastic eggs yet as we saved many from last year and DCE Alanna needs to count them first to find out how many more we need! The Easter Egg Hunt event will be announced and flyers available at the end of February.

**FLAT SHEETS NEEDED for QUILTING** – The Quilt Group needs Queen or King sized new or used, printed, or plain colored bed sheets (except flannel) for use as quilt backs. Please donate flat sheets only. The sheets may be placed on the table in the quilting room. Thank you for considering donating. Questions? Please talk to Kathy Peterson.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on a table in the Narthex. Contact Semie Wilson or Janet Broadus if you have any questions or concerns.

**A CELEBRATION** for Semie Wilson is planned for Sunday, February 4th, after the 9am worship service (10:15am or so), to celebrate Semie's retirement. Semie has served our congregation as bookkeeper and office administrator for over 25 years! Please join in this celebration to say THANK YOU! to Semie (and Larry) for all that she has done for our congregation. If there are any questions about the celebration, please contact Alanna Davis, Diane Carbone or Linda Fuerbringer.

**TODAY'S Coffee Hour** will be serving in honor and celebration for all God's grace and blessings for Darrell and Margaret Kemper's 70th Wedding Anniversary.

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**EVENTS COMING UP THIS WEEK:**

Quilting (Tue 9:30a); Women's Bible Study (Wed 9:30a);  
Crosslight/Choir practice (6:15p/7p)

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## NOTES

<b>Serving Today</b>	
<b>Deacons:</b>	Jim Beckmeyer and Paul Brott
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Musicians:</b>	Ryan Erdmann
<b>Lector:</b>	Paul Brott
<b>Greeters:</b>	Steve and Rita Bauman
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Darrell and Margaret Kemper
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Heidi Nelson and Millie Kearney
<b>Counters:</b>	Dawn Cross and Vada Besch
<b>Power Point:</b>	Alanna Davis
<b><i>Chancel Flowers are given by Darrell and Margaret Kemper in Celebration of their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!</i></b>	

<b>Serving Next Sunday, February 4th</b>	
<b>Deacons:</b>	Paul Brott and Nick Borer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ted Rhoades
<b>Musicians:</b>	Mary Abidi
<b>Lector:</b>	Steve Bauman
<b>Greeter:</b>	Steve Bauman and Carole Anenson
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	LWML
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Vada Besch and Janet Broadus
<b>Counters:</b>	Jeff and Lori Hughes
<b>Power Point:</b>	Julie Martin
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>

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