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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIIPHANY January 29, 2023

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it in the offering plates also.*

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: The Lord tells His people, *“I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery”* (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us *“to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly”* with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is *“the power of God and the wisdom of God”* (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our *“wisdom”* and *“righteousness and sanctification and redemption”* (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. *“Blessed are you,”* therefore, *“when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely”* on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).

Order of Worship
Service of Prayer and Preaching LSB 260

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Lift High the Cross”**

LSB 837 sts. ref, 1, 3–4, 6

ref **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

1 **Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

3 **All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain***

4 **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain***

6 **So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain***

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Stand

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents
of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

♪Canticle: “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

LSB 908 sts. 1, 3

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e’er pure retain; Let me Your child and heir remain.

3 To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

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Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be

pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷"Blessed are the

merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

♪ Sermon Hymn: “Jesus Sat with His Disciples

LSB 932

- 1 **Jesus sat with His disciples On a mountainside one day;
As the crowds of people gathered, He began to teach and say:
“Blessèd are the poor in spirit, Heaven’s kingdom they will share.
Blessèd are the sad and mourning, Joy and comfort will be theirs.**
- 2 **“Blessèd are the meek and humble, All the earth to them is willed.
Those who hunger to be holy, They are bless’d and will be filled.
Yes, the merciful are blessèd, Mercy will to them be shown.
And the pure in heart are blessèd, They have eyes for God alone.**
- 3 **“Blessèd are God’s sons and daughters, Making peace where there is strife.
Blessèd are the persecuted, Who for righteousness lose life;
Their reward is great in heaven, In the kingdom up above—
So be glad to share My suff’ring And rejoice to know My love.”**

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Sermon “Blessed”

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

Prayer

LSB 265

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, 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 on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Sit

♪ Closing Hymn: “Blest Are They”

LSB 982

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled. *Refrain*

ref Rejoice and be glad! Blessèd are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill. *Refrain*

3 Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God! *Refrain*

4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*

5 Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; Shine for all to see. *Refrain*

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Mason Sharer, Janice Poppe, Jill Roeber, Dan Mitchell, Logan Mathieson, Grace Kanitz, Ashley Hoffman, Sarah Tompkins, James Tompkins, Lorraine Johnson, Jared Anderson, Ron Kneifl, Kollins Koch, Adam Hoffman, Jerry Kruger, Lila Loewe, Nicole Harmer & Nancy Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES: Dwight & Trudy Schulz and Greg & Candace Jareske

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$4,176.

WITH SYMPATHY: It has pleased almighty God to summon from this life the soul of our brother in Christ, Jim Mitchell. Jim died January 21, 2023, and his funeral service was conducted at Grace on Thursday, January 26, 2023. May God bring His consolation to Janice and all who mourn Jim's passing.

NURSERY: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we conclude our overview of the basic teachings of the Christian Church from a Lutheran perspective. Join us for our discussion of the Lord's Supper and eternal life. The class meets in the basement following Sunday School opening at 9:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: There will be **no class this week (2/1)**. Plan to join us on February 8 for our final study of 2 Kings.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been distributed in your church mailbox for those making use of them. If you cannot locate your envelopes, please contact the church office.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Your Time to Shine" -- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes
Light is necessary for life; God's light, even more so. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sermon on the Mount is the topic for this week's lesson, "Mountain Message." Jesus reminds His listeners not to worry about things they cannot control. The birds of the air and the flowers of the field serve as examples of God's continuing care for His creation. Likewise, we have no need for worry or anxiousness because God provides and cares for us.

COLLEGE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS: We invite all college students to come join us for our Sunday Night Dinners and Bible Study down at Cup of Grace each Sunday starting at 6:30pm. For our church members if you would like to sign up to host a meal you can find the schedule on the southwest church door, and we plan for at least 10 students each week. If you aren't a student but would like to join us, please do so as well. We would love to connect with as many people as possible!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2022: Thank you to all who so faithfully and generously support the work of Grace Lutheran through your gifts and offerings. 2022 Contribution statements for those who use offering envelopes have been prepared and should be in your church mailbox. Any statements not picked up by the end of the month will be mailed via USPS. If there are questions or inaccurate information on your report, please contact our financial secretary, Jeanette Swanson (402) 369-0021 or call the church office (402) 375-1905. Even if you don't need the statement for tax purposes, it is important to review them as a check of the accuracy of our financial system.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Have you experienced the grief and loss of infertility? Or maybe you have parenting experience and room in your heart and home for one more child? Prayerfully consider adopting a child, possibly one who exists today as a waiting frozen embryo, or one who is waiting in foster care, in need of a forever family. Adoption builds a family through love that transcends genetics, biology and culture. To learn more, visit <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/adoption-services/>. **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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ACOLYTES: Bryn Tiedtke & Myles Tiedtke (8:00)

Lanee Rethwisch & Dylan Jensen (10:30)

LAY READER: Jeanette Swanson (8:00) Andy Bose (10:30)

GREETERS: LeRoy & Carol Robbert (8:00)

Justin & Megan Anderson (10:30)

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Ray & Theresa Jensen in thankfulness for their many blessings.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
MONDAY	6:00 pm.	Choir
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
	7:45 pm.	High School Study
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner

WAYNE CIRCUIT BIBLE INSTITUTE

LIVING AS
THE CITY OF
GOD AMONG
CITIES OF
MEN

FEBRUARY 12, 2023 AT 2PM

Grace Lutheran Church, Wayne,
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Presented by Rev. Alexander
Blanken and Rev. Martin Hill

Augustine spoke of there being two cities in this life: the City of God and the City of Man. The Christian's citizenship is in heaven – but we aren't there yet. How then do we live while here on earth? Look to the Bible. There, you find a worldview of hope that extends far beyond governments and culture, far beyond the cities of men.

Pastors' Panel to Follow

Snow Date of February 19, 2023

"For here we have no lasting city,
but we seek the city that is to
come." Hebrews 13:14

The Circuit Bible Institute will be held at Grace on February 12 beginning at 2 p.m. The Bible Institute is an opportunity for lay people from throughout our circuit to join together for a more in-depth study of a topic of interest. This year, two of our area pastors will be presenting on how a Biblical worldview effects our daily life. Make a day of it by coming to LYF Valentine Dinner and staying for the Bible Institute.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is the “pulpit”?

You probably noticed that the pastor preaches to the congregation from the same place in the church almost every time. This place is called the pulpit. The word “pulpit” comes from the Latin word “pulpitum,” meaning “scaffold.” Do you know what a scaffold is?

A scaffold is a platform which is raised high up into the air. If you have ever seen someone washing windows on a building, they were probably standing on a scaffold.

Why do pastors preach from a pulpit?

Before the invention of the microphone, it was sometimes hard to hear what the pastor was saying. By raising the place where the pastor preaches, he could better project his voice for all of the people present to hear the wonderful Gospel. Raising the pulpit above everything else also helps to signify the importance of proclaiming God’s pure Word. What a wonderful invention the pulpit is!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the pulpit to get a better look. Encourage them to step into the pulpit to get a view of the congregation. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy places. During the service, before the sermon, remind them that pastor is about to preach God’s Word and that the pulpit will help them to see and hear him clearly!

