

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Saturday, January 27, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 28, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
 Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
 For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
 Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
 So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
 Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
 Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
 Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
 King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
 Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
 By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
 Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
 Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
 That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
 Here on earth Your will be done.

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

C: **Amen.**

P: We cherish Christ-centered fullness.

C: **The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy.**

P: But Jesus says, “I have come so that you may have life.”

C: **“And have it abundantly.”**

P: For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

C: **And we have been given fullness in Christ.**

P: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we frequently tell ourselves that we don’t have enough—enough time, enough love, enough wisdom. In this time of worship come, in the power of your Holy Spirit, to impart the fullness we have in Christ. Assure us that in Christ we have enough; indeed, more than enough, now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution:

P: In today’s second lesson Paul writes, “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and we have been given fullness in Christ.” (Colossians 2:9–10)

C: **And yet, O Lord, we live as though we have nothing.**

P: Complaining about our lack.

C: **Believing that we never have enough.**

P: The thief has come,

C: **To steal, kill and destroy,**

P: The gifts given us in the Gospel.

C: **And so we feel empty, alone and ashamed, yearning for fullness in Christ.**

P: Believe and receive the good news! Paul announces that though you were dead in your sins, God made you alive with Christ in Holy Baptism. He forgave you all your sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. These promises are yours in Christ Jesus, now and forevermore!

C: **We have fullness in Christ!**

Hymn Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
 With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
 Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
 Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
 With the very Bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
 With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
 With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
 To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
 Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
 Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
 That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
 Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
 Praise the One who makes us one.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away,

nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn Awake My Heart with Gladness LSB 467: 1,3,4,6

1. Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

3. This is a sight that gladdens--
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me hath won.

4. Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all his might
Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.

6. Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;

He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's dark thrall;
I follow Him through all.

Sermon We Cherish Christ Centered Fullness Colossians 2:6-15

Offering

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!
- P: Father of love, You rescued Your fallen people with the sufferings and death of
Christ, Your Son, our Brother in flesh. Guide us to know and rejoice in His
salvation and to proclaim this Gospel with boldness to our brothers and sisters.
Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: **hear our prayer.**
- P: Father of mercy, Your compassion has rescued us from the powers of evil and set
us free. Guide us to use this liberty to serve others as Christ has served us. Lord,
in Your mercy,
- C: **hear our prayer.**
- P: Father of grace, You have provided us with the new life of Holy Baptism and
granted us faith by the power of the Spirit. Keep us in this faith that we may be
preserved from evil and delivered from all our enemies to everlasting life. Lord,
in Your mercy,
- C: **hear our prayer.**
- P: Father of truth, You have given us Your Word that we might know the truth.
Provide for us good and honest leaders who will heed the voice of Your Word and

protect us from violence so that we may lead peaceful and godly lives without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father of comfort, You have borne in Your Son all our wounds. According to Your will, deliver all who are sick, who suffer, who are troubled in mind, and those near death that they may be preserved in faith in the day of trouble. We pray especially forLord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father of hope, You have ended the reign of death by the resurrection of Your Son. Deliver us from death and grant Your peace to the dying and Your comfort to those who grieve. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father of peace, You have restored us to You and given us a place at the Table of Your Son. Lead us to repentance and strengthen our faith that we who commune at this altar may be of one faith and receive without hindrance the fruits of His atoning work in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father of courage, You have promised to grant us all things needful for this body and life even as You have provided eternal life to us in Christ. Help us always to pray with confidence in Your mercy, knowing that Your every answer is for our eternal good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things for which we have prayed and all other things we need, we pray You to grant us in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Lord's Prayer

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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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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 Hymn O God of God, O Light of Light LSB 810

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To You in heaven's glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raise again,
Be all the glory He has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page,
And grand in poets' winged word,
Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the son, "Goodwill to men!"
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,
It echoes now, "Goodwill" Amen.

- 3 That life of truth, those deed of love,
That death so steeped in hate and scorn-
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your head, O might gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.

- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail. O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that Your grace is timeless and Your mercy is for all people. As we heed the call of Christ and follow, strengthen us 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.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction: (From Colossians 3:16–17)

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

People: **And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, we will do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

Closing Hymn Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good LSB 819

1. Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation.
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
2. What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might

All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

3. We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

4. He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

5. All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!