

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday, February 4, 2024 – 10:30 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!

## **Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: We have a Christ-centered mind.

C: **So we set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.**

P: For we died, and our life is now hidden with Christ in God.

C: **When Christ, who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.**

P: Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature:

C: **Sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.**

P: We used to walk in these ways, in the life we once lived.

C: **But now we must rid ourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from our lips.**

P: Since we have taken off our old self with its practices;

C: **And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.**

P: Let us pray: Merciful Father, too often our minds are set on earthly things and not things above. Renew our minds as we gather to hear your Word. Create in us a holy determination take off our old self and put on the new self—which includes a brand new mind. In Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution:**

P: Jesus says to Peter, “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” (Matthew 16:23) O God, hear us as we confess that we are still all too much like Peter.

C: **Not having in mind the things of God,**

P: But the things of men.

C: **We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

P: We have followed too much the devices and desires of our sinful minds.

C: **We have broken your holy law.**

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter set our minds on things above, not on earthly things, to the glory of Christ's holy name.

C: **Amen.**

P: Hear the Good News! In Christ Jesus you are forgiven, washed and cleansed. In Christ Jesus you are pardoned, absolved and set free. In Christ Jesus you have this sure and certain promise. “When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:4)

C: **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

## Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? <sup>22</sup> He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. <sup>23</sup> He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

<sup>24</sup> No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. <sup>25</sup> “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle Reading

## Colossians 3:1-11

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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## Holy Gospel

## Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand, and helped her up. The fever left her, and she began to wait on them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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.**

## **Give Us Clean Hands**

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; O Spirit, come make us humble.  
We turn our eyes from evil things; O Lord, we cast down our idols.  
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; let us not lift our souls to another.  
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; let us not lift our souls to another.  
And God, let us be a generation that seeks, that seeks Your face, O God of Jacob.  
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# Sermon    **We Have A Christ-Centered Mind**    **Colossians 3:1-11**

## **The Offering**

### **Prayer of Blessing**

**P:**     God of community, we want to be your faith community. We want to be children of the light and the day. Bless and use these gifts that they might be sources of light and life to those in despair. Make your church a beacon of hope and blessings to all who are in need. Make us your faithful, grateful followers who know the joy of sacrificial giving.

**C:**    **Amen**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**Pastor:**     Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**People:**     Lord God of mercy, You showed Your great love for us by sending Your Son to save and redeem us. Give to Your Church courage to proclaim with boldness this Gospel to all people by all means. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:**     Lord God of power, You hold all things in Your hand. Raise up good and honest leaders who will defend our liberty and inspire our service, following the wisdom of Your Word in the cause of justice and peace.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**     **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:**     Lord God of unity, by Your Spirit, You join us together in Holy Baptism, gather us as one for Holy Communion, and build up our faith by the power of the Spirit. Strengthen the unity of the Church in doctrine and practice. Raise up faithful pastors and church workers to build us up in this holy faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**     **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God of healing, You give strength to the weak and sustain the weary in the time of trouble. Deliver the sick by Your grace. Especially..... Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God of peace, You give hope to the weary and comfort to those troubled in mind. Give hope to those who despair, comfort to those in pain, and courage to those who grow faint, that we may finish the race and receive the crown of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God of grace, You give us a place at the Table of Your Son and the gift of this communion in His body and blood. Help us to receive with faith this Holy Sacrament that we may also receive all the fruits of His life, death, and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God of truth, You have given us life that we may treasure Your mercy and manifest in words and deeds Your goodness and love to the world. With our songs of praise, accept the tithes and offerings we bring with our gratitude and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, with confidence in Your mercy we come before You with the prayers and petitions of Your Church, praying You to provide for us all things as are good, wholesome, and beneficial and to keep from us all things as are harmful, that we may be preserved from evil and kept to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **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 Invitation

P: This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

**C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil.**

**I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.**

## Words of Institution

On the night He was betrayed,  
He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,  
"Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,  
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.  
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,  
remember me and my love for you again."

On the night He was betrayed,  
He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,  
"Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,  
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.  
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,  
remember me and my love for you again."

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord,  
for the bread and wine outpoured.  
For it is Your body and Your blood  
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.  
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;  
We love You our sweet Jesus.  
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## **Distribution**

### *I Speak Jesus*

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence  
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom  
I speak Jesus

('Cause) Your Name is power  
Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break ev'ry stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression  
I speak Jesus

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'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence  
I speak Jesus

## Communion Dismissal

**P:** Now may this true body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting.

Go in His peace.

**C:** **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.**

## Days Of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.

And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;

Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.  
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.  
And these are the days of Your servant David, building a temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world;  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord.

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