



Contemporary Worship Service

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024 10:45 a.m.

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH



OPENING WORSHIP

“Love the Lord”

Love the Lord Your God With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength

I will serve the Lord With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
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With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
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I will love You Lord With all my heart with all my soul
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WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

SONG

"Light of the World"

Verse 1

O Jesus Son of God
So full of grace and truth
The Father's saving Word
So wonderful are You

The angels longed to see
And prophets searched to find
The glory we have seen revealed

Verse 2

You shone upon the earth
But who will understand
You came unto Your own
But who will recognise

Pre Chorus

Your birth was prophesied
For You were the Messiah
Who came and walked upon the earth
Your glory we have seen
The one and only King
And now You're living in our hearts

Chorus

Light of the world Light of the world
Light of the world You shine upon us
Light of the world Light of the world
Light of the world You shine upon us

Verse 3

In You all things were made
And nothing without You
In heaven and on earth
All things are held in You

Pre chorus

And yet You became flesh
Living as one of us
Under the shadow of the cross
Where through the blood You shed
You have made peace again
Peace for the world that God so loves

Chorus

Light of the world Light of the world
Light of the world You shine upon us
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Light of the world You shine upon us

Chorus

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Chorus

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Chorus

Light of the world Light of the world
Light of the world You shine upon us
(You shine)
Light of the world Light of the world
Light of the world You shine upon us
(You shine)

Tag

Light of the world Light of the world
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HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I
will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I
will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I
will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

R: The Old Testament Reading for the fourth Sunday after the Epiphany is from the 18th chapter of Deuteronomy.

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers - it is to him you shall listen - just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

I Corinthians 8:1-13

R: The Epistle Reading is from the eighth chapter of First Corinthians.

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who

had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Raising Up a Prophet"

THE VOLUNTARY

John Priebe

As we listen to the Voluntary, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance "Green Card," located in your ministry folder. Please place them in the offering plate when you leave. Thank you.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“Remembrance”

Verse 1

I take the bread of life
Broken for all my sin
Your body crucified
To make me whole again

Verse 2

I will recall the cup
Poured out in sacrifice
To trade this sinner's end
For Your new covenant

Chorus 1

Hallelujah
I'll live my life in remembrance
Hallelujah
Your promise I won't forget

Verse 3

I'll walk salvation's road
With fear and trembling
Your way borne as my own
As Christ is formed in me

Chorus 1

Hallelujah

I'll live my life in remembrance

Hallelujah

Your promise I won't forget

Chorus 2

If ever I should lose my way

If ever I deny Your grace

Remind me of the price You paid

Hallelujah

I'll live in remembrance

Bridge

You've been so so good to me

You've been so so good to me

Oh to think where I would be

If not for You

If not for You

Chorus 3

As far as heights reach from the depths

As far as east is from the west

So far Your grace has carried me

Chorus 4

Until I see You face to face

Until at last I've won my race

Remind me You're not finished yet

Tag

Hallelujah

Hallelujah

Hallelujah I'll live in remembrance

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING

SONG OF SENDING

“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.
So 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,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are white in the world.
And we are Your laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
So lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah (repeat 4x)

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
So lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
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