

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 2023



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WHAT TO DO?

PRESERVICE MUSIC

A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you

904 BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

- 1 Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
- △ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:39*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

1 Corinthians 1:18, 30

- P** The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
C but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
P He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
C whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us go to the throne of God's grace, confessing our sins and asking His mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He has given us His only Son to pay for every sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

INTROIT

Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.
Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
**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.**
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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 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. ³O 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?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

567 NOT WHAT THESE HANDS HAVE DONE

- 1 Not what these hands have done
Can save this guilty soul;
Not what this toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
- 2 Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.
- 3 Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.
- 4 Thy love to me, O God,
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest
And set my spirit free.
- 5 Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
- 6 I bless the Christ of God,
I rest on love divine,
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
I call this Savior mine.

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SERMON “What to do?” Micah 6:1-8

CREED Nicene Creed (*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

C Amen.

+ 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.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

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- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

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700 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88

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761 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
C 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;
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.

BENEDICTION

- 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 ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

sts. ref–1, 3, 5–6

Refrain 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**
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Thank you, Lisann Snedden, for serving as our organist today.

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Zechariah 8:1-23; 2 Timothy 1:1-18
Monday: Zechariah 9:1-17; 2 Timothy 2:1-26
Tuesday: Zechariah 10:1-11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1-17
Wednesday: Zechariah 11:4-17; 2 Timothy 4:1-18
Thursday: Zechariah 12:1-13:9; Titus 1:1-2:6
Friday: Zechariah 2:7-3:15; Titus 2:7-3:15
Saturday: Job 1:1-22; John 1:1-18

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Herb, health issues	William, a child with leukemia
Kathy, cancer	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Diane, recovery	Pierce, an infant with leukemia
Jack, ongoing health issues	Georgia, recovery
Lauren's mother, Phyllis	Margo, health issues
Shirley, health issues	Duane, cancer
Kent, recovery	Blake
Georgia, recovery	Dave, health issues
Jim, cancer	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Lauren, cancer	Barb, Healing
Judi and Don	Dana, stroke recovery
Mike's mother - Jean, health issues	Jean, recovery
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	

For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.
For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.
For our nation, that God would bring about repentance through His Word that He may heal our land.

Our Savior Families: Marilyn, Robert & Christine, Rick & Ann, John & Mandy, Max & Ardith

Hymn of the Week "Not What These Hands Have Done" LSB 567

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction