

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"

(LSB 904)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P** I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!" *Psalm 41:4*
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.
P His heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. *Psalm 41:6*
C We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
P Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. *Psalm 41:9*
C We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
P They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies." *Psalm 41:8*
C We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.
P But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up. *Psalm 41:10*
C For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.
P By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

P You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! *Psalm 41:12-13*

C so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor. In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Psalm 41:1-2*

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps 109:16-18; (antiphon: Ps. 109:12)

P Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.

C The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land.

P O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; You will strengthen their heart;

C you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

C Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

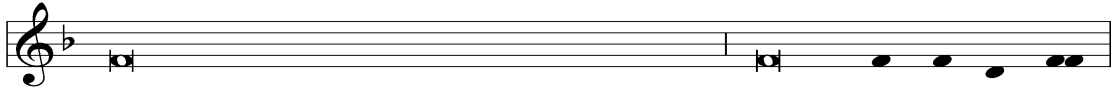
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



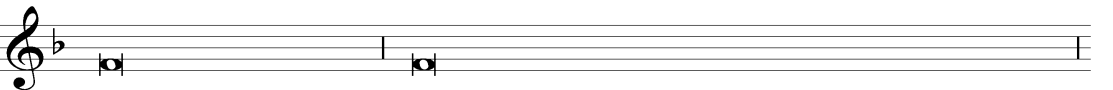
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



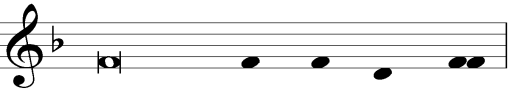
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



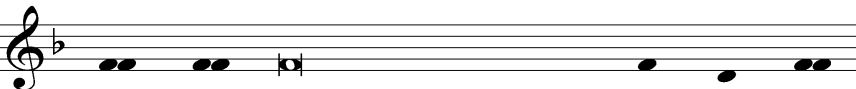
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation, grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Micah 6:1–8* (The Lord indicts Israel, reminds them of His care, and asks for justice and kindness.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "If You Search with All Your Heart" *(Craig Courtney)*
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

IF YOU SEARCH WITH ALL YOUR HEART

If You Search With All Your Heart was commissioned in memory of Brenda Jean Wassink, who was shot and killed at the age of 22 while working in Kansas City, three months before she was to be married. In the months following her death, Brenda's family and fiancé found themselves clinging to Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (RSV)

This anthem stands as a testament to God's sustaining mercy in our times of deepest grief and sorrow.

Craig Courtney

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:18–31* (Paul contrasts God's folly in sending His Son with worldly wisdom.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

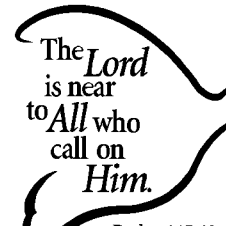
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SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Heavenly Father, grant us all humility to recognize the sanctity of every human life You have created, redeemed, and called as Your own precious treasure and to receive each neighbor as gift and privilege. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Let us speak Your grace and show Your forgiveness to any whose hearts have been broken by the abortion of their own children or by participation in any other violence against the sanctity of life, that they may turn to You in trust. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. By our witness and assistance, deliver from death, deception, and despair those scheduled for abortion, those awaiting adoption, those experiencing surprise pregnancy, those facing terminal diagnosis, those considering suicide or euthanasia, and those endangering embryonic human beings. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. In our time, in our land, and the world over, bring an end to abortion, embryocide, physician-assisted suicide, and all pressures to use death as a solution to suffering. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Guide the minds and hands of medical professionals to serve as instruments of Your saving and healing care and to resist the temptation to hasten the end of any human life; and especially do we implore Your visitation



and intervention to relieve the afflictions of our brothers and sisters, [names]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Multiply unto us the celebrations of body, family, and length of days that we rejoice with gratitude to You for these undeserved and undivided delights; and especially do we praise Your name for [birthdays and anniversaries among our number]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Provide and preserve lawmakers and officials over us who safeguard the sanctity of every human life in public policy and practice, and move us to support and encourage them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Open our ears and loosen our tongues to advocate for every neighbor's welfare with courage and compassion, and work calm and consensus through our respectful dialogue and enthusiastic servanthood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great. Cheer our spirits with forgiveness, faith, and fellowship, until by repentance and resurrection we enter into everlasting life before You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.**

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are

visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
Both services

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.

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, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

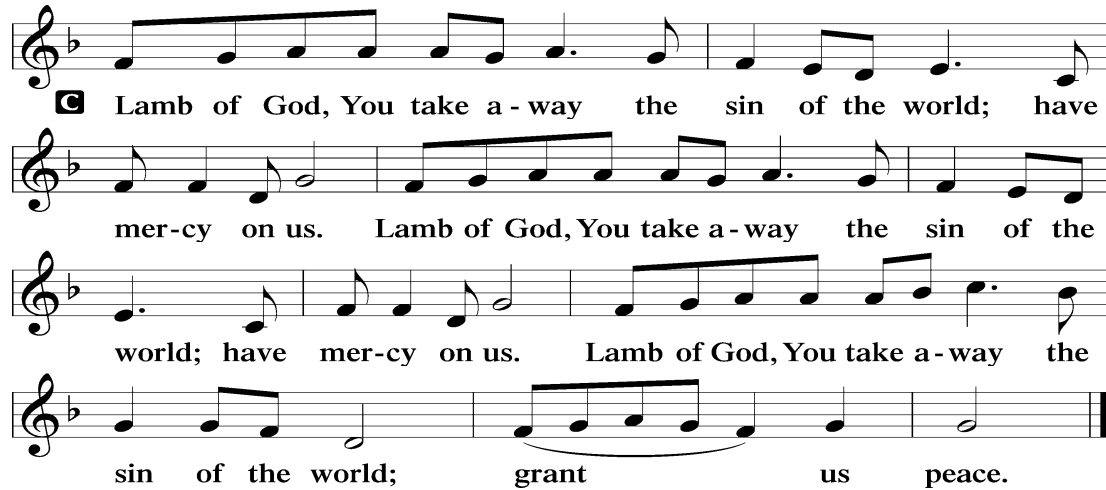
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"You Are the Way; Through You Alone"

(LSB 526)

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

(LSB 781)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

CLOSING HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

(LSB 394)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



AS WE GATHER A blessing is neither earned nor deserved but received. "*And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God*" (Deuteronomy 28:2). Likewise, life ensues as a gift indicating God's grace and a privilege affirming His favor.

A blessing means speaking, a promise humbly hidden in simple

words. ***“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed”*** (John 20:29). Likewise, every life has promise and purpose, no matter what size, skills, or circumstances.

Blessed amounts to more than being merely happy, healthy, attractive, affluent, or influential. ***“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied”*** (Matthew 5:6). Likewise, every human life exceeds just physical functions and emotional assessments.

A blessing comes from God and connects to Him. ***“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them”*** (Numbers 6:27). Likewise, every human being embodies God’s creation, reflects His incarnation, and ensures His ongoing and increasing involvement.

Life is what God blesses with and what He blesses for – life together and life forever!

I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore” (Genesis 22:17).

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Reverend Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jan. 18, Att. 52; Offering \$25.00; **Sun., Jan. 22, Att. 252;** General Fund \$9,781.29; Sunday School Offering \$17.40; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund

\$100.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Bible Study \$17.00; Mexico Mission \$105.00; Sanctuary HVAC \$0.00; Veryl Huisman Memorial \$60.00; Bev Parrott Memorial \$150.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Sandy Peterson (Undesignated) \$75.00, (Future) \$20.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$65.00, (Generations) \$100.00, (Future) \$80.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Dance Lessons Want to get out and do something fun on a Sunday afternoon? The Board of Parish Fellowship will be offering dance lessons for the Jitterbug from 2 pm-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall (Gym) **today and the following 3 Sundays, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, and Feb. 19**. Please sign up for the lessons. There is a sign-up sheet on the large table in the Living Room. Each class builds on the prior class, but if you miss a class that is okay. Singles are welcome. Two left feet are welcomed too. Invite your friends. Even if you know how, it would be awesome to have you there. Come for the fellowship, learn a fun way to exercise and enjoy the laughter.



Church Photo Directory



If you have had your photo taken for the Church Directory (and did not order extras) your **FREE 8 x 10 is on the table in the Living Room**. Please pick yours up today. Your name will be on the envelope so it should be easy to find.

If you were unable to make an appointment to have your picture in our church directory, you may submit a photo that we can scan and put in the directory.

We would love to have all of our members in the directory. This is a wonderful way for our congregants to get to identify one another and to match a face to a name. It is especially helpful to new members. If any of your contact numbers have changed please let us know so our directory can be as complete as possible. Thanks!



Couple's Retreat at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

- On **February 10 and 11** Lutheran Family Service will be offering a Marriage Retreat, hosted by Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Blackhawk. This retreat is open to all couples. **There is no cost for this event**. Details can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- On the evening of **February 9** LFS and Divine Shepherd will be hosting a Marriage Retreat Event **specifically for church workers**.

As church workers you are welcome to attend just this Thursday night program OR you can stay for the full event. **Again, there is no cost.** Details can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Please RSVP for these events by February 5.

Friendship Sunday On Sunday, Feb. 12th, bring a friend to church with you. Immediately following the late service bring a friend young or old to Friendship Sunday to engage in Faith, Friends, Fellowship, a meal, and some entertaining trivia. You are invited to wear your favorite jersey to the late service and/or to Friendship Sunday event. The most unique jerseys will win parting gifts. This meal and fellowship will be hosted by the Board of Missions. We can't wait to see you there!

Interested in the Mexico Mission Trip? Are you interested in going on the Mexico Mission trip in 2023? If so, we need to hear from you soon. There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 29 at 7:00pm to share information. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman (605-280-6347) for more information.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 29 Life Sunday

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

2-4 pm BoPF Dance Lessons in Gym

Mon: Jan. 30

6-9 pm Pickelball

6:30 pm Christ Care

Tues: Jan. 31

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6-7 pm Fastpitch info meeting in gym

Wed: Feb. 1

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm Lamentations Study

6:00 pm Romans Bible Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Feb. 2

8:00 am Staff Devotions

7:00 pm Psalms Bible Study in Sanct.

Sun: Feb. 5

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

2-4 pm BoPF Dance Lessons in Gym

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

7:00 pm Board of Elders

“God Loves Life” ...Terry K. Dittmer

*God loves life and in His love, His Son He gave us.
God loves life and through Christ, Our God has saved us.
Short or tall, young or old, God loves life.
In His Word we're told, that our God loves life.
That our God loves life.*

*God loves life, and in water and Word He claims us.
God loves life, by the Spirit's power, He names us.
Shy or bold, girl or boy, God loves life,
And He gives us joy! Because God loves life.
Because God loves life.*

*God loves life, now my heart in faith confesses.
God loves life, and each day my life He blesses.
Yellow or red, black or white, God loves life,
Every Day and night, for our God loves life.
For our God loves life.*

*God loves life, and when life on earth is ended,
God loves life, and in heaven our life's extended.
Rich or poor, big or small, God loves life.
Yes, He loves us all, because God loves life!
Because God loves life!*