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**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**The Order of Service:** Divine Service Setting Four,

LSB 203

**Opening Hymn:** Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

**LSB 782**

- 1 Gracious God, You send great blessings  
New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending,  
For Your love we offer praise. **Refrain**  
**ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people**  
**Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,**  
**Through the sharing of Your blessings**  
**May bring glory to Your name.**

- 2 By Your Word You formed creation  
Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless treasure  
May our care encircle all. **Refrain**

- 3 In His earthly life, our Savior  
Knew the care of faithful friends;  
May our deeds of dedication  
Offer love that never ends. **Refrain**

- △ 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring  
Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! **Refrain**

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**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**Introit**

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.**

**Kyrie**

LSB 204

**Hymn of Praise:** Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

- G** 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.
- 2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—
- 3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, 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. <sup>3</sup>**“O My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer Me! <sup>4</sup>For 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. <sup>5</sup>O 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.” <sup>6</sup>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? <sup>7</sup>Will 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?”** <sup>8</sup>He 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?

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

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

**Psalm**

**Psalm 15; antiphon: Psalm 16:1**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your Holy Hill?

<sup>2</sup>**He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;**

<sup>3</sup>who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbour, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

<sup>4</sup>**in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honours those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

<sup>5</sup>who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

**The Epistle Lesson**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18–31**

<sup>18</sup>The Word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, **“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”** <sup>20</sup>Where 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? <sup>21</sup>For 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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ Crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the Power of God and the Wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the Source of your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom and our Righteousness and Sanctification and Redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, **“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”**

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

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

*Stand*

**Choir:** We Know That Christ Is Raised

### **Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 5:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup>And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice 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:** Correcting Bad Behavior!

*Micah 6:1–8*

### **The 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.

**Hymn of the Day:** Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 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.

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**Sermon:** Foolish Preaching!

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18–31**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Installation of Elected Officers**

**Offering: Jesus Sat with His Disciples**

- 1 Jesus sat with His disciples  
     On a mountainside one day;  
 As the crowds of people gathered,  
     He began to teach and say:  
 "Blessèd are the poor in spirit,  
     Heaven's kingdom they will share.  
 Blessèd are the sad and mourning,  
     Joy and comfort will be theirs.
- 2 "Blessèd are the meek and humble,  
     All the earth to them is willed.  
 Those who hunger to be holy,  
     They are bless'd and will be filled.  
 Yes, the merciful are blessèd,  
     Mercy will to them be shown.  
 And the pure in heart are blessèd,  
     They have eyes for God alone.
- 3 "Blessèd are God's sons and daughters,  
     Making peace where there is strife.  
 Blessèd are the persecuted,  
     Who for righteousness lose life;  
 Their reward is great in heaven,  
     In the kingdom up above—  
 So be glad to share My suffering  
     And rejoice to know My love."

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**The 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.**

*Stand*

## Closing Collect

### Benedicamus

LSB 212

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

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

### 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.**

**Hymn to Depart:** Lift High the Cross

**LSB 837**

**ref 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**

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **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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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Sunday School** begins @ 8:45 a.m., **Divine Worship** @ 10:00 a.m. **Choir Practice** after Worship.

**Bible Study** Wednesday's @ 10:00 a.m.

**Confirmation Instruction** Thursday's @ 6:00 p.m.

**Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, following Worship.

**Next Saturday:** Divine Worship – Good Shepherd, Kenora @ 11:00 a.m.

**February Calendars:** Remember to pick-up your February Calendars as they are on the Back table.

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