

# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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**February 2, 2025 – 9:30 AM**

# WELCOME!

**Welcome to worship!** We are glad that you have joined us today. Our service is printed for you in its entirety in this worship folder. If you need anything, please speak to an usher at the entrance of the sanctuary.

- **Restrooms** are located near the entry to the sanctuary.
- **Infants Room** – If you have a young child or nursing infant and are in need of an infant-room, you will find it to the far right as you enter the sanctuary.
- **The Guest Registry** is found on the wall to the left as you enter the sanctuary. We would appreciate a record of your visit! You may also indicate in the registry if you would like to stay in touch.
- **Prayer before worship** – Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.
- **Our Communion Practice** – We believe that gathering at God’s altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice. Thank you.
- **Foundations Class** – If you are interested in learning more about what we teach and believe, please ask the usher or the pastor about our no-obligation Foundations Class which covers the basic teachings of our biblical faith.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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# + SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT +

The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

## OPENING HYMN

## 203 | LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that  
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.  
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

### Stand

M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## + CONFESSION OF SINS +

- M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.
- C **Amen.**

## + PRAYER AND PRAISE +

### LORD, HAVE MERCY - *KYRIE*

- M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

- M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be seated*

## + LESSONS +

### FIRST LESSON

### JEREMIAH 1:4-10

*The LORD called Jeremiah to fearlessly share God's Word, even if what he said made him unpopular.*

<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>"Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

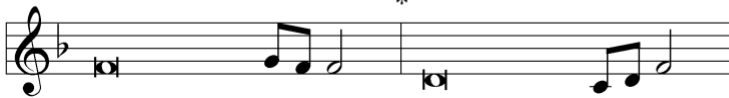
## PSALM 71

### *Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

### *Psalm tone*



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;\*  
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;\*  
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;\*  
For you are my rock and my fortress.

### *Refrain*

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,\*  
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.



Even when I am old and gray,\*  
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,\*  
your might to all who are to come.

### ***Refrain***

**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.**

### ***Refrain***

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5**

*A temptation is for spiritual teachers to say only what people want to hear, equating personal popularity with success. St. Paul gives young Pastor Timothy a different agenda.*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**4** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

## VERSE OF THE DAY

LUKE 4:43

Alleluia. "But he said, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.'" Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand*



# GOSPEL

# LUKE 4:38-44

*Jesus was popular in Capernaum. The people wanted him to stay there permanently. Jesus knew for his mission to be successful, he needed to proclaim the good news in other towns.*

<sup>38</sup> Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. <sup>39</sup> So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

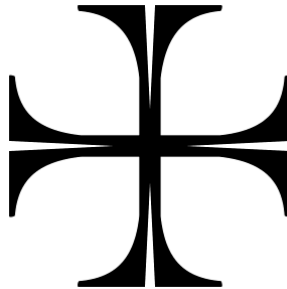
<sup>40</sup> At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. <sup>41</sup> Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

<sup>42</sup> At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. <sup>43</sup> But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." <sup>44</sup> And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

M The Gospel of the Lord.



*Be Seated*





1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing  
 3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 4 Send her - als forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;



To tell to all the world that God is light,  
 Bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin  
 That God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;



That he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 With none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing  
 Tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 Or of the life he died for them to win.  
 And died on earth that they might live a - bove.  
 O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

*Refrain*



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, Ti - dings of peace,



Ti - dings of Je - sus, Re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923, abr., alt.  
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# + SERMON +

## Popularity is Not Proof of Success



*Stand*

### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **OFFERING**

*Stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- M** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.
- C** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**
- M** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C** Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **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 SACRAMENT +**

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

**M** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - *SANCTUS*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

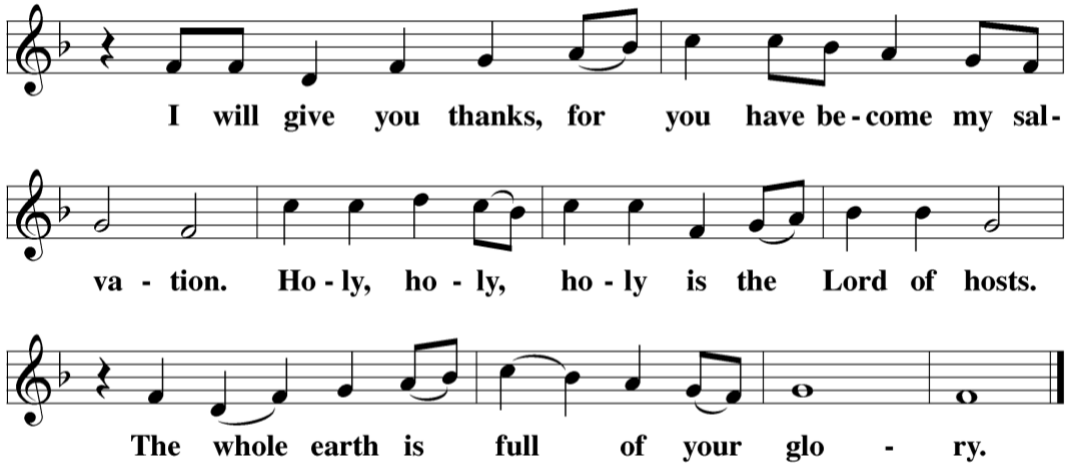


The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.





I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - *AGNUS DEI*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



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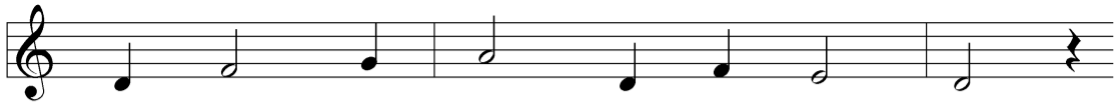


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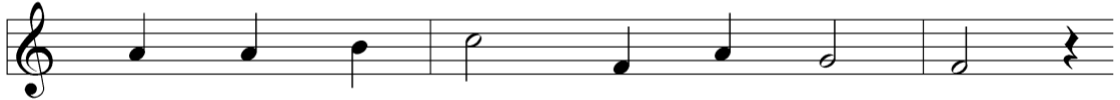
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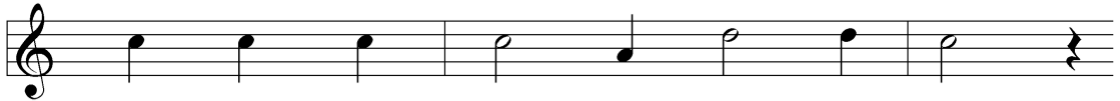
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1 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task  
 3 The sower sows; his reckless love  
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched  
 5 Preach you the Word and plant it home



To those who like or like it not,  
 Your servant bids us undertake:  
 Scatters a broad the goodly seed,  
 And some be choked and matted flat,  
 And never faint; the Harvest-Lord



The Word that shall endure and stand  
 To preach your Word and never ask  
 In tent alone that there may be  
 The sower sows; his heart cries out,  
 Who gave the sower seed to sow



When flow'rs and mortals are forgot.  
 What prideful profit it may make.  
 The whole some loaves that people need.  
 "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"  
 Will watch and tend his planted Word.

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 Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinfelssisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*,  
 Augsburg, 1666.

# + THANKSGIVING +

*Stand*



**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-news 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!**

**M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C: A - men.**

# BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be Seated*





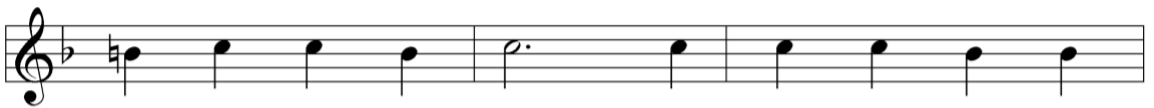
1 Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter  
 2 Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us



day, And let your king - dom flour - ish; En - large your  
 whole, The mir - ror of your glo - ry, The pow'r that



Church, we pray. Oh, keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep  
 saves the soul. Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This



hope's bright star a - glow. Let noth - ing turn us  
 spring of heav'n - ly grace, Sus - tain us while here



from you While wan-d'ring here be - low.  
 liv - ing Un - til we see your face.

Text: Andreas Gryphius, 1616–64, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer Requests** – Please remember in your thoughts and prayers...

- **Sarah Wolter and family** as she continues to recovery from surgery.

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Feb 2 – Nancy Pieper
- Feb 5 – Penny Gerlach
- Feb 6 – Jensen Galbreath
- Feb 8 – Karen Fostervold
- Feb 9 – Kelly Potter
- Feb 9 – Audrey Scharmann
- Feb 11 – Steve & Lindsey Backes (8<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
- Feb 19 – McKenzie Galbreath
- Feb 28 – Steve Backes
- Feb 28 – Emily Koelpin

## Other Announcements

- **Logo Team** – The church is seeking members with a passion for our ministry to join a logo design team. If you're interested in contributing your creative ideas and working collaboratively to help with the design process of a logo that represents our church's mission, please contact pastor for more information.
- **Christian Worship 2021** – We are looking to get the new hymnals, psalters, other worship books, and Service Builder soon. Stay tuned for more information as we look to transition into using CW21 in worship.

## Volunteer Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Streaming</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Communion Assistant</i>	<i>Greeter</i>
<i>Feb 9</i>	Audrey S.	Dan M.	Gil P.		Ellen C.
<i>Feb 16</i>	Mark F.	Ellen C.	Steve B.	Tim C.	Mary Q.
<i>Feb 23</i>	Dan M.	Angie C.	Bob B.		Kathy K.

## **Let's Stay in Touch!**

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