February 5, 2023

Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany



When Facing the Flames, Look to the Lord!

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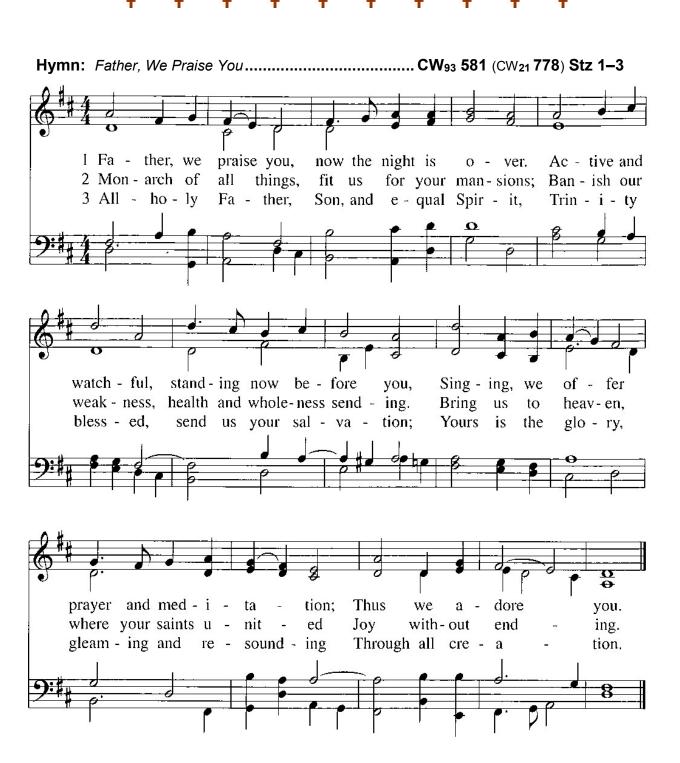
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Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.

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Pastor's Greeting:



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Confession and Absolution

L: 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.

L: O Lord, open my lips



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

L: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick-ly to help me.

L: Praise be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a greatking a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



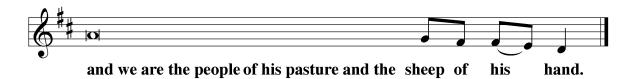
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



L: O Lord, you are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

All: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, you have planted us like trees beside streams of water. Grant that we may ever delight in your Word and yield abundant fruit in our lives; through Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN!

First Lesson: Daniel 3:13–28

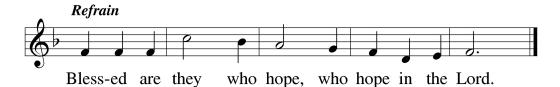
¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?

- ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"
- ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."
- ¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.
- ²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king."
- ²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."
- ²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"
- So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.
- ²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

(The Word of our God)

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Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the <u>wicked*</u> or stand in the way of <u>sin</u>ners.

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, which yields its fruit in <u>season*</u> and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does <u>prospers</u>.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the <u>judg</u>ment,* nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the <u>right</u>eous,* but the way of the wicked will <u>per</u>ish.

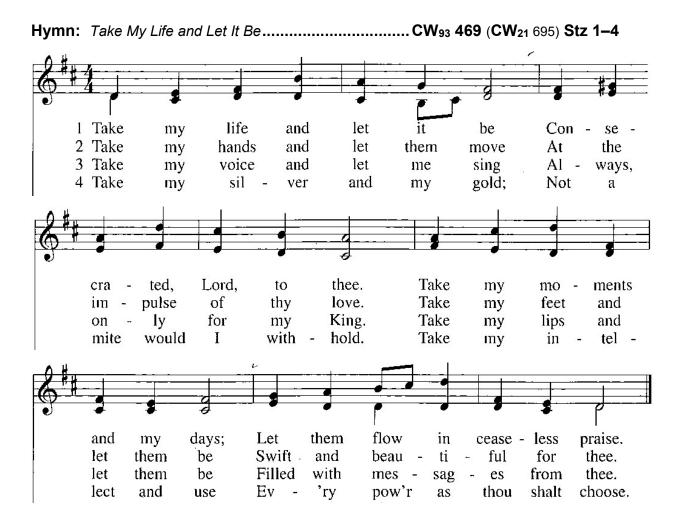
Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

2nd Lesson:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶ Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." (The word of the Lord)



Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



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Sermon:

Daniel 3:13–28 (Pg 5)

Trust In God When Facing The Flames

The Nicene Creed: (together we confess)

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.

Prayer: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. We ask that you lift us up, strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations, trials, and distress. These things we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

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.

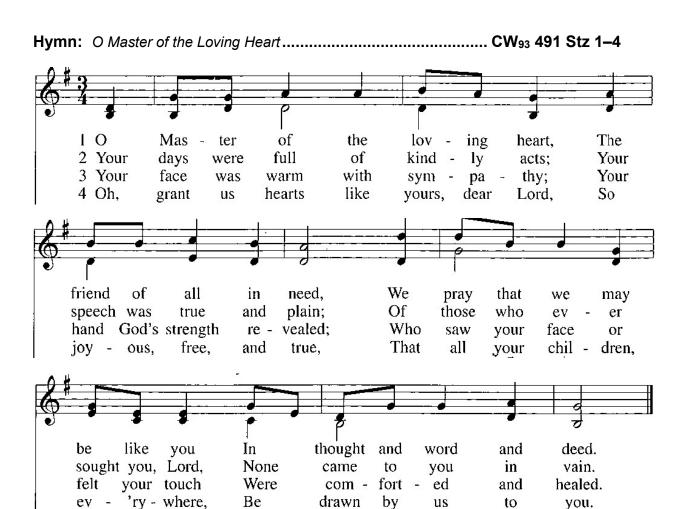
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!

L: 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: Amen



Hedy Vincent has had many setbacks with her brain cancer. Let us call on the Lord to give her and her family confidence, peace, and hope as they go through this very difficult time.

Fay Jones is still suffering the effect of an infection. Let us petition the Lord and ask him to heal and comfort her.

Nancy Witzel continues to suffer the effects of COPD and congestive heart failure.

Nancy is back living in her apartment. She has been enrolled with Hospice Care. Send correspondences to:

Mrs. Nancy Witzel, Apt 10H

6811 Campfield Road Baltimore, MD 21207

Looking Ahead

Date		Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
February						
Sun Epip 5	12	9:30 AM	Audrey S	Sam M	Dan M	Mark F
Sun Trans	19	9:30 AM	Mark F	Jessica O	Bob B	
Wed Ash	22	7:00 PM	Jessica O	Paul T.	Scott S	Dan M
Sun Lent 1	26	9:30 AM	Megan K	Paul T.	Dan M	Scott S

Sunday, February 12, Pastor Roger Huffman will be leading worship while Pastor Trimmer is out of town.

February 2023, Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Nancy Pieper
- 5 Penny Gerlach
- 6 Jensen Galbreath
- 8 Karen Fostervold
- 9 Kelly Potter (nee Grice)
- 9 Audrey Scharmann
- 11 Steve & Lindsey Backes 6 years
- 12 Nancy Witzel
- 19 McKenzie Galbreath
- 28 Steve Backes

2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

February	18	Galbreath Family and J Orth
March	4	G & K Potter and Cammarata Family
March	18	Backes Family & N Potter