

**Order of Worship  
for  
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany  
January 29, 2023**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen!**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

**And also with you!**

**SONG**

**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

**ELW 671**

**Let us pray**

*Holy God, You confound the world’s wisdom in giving Your kingdom to the lowly  
and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and peace that in  
our words and deeds the world may see and believe in the life of Your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

**HYMN**

**“Thine is the Glory”**

**ELW 376**

## READING

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-31

### Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter one, verses eighteen through thirty-one.

Paul writes:

*<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness 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 scholar? 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, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.*

*<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human 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, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."*

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

**From Gospel reading is from Matthew,  
chapter five, verses one through twelve.**

**Matthew writes:**

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> And He began to speak 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 will be comforted.*

*<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

*<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**“Working Together”**

**Rev. David Hewitt**

## **MESSAGE**

**“Are These Blessings or Not?”**

**Rev. David Hewitt**

**SONG**  
**“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**  
**ELW 810**

**OUR CONFESSION AND GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

*Let us confess our sins together to God, our Creator and Redeemer.*

**Gracious Lord, we are so grateful that we are loved by You, with an unconditional love. It is in that spirit that we come to You and confess our sins. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have at times neglected Your Word. We ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, because of our faith in You, that we always have it, secure in the grace by which we are saved. Amen.**

*As a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament and by God’s authority, I therefore declare to You the forgiveness of Your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has covered all our sins by His atoning death on the cross; let us therefore be inspired by Christ to do God’s will by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

**OFFERING**

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**HYMN**  
**“We Are An Offering”**  
**ELW 692**

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*At this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.*

*During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are Yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

***For those worshipping in-house,  
we invite you to come forward if you wish.  
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,  
you may so.***

***For those joining us online,  
If you are able,  
we invite you to take communion where you are,  
using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body  
and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.***

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and peace, now and forever. Amen!*

**HYMN**

**“Lord, Be Glorified”**

**ELW 744**

**BENEDICTION**

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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