

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE  
**EPIPHANY**



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# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28/29, 2023

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Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. • Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

## WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD

Welcome to Trinity! Today in the Divine Service God proclaims to us through Word and Sacrament the forgiveness, love, and salvation that He has won for us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are new to Trinity or looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family. Please introduce yourself to our Pastors following the service. After the 8:00 a.m. worship service, please join us for coffee, fellowship, and Christian Education. At various points in the service you will be invited to refer to our hymnal, the **Lutheran Service Book** or LSB (image to the right), located on the back of the seat in front of you.



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## WORSHIPPING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Babies can also participate in singing! Keep time with the music by tapping your child's feet or clapping his hands. Be sure to smile at your child while you do so.

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## THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

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**Preacher:** Pastor Mark J. Nelson / **Liturgist:** Pastor Matthew B. Synnott

**Organist:** Cantor Peter Wykert

**Saturday 6:00 Service** – Comm. Asst.: Matt Hefflefinger, Mark Morrow; Altar Guild: Patty Schrock; Sound: Chris Pasold

**Sunday 8:00 Service** – Ushers: Randy Neff, Mark Morrow; Comm. Asst.: Bill Wagner, Gene Tondre, John Volovitz, Mike Schallhorn; Acolytes: Megan Vietti, Micah Wong; Altar Guild: Sara Mol; Sound: Todd and Benjamin Coulter

**Sunday 10:45 Service** – Ushers: Mark King, Kim Merkle; Comm. Asst.: Jon Reick; Acolytes: Olivia Kaufmann, Kennadi Marion; Altar Guild: Betty Hohlfeld; Sound: Alan Stahl

# Divine Service - Setting Four

## + We Come Into God's Presence +

### Prelude

"Air and Alleluia"

by W. A. Mozart; arr. John Kinyon

8:00 - CLS Concert Band

### Ringing of the Bell

### Opening Hymn

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Hymn 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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**Invocation:** *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession of Sins

**P** 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



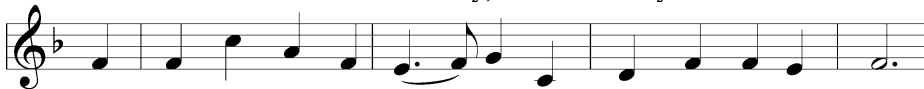
**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



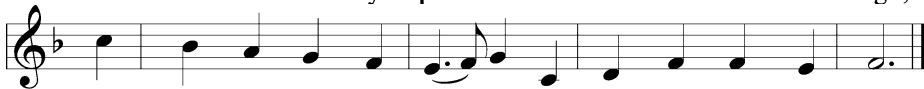
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

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## + God Speaks to Us +

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## Old Testament Reading

*Micah 6:1-8*

<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?

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalms 15 (Psalm Tone A)



<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 | neighbor,\*

nor takes up a reproach a- | gainst his friend;

**4in whose eyes a vile person is despised,  
but who honors 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 nev- | er be moved.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Epistle Reading

*1 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."

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

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

## Luther's Small Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar – Question 3

**A** *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

**C** **These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

*Please stand*

## Alleluia

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

These things are writ - ten that you 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.

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of four staves of music in a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is the Alleluia refrain. The second and third staves contain the Gospel text. The fourth staff is another Alleluia refrain. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'; 'These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that'; 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'; and 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

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

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

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:1-12*

<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.

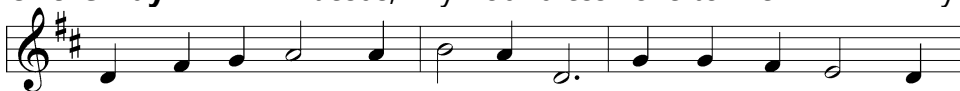
**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

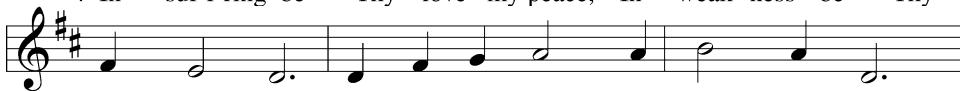
## Hymn of the Day

## "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

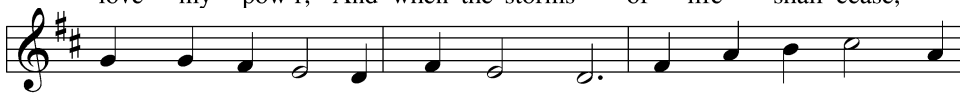
Hymn 683



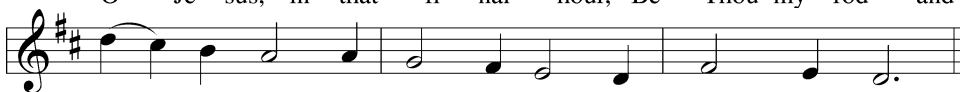
1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no  
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure  
3 This love un - wearied I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to  
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,  
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be  
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and

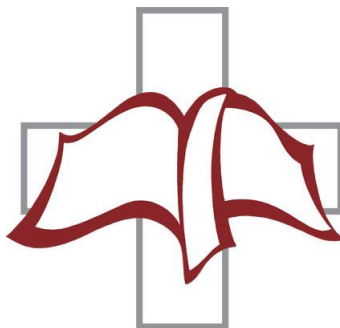


lonely I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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## Sermon





## "Blest Are They"



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it;      Theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones;      They shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy;      Mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace;      They are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate,      All be -



king - dom of God.      Blest are they, full of  
 her - it the earth.      Blest are they who hun - ger and  
 shall be theirs.      Blest are they, the pure of  
 chil - dren of God.      Blest are they who suf - fer in  
 cause of Me.      Re - joice and be glad, yours is the



sor - row;      They shall be con - soled.  
 thirst;      They shall have their fill.  
 heart;      They shall see God!  
 faith;      The glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 king - dom;      Shine for all to see.



*Refrain*  
 Re - joice and be glad!      Bless - ed are you,



ho - ly are you.      Re - joice and be glad!      Yours is the



king - dom of God.

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*Please stand*

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+ We Respond to God's Word +

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## Apostles' Creed

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.

## Offertory Hymn

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" v. 3

Hymn 594

3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!

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## Prayers of the Church

**P** ... let us pray to the Lord: **G** Lord, have mercy.

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## + God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

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### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

**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 right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose body and blood reveals Your love for us. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name and praise You singing:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

### The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:25–25*

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution

### Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ's institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

### Sunday: Music During the Distribution

"Hope of the World"	LSB 690
"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"	LSB 848
"You Are the Way; through You Alone"	LSB 526

### Saturday: Post-Communion Blessing

*Please stand*

## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Father in heaven, filled with the real presence of Your Son Jesus Christ we wait in faith for when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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+ God Sends Us Out +

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## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**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.

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

### "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Hymn 842



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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## Silent Prayer

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements and Welcome

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## Postlude

"Chorale Prelude"  
8:00 - CLS Concert Band

*arr. Anne McGinty*

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