

4 Epiphany



January 29, 2023

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“He is Exalted” - Ryan

Children’s Handbells

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW #723 vs 1-3

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*
- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;

there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Greeting

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Kyrie



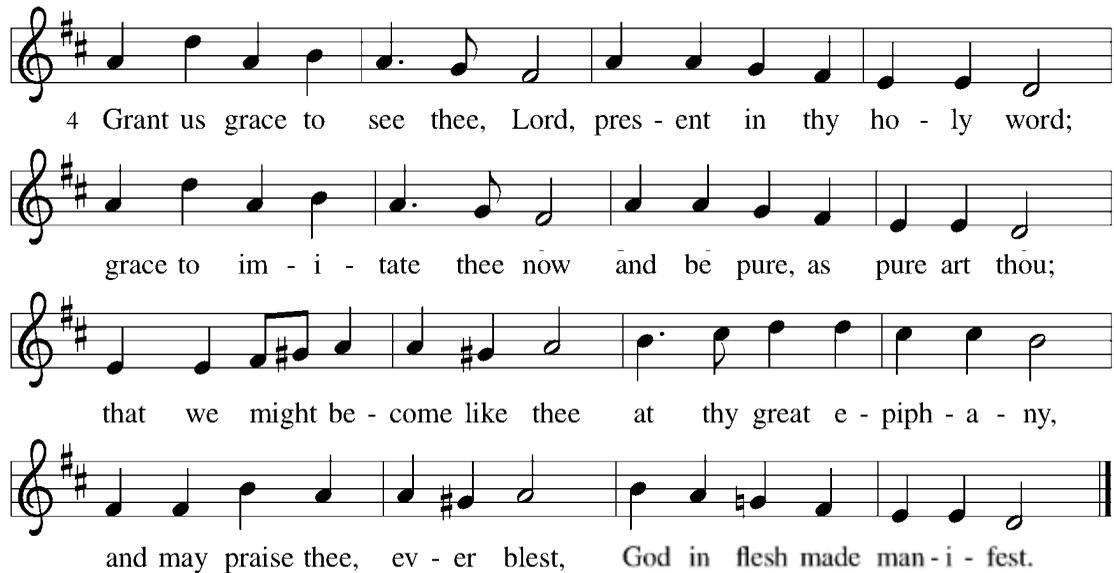
For our Sal - va - tion. Lord, have mer - cy. Peace for the whole world.

4 Lord, have mer - cy. Help and de - fend us. Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW #310 vs 4



4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

and may praise thee, ev - er blest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

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

Anthem

“Show Me Your Ways, Oh Lord” - Alayra

Wednesday LinC†

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Micah 6:6-8

⁶“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? ⁷Will 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?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, 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: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where 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? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider 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. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter five.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught 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 receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

"Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"

Pastor Kathy

Come, live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God

Refrain

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

Come, open your heart
Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more *Refrain*

Sing, sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love *Refrain*

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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.

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

Offertory Song

"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

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 our thanks and praise.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

Communion Hymn

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

ELW #708

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

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Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

In Our Prayers This Week:

Peter Bastian, Rich Baumann, Bob Beussman, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Dixie Flitter,
Brad Haynes, Dawn Hogle, Sharon Hulke, Mike Hylan, Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson,
Ann Julien, Dave Marsh, George Putnam, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Marion Rolloff,
JoAnn Saffert

Family of Al Meyer



Senior Pastor: Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner
Director of Music Ministry: Shannon Stuckey
Education Ministries Coordinator: Lindsay Medina
Business Administrator: Caryn Nelson
Adult Choir Director: Madeline Cacciatore-Warta
Deacons: (8:30) Linda Postel
Acolytes: (8:30) Kane Medina, Natalia Frederickson
 (10:30) Kamryn Gehring, Shyla Gehring

Associate Pastor: Dave Nissen
Office Administrator: Jen Geiger
Facilities Manager: Scott Kathman
Organist/Pianist: Shannon Stuckey
A/V: Jeff Julien
 (10:30) Alyssa Nissen

Communion Server: (8:30) Jennifer Hauth (10:30) Marlene Ingebritson
Lector: (8:30) Amanda Neidecker (10:30) Denise Kamm
Ushers: (8:30) Rosalee Dougherty (10:30)
P/P: (8:30) (10:30) Susan Krogstrand

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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
1/22 General Offering	\$ 7,447.82	\$ 31,414.06	\$ 40,640.24
1/22 Building Fund	\$ 1,039.00	\$ 6,726.50	\$ 4,230.76
TOTAL:	\$ 8,486.82	\$ 38,140.56	\$ 44,871.00
1/22 World Hunger	\$ 119.00	\$ 393.00	

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	5:00PM Wed.	7:30PM Wed.
1/22/23	151	86	154	65