

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



**The Prophet Greater than Moses** 



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# "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording. Children will be visible in the recording during the children's message.

# **Lord of Love Lutheran Church**

# **January 28, 2023**

# THE COMMON SERVICE

#### **OPENING HYMN** (CW 281) God Has Spoken by His Prophets God has his proph-ets, his spo - ken by Spo - ken un -Christ Je - sus, Christ, the 2 God has spo - ken by ev er 3 God is speak - ing his Spir - it, Speak-ing bv to the chang-ing Word, Each from pro - claim - ing age to age last - ing Son, Fa - ther's glo - ry, Bright-ness of the Word hearts of all. the age - less ex - pound - ing In God the one, the right-eous Lord. In the world's de - spair and Fa - ther ev - er one. Spo ken by the Word in own mes-sage for all. Through the rise and fall of us tur - moil One firm an chor holds us fast: God is God from God, be - fore time Light from car - nate, was, na - tions One sure faith is stand - ing fast. God a -

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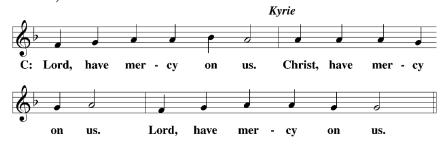
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.

# LORD, HAVE MERCY



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.



#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely 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.



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### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him. <sup>16</sup> That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, "Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die." <sup>17</sup> Then the LORD said to me, "They have done well by saying what they said. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. <sup>19</sup> Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup> Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die."

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN (8:00 a.m.)

### Glory to God in the Highest

Children: Glory to God in the highest, glory to God,

and peace to his people on earth, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

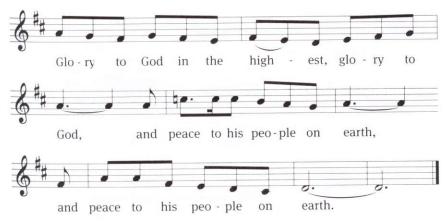
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

# **Congregation:**



# SECOND LESSON Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God's whole house. <sup>3</sup> In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything. <sup>5</sup> Moses was faithful as a servant within God's whole house by testifying to the things that would be spoken. <sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

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#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward and have a seat on the chancel steps for a brief children's message.

#### **HYMN** (CW 353)

#### **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**



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Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800-79.

SERMON Mark 1:21-28

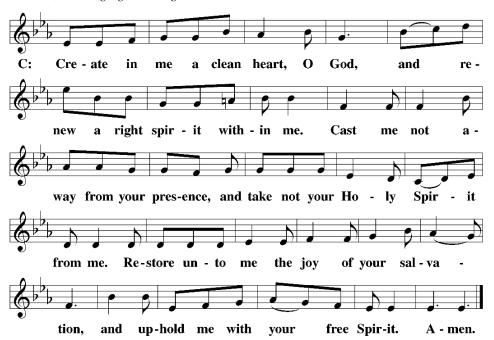
On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" <sup>25</sup> Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, "Be quiet! Come out of him!"

<sup>26</sup> The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!" <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

# Leaving Church Amazed and Stunned by Jesus

#### STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



### OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his way may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.
- C: May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.
- M: Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish, that the gospel may be freely preached throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people. Remove governments who oppose the gospel. Bring relief to persecuted Christians.
- C: Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.
- M: Bless our church with pastors and teachers who faithfully proclaim your Word. Lead many young men and women to study for the preaching and teaching ministries. By the power of your gospel, motivate them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.
- C: Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.
- **M:** Hear us as we pray for a family member, a friend, or for others who do not yet believe in you.
  - Silent prayer.
- **M:** Make us the answer to our prayers for others. Move us to share the gospel with those for whom we have just prayed. Bless the preaching of the gospel everywhere, here among us and in the far corners of the world. Let your kingdom come to us and to many others.
- C: Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen.

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#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

# THE SACRAMENT

#### **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



#### 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.





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#### **DISTRIBUTION**

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 93)

#### Hail to the Lord's Anointed



Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, abr., alt.

Tune: Freut Euch, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532-c. 1601.

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 361)

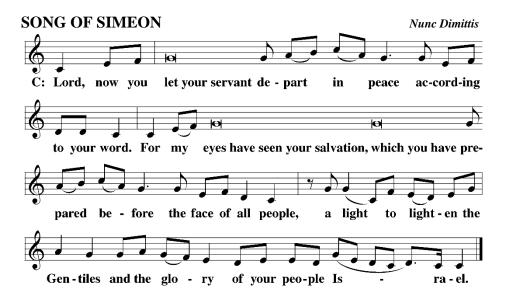
# **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent**



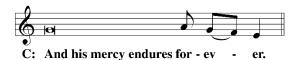
Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th century; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt. Tune: PICARDY (87 87 87) French folk tune, 17th century.

#### **THANKSGIVING**

STAND



**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: 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.



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# CLOSING HYMN (CW 588:5-7)

Abide with Me

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide, with me!

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heav'ns morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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# **Personal Prayers for Worship**

#### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

#### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

**Gluten Free communion wafers:** Gluten free communion wafers are available during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

# **Weekly Bible Studies**

Sunday 9:15 am: Baptism, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, downstairs

Wednesday evening Bible study will resume after Easter.

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)



# Quarterly Open Forum and Voter's Meeting Today January 28

Lunch 11:35 am

Come join us for lunch and stay for the meeting after.

# Ash Wednesday Worship February 14 12:30 & 6:30 pm

Potluck at 5:30 pm



Sunday January 28: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00 Jim Miller, 10:30 Phil Boll
- Children's Music Director: Kristin Huebner
- Pianist for children's choir: Julia Hodkiewicz
- Ushers 8:00: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund

- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach and Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: Jen Olson

11:35 am: Lunch followed by open forum and voter's meeting

Sunday February 4: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study and Sunday school

Teens join adult Bible study today

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Musician: Kristin Huebner or Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00 Phil Boll, 10:30 Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller
- A/V & Recording: *TBA*
- Refreshments: Sue Jenswold, help needed serving

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Steven Fox (1/28), Reagan Oughton (1/28), Joleen LaReau (1/30), Merida Sullivan (1/30), Sue Virnig (1/30), Harold Olson (1/31), Becki Woolsey (2/1), John Barden (2/3) and Aaron Parker (2/3) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

# **Looking ahead:**

- February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship, 12:30 and 6:30 pm. Potluck dinner 5:30
- Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20: Lent Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm. Potluck 5:30
- March 20: Chili Cook-off/potluck, 5:30 pm
- April 14: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am

#### Offerings January 14 - 20:

• General Fund: \$5,895

• Mortgage Reduction: \$885

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,200



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(January 14 - 20: In the totals listed above, \$2,246 was given to the general fund through Vanco electronic giving.)