

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Help and Healing for Body and Soul



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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.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

February 4, 2024

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING SONG (Quintet)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

The hymn is printed below so you can follow and meditate upon the text as the quintet sings the anthem.

Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters flow, While the tempest still is high; Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind!
Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within;
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart!
Rise to all eternity!

M: 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.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

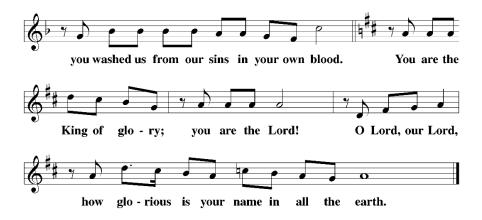


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world. ¹⁰ After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹ To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.





Praise the LORD, O my soul;* all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives <u>all</u> your sins* and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life <u>from</u> the grave* and crowns you with love and compassion. *Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,* slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our <u>sins</u> deserve* or repay us according to our in<u>iquities</u>.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,* so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is <u>from</u> the west,* so far has he removed our transgressions <u>from</u> us. *Refrain*

As a father has compassion on his <u>children</u>,* so the LORD has compassion on those who <u>fear</u> him;

for he knows how we are formed,*
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;* the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD's love is with those who <u>fear</u> him* from everlasting to ever<u>lasting</u>.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. ³¹ He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door. ³⁴ He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. ³⁶ Simon and his companions searched for him, ³⁷ and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." ³⁹ Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.



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SERMON Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷ Why do you speak, O Jacob? O Israel, why do you say, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and justice for me is ignored by my God"? ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the eternal God. He is the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired, and he will not become weary. No one can find a limit to his understanding. ²⁹ He is the one who gives strength to the weak, and he increases the strength of those who lack power. ³⁰ Young men grow tired and become weary. Even strong men stumble and fall. ³¹ But those who wait for the LORD will receive new strength. They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles. They will run and not become weary. They will walk and not become tired.

Renewed Strength for the Weary

STAND

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.

BE SEATED

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

"He will Hold Me Fast"

Keyboard (Kristin Huebner) and Violin (Ruth Kovaciny)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We give thanks to you, dear Father, for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh to preach the Gospel and cast out the works of Satan and the corruption of sin. By your Word, rescue us from every evil of body and soul. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, give to all Christian homes the endurance that comes from your Holy Spirit, that husbands and wives, parents and children may be disciplined and self-controlled in their duties and continue to the end in the holy Christian faith, ready to receive the imperishable wreath of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you hold sway over the powers of nature and the rulers of the earth. Graciously preserve our land, our leaders together with our people. Do not disregard us for our sins, but renew us, that our lives may be peaceful and our country governed according to your will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, your Son is the Great Physician of body and soul, at whose hand demon, disease
and every ill must turn away. We bring before you those in any need [especially

Holy Father, where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. Bring us in faith to your Holy Sacrament, that the blood of Christ, which atoned for our sins, may make us whole, strengthen us against every spiritual attack of the devil, and preserve us in body and soul to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us in these our humble requests, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

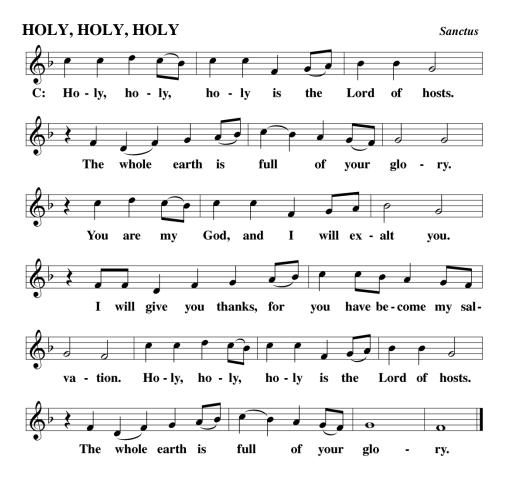


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



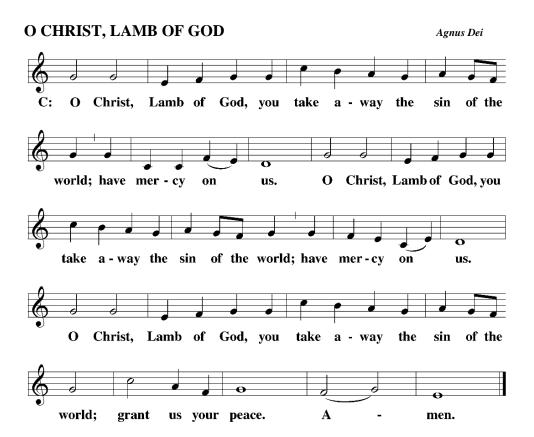
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.





BE SEATED

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 310)

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



- 6 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed. Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. Refrain
- 7 You here will find a heart most lowly 12 With you, Lord, I am now united; That feels unworthy in your sight, That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right. Refrain
- 8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love, For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. Refrain
- 9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base: It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain
- 10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding 15 Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r, To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. Refrain

- 11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed— These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- I live in you and you in me. No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. Refrain
- 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 14 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer, For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near. Refrain
 - My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.







M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



CLOSING HYMN (CW 94:4-5)

O Jesus, King of Glory

Oh, look on me with pity
Though I am weak and poor;
Admit me to your kingdom
To dwell there, blest and sure.
I pray, Lord, guide and keep me
Safe from my bitter foes,
From sin and death and Satan;
Free me from all my woes.

Then let your Word within me Shine as the fairest star; Keep sin and all false doctrine Forever from me far. Help me confess you truly And with all Christendom Here hail you King and Savior And in the world to come. Service of Word and Sacrament and Personal Prayers for Worship © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version® (EHV®) © 2017 The Wartburg Project. All rights reserved. www.wartburgproject.org
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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 each Sunday 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 study resumes after Easter.

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Ash Wednesday Worship February 14

with Imposition of Ashes

12:30 & 6:30 pm Potluck 5:30

Wed. Lent Worship February 21, 28, March 6, 13, & 20

12:30 & 6:30 pm Potluck 5:30

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
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- 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: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Sue Jenswold and Donna Cotter

Sunday February 11: Transfiguration of our Lord 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
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00 Ryan Jaeger, 10:30 Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kayden Zech and Kourtney Zech
- Ushers 10:30: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Volunteers needed

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Elaine Wilson (2/4), Colleen Biwer (2/5), Troy Cooley (2/6), Kayden Kalscheuer (2/8), Marilyn Lund (2/9), Dillon Kuecker (2/10), and Jacob Tutaj (2/10) 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 3 17: NPH Book Fair, In person and online
- March 20: Chili Cook-off/potluck, 5:30 pm
- April 14: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 5:00 pm

Office Assistant Position: Jen Olson will be retiring from her role in the church office this spring. The council will be interviewing for this position in the upcoming months. The position is 25 hours per week with regular office hours. Responsibilities include customer service skills both within our congregation and our community, answering phones, typing and printing bulletins and newsletters, updating member records, purchasing supplies, and communicating information between the various groups and activities at church. Qualified individuals will have or acquire computer skills in Microsoft Office and the internet, as well as learning new computer applications as they arise. Training will be provided, and the start date can be flexible. To apply or for more information, contact Mitch Myhre or the church office.