

The Divine Service

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2022

AS WE GATHER

At the beginning of the Church Year, many sang the hymn "Love Came Down at Christmas." Indeed, the Bible says, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16). It is only on Good Friday, however, that we discover the depth and power of God's love in the cross of the Lord's death. And so it was that ever since the beginning of His earthly ministry, after His Baptism, we are given clear hints about the true nature of God's love. Initially people marveled at Jesus' preaching and miraculous healings. Yet not only did the crowds quickly reject our Lord, but Satan also was actively opposing Him from the beginning. The love of God is the power of God to defeat Satan and free the world from the grip of sin and death. The standard of love is the cross of Christ. In today's Epistle, Paul describes love in and through Christ. Substitute "Christ" for "love" and you get, "Christ is patient and kind; Christ does not envy or boast; . . . Christ rejoices with the truth." This love of Christ is given to us and through us. "Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these" is the cross of Christ!

WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail" LSB 845, verses 1-3



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Love one another,
for love comes
from **God**.

1 John 4:7



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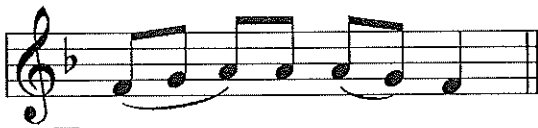
Mark 10:47

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



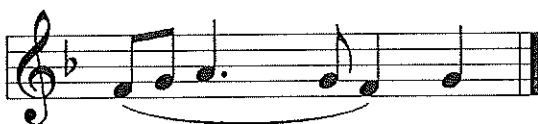
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

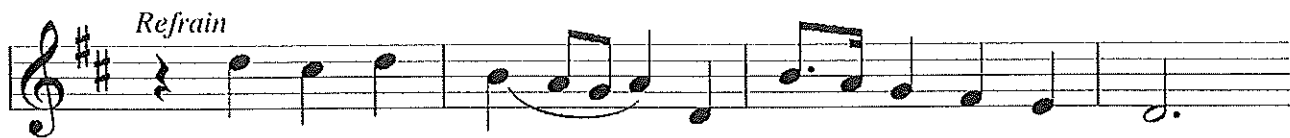


C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155 (Rev. 5:12-13,19:5-9)


Refrain



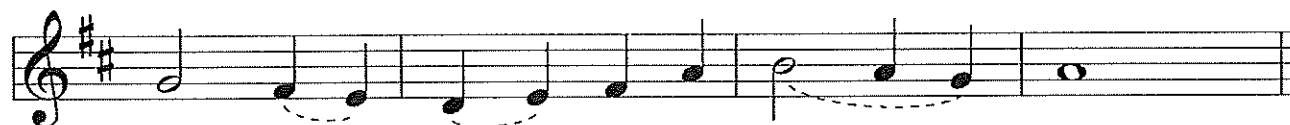
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

4 **People:** And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, You have shown the world Your love chiefly in the deliverance of the cross of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us to know this self-sacrificing love and share it with all in every kind of need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19)

Reader: ⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth."⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."⁷But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. ¹⁸And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. ¹⁹They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Reader: ¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:31-44

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" *LSB 722, verses 1 & 3*



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
3 Lord, when the shad-ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

SERMON

"Love, Love, Love"

Pastor Scott Henze

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

OFFERING

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Adult Choir, 11:00 AM

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand as you are able.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

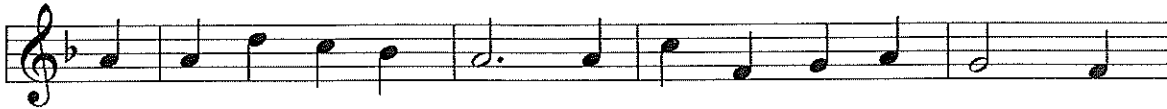


sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"O God, Forsake Me Not"

LSB 731



1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;
2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir - it from me;
3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion!
4 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for - ev - er.



Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho - ly Spir - it send me
Do not per - mit the might Of sin to o - ver - come me.
In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help me re - sist temp - ta - tion;
O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev - er.



That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,
In - crease my fee - ble faith, Which You a - lone have wrought.
And when the prince of hell My con - science seeks to blot,
Grant me a bless - ed end When my good fight is fought;



My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!
O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!
Be then not far from me— O God, for-sake me not!
Help me in life and death— O God, for-sake me not!

"Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"

LSB 695



1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, Not for wis-dom to dis -
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true, and
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in
4 In the day this world is fad - ing Faith and hope will play their



cern, Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this
kind; Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er -
wrong; Nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, Love be -
part; But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn: May love be ours, O Lord.
ous of heart and mind: May love be ours, O Lord.
lieves and suf - fers long: May love be ours, O Lord.
reign in ev - 'ry heart: May love be ours, O Lord.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803, verses 1 & 3



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: **Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

If you have a prayer request we invite you to come up to the altar following the worship service to pray with someone from our prayer team.

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM

Sunday School for children & youth 9:45 –10:45 AM