

# The Divine Service

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 28, 2024



## AS WE GATHER

All throughout the Epiphany season is the shadow of the question: Who is Jesus? We have heard Jesus called the Lamb of God and the light of the world. Now He is proclaimed our Brother who lays aside what is His right to become our servant even to death upon a cross. Within that context, we who are called His brothers claim not right or privilege but the path of service in Christ. Our freedom is not the liberty to do as we please but the responsibility of love for the sake of our weaker brother—just as Christ suffered as the innocent for the guilty. Instead of looking inside of us, we have something better to look at: Christ and our neighbor.

## Confession and Absolution

*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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Processional Hymn**

**“Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

**LSB 842 sts. 1, 4**

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life 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  
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Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
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  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our  
love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** 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 mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**





**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And Also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we rejoice that You have sent to us Your Son to be our Brother and to take our place in suffering that we might be saved. Deliver us from our captivity to sin, the tyranny of self, and the temptation of the world that our hearts may be focused upon Christ and delivered from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**“This is a Joyous Happy Day”**

This is a Joyous Happy Day.  
We celebrate Your gift of life.  
Christ is with us. Joy surrounds us.  
Christ takes our sin and sets us free;  
He fills our lives with endless life.  
Christ is with us. Christ unites us.  
Praise our Maker, praise the Spirit, Praise Christ Jesus.

**The Old Testament**

*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 brothers—it is to him you shall listen— <sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

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

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

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“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.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**





## Hymn of the Day

### Intro

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow

Oh oh oh

### Chorus

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)

### Verse 2

Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

## "I Will Follow"

### Verse 1

All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

### Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah

### Bridge

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

### Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah

**Sermon**

**"Who Says So?"**

**Pastor Scott Henze**

**Apostles' Creed**

*(8:30 a.m. only)*

**☩ 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**

Love Lifted Me

*Choir, 11:00 a.m.*

**Offertory Prayer**

**☩** God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

## A word about Holy Communion

We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface



**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.

### Proper Preface

### Sanctus

LSB 208



**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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## The Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** **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

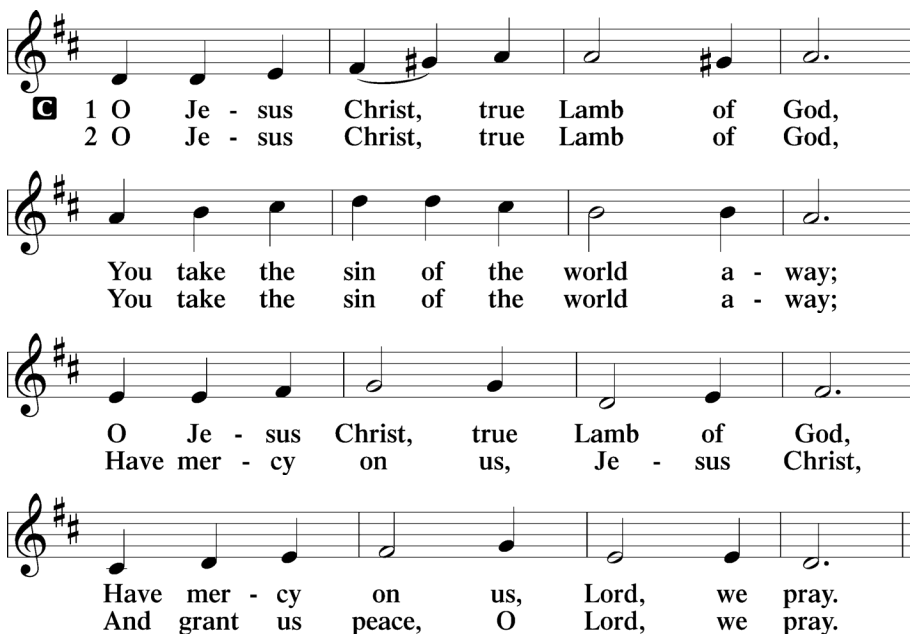
### The Peace of the Lord

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

*(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord)*

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210



**C** 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost - nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

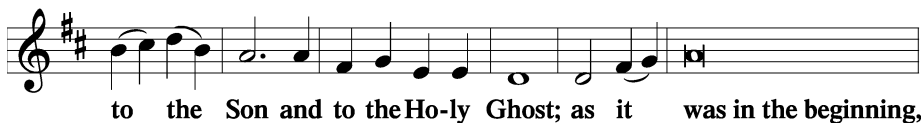
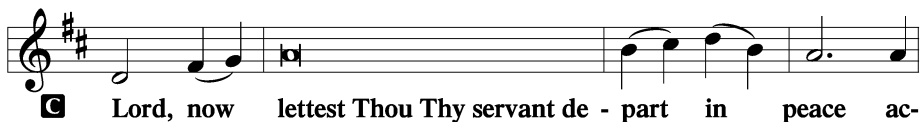
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest  
treasure,  
    Peace beyond all  
understanding,  
    Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
    Worthily let me receive You  
    And, so favored, never leave  
You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most  
tender,  
    Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
    Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
    Of this blessed food from  
heaven,  
    For our good, Your glory,  
given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in  
heaven  
    On the cross for me to languish  
    And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in  
sadness.  
    By this blood redeemed and  
living,  
    Lord, I praise You with  
thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
    By Your love I am invited,  
    Be Your love with love  
requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's  
treasure.  
    Through the gift of grace You  
give me  
    As Your guest in heav'n  
receive me.

## Closing of the Table

### Post Communion Canticle

#### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199





## Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

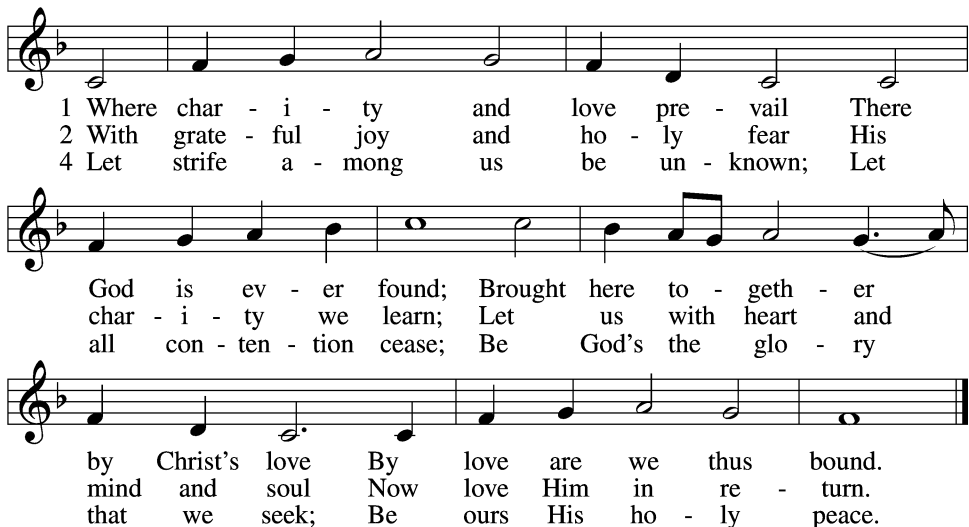
## Announcements

## Benediction

## Recessional Hymn

## “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB 845 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

## Dismissal

**P** Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

**C** **Disciples making disciples.**

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024** Grief Share will meet every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.. to bring grief and loss support.

**February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024** Bounce House Sunday. Come to celebrate the culmination of Lutheran Schools week. Preschool children will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service followed by bounce house, free hamburgers and more.

**February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024** Older Wiser Lutherans. Older Wiser Lutherans will meet at 7:00 p.m. in rooms 201/202. Come and mingle in fellowship. For more information, please contact Judy Ladwig and Jean Boyd.

**Feb 9-11<sup>th</sup> 2024** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat.

**February 11<sup>th</sup> 2024** Blessings of the Animals. An opportunity to gather and honor our pets that bring joy, companionship into our lives.

**February 14<sup>th</sup> 2024** Ash Wednesday Services 6:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

# BOUNCE HOUSE SUNDAY!

Free hamburgers and popcorn

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Immediately followed by the late service.



Preschool children will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service followed by food, fun and fellowship!



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Call the church office at 954-384-9096 if you or someone you know would like to speak with a Stephen Minister.

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**Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

**Sunday School for children and youth: 9:45 AM**

**Adult Bible Study: 10:00 AM**



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