## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024 10:30 a.m. Service



... for He taught them as one who had authority...

Mark 1:22

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'HEARING, SHARING, AND LIVING THE GOSPEL'

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#### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Divine Service – Setting Four LSB 203 January 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.

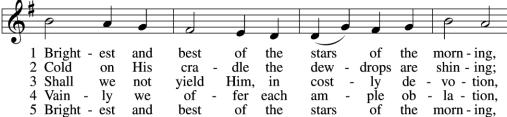
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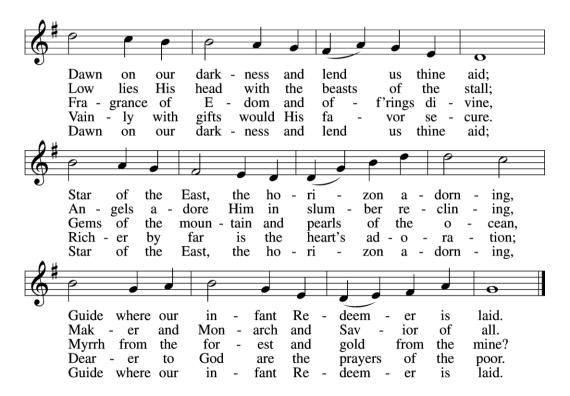
## Welcome

Opening Hymn

LSB 400 sts. 1-5

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"





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### + INVOCATION +

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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 ★ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

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- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

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#### **Introit**

Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10

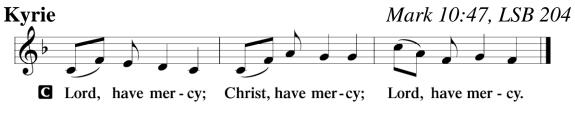
- **P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.
- C Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- P Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- C I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

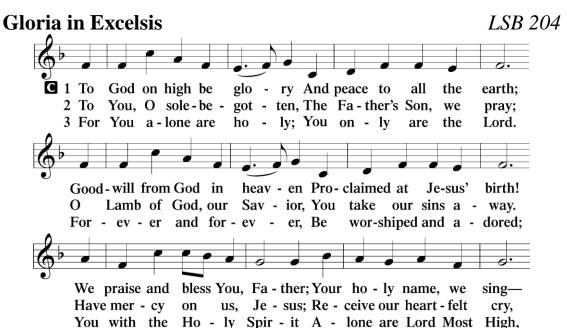
P Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

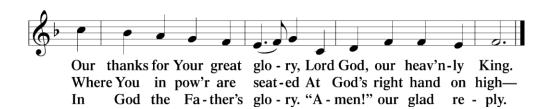
You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

P C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.







# Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us 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.

C Amen.

Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

15 "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 – 16 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.' 17 And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. 18 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. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 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.

## **Gradual**

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

- Praise the Lord, all nations!
- **C** Extol him, all peoples!
- **P** For great is his steadfast love toward us,
- **C** and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
- **P** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
- C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

# **Epistle Reading**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

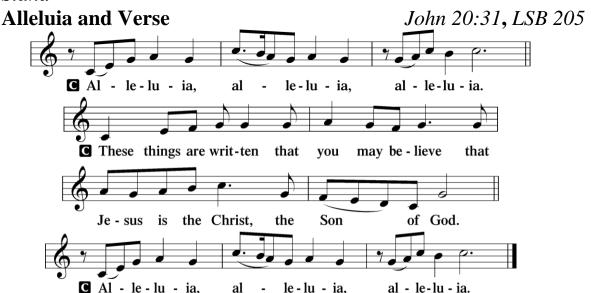
1 Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. 2 If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. 4 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." 5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth – as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" – 6 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.

7 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. 8 Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

9 But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 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? 11 And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. 12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 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.





Holy Gospel Mark 1:21-28

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

21 They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 "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." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 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." 28 And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

**Apostle's Creed** 

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P C 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.

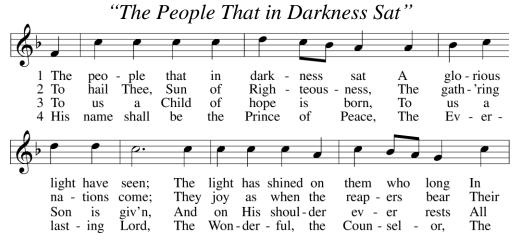
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

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.

Sit Hymn of the Day

LSB 412 sts. 1-6





- 5 His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
  On judgment and on justice based,
  His reign shall have no end,
  His reign shall have no end.
- △6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone, Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

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Sermon Rev. David Burge "Jesus, Our One Lord, Enables Us to Love God and One Another"

Sermon Text 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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## **Prayer of the Church**

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P O Holy Trinity, You are God of gods and Lord of lords. Truly, there is no God but You alone. From You and from Your Son, Jesus Christ, are all things. Reveal the saving knowledge of Christ's truth to us and all the world, that loving You and one another, together we may be known by God. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, our God, whose voice was heard at Sinai and whose authority was made manifest in Christ, the Prophet greater than Moses, send faithful preachers into Your harvest who will be diligent to listen to Your Word and speak it faithfully in Your name.

Preserve us from false prophets who would lead us away from Your truth, and give us ears to hear gladly the saving words of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, guard our families and homes, and build them up in love. Support parents in their task of instructing their children, strengthen those whose faith is weak, and make us bold to forego convenience and security to attest the truths of our most holy faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, give health and success to our president and governor, our legislators and judges, and all who serve for our governance and protection. Make them high in purpose, wise in counsel and unwavering in duty. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

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P Dear Lord, look with favor on all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and renewal of life, and so receive a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Lord of hope, guard and keep all who face the temptations of the devil, the world and our sinful flesh, and preserve the faith of those troubled by doubts. Through the daily remembrance of our Baptism, enable us to win the victory over all that threatens our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C Amen.

## **Offering**

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (As a reassurance to those in worship

today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!) Also, please find the red attendance book and record your fellowship with us.



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# Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

# **Concluding Collect**

LSB 305

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ▶ give you peace.
- C Amen.



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#### Announcements

#### Postlude