

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023 10:30 a.m. Service**



**"Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they
will be filled."**

Matthew 5:6

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Divine Service – Setting Four

January 29, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 203

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

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Opening Hymn

LSB 904 sts. 1-4

“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *LSB 203*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **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.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life according to the Ten Commandments: This and whatever comes to mind, confess now, and receive God's total absolution.)

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:

Luke 18:13

☐ God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

☐ God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

LSB 292

☐ Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C Yes. *LSB 293*

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P Almighty God in His *LSB 203*
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 + *LSB 204*

Introit *Ps. 1:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 1:6*

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

C Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

C He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

P The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

C Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

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 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47, LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Luke 2:14, John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 205*

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

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 *Micah 6:1-8*

6 Listen to what the LORD says: “Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. 2 “Hear, you mountains, the LORD’s accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel.

3 “My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. 4 I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam.

5 My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

6 With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

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

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 567 sts. 1-6

“Not What These Hands Have Done”



1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;
2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;
3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;
4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,



Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can makemy spir - it whole.
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.
Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.
Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

5 Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.

6 I bless the Christ of God,
I rest on love divine,
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
I call this Savior mine.

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Stand

Alleluia

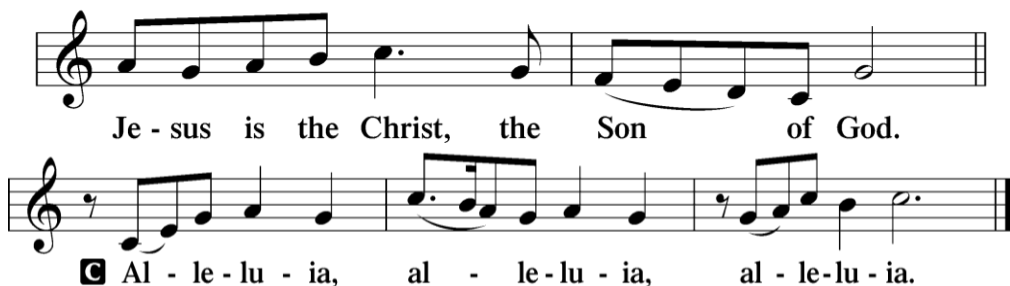
John 20:31, LSB 205



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



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people insult
you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds
of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 842 sts. 1-4

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love 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
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
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
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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Sermon

Pastor Tom Rhodes

“What Rattles Your Cage?”

Stand

Apostle’s Creed

LSB 207

**☐ ☑ 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.**

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. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. 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!)

Offertory (*no intro*)

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ards true re-ceive



All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad-ly, as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Prayer of the Church

LSB 207

P Blessed Lord, You have chosen to bless us beyond all measure, though we are not worthy of Your grace. For this we give You our thanks and praise. May we live out Your blessing in every way, and may we become a blessing to others.

C Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

P Blessed Lord, You remove us from the desperate places that burden our hearts. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with Your gracious rule.

C **Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

P Lord, when we suffer losses, Your presence brings us comfort. Shore us up with Your blessings of comfort and peace in the Holy Spirit.

C **Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

P Lord, when we are content with who we are and what we have, when we are modest and unassuming, meek and lowly – then Lord, we embrace who we really are:

Your children, created by You and redeemed by You. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with meekness.

C Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

P Lord, as we find no satisfaction, no fullness, in the things of this world, You bless us with a hunger and thirst to be filled with You. In You we find true fullness, of joy, of peace, of love, and of righteousness. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with a hunger and thirst for You.

C Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

P Lord, You have blessed us with the desire and the ability to show mercy to others, for You have been merciful to us. In caring for others, we also are cared for and find mercy. Show Your mercy, Lord, especially to those on our prayer list and prayer cards and those we name in our hearts. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with Your mercy, that we may be merciful to others.

C **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

P Lord, You graciously cleanse us with Your forgiveness, refreshing us with pure hearts and minds. May we see You, Lord, more and more each day. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with purity of heart and mind.

C Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

P Lord, You have blessed us with peace that the world cannot give, so that peace may be magnified among us and our troubled world. As Your sons and daughters, make us instrument of Your peace.

C Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P Lord, Your divine blessings surpass the world's idea of blessedness. How can we be blessed when we are persecuted? Yet even when our deep love and commitment to You causes us to be hated and hurt by our world, we know that through it we are driven even deeper into Your kingdom, and our love for

You grows, and our dependence on You increases. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us, even through persecution.

P C Blessed Lord, who blesses us in ways unsurpassed, we praise You. We rejoice and are glad in the blessing You give. We praise You in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

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 upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C **Amen.**

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 932 sts. 1-3

“Jesus Sat With His Disciples”



1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a
2 “Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the
3 “Bless-ed are God’s sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing



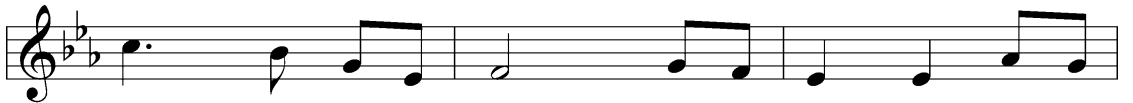
moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple
earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be
peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -



gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:
ho - ly, They are bless’d and will be filled.
cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;



“Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en’s
Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy
Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the



king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and
will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are
king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My



mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.
bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.
suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love.”

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