

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - JANUARY 29, 2023

LOVE GOD ♦ LIVE THE WORD ♦ SERVE OTHERS ♦ SHARE CHRIST

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ♦ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ♦ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ♦ Amplified hearing aids are available at the usher stand by the double doors. Ask anyone for help at any time.

LBW - DIVINE SERVICE ONE

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

▼ MUSICAL PRELUDE / PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *(Prayers may be found in the Green Hymnal, pp.42-51)*

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *(Spoken)*

In the name of the Father, and of the (+)Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

**But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

▲ ENTRANCE HYMN - "JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE" *(Sung, LBW #551)*

▲ APOSTOLIC GREETING *(Spoken)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. **And also with you.** *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

▲ PRAYER FOR MERCY *(Spoken)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all... **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE *(Sung)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, surrounded by the snares of this world, we cannot stand apart from the power of your grace. Strengthen us in body, mind, and spirit so that we may continue to serve you in the face of all that threatens to overcome us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

▼ FIRST READING - Micah 6:1-8 *(Pew Bible, p. 927)* / SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *(Pew Bible, p. 1131)*

▼ KCJAM CHOIR / CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ Gospel Verse *(Sung)*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

▲ GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - Matthew 5:1-12 *(Versicles Spoken, Pew Bible, p. 962)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ SERMON

▲ HYMN - "LORD, SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY SPEAK" *(Sung, LBW #403)*

▲ APOSTLES' CREED *(Spoken)*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

▲ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

▼ CHOIR ANTHEM "JUST A CLOSER WALK"

▲ OFFERTORY *(Sung)*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

▲ OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

▲ GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▲ SANCTUS *(Sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

▲ WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

▲ AGNUS DEI *(Sung)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

▲ POST-COMMUNION HYMN *(Sung)*

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Spoken)*

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.

**Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

▲ BENEDICTION *(Spoken)*

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

▲ SENDING HYMN - "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS" *(Sung, LBW #293)*

▲ DISMISSAL *(Spoken)*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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***We thank the Bible Youth Group (BYG) for assisting us with our worship today!***

***After worship, the BYG group will host a Friends Café on the front porch. All are invited to remain for snacks and fellowship.***