

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - JANUARY 30, 2022



God's love for his people is evidenced in his "knowing" us before we were born. We are only able to love because God has first loved us. His love is the epitome of unconditional agape love which is shown most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Without love, we have nothing. Love is the force that binds us together — a force that has its origin in the Creator.

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.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL

LBW: Divine Service One

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN — "COME THOU FOUNT" *(Sung: LBW # 499)*

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I'm come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (*Spoken*)

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)
C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE (*Sung*)

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**

Hymn of Praise (*Sung*)

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

C: **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 (*Sung*)

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us.

C: **Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING - Jeremiah 1:4-10 (*Sit; Pew Bible, p. 745*)

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 12:31b--13:13 (*Pew Bible, p. 1140*)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Verse (*Stand, Sung*)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - Luke 4:31-44 (*Sung; Pew Bible, p. 1022*)

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Luke, chapter 4. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE (*Sit*)

HYMN — "WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER" (*Stand, Sung: LBW #346*)

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; when sorrows, like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**He lives— oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul.**

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)*

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)*

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken)*

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.**

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

THE 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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *(Stand, 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)*

P: 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. **C: Amen**

BENEDICTION *(Spoken)*

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**

HYMN "TAKE MY LIFE THAT I MAY BE" (*Sung: LBW #406*)

**Take my life that I may be Consecrated, Lord to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.**

DISMISSAL (*Spoken*)

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

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