



Welcome  
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## Order of Worship

*Fourth Sunday After Epiphany, January 28, 2024*

### Welcome

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

- P** Arise, shine, for your Light has come,  
**C** **and the glory of the Lord shines upon you.**  
**P** Christ has appeared to us:  
**C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**  
**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C** **And to the Holy Spirit;**  
**P** as it was in the beginning,  
**C** **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Opening Song: LSB 578 Thy Strong Word

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| 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;<br>At Thy speaking it was done.<br>For created light we thank Thee,<br>While Thine ordered seasons run.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia without end!      | 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,<br>Dark as night and deep as death,<br>Broke the light of Thy salvation,<br>Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia without end! |
| 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;<br>Bright with Thine own holiness,<br>Glorious now, we press toward glory,<br>And our lives our hopes confess.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia without end! | 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining<br>Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;<br>From the cross forever beameth<br>All Thy bright redeeming light.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Alleluia without end!             |

- △ 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 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.

## This Is the Feast LSB 155

**C** **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** 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. **Amen** (*Please be seated*)

## **Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy 18:15–20**

“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.’”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

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

## **Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 8:1–13**

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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

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

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Alleluia and Verse

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

## The Holy Gospel, Mark 1:21–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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

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.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** Praise to You, O Christ!

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

### Sermon Hymn, LSB 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

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| 1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;<br>Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.<br>Thee will I love with all my power,<br>With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.<br>Thee will I love, O Light divine,<br>So long as life is mine.            | 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,<br>Who art my best and truest friend.<br>Thee will I love and praise forever,<br>For never shall Thy kindness end.<br>Thee will I love with all my heart—<br>Thou my Redeemer art! |
| 3 I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,<br>Whose radiance hath brought light to<br>me;<br>I thank Thee, who hast richly given<br>All that could make me glad and free;<br>I thank Thee that my soul is healed<br>By what Thy lips revealed. | 4 O keep me watchful, then, and humble;<br>Permit me nevermore to stray.<br>Uphold me when my feet would stumble,<br>And keep me on the narrow way.<br>Fill all my nature with Thy light,<br>O Radiance strong and bright! |

5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord,  
Amid the darkest depths of sadness, And not for hope of high reward,  
For Thine own sake, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ 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.**

## **Peace of the Lord**

*(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)*

## **Prayers of the Church**

After each petition respond: **℟** Lord in your mercy **☩ Hear our prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**℟** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**☩ 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.**

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

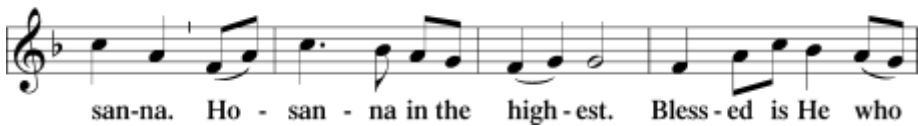
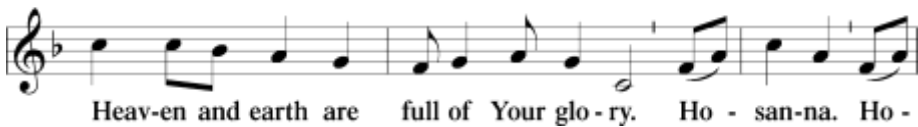
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



## The Word of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

**C** 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.

## **Communion Distribution** *(Please be seated)*

### **Christian Love Medley**

Love, love, love, love,

Christians, this is your call.

Love your neighbor as yourself

For God loves us all.

(Repeat)

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice

to worship You; O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what you hear;

Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

(Repeat)

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In moments like these, I sing out a song,

I sing out a love song to the Father.

In moments like these, I lift up my hands,

I lift up my hands to the Lord.

(Chorus) Singing, "I love You, Lord!"  
Singing, "I love You, Lord!"  
Singing, "I love You, Lord! I love You, Lord!"  
In moments like these, I sing out a song,  
I sing out a love song to Jesus.  
In moments like these, I lift up my hand,  
I lift up my hands to the Lord.

(Chorus)  
In moments like these, I sing out a song,  
I sing out a love song to the Spirit.  
In moments like these, I lift up my hand,  
I lift up my

## **O Come To The Altar**

1. Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

**Chorus:** O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling **Chorus 2X**

## **Bridge**

Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen! Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

## **Chorus 2X**

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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## **We Are The Body Of Christ**

### **Chorus**

One heart one spirit One voice to praise You  
We are the body of Christ One goal one vision  
To see You exalted We are the body of Christ



## Verse

And to this we give our lives

To see You glorified

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## Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**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.**

**P** Go in peace!

**C Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

## Closing Hymn – Thy Word” AGPS 247

**Chorus:** Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,  
Think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there, right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear,  
As long as You are near.  
Please, be near me to the end.

**Chorus:**

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide,  
And hold me to Your side,  
And I'll love You to the end.

**Chorus:**

Nothing will I fear,  
As long as You are near.  
Please be with me 'til the end.

**Chorus:**

You're the Light unto my path!

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*(Please be seated)*

## **Announcements**