

✠ Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany ✠

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8:15 AM & 10:45 AM



*Gathering People to Christ,
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Serving the World as Christ*



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word “Sacrament” means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God’s promise. “He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*,” as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Welcome: At the beginning of the Church Year, many sang the hymn “Love Came Down at Christmas.” Indeed, the Bible says, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16). It is only on Good Friday, however, that we discover the depth and power of God’s love in the cross of the Lord’s death. And so it was that ever since the beginning of His earthly ministry, after His Baptism, we are given clear hints about the true nature of God’s love. Initially people marveled at Jesus’ preaching and miraculous healings. Yet not only did the crowds quickly reject our Lord, but Satan also was actively opposing Him from the beginning. The love of God is the power of God to defeat Satan and free the world from the grip of sin and death. The standard of love is the cross of Christ. In today’s Epistle, Paul describes love in and through Christ. Substitute “Christ” for “love” and you get, “Christ is patient and kind; Christ does not envy or boast; . . . Christ rejoices with the truth.” This love of Christ is given to us and through us. “Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these” is the cross of Christ!

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a “quiet room.” It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Welcomes Your Child: The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

Communion Procedure: Ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. **Grape juice** is in the outer ring and **is lighter** in color than the wine. The **wine is darker** in color. After communing, return to your seat via the *side* aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

Communication Cards: Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

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P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Praise Song (10:45) "The Lord Is My Salvation"

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea,
And I am safe on this solid ground. The Lord is my salvation.
I will not fear when darkness falls. His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun. The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God—strong to save, faithful in love?
My debt is paid and the victory won. The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord. He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come. The Lord is my salvation.
In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days. The Lord is my salvation. *Chorus*

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave;
But I will rise. He will call me home. The Lord is my salvation.

Bridge-2X

Glory be to God the Father. Glory be to God the Son.
Glory be to God the Spirit. The Lord is our salvation.

The Lord is our salvation. The Lord is our salvation.

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Hymn (8:15)

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB 803

Sit

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4–10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you

shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out His hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13

I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

⁷Love bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:31–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at His teaching, for His word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! 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.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸And He arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s

mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to Him on her behalf. ³⁹And He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, He departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought Him and came to Him, and would have kept Him from leaving them, ⁴³but He said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And He was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

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**

Hymn (8:15)

"You Are the Way; through You Alone"

LSB 526

Sermon Song (10:45)....."Your Great Name"

Lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great Name.
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great Name.
Ev'ry fear has no place at the sound of Your great Name.
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great Name.

Chorus

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us, the Son of God and man.
You are high and lifted up, and all the world will praise Your great Name!

All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great Name.
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great Name.
The fatherless find their rest at the sound of Your great Name.
The sick are healed; the dead are raised at the sound of Your great Name. *Chorus*

Bridge-2X

Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty, Defender, my Savior, You are my King. *Chorus 2X*

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Sermon

To the Other Towns

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Offertory (8:15)

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781

Offertory (10:45) "Goodness of God"

Solo: I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus (All)

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus*

Bridge-2X

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now. I give You everything.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. *Chorus*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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Stand

Pastoral Prayers

The Prayers of the Church

- A** O God of love, thanks and praise be to You for sending Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to open Your kingdom by means of His love and deliverance and glory on the cross. Greater love has no one than this. Work in us, Your children, the gift of Your love, that we be enabled to endure the struggles of faith and hope and to reflect Your true glory all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Establish Your whole Church and this congregation to be walking and serving together in love for You and love toward one another and the world, that many come to the knowledge of Your truth and salvation. Grant Your strength and blessing to all who preach Your life-giving Word and those who serve as Your loving hands to all who are in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Grant Your grace and wisdom to all who serve in the government of our country. Give strength and integrity to those in the armed forces and to all who serve and protect us in our communities. Give all agencies dedicated to the service of helping and healing people the freedom to do their good works for the support of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Hear also now our prayers for all who are sick or hospitalized, the injured and the lonely. Grant that Your healing love be administered faithfully by the medical professionals and those who supply the needy in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

The Words 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

—1 Corinthians 11:26 | —Revelation 22:20

A As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Peace

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

C And also with you.

Sit

Communion Song (10:45) "Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea—
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased with His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

I bow before the cross of Christ and marvel at this love divine.
God's perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God's eyes.
This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood.
The Lord Most High has bowed down low and poured on me His glorious love,
And poured on me His glorious love.

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Piano Meditation "Near the Cross" arr. Molly Ijames

Communion Song (10:45) "He Knows My Name"

I have a Maker. He formed my heart.
Before even time began, my life was in His hand.

Chorus

He knows my name. He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

I have a Father. He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go. Chorus 2X
He hears me when I call.

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Hymn (8:15) "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" **LSB 606**

Piano Meditation "Near the Cross" arr. Molly Ijames

Hymn (8:15) "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" **LSB 435**

Stand

Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

G Amen.

—Numbers 6:24–26

Memory Verse **Psalm 103:1-2**

G Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Closing Song (10:45)....."Let the Earth Resound"

Let the earth resound with songs of praise to the Father's power and love,
For the One who set each star in place chose to set His heart on us.
To the One whose might gives victory, yet whose mercies never cease,
As the tapestry of history tells the story of His grace.

Chorus

King immortal, faithful God, crowned with splendor, rich in love,
Let the heavens and the earth resound with songs of praise to You.

Let the earth be stilled before the sight of a Father's sacrifice
That revealed the depths of love divine in the face of Jesus Christ.
Through a life of full obedience and a death in agony.
He removed the rebel's punishment and He set the pris'ner free. *Chorus*

Let the earth resound with songs of faith at the wonder yet to come—
When all sin and pain are put to death and the church and Christ are one.
When we stand as God's great family and we meet the Father's gaze
And we share in His eternal joy, as we join in ceaseless praise. *Chorus 2X*

With songs of praise to you.

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Hymn (8:15)

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Patti Drennan

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