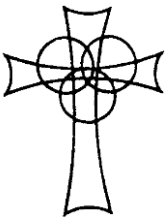
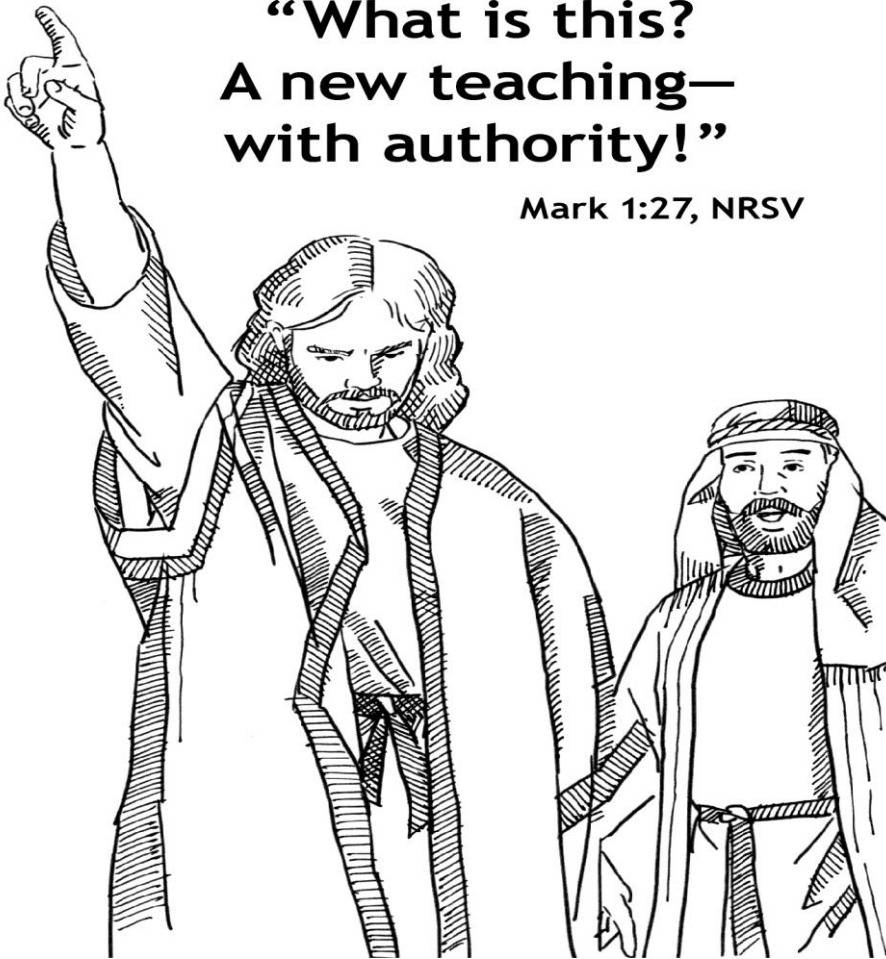


**“What is this?
A new teaching—
with authority!”**

Mark 1:27, NRSV



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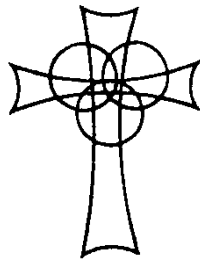
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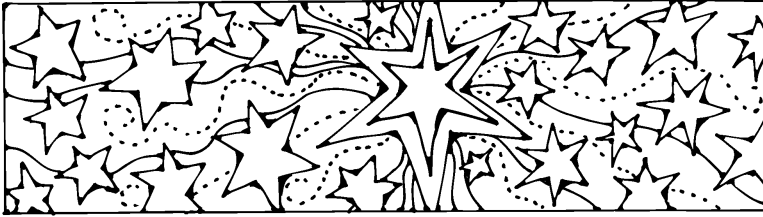
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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! We are pleased that you have come to worship our loving Lord with us today. In this Epiphany season, our Lord continues to reveal Himself to us as the Son of God who has come to redeem the world. And here in this place, through His holy Word and Sacraments, Jesus continues to show us the Father's love for us sinners.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Compassionate God, You gather the whole universe into Your radiant presence and continually reveal Your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Flute & Piano Prelude

“Christmas Concerto Pastorale”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 394

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny

✕ The Service of the Word ✕

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: verse 10

- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- C** **Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**
- P** Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- C** **I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the
iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may
be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- C** **You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 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** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

The Hymn of Praise:

Gloria in Excelsis

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we

praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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 A - men.

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“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—¹⁶just 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.’¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ 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.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰ 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.**

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, 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.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet 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.

⁷However, 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. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰For 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? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

¹³Therefore, 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.

The Trinity Singers

“With My Whole Heart”

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“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.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And 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.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 533

“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal”



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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The Sermon

As One with Authority

Text: Mark 1:21-28

The Congregation rises.

The Nicene Creed:

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

☩ Rejoicing in Christ, our Light, the Lord of mercy, who has come to reconcile us to the Father, let us pray for the people of God, for those who have requested our prayers, and for the world to which Christ has been given; that we all may know the fullness of His grace.

P Let us pray that our Lord of mercy, who called and sent the holy apostles to proclaim the Good News of His salvation to all the world, would continue to raise up faithful pastors and teachers and ministers who will proclaim His Name and work with integrity, purity, and truth; that He would protect them and us from all false doctrine and error; and that He would lead us and all those who hear their Word and preaching to receive it for what it is: the Word of forgiveness and life in our gracious God and Savior, Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray that our Lord of mercy, who in grace called all those who have come to faith in Him, would move the hearts of all believers, especially in our Trinity and Mekane Yesus Congregations, to make us the witnesses of His love through the sharing of the message of God's mercy for all in Christ with all those around us and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray that our Lord of mercy, who in love and compassion cares for and rules over the whole earth, would bless all the leaders of the world, especially remembering our President, our Congress and Judiciary, and all those who in every place make, administer, and judge the rule of law, that by their obedience to Your law of love, and with justice which shows compassion, all people everywhere may live in peace with one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray that our Lord of mercy, who in the days of His flesh among us gave signs of His authority by healing those who were in any distress of mind and body, would give His compassionate aid to those who in our time suffer from mental illness, clinical depression, post-trauma disorders, and any other affliction, and that He would comfort them in their suffering, uphold them in His mercy, and grant them deliverance according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray that our Lord of mercy, who through His cross broke the power of the devil and made captivity captive, would give His almighty aid to those who suffer from the assaults and temptations of the devil, exposing these lures as the deceits of the father of lies, delivering those afflicted by them from their allure, and leading them into all truth through Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray that the Lord of mercy, who showed compassion to all who were sick, would show His compassionate aid and healing to the ill whom we now commit to His merciful care, especially _____; that He would remember them in mercy, as well as those unknown to us who are in need of our prayers, that they may receive from His hand the aid, courage, and help they need; and that He would strengthen and encourage the doctors, nurses, and health professionals who care for the sick among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray that the Lord of mercy, who comforts those who mourn with the gift of His peace, would soothe the hearts of those who are bereaved because of the loss of loved ones, (especially _____), that He would remember them in their sorrow and grant them the comfort of the hope that is found in His victory over death and the grave. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray that the Lord of mercy, who grants us in love every good and perfect gift, would be with and gladden the hearts of all those who rejoice, especially _____, that He would make them mindful of His daily love and mercy and enable them to ever rejoice in all of the benefits He grants to the children He loves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray that our Lord of mercy, who knows everything we need even before we think of it, and who answers us even before we pray, would graciously hear our prayers, especially our prayers for _____ and all the petitions we place before Him in the silence of our hearts... We humbly implore Him to grant us the things for which we pray; that He would graciously deliver us from all our enemies; that He would lead us to worship and adore Him without fear; and that He would keep us in His steadfast love and faithfulness and deliver us amid our temptations and afflictions by His great might. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray that our Lord of mercy, who brought us into His eternal kingdom of life and truth, granting salvation freely by His grace, would be pleased to strengthen us through the holy and blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood; that by it He would grant us forgiveness of our sin, as He has promised; and that through it He would embolden our faith in Him, enlarge our love for one another, and encourage our confession of Him and His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us give thanks to our Lord of mercy, who has through His death and resurrection brought life and immortality to light, for the eternal peace and rest that He has given to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Simeon and Anna, and all the saints who followed Him faithfully in this life and who now enjoy the everlasting joys of heaven's life. And we pray that the same Lord of mercy would keep us also steadfast in the same faith and bring us too at last to the feast of life which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord of mercy, we entrust all for whom we pray, trusting You for Your great and abundant mercy, which You have revealed and made known in the person of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

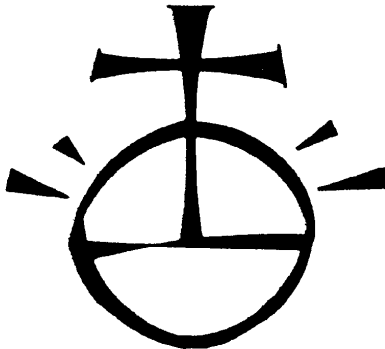
The Sharing of the Peace:

P Christ came and proclaimed the Gospel: peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 637

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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:

The *Sanctus*:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

- 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.**

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."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

The *Agnus Dei*:



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Congregation is seated.



The Distribution of Holy Communion

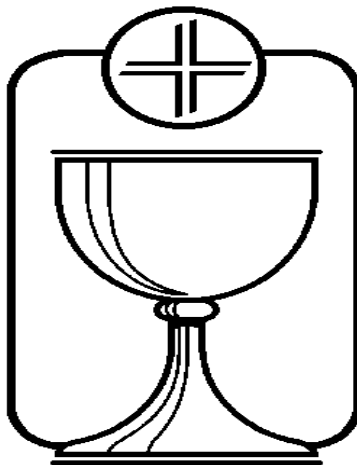
Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music During the Distribution

“Come, Yahweh, Come” – The Trinity Singers

The Congregation rises.



The Post-Communion Canticle:

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

The Post-Communion Collect:

P 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.

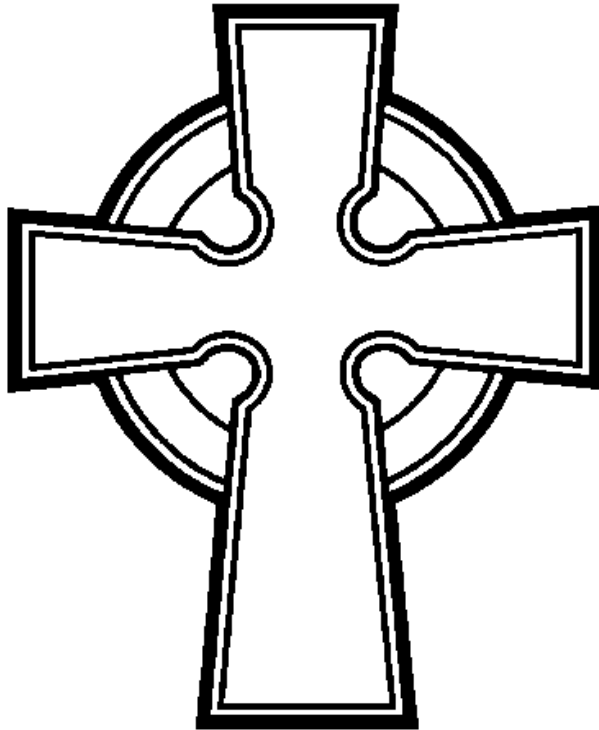
C A - men.

The Benediction:

- 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 A - men.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 819

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
 keep - ing, By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
 of His might All things are just and good and right:
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Lector

Tracy Peele

The Communion Assistant

George Kurtzweil

The Worship Assistant

Paul Ritter

The Choir

The Trinity Singers

The Flutist

Susan Kennedy

The Parish Musician

Skip Hall

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NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

LENT IS COMING ... It is hard to believe, but the Season of Lent is nearly upon us owing to an early celebration of Easter this year. Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, with Holy Week commencing on Palm Sunday, March 24th, and the Feast of Easter celebrated on March 31st.

To help us all in keeping this sacred and solemn time together, we are once again providing devotional materials for use in the homes of our members, both for adults and for families with children. Please pick up your packets which are available on the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary and help us to save on postage. Any packets not picked up by Sunday, February 4th will be mailed out in hopes that everyone will have them to use beginning on Ash Wednesday.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2024** is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is now **\$45.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)



LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuoradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuoradio).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study 2 Corinthians 10-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), study Lamentations 2-4 plus Free Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and hear from Higher Things pastors on their journeys into church work on our Set Apart to Serve series on The Coffee Hour (February 2 at 10:00 a.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... What fills the heart that has no room to forgive? Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, February 4, 2024, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Nature Abhors a Vacuum", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEAST...

February 25 **The Presentation of Our Lord and the Purification of Mary**

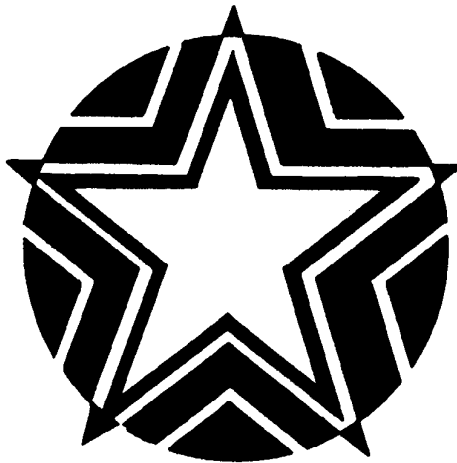
Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

TREASURER'S NOTE ON 2023 ...

Pulling together the December 2023 financial statistics for this month's Bulletins prompted me to look back at 2023 and make a few observations that I thought I'd share (hopefully these are helpful!):

- 1) Overall, our 2023 offerings were somewhat higher than we budgeted, but not high enough to avoid making withdrawals from our Thrivent mutual funds (our "savings"). Thankfully, we only had to withdraw \$16,000 from Thrivent in 2023, not the \$25,500 that we budgeted.
- 2) We have about \$37,000 remaining in the Thrivent funds, and our 2024 budget requires us to use almost \$20,000 of that in 2024. If we could increase our offerings by about 15%, we could avoid any withdrawals in 2024.
- 3) In 2023, offerings were especially low in March, May, and July; and somewhat low in September and November. Mekane Yesus' giving is always regular, which is a blessing! (Mekane Yesus' offerings are always included in the monthly offering statistics.)

Thank you as always for your generosity and prayers!
Michael McCoyer



COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this ongoing time of need in our community, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

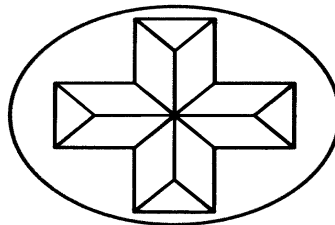
Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

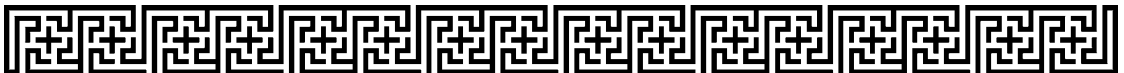
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany: February 4, 2024

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 4
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Thursday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

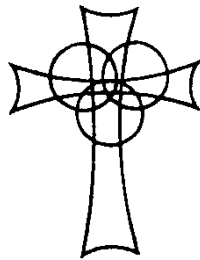


CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, January 21, 2024
Worship Attendance: 17; Communed: 17.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2023:

General Offerings received (5 Sundays): \$12,661
General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$13,537
Withdrawal from Thrivent mutual funds in December: \$3,000
Remaining balance in Thrivent mutual funds (12/18/23): \$37,656
(funds gained almost \$3,000 since October!)



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of January 28, 2024

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Waymond, Paul, Alan, Kate, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Shirley, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;
Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Denise, friend of Dave & Joyce; Cynthia, friend of Kim; Craig, friend of the Praticos;
Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth; Doris, mother of Vincent;
Tyler, son of coworker of Paul;
Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students; Evelyn, aunt of Judy;
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;
Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Joan & Family, co-worker of Tracy;
The Joneses, friend of Tracy; Victor, co-worker of Paul; Edward, friend of Rona & Paul;
Craig, husband of Edith; Pat, mother of Kim; Michelle, friend of Tracy

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Maverick Hall, Paul Juhasz, and Gary Holland, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.

- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✘ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



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Sunday Mornings:
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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