

GATHERING AND EQUIPPING FULLY ENGAGED DISCIPLES THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 2023

Hymn: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Stand for the final stanza in reverence to the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Confession of Sins

- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- Lord Jesus, You taught us saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit,"
- **G** but we are rich in pride.
- P "Blessed are those who mourn,"
- Dut we do not have sorrow for our sin.
- P "Blessed are the meek,"
- **©** but we are often vain and arrogant people.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,"
- **b**ut we are filled to the full with other things.
- P "Blessed are the merciful,"
- **G** but we are harsh and impatient.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart,"
- **but our lives are cluttered with impure thoughts, motives, and deeds.**
- "Blessed are the peacemakers,"
- **©** but we do not seek reconciliation with those we have hurt.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness' sake,"
- **b**ut our lives do not challenge the ways, priorities, and values of the world.
- "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you, and utter all kinds of evil against you because of Me,"
- but we struggle to make it known that we are Yours.

 We ask You to cleanse us of our sins and purify our hearts. Amen.

Absolution (Forgiveness of Sins)

Kyrie LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the middle of so many dangers and obstacles that in our weakness we cannot stand upright. Grant strength of Your Spirit and protection of Your holy angels 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3:1-6, 9, 21-26, 32-35

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

My son, do not lose sight of these—keep sound wisdom and discretion, and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck.

Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble.

If you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden terror or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.

for the devious person is an abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in his confidence.

The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.

The wise will inherit honor, but fools get disgrace.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

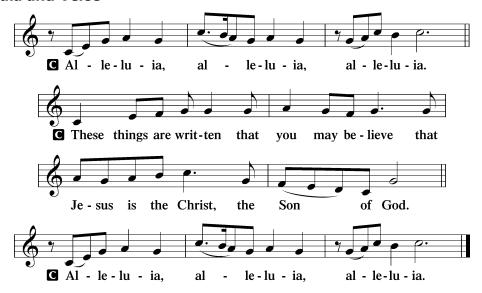
For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things

that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:1–12*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- 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 of the Day: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Sermon

Hymn: 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

Offering

Stand

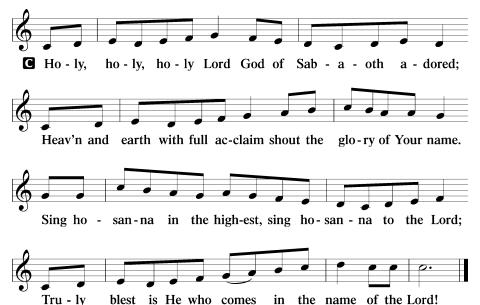
Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your onlybegotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 LSB 208



Lord's Prayer

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

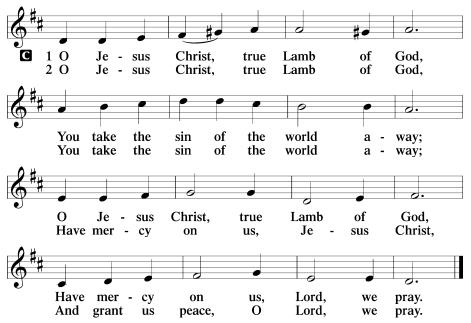
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 210



Sit

Distribution Hymns:

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



635 O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing

630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

The Dismissal and Benediction

Hymn to Depart: 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

- We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord, The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.

 To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing, The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring: "O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"
- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise; The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise. The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng, Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song: "O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son, And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!"
- You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son, Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone: You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb, Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb; Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve— You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
 Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
 We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
 So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
 May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
 In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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