

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Bestow upon us, O God, all that Thou dost ask of us, that in asking life of Thee we be ready to share Thy life, and the weight of it, which is Thy love in Christ Jesus. Amen.



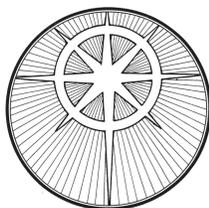
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**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

January 28, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** Jesus is never against you; He is against what harms you. He therefore came to earth, not only preaching good news, and not only healing the sick, but also casting out demons. His newness of life, the subject of this season's sermons series, is a life of love, lived for the sake of obeying others in their need and doing good to them, even as God has become the servant of His creation and does it much daily good, including the greatest gift of His Son.



## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Orlin Kottke, who died January 29, 2017, from family and friends.
- The Flowers at the Altar are sponsored by a grateful Zion parishioner: for Kantor Irene Beethe: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song and sing praises" (Psalm 98, v. 4); and for Lenore Grosinske, Parish Nurse: "comfort the afflicted and minister to the needy".
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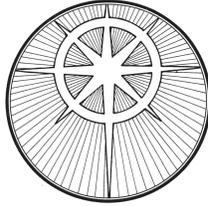
## **A Welcome for Those With Young Children**

This house is your children's home, too. Relax and enjoy your time here:

- Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please consider sitting towards the front where your children can easily see the worship leaders, hear the words, note the colors, wonder about some of the images up there, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in with their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And also with you! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them, too.
- Be sure to sing and pray your parts as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. There is a nursery downstairs for those who would like to use it, but like Jesus, we want your children in the liturgy, not out. *Let the little children come unto me.* (Luke 18:16).
- If you need help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.

## **Announcements**

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



## PRELUDE

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

...David Cherwien and Paul Manz

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

*Please kneel. Silence for reflection.*

*Until you  
have given up  
your self to  
Him you will  
not have a  
real self.*

*~ C.S. Lewis*

Mere  
Christian-  
ity

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, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Please stand.*

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” green hymnal #90

## **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

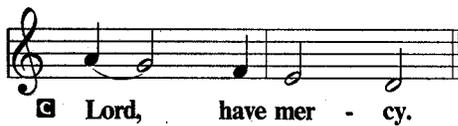


**☩ Lord, have mer - cy.**

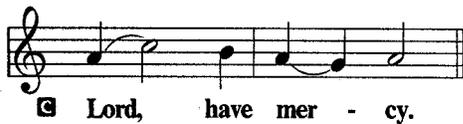
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



## GLORIA

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



*It is as natural and reasonable for a dependent creature to apply to its Creator for what it needs, as for a child thus to solicit the aid of a parent who is believed to have the disposition and ability to bestow what it needs.*

*~ Archibald Alexander (1772 - 1851 A.D.), American clergyman, Outlines of Moral Science*

So what is liturgy? Not just another thing the church does. It is what the church is – a cosmic family reunion, perpetually gathered around a mystery and sharing it, conversing, listening, glorifying and thanking the Triune God, and feasting again with him.

~ Robert Tobias,  
Heaven on Earth: A Lutheran-Orthodox Odyssey

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

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ 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: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“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: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 111

L: Hallelujah! | I will give thanks to the LORD with 'my whole heart,\*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the 'congregation.

Great are the deeds 'of the LORD!\*  
They are studied by all who de'light in them.

**C: His work is full of majes'ty and splendor,\*  
and his righteousness en'dures forever.**

**He makes his marvelous works to 'be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and full 'of compassion.**

L: He gives food to 'those who fear him,\*  
he is ever mindful 'of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power 'of his works\*  
in giving them the lands 'of the nations.

**C: The works of his hands are faithful'ness and justice;\*  
all his command'ments are sure.**

**They stand fast forev'er and ever,\*  
because they are done in 'truth and equity.**

L: He sent redemption to his people; |  
he commanded his cove'nant forever,\*  
holy and awesome 'is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the begin'ning of wisdom;\*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding. |  
His praise en'dures forever.

**All: Glory 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**

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now 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: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*And do not  
forget to do  
good and to  
share with  
others, for  
with such  
sacrifices God  
is pleased.  
~ Hebrews  
13:16*

*When I was a young pastor I decided to find out what people really got out of a sermon. So at the end of a service, after I had preached, I had a young acolyte hand out to random people, as they were leaving the church, a sheet of paper. The paper had one question on it: What idea do you remember from today's sermon? . . .*

*Please stand.*

## VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

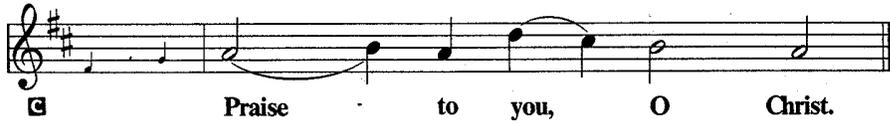
## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>And 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: 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**

*Please be seated.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

*During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Son of God, Eternal Savior" green hymnal #364*

*... I was discussing this with a wise woman in our congregation and she asked me, "Where did you get the idea that a sermon is about ideas? Everybody knows the purpose of a sermon is to meet Jesus and to be amazed that he hasn't given up on us yet."  
~ William H. Willimon  
2009 A.D.*

*During assemblies at my school, we are always taught that helping a friend or even stranger is a really big deal. We are told that just being kind is worthy of an award. This feels a bit off to me because, as I have learned from Jesus, we never do things and expect something in return (Luke 6:35). A friend of mine found a calculator and returned it to the front office. They must have thought that was pretty extraordinary because he got a reward for it . . .*

## SERMON

“Newness of Life, Part IV: Love”

*Please kneel.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting God and Son of Mary, let us pray.

P: . . . O King of Kings,

**C: receive 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**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

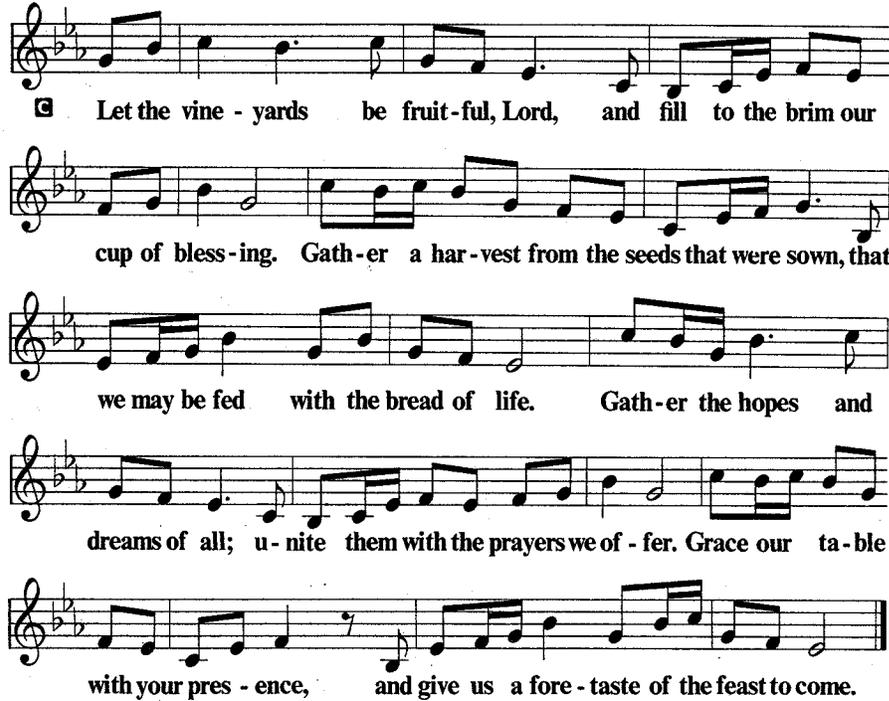
## VOLUNTARY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

... Keith Kolander

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and  
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

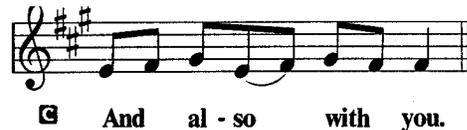
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: Amen

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



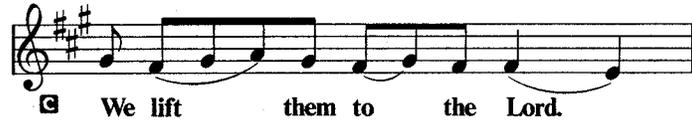
And al - so with you.

. . . While I'm sure the owner of the calculator was happy to have it back, to me that was just an ordinary act of giving back. As Christians, giving back is an ordinary thing to do. Tithing is an ordinary act. Then God also helps us do the extraordinary things, the things that exceed our tithe . . . . It is a great thing to accept God's opportunities for the extraordinary . . . . the many things we can do for others, as we help those in need.  
~ Lucas Yonker, a high school member of St. John Lutheran, Wheaton, Ill., 2018

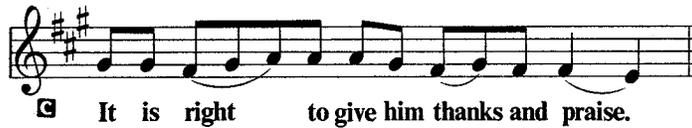
*We pray that  
our bread,  
Christ, be  
given to us  
every day;  
that we, who  
remain and  
live in Christ,  
may not de-  
part from his  
healing power  
and from his  
body.'*

*~ Cyprian of  
Carthage,  
200-258  
A.D.,  
De domin-  
ica oratione*

P: Lift up your hearts.



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



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

### SANCTUS ("Holy")

□ 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 the 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 of it, in remembrance of me.

## 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**

## ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh

**C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

## AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

*How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment.*  
~ John  
Chrysostom,  
d. 407 A.D.

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.

*Please be seated.*

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"Beautiful Savior" green hymnal #518

"From God the Father, Virgin-Born" green hymnal #83

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Simeon's Song*)



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 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

**A Prayer  
as You Go**  
 Dearest  
 Lord, teach  
 me to be  
 generous;  
 teach me to  
 serve You as  
 You deserve;  
 to give and  
 not to count  
 the cost, to  
 fight and not  
 to heed the  
 wounds, to  
 toil and not  
 to seek for  
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 bour and not  
 to ask for  
 reward save  
 that of  
 knowing I  
 am doing  
 Your Will.  
 ~ prayer of  
 Ignatius of  
 Loyola

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . O God of wonder, we have tasted your goodness, and beheld your presence in the Word made flesh. Shine forth his light in all we say and do, and fill the earth with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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.



## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

“Beautiful Savior”

... David Cherwien

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +

*To God alone be glory*

## **Serving at Worship**

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Grace Mueller

(11:00) Carl Boettcher

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Paul Fandrey

Acolyte: (9:00) Anna Gjerde

Elder: (9:00) Dick Ames

(11:00) Scott Schubring

Ushers: (9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Gary Habeck;

Steve and Marlene Kroening; Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Grace Mueller; Joe Pinzl; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Dave Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg; Joe Pinzl

Altar Guild: Anna Gjerde; Jane Gjerde

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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