

Jan. 31, 2021

*The Fourth Sunday
After the Epiphany*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Deaconess:

Karen Suter

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January 31, 2021

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Gigue"
"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

G. Young
setting: J. Vyhanek

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

LSB 904 sts. 1-2



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P As Moses speaks to the people through God, we confess those times we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You.

C Forgive us, Lord.

P As Paul warns, we confess those times when our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak in faith to stumble.

C Forgive us, Lord.

P As Jesus, the long-awaited Prophet and Savior, taught with and showed His authority and power, we confess those times when we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love of God we have in Christ.

C Forgive us, Lord.

P With David the psalmist, we humbly come before the Lord.

Silence for reflection

P I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C 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.

HYMN

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

LSB 904 st. 3

3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. To those who believe in His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

HYMN

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904 st. 4

△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace coming to us from beyond creation and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of all people around the planet, for the well-being of the Church of God in time and space, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

G **Lord, have mercy.**

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

G **Lord, have mercy.**

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

G **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

The Word is read...

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

PSALM

Psalm 111



- ¹Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.
- ²Great are the works | of the LORD,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.
- ³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
- ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;*
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.
- ⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.
- ⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works,*

in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.
7The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;
8they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.
9He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!
10The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

The Word is read...

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

Stand

VERSE

Isaiah 49:3

- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- A** They were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority.
- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LSB 842



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

SERMON

Stand

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs.
Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, both Law and

Gospel, in which we see our sin and see Your love in our Savior. As Christ is true Prophet and Savior of this world, give us faith to continue to hear His voice and find comfort in His work of salvation. Bless the proclamation of the Word, and raise faithful servants who will share Your commands and the forgiveness that comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Ever-giving Lord, grant continued faith by Your Holy Spirit through the hearing of Your Word that we be fed and nourished. Produce in us good fruit for the sake of selves and others, that we not cause others to stumble but to walk firmly in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All-powerful Lord, at whose Word and authority even unclean and evil spirits submit and obey, hinder the work of Satan in our lives that Your kingdom and victory be known to all. Give Your peace and presence to those who suffer any affliction, [*including . . .*]. Enable us to be a blessing to those in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may follow.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

LSB 955

1 Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

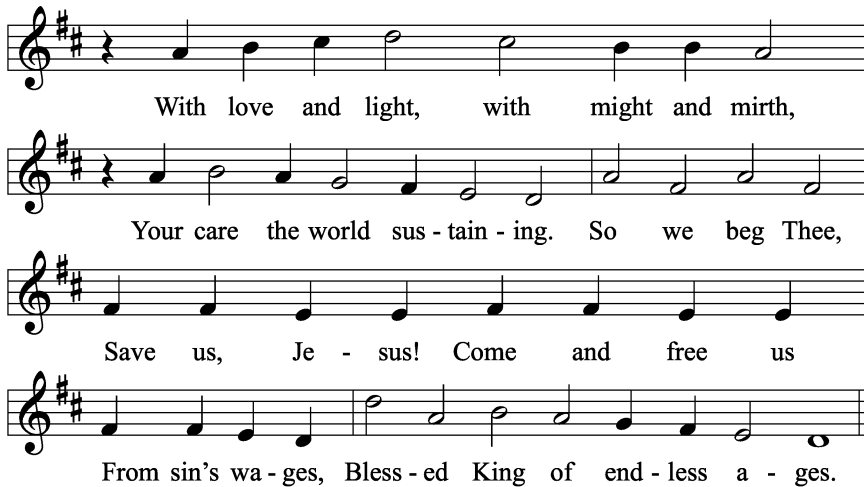
- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS

I O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
You draw the na - tions ev - er toward
The joy of Your pure reign - ing.
For You rule all in heav'n and earth



With love and light, with might and mirth,
 Your care the world sus-tain-ing. So we beg Thee,
 Save us, Je - sus! Come and free us
 From sin's wa - ges, Bless - ed King of end - less a - ges.

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.

G Amen.

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

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

G **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER, *As printed on the forward screens*

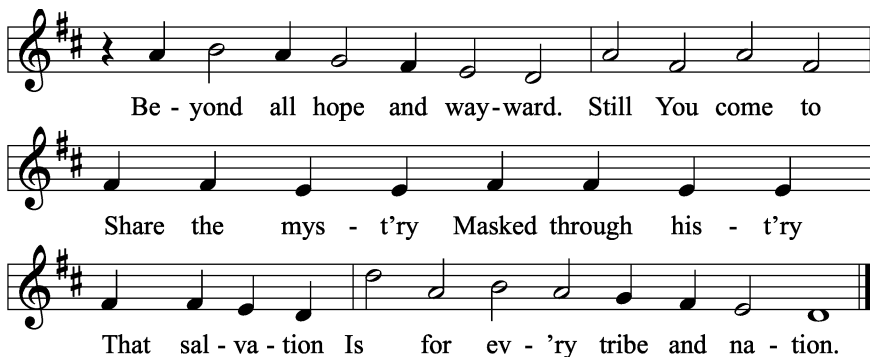
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

2 O Lamb of God, You take a - way
The sin and guilt and shame that weigh
So heav - y on our hearts, Lord.
Grant us Your mer - cy, hear our plea!
With - out Your grace, Lord, we would be



Be - yond all hope and way - ward. Still You come to
Share the mys - t'ry Masked through his - t'ry
That sal - va - tion Is for ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Sit

HYMN

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

LSB 583



- 1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
- 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
- 3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spir and tur -moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

VOLUNTARY

"Bread of the World"

arr. L. Leatherman

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 Lord, let Your ser - vants go in peace; Your cov - e -
 2 For all the na - tions He is light, For Is - rael,
 nant shall nev - er cease. The prom - ised Sav - ior
 glo - ry in plain sight. To Fa - ther, Son, and
 here we see; His blood and bod - y set us free.
 Spir - it sing— Three per - sons, yet for - ev - er one.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Psalm 32:10

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

"The People That in Darkness Sat"

LSB 412

1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
 Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based,
 His reign shall have no end,
 His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art
 And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

Deaconess Karen Suter

- Ⓐ Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Ⓒ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"The People that in Darkness Sat"
Trumpet Solo: Susan Messersmith

setting: B. Hall

PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

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