



5th Sunday after the Epiphany – February 4, 2024

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Nettleton*

arr. Marianne Kim

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *On the Wind of Spirit*

Mark Hayes

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: Song of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW #310

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest in thy God-head manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
Grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

L: 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

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Glory to You, God

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L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

C: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Marie Pooler

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Pastor Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW #843

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
2. Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
3. Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

Installation of the 2024 Church Council Members:

*Barbara Ovitt (President), Glen Coulter (Vice President), Melanie Jensen (Secretary),
Lynn Coons, Carrie Dawes, Alex Tooley, Allan Tooley, Neil White, Rob Wilbur, Ray Yoder*

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

Apostles' Creed

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C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through the ministries of administration and leadership. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online - we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory Music: *Comfort and Rest*

Edward Broughton

Offering Response: God Bless to Us Our Bread

ACS #1056

God bless to us our bread, and give bread to all those who are hungry,
and hunger for justice to those who are fed. God bless to us our bread.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Be Known to Us

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Hymn during Communion: The Rice of Life

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[In many Asian cultures rice, not bread, is the staple food. During the season of Epiphany we celebrate Jesus' revelation to the Wise Ones from the East - and to the whole world. This hymn reminds us that the words and images we use for Jesus may differ by culture and place.]

1. The rice of life from heaven came to bring true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.
2. True rice the hungry world has fed, the rice required for life below.
Provide this gift; God's mercy spread; in weakness God's compassion show.
3. The rice of God for all is meant; no one who comes is turned away.
Believe in Christ whom God has sent; in humble trust God's will obey.
4. The living rice, for all a sign, came down eternal life to give.
Abide in Christ, the living vine; in Christ, with people, die and live.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Arise, Your Light Has Come!

ELW #314

1. Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born;
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Allegro from the Fourth Cello Sonata*

Vivaldi/ arr. Kevin Norris

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Reader: Holly Hesel

Communion Assistant:

Fellowship: Carol Strom



Keeping in Prayer... Family & friends of Dorothy Sowa, Arvin Swenson, Hy & Becky, John & Elizabeth, Pat, Eloise Moorhead, Lilith, Chris Bender, Dawn, Brian, Kathy's friend, Beth, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Ann, Jennifer, Diana, Rose Ulery, Amy, Ted, Carl & Harley, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Megan, Scott, Haley, Judi Jonas, Esther Bender, Reta.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of February 4:

- Discovering Judas Iscariot, led by Allan Tooley at 7 pm Wed. 2/7.
- Handbell rehearsals resume Thurs., 2/8 at 5:40 pm in the Sanctuary.
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.

COMING SOON! *FLOWING WATER* noon recital series beginning Wed. Feb. 14. (Ash Wed.)

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