

Prelude: As we prepare for worship, we hear a setting of this weekend's Entrance Hymn arranged by an American composer for piano.

Entrance Hymn: Christ's authority comes in the promise he gives to those in need. Our Lord comes to us today that we might be justified by grace, singing praise to the "great Redeemer" with all God gives.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

We gather to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hymns are in the cranberry book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

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Prelude

"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Bob Kauflin

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation

- ⚠ Blessed be the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

- **A** Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy. Silence for reflection.
- **A** Most merciful God,
- I confess to you all my sins, with which I have offended you. I repent and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit, and bring me to life everlasting.
- A By the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us, frees us from sin and death, and calls us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Entrance Hymn 886

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

9 AM Holy Baptism

Katherine Marie Fonkert Parents: Kelsey and Jesse Fonkert Sponsors: Emma and Brecon Gross

Apostolic Greeting

- ⚠ The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
- **And also with you.**



Prayer of the Day

- ⚠ Let us pray. Dear Lord God, since the beginning of time, all of creation has obeyed Your word, except for us. It is only we, the crown of Your creation, who keep trying to operate apart from Your word. Turn us again to the power of Your promise, for only in it do we find new life, hope, and salvation. In Jesus' name we pray.
- Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 OT page 178, pew Bible

- Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

First Reading: Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

Psalm 111 (read responsively)

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your works, O Lord,

pondered by all who delight in them.

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

You cause your wonders to be remembered;

you are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever,

because they are done in truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 NT page 163, pew Bible

- Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

John Ferguson



Choir: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; for those who sat in the shadow of death light has dawned.. (Mark 1:15)



Gospel Announcement

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

Gospel Mark 1:21-28 +

NT page 33, pew Bible

Pastor Tom Stadem

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection.

bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

Gospel: Forces that would

+ Today's preaching text

Please stand.

concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

Second Reading: Paul is

Hymn of the Day: This paraphrase of Psalm 72 helps us answer the question present at the conclusion of this weekend's Gospel: "What is this new teaching with authority?" Just as Christ demonstrates in the synagogue, He comes today to "break oppression, set captives free, take away transgression, and rule in equity."

Hymn of the Day 311

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN

5 PM Apostles' Creed

- With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- 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 Church

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Following each petition:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- ⚠ Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.

Please be seated.

Offering

5 рм Voluntary

"Andante" George Frideric Handel

9 ам Anthem

"I Am the Light" Terry Taylor

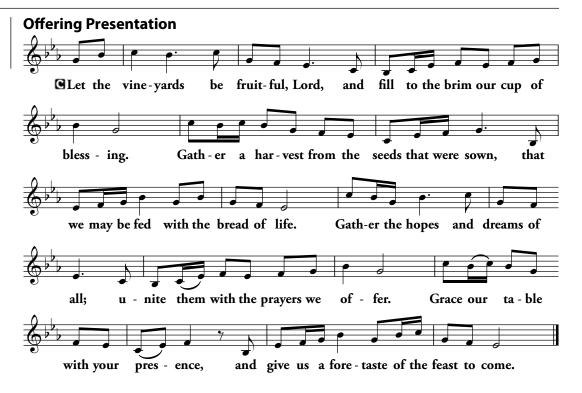
I am the Light, I am the True Light. I am the Light, the Light of the world. I am the world's True Light. Those who choose to follow me will never walk in darkness. Those who choose to follow me will never walk alone.

Please stand.

Offering: Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you. Children may bring their offering forward at this time.

Anthem: Just as the disciples followed our Lord, so this anthem sung by the Carol Choir tells of the blessings of those who follow Christ.

Offering Presentation: As the offering is received, we pray in this brief hymn that the gifts God gives us-bread, wine, time, talents, treasure—might be used by God that all may be fed with the bread of life— Jesus Christ.



Offertory Prayer

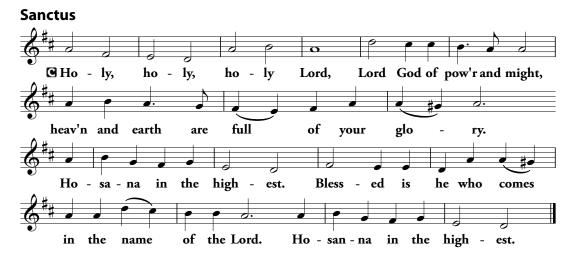
- ⚠ Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- **G** Amen.

Sursum Corda

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

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution: Hear Christ's words of promise spoken again "for you, for the forgiveness of your sin."

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

- Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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,

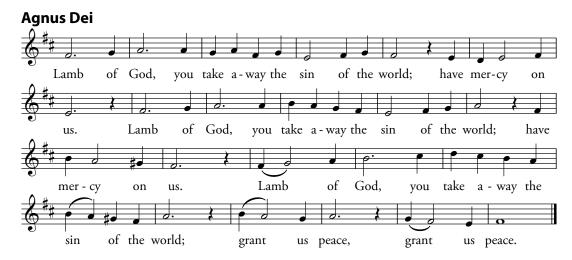
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.

- **A** Come to the table prepared for sinners.
- Let us taste of God's goodness and mercy.

Please be seated.



Communion: All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion

Voluntary

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

arr. Sue Severson

Hymn 478

"Father, We Thank You" RENDEZ A DIEU

Hymn 480

"O Bread of Life from Heaven" O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN Please stand.

Blessing

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

Praver after Communion

- Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with your Word of new life. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we might walk in your promise and light, now and forever.
- C Amen.

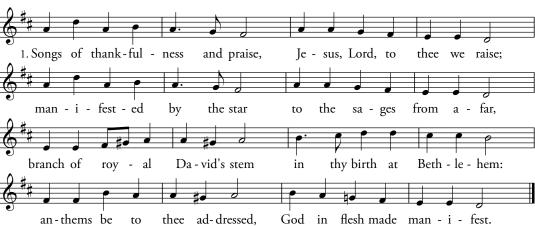
Benediction

- A The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

SALZBURG



Dismissal

- Go in peace. We are sent in the freedom of Christ.
- Thanks be to God!

5 PM Postlude

"Trumpet Voluntary in D Major"

Henry Purcell

9 AM Postlude

"Fanfare" William Mathias

Sending Hymn: Throughout these weeks after Epiphany, we sing various stanzas of this hymn, lifting up the many ways in which we see God in the flesh in Jesus Christ. As a baby, prophet, priest, and king, we address our anthems and songs to this Word made flesh!

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