

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

Welcome to our guests & visitors. We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

We want you to feel welcome and comfortable. Here are a few notes to help with that:

Large print worship folders are available. You'll find them at the entryway table. Please ask if we can be of help with this.

Connection cards are also located on the entryway table. We'd love the opportunity to get connected with you in additional ways – either in person or digitally. **You can hand the card to Pastor Glende, or simply place it into the offering box.**

Restrooms are located down the hallway on the right.

And please ask if there are any other questions we can answer for you.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

M: We gather for worship today in the name of the Father,

C: Who created us and keeps us in his care;

(Psalm 139)

M: In the name of the Son,

C: Who lived, died, and rose again to wipe away all our sins;

(1 Corinthians 15:3,4)

M: And in the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: Who keeps and sustains us in the one, true faith.

(2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14)

M: May the holy, merciful, and triune God be with you.

C: And also with you.

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy,

And in your faithfulness, come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,

For no one living is righteous before you.

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.

Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you.

Show me the way I should go,

For to you I lift up my soul.

(Psalm 143:1-2, 7-8)

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

Silence for meditation

M: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” (John 20:23) His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

(John 20:22-23)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely 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.

THE WORD**Old Testament Lesson****Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13**

3 Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger. **3:11** On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters. Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill. **12** But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the Lord. **13** They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies. A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 1

M: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked

C: or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

M: But whose delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: and who meditates on his law day and night.

M: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

C: which yields its fruit in season

M: and whose leaf does not wither -

C: Whatever they do prospers.

M: Not so the wicked!

C: They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

M: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

M: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

All: Glory be 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.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. **28** God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, **29** so that no one may boast before him. **30** It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, **2** and he began to teach them. He said: **3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. **8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY 813

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH

spoken responsively

First Article

Heavenly Father, Creator of all things, you give us all that we need for body and life.

Every good and perfect gift comes from you, the Father of the heavenly lights. *James 1:17*

Second Article

Lord Jesus Christ, by your suffering and death you have opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

We approach your throne, O God, with confidence, for mercy and grace in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

Third Article

Holy Spirit, counselor and guide, you have raised us from death by your powerful Word.

You, O Spirit of God, have made us. Your breath, almighty One, gave us life. *Job 33:4*

Lord, fill our hearts with thanksgiving for your mercy and love.

**Move us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess your saving name.
Amen.** *Romans 10:10*

OFFERING

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4)

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

(Numbers 6:24-26)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

CLOSING HYMN 783, v. 1,4-7

“Abide With Me”

Schedule

TODAY	Voters Meeting	following worship
TUES	Women’s Gathering: Devotion & Encouragement time	11am
WED	Bible Foundations Class – What’s the Bible Got to Say	6:15pm
	Part 2, Lesson 1 – The Importance of Faith	
	Bible Foundations Class – What’s the Bible Got to Say	7:30pm
	Part 3 - Living for the Lord: the Commandments	
Next Sunday	Bible Hour	9am
	Worship -	10am

Further ahead on the schedule:

- Next Men’s Bible Gathering – TBD
 - Friendship Sunday - Feb 12th
 - Women’s Tea - Feb 12th, following worship
 - MidWeek Lenten gatherings begin - Wed Feb 22, Ash Wednesday
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