

The Fourth Sunday After 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 and through receiving the Lord's Supper. 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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OPENING HYMN

“Compassion Hymn”

*The choral group will sing the first two verses of the following hymn. **Please join for the remainder.***

- 1. There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us,
When the Radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress
For your streams of forgiveness and the shade of your rest.*
- 2. And with compassion for the hurting you reached out your hand
As the lame ran to meet you and the dead breathed again.
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears;
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.*

**What boundless love, what fathomless grace you have shown us, O God of compassion
Each day we live an offering of praise As we show to the world Your compassion**

- 3. We stood beneath the cross of Calv’ry and gazed on your face
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
For surely you have borne our suffering and carried our grief,
As you pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.**

**What boundless love, what fathomless grace you have shown us, O God of compassion
Each day we live an offering of praise, As we show to the world your compassion.**

- 4. How beautiful the feet that carry this Gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless, with the mercy of Christ**

**What boundless love, what fathomless grace You have shown us, O God of compassion
Each day we live an offering of praise As we show to the world Your compassion**

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Please stand

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Confession of Sins has two parts: admitting our sinfulness and receiving the assurance of God's forgiveness.

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The forgiveness extended by the pastor to the congregation is that special power and right which Christ gave to his Church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

The word Kyrie is a Greek word from the phrase Kyrie eleison which means, "Lord, have mercy!" Here, it is not a cry for forgiveness, but a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. Christians have been praying the Kyrie at Sunday worship for more than 1700 years. May it also be our heartfelt cry to our Lord and King

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me. **5** Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations. **6** But I said, "Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!" **7** The LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. **8** Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD." **9** Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me: There! I have now placed my words in your mouth. **10** Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 71

M: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;

C: **Let me never be put to shame.**

M: In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;

C: **Turn your ear to me and save me.**

M: Be my rock of refuge,

C: **To which I can always go.**

M: For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD,

C: **my confidence since my youth.**

M: From birth I have relied on you;
C: **You brought me forth from my mother's womb.**
M: Do not cast me away when I am old;
C: **Do not forsake me when my strength is gone,**
M: Til I declare your power to the next generation,
C: **Your mighty acts to all who are to come.**
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 READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

14 As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them **15** and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, **17** so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work. **4:1** I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: **2** Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. **3** For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. **4** They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths. **5** As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 4:43

Alleluia. I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because that is why I was sent. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:38-44

38 Jesus got up, left the synagogue, and went into Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever. They asked him to help her. **39** He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. **40** As the sun was setting, they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases. He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. **41** Demons also came out of many people, crying out, "You are the Son of God!" He rebuked them and did not allow them to

speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. **42** When it was day, he went out to a deserted place. The crowds were looking for him. They went up to him and were trying to prevent him from leaving them. **43** But he told them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns too, because that is why I was sent.” **44** And he continued to preach in the synagogues in the land of the Jews.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

SERMON

Please Stand

THE NICENE CREED

After hearing God’s Word, we give expression with our lips to the faith which lives in our heart. The confession of faith also serves as a regular review of the teachings of how we are saved.

M: In a world that can only guess it was created somehow and by something, what do you believe?

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

M: In a world that often teaches Jesus was just a great human teacher, a wise prophet or just another way to God, what do you believe?

C: **We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

M: In a world that still believes salvation is through the good and helpful things we do, what do you believe?

C: **For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

M: In a world that loosely holds on to every word that sounds spiritual or religious, what do you believe?

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING *Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offering goes to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*



PRAYERS

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

The Preface

The Preface begins with a greeting that has deep roots in Christian worship.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks.
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy/Sanctus

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Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION - *The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united in a common confession of faith.*

Dear visitors and guests: *You may be relieved to find out that God's Word teaches that Communion is intended only for those who have been made familiar in advance with the essence of the Sacrament, and for those who have previously expressed their doctrinal agreement with the congregation. This is the scriptural practice of "close communion." If you are not yet a communicant member of our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), please observe our Communion service today, and speak with our pastor after the service. We'd be delighted to have come to know what we teach from the Bible.*

Please stand

Thanksgiving

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: His mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Blessing

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN 510

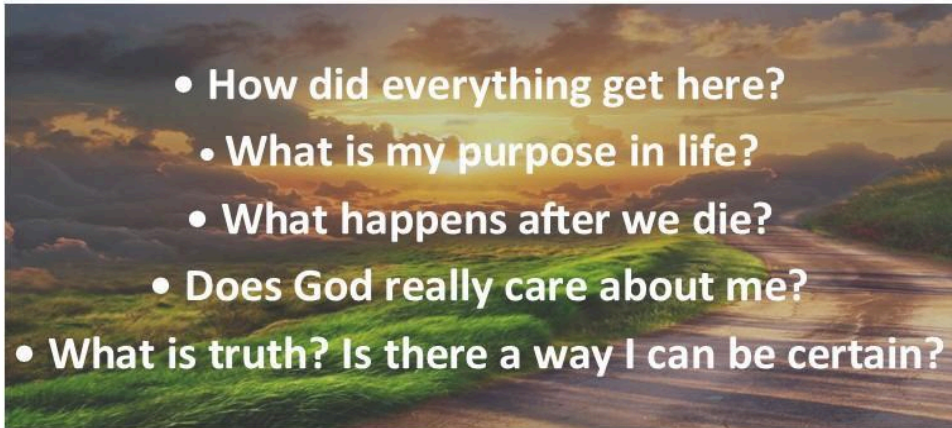
"In Christ Alone"

What's the Bible Got to Say?

A Bible Foundations Class

This class is ongoing on Thursdays at 4:30pm.

It's a great time to jump in. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Glende.



A Bible class purposefully structured to ask the important questions of life, giving you and people you care about time to see the answers for yourself.

Maybe for you approaching questions about God feels like someone standing at the edge of a pool, and wondering: "Will I get thrown in the deep end? Will someone help me learn? I don't want to drown!"

Whether you know your way around the Bible, or you haven't yet cracked the cover, the goal of this class is to find the answers God provides in His Book, the Bible.

And be assured, you can ask questions too. As many as you'd like. They'll all be taken seriously.

So whether you're looking to simply learn more about God, you're wondering if Beautiful Savior might be the place to make your church home, or you're looking to solidify the Bible knowledge you already have, consider trying this class. Please call or message to ask questions.

Schedule

TODAY	Voters' Meeting	<i>It should be brief.</i>	following worship
TUES	Women's gathering		1pm
WED	Youth Catechism Class		6:15pm
THURS	Bible Information Class		4:30pm
Next Sunday	MORNING BIBLE HOUR	9am	
	Worship	10am	

Looking ahead:

- **Sunday School Teachers meeting:** tentative date... Sun Feb 9, following worship.
 - **Next Men's gathering,** Saturday Feb.15 at 10am.
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Ongoing Volunteer opportunities:

- Weekly Cleaning - signup sheet is out. A whiteboard checklist of basic cleaning tasks is on the inside of the far hall closet.
- Property care - please talk with Dewey Stevenson if you'd like to know more about helping with tasks on our to-get-done list.
- Weekly snacks – you're welcome to bring something for refreshments and/or snacks on Sundays. Thanks to everyone who does!